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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Gov. Nikki Haley on not having Lt. Gov.: 'Who do I call now?'

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/03/3484735/gov-nikki-haley-on-not-having.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain, Jamie Self

Gov. Nikki Haley repeated Tuesday that she needs a lieutenant governor after Glenn McConnell resigns Thursday.

Note: "No governor should be without a second in command," Haley told reporters. "There's a lot that happens in that office. ... Just out of respect and responsibility, every time I leave this state, I have always called and told them, 'I'm leaving the state, this is when I'll be back,' just to keep those lines of communication. Who do I call now? ... The idea that we are even having a conversation about not having a lieutenant governor for five months is a little bit ridiculous."

Associated Press: SC voters to decide if governor picks top soldier

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xxMe1Ntm

Susanne M. Schafer

Gov. Nikki Haley signed legislation Tuesday outlining the qualifications needed to fill the post of the state's top military officer if voters in November approve the idea the governor should appoint someone to the job.

Note: "Today is a very special day because we are the last state in the country that still elects an adjutant general," Haley said.

Note: Haley indicated she believed voters will approve the measure, as they approved allowing the lieutenant governor and the governor to run on the same ticket in 2018.

Greenville News: Haley signs 'Stone Bill'

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/06/03/haley-signs-stone-bill/9913195/>

Eric Connor

The change in beer-production regulations known as the "Stone Bill" has been signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley, opening the door for the state's efforts to attract a West Coast brewery's multimillion-dollar expansion. The bill was signed late last night, says Brook Bristow, a Greenville lawyer who represents the South Carolina Brewers Association.

Post and Courier: Governor Haley signs craft beer changes into law as state tries to land Stone Brewing plant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140603/PC16/140609814/1006/>

Glenn Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley has signed into law a sweeping change in South Carolina's approach to beer, lifting restrictions to help craft breweries grow and attract outside beermakers with the potential to invest millions and hire hundreds. State lawmakers approved the so-called "Stone bill" last week and sent it on to Haley, who signed the measure into law Monday.

WCIV: Gov. Haley signs CBD oil bill into law

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/25680211/gov-haley-signs-cbd-oil-bill-into-law>

A medical marijuana bill in the Palmetto State is now law. According to Sen. Tom Davis and a source close to the governor's office, Gov. Nikki Haley signed the bill that decriminalizes CBD oil in South Carolina and allows doctors to prescribe it to people suffering from epilepsy.

Associated Press: Governor signs Port Royal sale legislation

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

Gov. Nikki Haley has signed legislation that forces the sale of the Port Royal property near Beaufort where the state used to run a small port. The new law requires the State Ports Authority to sell the land by the end of June 2015.

WPDE: Haley says conversation about ending Bikefest will continue

<http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1052808#.U45GMfldV8E>

Governor Nikki Haley reacted on Tuesday to the statements made Monday night by Atlantic Beach Mayor Jake Evans where he said that the town plans to keep Bikefest.

Note: "I will sit down with the Atlantic Beach leaders," Haley said. "I think there's more discussions to be had on this. I don't think he can just say its going to go forward because I don't think that's the case."

Note: Haley also said she doesn't see "where this Bikefest is of any use to anyone. There is no revenue that is worthy of the deaths that we had in this state. There is no revenue worthy of the disrespect that we saw. There is no revenue that is worthy of the damage that happened to the area."

Post and Courier: Mexican food maker to create 500 jobs near Florence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140603/PC05/140609809/mexican-food-maker-to-create-500-jobs-near-florence>

Warren L. Wise

A Mexican food and snack products maker will invest \$55 million and create 500 jobs in Florence County as it sets up an East Coast distribution hub over the next few years.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley will will join company officials and local economic development representatives for a formal announcement in Florence on June 17.

Post and Courier: Greenville logistics firm to expand, add 20 jobs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140603/PC05/140609805/1010/greenville-logistics-firm-to-expand-add-20-jobs>

Warren L. Wise

KI Logistics, a division of Kimura Inc. and a subsidiary of global logistics company Kimura Unity, will expand its 208,000-square-foot new North American headquarters and logistics facility at the Matrix Business and Technology Park by an additional 64,000 square feet, or 30 percent.

