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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenwood Today: Ruhlamat America Inc. establishes U.S. operations in Greenville County
<http://gwdtoday.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=27&ArticleID=31199>

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Newswire: Ruhlamat America, Inc. to Establish Operations in Greenville County, South Carolina
<http://www.newswiretoday.com/news/146039/>

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S.C. House Special Session News:

Associated Press: SC House overrides 1 veto, sustains other
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4gKub68X

Seanna Adcox

A bill intended to help South Carolina's public libraries keep out disrupters is becoming law despite Gov. Nikki Haley's opposition. The House voted 75-36 on Wednesday to override Haley's veto. The law allows a misdemeanor trespassing charge against people who return to a library before their written warning to stay away expires.

Post and Courier: Harrell names domestic violence panel, vows to make issue a priority in upcoming session

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140827/PC1603/140829463/1177/harrell-names-domestic-violence-panel-vows-to-make-issue-a-priority-in-upcoming-session>

Glenn Smith, Jeremy Borden

Stopping domestic violence will be a major goal of South Carolina's House of Representatives in the next session, Speaker Bobby Harrell says. And Sen. Larry Martin of Pickens, head of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee says "it will be a priority with us" as well.

Associated Press: Harrell: Stemming domestic violence to be priority
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZSL4ZmNY

South Carolina House Speaker Bobby Harrell says preventing domestic violence will be a top priority for the House next year. Harrell announced Wednesday the creation of a 10-member bipartisan committee that will meet over the off-session with the intention of introducing proposals when legislators return in January.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley sending help to S.C. Dems

http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/27/3642975_maryland-gov-martin-omalley-sending.html?sp=/99/132/&rh=1

Andrew Shain

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, a 2016 White House aspirant trying to win backing in the first Southern presidential primary state, is sending four aides from his political-action group to help the S.C. Democratic party with the November election.

Post and Courier: Candidate Tom Ervin releases schedule of town halls

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140827/PC1603/140829461/1177>

Jeremy Borden

Tom Ervin, the independent candidate for governor, announced Wednesday a series of 23 open town halls over a little less than two weeks. They include several in the Charleston area on Sept. 5 and are open to the public and media.

The State: Bakari Sellers unveils leadership team for Lt. Gov. bid

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/27/3643138/bakari-sellers-unveils-leadership.html>

Democratic lieutenant governor candidate Bakari Sellers has announced a statewide leadership team. "My leadership team is made of people from all over our state, and from all walks of life; this team represents my commitment to move South Carolina forward," said Sellers, a state representative facing Republican Henry McMaster in November.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC's pension investment agency hires new director

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tfYz0rEC

Seanna Adcox

For the second time in three months, the agency investing South Carolina's pension portfolio has named an executive director. The Retirement Systems Investment Commission voted 4-2 on Tuesday to hire Michael Hitchcock, who takes the job Sept. 8. Hitchcock has been the chief attorney and assistant clerk of the South Carolina Senate since 2001. His salary will be \$230,000.

The State: Ethics: Columbia mayor properly reported trip

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GHmtuOKD

State laws did not require Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin to have disclosed an all-expenses paid trip from a Florida developer, the State Ethics Commission ruled Wednesday. Details of the trip were made public during the recent federal corruption trial of former South Carolina State University board chairman Jonathan Pinson.

The State: Benjamin did not have to disclose Florida trip, ethics commission says

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/27/3642880/benjamin-did-not-have-to-disclose.html>

Clif LeBlanc

State ethics laws do not require Mayor Steve Benjamin to have disclosed an all-expenses paid trip from a Florida developer, the ethics commission decided Wednesday. With two members recusing themselves from the vote, the ethics board voted 7-0 that the mayor had not violated requirements that public officials disclose gifts they receive if the gift was offered because of their official position.

Associated Press: State court: Workers' comp OK for kickball injury

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wgl95ujH

Meg Kinnard

Have you ever been hurt in a company softball or kickball game? The South Carolina Supreme Court says you may be entitled to workers' compensation. On Wednesday, the court ruled that Stephen Whigham, who was injured in a company kickball game, is entitled to workers' compensation benefits because he was required to attend the game as part of his job.

Greenville News: Automation equipment maker coming to Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/08/27/automation-equipment-maker-ruhlamat-america-inc-establishing-operations-greenville-county/14679553/>

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announced that it will establish its U.S. operations in Greenville County. The company is intent on accelerating its growth in North Carolina and South Carolina, officials said.

Hartsville Messenger: The Princeton Review names Coker a Best College in the Southeast

http://www.snow.com/messenger/news/article_b63d152a-2dfa-11e4-becf-001a4bcf6878.html

For the 10th consecutive year, Coker College has been named a Best College in the Southeast by nationally known education services company The Princeton Review. Coker was one of 139 institutions listed in the "Best in the Southeast" section of the "2015 Best Colleges: Region by Region" feature. Only about 25 percent of America's 2,500 four-year colleges are included.

Local News:

Associated Press: Myrtle Beach, state agree on using bed tax money

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dTgOtSSX

Myrtle Beach is changing the way it allocates accommodations taxes after a 10-year feud with the state that went to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/1p8ft9S>) the city will no longer put the tax collected on motel and hotel rooms into its general fund and will submit more detailed reports to the state on how it is used.

National News:

Washington Post: White House considers proposals to sharply increase legal immigration

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/white-house-considers-proposals-to-sharply-increase-legal-immigration/2014/08/27/f808ffdc-2d23-11e4-bb9b-997ae96fad33_story.html?wprss=rss_politics

David Nakamura

The White House is considering proposals from business and immigrant rights groups that are pressing President Obama to provide hundreds of thousands of new green cards for high-tech workers and the relatives of U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

CBS News: Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal sues feds over Common Core

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/louisiana-gov-bobby-jindal-sues-feds-over-common-core/>

Rebecca Kaplan

Gov. Bobby Jindal, R-Louisiana, announced Wednesday that he is suing the federal government for violating states' rights in an attempt to implement Common Core educational standards, his latest attempt to block the educational reforms in his state.

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