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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: SC law criminalizes lying about military service

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

A new South Carolina law makes it a crime for someone to falsely claim military service to personally profit. The law signed by Gov. Nikki Haley makes the lie a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$500 fine. Retired Marine Maj. Gen. James Livingston praised lawmakers Tuesday for passing a bill defending true sacrifice.

The State: SC adjutant general step closer to becoming appointed job

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/20/3456612/sc-adjutant-general-step-closer.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

S.C. lawmakers took a big step Tuesday to allowing voters the chance to decide whether to stop electing the state's adjutant general. The S.C. Senate gave unanimous key approval Tuesday to a bill that would allow voters to change the state constitution to allow the governor to appoint the adjutant general with approval by the Senate.

Note: Once the details are ironed out, the bills would head to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. She supports the bill, her office said. First Gentleman Michael Haley is a captain in the S.C. National Guard, who returned from a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in December.

Washington Post: Rocker Joan Jett and Gov. Nikki Haley hang out in New York

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/reliable-source/wp/2014/05/20/rocker-joan-jett-and-gov-nikki-haley-hang-out-in-new-york/>

Helena Andrews

"I Love Rock 'n' Roll" might sound like an odd rallying cry for a Republican governor, but don't tell that to South Carolina's Nikki Haley. Yesterday, the governor posted pictures of herself hanging out with Joan Jett, the legendary rock guitarist who happens to be one of Haley's idols.

Note: "I have always said there are 3 people I would love to sit down with: Margaret Thatcher, Gov. Carroll Campbell, and Joan Jett," wrote Haley in a Facebook post on May 19.

Times and Democrat: Haley to speak at OPS commencement

http://thetandd.com/news/haley-to-speak-at-ops-commencement/article_e2701562-dfd4-11e3-97e7-001a4bcf887a.html

Gov. Nikki Haley will visit her alma mater, Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, to deliver the commencement address to the 77 graduating seniors. After finishing high school at OPS, Haley attended Clemson University. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

S.C. Political News:

The State: Lindsey Graham's sister discusses childhood, losing parents in senator's new campaign ads

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/20/3456593/new-lindsey-graham-campaign-ads.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

In U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's new campaign ads, his little sister talks about how her older brother took care of her after the close deaths of their parents. The six-figure statewide media buy includes two television and two radio ads. In them, Graham's sister, Darline Graham Nordone, talks about her older brother, and how she looked up to him.

Post and Courier: Lindsey Graham has new biographical ad out

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140520/PC1603/140529938/1031/lindsey-graham-has-new->

biographical-ad-out

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, who has run mainly issues-oriented and seniority leadership ads in his GOP primary re-election bid, switched gears today with new television and radio ads featuring his younger sister, Darline.

Legislative Session News:

Associated Press: House approves bill affirming '12 vote on Lt. Gov

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vo0OmWAt

The House has approved a measure affirming voters' decision that gubernatorial candidates should pick their running mate starting in 2018. The 97-2 vote Tuesday comes 18 months after voters approved the ballot question by 55 percent. Another vote will send the bill to the governor's desk. The Senate passed the measure 39-1 last year.

Associated Press: Reusable seawall technology advances in SC House

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kq0W9npc

Andrew Coffman Smith

Legislation to allow the construction of experimental new technology to combat beach erosion has been passed in the South Carolina House. Lawmakers on Tuesday approved the building of the reusable plastic walls which can be quickly installed and removed.

Speaker Harrell Investigation:

Associated Press: SC attorney general: Let Harrell case proceed

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6EbAazOW

Meg Kinnard

Attorney General Alan Wilson this week has asked South Carolina's highest court to let him continue a case against House Speaker Bobby Harrell while Wilson appeals a judge's ruling disbanding the investigation, arguing that the decision has undercut his authority as the state's top prosecutor.

Post and Courier: Attorney General Alan Wilson asks S.C. Supreme Court to hear, reverse Harrell decision

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140520/PC1603/140529949/1177/attorney-general-alan-wilson-asks-sc-supreme-court-to-hear-reverse-harrell-decision>

Jeremy Borden

Attorney General Alan Wilson released documents Tuesday that ask the S.C. Supreme Court to quickly review and reverse a judge's decision in the ethics-related case against House Speaker Bobby Harrell. The request sets up what could be the final say on the criminal prosecution of Harrell for ethics-related allegations.

The State: Attorney General asks SC Supreme Court to overturn Judge Manning

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/20/3456535/attorney-general-asks-sc-supreme.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Attorney General Alan Wilson raised the stakes Tuesday in the ongoing historical clash over whether he and SLED can investigate ethics violations involving House Speaker Bobby Harrell. Shortly after 1 p.m., Wilson's office said it filed a notice of appeal advising the five-member Supreme Court he will appeal and asking the court to reverse Judge Manning's decision earlier this month halting his investigation.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: New federal water bill good news for both SC ports

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HvF1EATI

Bruce Smith

The multi-million-dollar deepening of Charleston Harbor as well projects at smaller ports like Georgetown will be helped by a federal water resources bill that is next up for a vote in the Senate, U.S. Rep. Tom Rice said Tuesday.

CNN: Marine vet who took grenade blast for comrade to receive Medal of Honor

http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/20/us/medal-of-honor-carpenter/index.html?sr=sharebar_twitter

Michael Pearson

William "Kyle" Carpenter lost most of his jaw and an eye when he fell on a grenade to shield a fellow Marine from the blast. His body shattered, one lung collapsed, the Marine lance corporal was nearly given up for dead after that 2010 Afghanistan firefight. Then he spent 2½ years in a hospital as doctors worked to rebuild his body. But if you think he's bitter, think again.

Local News:

Florence Morning News: Sonoco donates \$20,000 to Red Cross for disaster relief

http://www.scnow.com/messenger/news/article_8f0ed572-e022-11e3-9820-0017a43b2370.html

Sonoco of Hartsville has donated \$20,000 to the Pee Dee Chapter of The American Red Cross for the ongoing relief efforts in the aftermath of spring storms that struck April 25. Since April 25, Red Cross workers have helped people affected by these spring storms in 14 states. More than 3,000 homes across 10 states were destroyed or heavily damaged by tornadoes or floods.

National News:

Associated Press: Republicans facing off for chance to face Dems

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=32Ey3tGL

David Espo

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell looked to vanquish a tea party challenger in Kentucky, and nearly a dozen candidates vied Tuesday night for spots on the Georgia ballot for fall elections that will decide control of the U.S. Senate, highlights of primaries that spread across six states.

Associated Press: White House upset with House defense bill

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=on2kQ5Cd

Donna Cassata

The White House is escalating an election-year dispute with Congress over military spending as lawmakers bucked the Pentagon and spared favorite ships and aircraft despite diminishing budgets. One day after a veto threat, Chief of Staff Denis McDonough met privately with House Democrats on Tuesday and criticized the \$601 billion defense authorization bill for parochial changes as the Defense Department deals with smaller budgets.

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