Note: "It is truly a testament to our growing business community when a company chooses to expand in our state and another great sign that we are headed in the right direction," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

Greenville News: KI Logistics to expand in Greenville, add 20 jobs

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/06/03/ki-logistics-expand-greenville-add-jobs/9907193/>

Angelia Davis

KI Logistics won't open its new North American headquarters in Greenville until this summer, but it's already making plans to expand it. The company said this morning that it will invest \$2.7 million to add 64,000 square feet to its new facility in The Matrix Business and Technology Park.

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Associated Press: Food company bringing 500 jobs to Florence County

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/06/03/food-company-bringing-jobs-florence-county/9907463/>

The company that makes El Monterey brand frozen Mexican foods will invest \$55 million in a manufacturing plant in Florence County, creating 500 jobs. Ruiz Food Products, Inc., of Dinuba, California, announced Tuesday it plans to renovate an old Heinz plant.

WBTW: KI Logistics To Expand Greenville County Facility

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/25680298/ki-logistics-to-expand-greenville-county-facility>

KI Logistics, a division of Kimura, Inc. and a subsidiary of global logistics leader Kimura Unity, will expand its new North American headquarters and major logistics facility at The Matrix Business and Technology Park in Greenville County by an additional 64,000 square feet – before the state-of-the-art facility has even opened.

WLTN: Haley: DSS Replacement to be Named Soon

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2014/06/03/haley-goal-is-to-name-dss-replacement-as-soon-as->

[possible/9910351/](#)

Scott Cooke

Governor Nikki Haley spoke briefly to reporters about finding a new director at the Department of Social Services. Monday, agency director Lillian Koller submitted a letter of resignation to the governor, saying that her continued presence at the agency is a distraction.

Note: "There will be a couple of things that will be difficult," Haley responded. "First of all in an election year, if you are trying to bring in someone who is strong and credible, their concern is this a job I'm going to have for a little bit? Or is this person going to get reelected and I'm going to have a job longer."

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Governor Nikki Haley and challenger Vincent Sheheen differ on income tax reform
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140603/PC1603/140609806/1177/sc-gov-nikki-haley-calls-for-elimination-of-states-income-tax>

Robert Behre

A day after Gov. Nikki Haley renewed her call to eliminate South Carolina's income tax, her Democratic challenger's campaign said it was little more than an election year gimmick because she doesn't specify how the money would be replaced.

Associated Press: Sheheen: South Carolina could help veterans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kvS6fATI

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Sen. Vincent Sheheen is proposing South Carolina agencies help veterans who aren't getting health care and financial assistance from the federal government. Sheheen said Tuesday state agencies could step forward to help veterans whose care is delayed at Veterans Administration hospitals.

Post and Courier: Democrat Brad Hutto has new TV ad in his Senate run

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140603/PC1603/140609800/1031&source=spread>

Schuyler Kropf

Democrat U.S. Senate candidate Brad Hutto is bypassing his primary challenger in a new ad and targeting GOP incumbent Lindsey Graham. "Tell Lindsey Graham we want out Senate seat back," Hutto, a state senator from Orangeburg, says in the ad.

The State: Mike Campbell raises \$38,112 in Lt. Gov. bid

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/03/3484764/mike-campbell-raises-38112-in.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Mike Campbell, the son of the late Gov. Carroll Campbell running as a Republican for lieutenant governor, raised \$38,122 since April and had \$22,062 on hand, according to state campaign filing. The Columbia businessman outraised only one of the four GOP challengers for the state's No. 2 seat.

The State: Four lawmakers endorse Molly Spearman

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/03/3484703/four-lawmakers-endorse-molly-spearman.html>

Cassie Cope

Several lawmakers endorsed Molly Spearman for state superintendent of education on Tuesday. Those Republican legislators from rural areas of the state were: Sen. Billy O'Dell of Abbeville, Sen. Larry Martin of Pickens, Sen. Ronnie Cromer of Newberry and Rep. Ralph Shealy Kennedy of Lexington.

Associated Press: Rep. Pope says he'll run for governor in 4 years

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NDfw8AIK

Seanna Adcox

Republican state Rep. Tommy Pope said Tuesday he plans to run for governor in 2018, calling the job an opportunity to advocate for statewide needs such as improving roads and bridges. The 51-year-old York representative and former prosecutor said he made the decision after praying about it with his wife, adding that a formal announcement is likely two years away.

Legislative Session News:

Associated Press: SC lawmakers try to find ethics compromise

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WC6Wa1dT

Jeffrey Collins

The leader of a committee trying to hash out a compromise on an ethics reform bill feels confident something will pass before this year's session ends, but Sen. Wes Hayes said he isn't sure how far the changes will go.

Note: At an unrelated bill signing Tuesday, Gov. Nikki Haley reiterated she wants some kind of independent team to investigate ethics violations and she wants public officials to be required to disclose the sources of their income.

Post and Courier: Final countdown of General Assembly ethics debate begins

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140603/PC1603/140609792/1382&source=spreed>

Jeremy Borden

A joint House-Senate ethics committee began initial discussion Tuesday on a sweeping ethics reform bill as lawmakers try to beat the clock to get a bill passed before the end of the legislative session this week. The two versions setting up new rules for lawmakers' conduct vary widely, and both sides said they would talk to their colleagues to get a sense of what each body is willing to give.

Greenville News: Senate OKs unannounced home day-care visits

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/06/03/senate-oks-unannounced-home-day-care-visits/9917059/>

Tim Smith

The Senate today gave unanimous approval to a bill allowing unannounced state visits of in-home day cares like the one in which a Greenville girl died earlier this year. The House has already approved the proposal.

The State: SC motors closer to statewide texting ban

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/03/3485010/sc-motors-closer-to-statewide.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

South Carolina took a big step banning texting while driving statewide when lawmakers agreed to a compromise Tuesday. A conference committee of House and Senate members decided to adopt the House version of the bill Tuesday that would supersede bans passed in 19 cities and two counties.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: S.C. well-positioned to cut back carbon, but could be costly

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/environment/2014/06/02/south-carolina-positioned-meet-new-carbon-limits/9869437/>

Nathaniel Cary

Under vast new regulations announced Monday by the Environmental Protection Agency to act on climate change by cutting the amount of carbon emissions from power plants across the country, South Carolina must slice its carbon emissions drastically, which could further shift the state away from coal and toward nuclear and more renewable sources of energy.

Post and Courier: Attorney general's opinion sought on Confederate battle flag at Citadel chapel

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140603/PC16/140609780/1177&source=spreed>

Prentiss Findlay

Two South Carolina senators today requested an Attorney General's opinion on whether a Confederate battle flag hanging in Summerall Chapel at The Citadel complies with state law. State Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Charleston, and state Sen. Danny Verdin, R-Laurens, asked for the opinion in a letter to Attorney General Alan Wilson.

Anderson Independent: Economist says return of miniskirt means economy moving up

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/jun/03/economist-says-return-of-miniskirt-means-economy/?partner=RSS>

Vince Jackson

A former economic adviser to President Jimmy Carter says the economy is crawling along but will have an upswing toward the end of the year. Bruce Yandle, professor emeritus and senior fellow of Clemson University's Strom Thurmond Institute, issued a report on his take of the current economic situation.

Local News:

Greenville News: School board could give final vote on tax increase tonight

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/06/03/school-board-give-final-vote-tax-increase-tonight/9906319/>

Ron Barnett

The Greenville County school board is set to give a second, and possibly final, vote tonight on a half a billion dollar budget that could include a 3.8 percent tax increase. A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m., prior to the vote. The hearing, coincidentally, is at the same time as a public hearing on a 1-percent sales tax referendum vote County Council is scheduled to take tonight.

National News:

CNN: CNN Poll: Public upset over VA scandal; Obama remains at 43%

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/06/03/cnn-poll-public-upset-over-va-scandal-obama-remains-at-43/>

Nearly six in ten Americans give President Barack Obama a thumbs-down on how he is handling the Veterans Affairs controversy, according to a new national poll.

Associated Press: Obama boosting America's military effort in Europe

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU_OBAMA?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU_OBAMA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-06-03-14-10-45)

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Julie Pace

President Barack Obama pledged Tuesday to boost U.S. military deployments and exercises throughout Europe, an effort costing as much as \$1 billion to demonstrate American solidarity with a continent rattled by Russia's intervention in Ukraine

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