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Governor Nikki Haley News

The Sun News: SC and Texas vie for gun maker Stag Arms

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/28/2838522/sc-and-texas-vie-for-gun-maker.html>

Steve Jones

Stag Arms CEO Mark Malkowski said Thursday that either South Carolina or Texas likely will be the new site for his firearms manufacturing business, and right now, it's a tossup which will win. If both end up nose-to-nose on facilities and workforce, he said, that final decision could come down to the incentives each offers.

Associated Press: SC lawmakers override 46 of Gov. Haley's 81 vetoes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TVxq6nFX

JEFFREY COLLINS

The South Carolina Senate ended this year's legislative session Thursday by overriding 46 of Gov. Nikki Haley's 81 budget vetoes, restoring money to a Union County library, a Barnwell County courthouse and other local projects. Many of the votes were close. Seven times senators sustained a veto, then came back and voted to override it. The \$100,000 to repair the courthouse in Barnwell County died twice before senators finally mustered enough votes to override the veto.

Times and Democrat: Haley's vetoes: Local tourism cash removed from budget

http://thetandd.com/news/local/haley-s-vetoes-local-tourism-cash-removed-from-budget/article_95c98446-dfa3-11e2-bdd0-001a4bcf887a.html

GENE ZALESKI

The South Carolina Senate ended this year's legislative session Thursday by overriding 46 of Gov. Nikki Haley's 81 budget vetoes, restoring money to a Union County library, a Barnwell County courthouse and other local projects. "I thought it was a good project. I thought it made sense and I supported it," the Bowman Democrat said Thursday night.

Post and Courier: Legislative vetoes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130627/PC16/130629380/1009/legislative-vetoes>

The state Senate met on Thursday to consider vetoes from Gov. Nikki Haley that the House overrode on Wednesday. Here's how Lowcountry interests fared:

Index-Journal: Mays site keeps \$200K

Senate overrides governor's veto

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=19482>

CHRIS TRAINOR

The S.C. Senate voted Thursday to override Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of funding earmarked for Greenwood's Benjamin E. Mays Historic Preservation Site. The senate's vote to override Haley's veto was 33-10. It came a day after the state House of Representatives also voted to override the governor's Mays Site veto.

Greenville News: \$417K retored to SC Arts Commission with override of gov. veto

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/27/2838190/471k-retored-to-sc-arts-commission.html>

Paul Hyde

The state Senate on Thursday followed the lead of the House by overriding Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of state Arts Commission funding. The 33-8 vote restores \$417,720 in operating funds to the commission. If state lawmakers hadn't overturned the veto, the Arts Commission would have had to shut its doors, according to commission executive director Ken May.

Post and Courier: SEWE veto just a bad decoy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130627/PC16/130629381/1009/sewe-veto-just-a-bad-decoy>

Brian Hicks

Around Charleston, a lot of people still affectionately call the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition the “Dog and Duck show.” But Gov. Nikki Haley has another name for it: “Old-Fashioned Pork.” So once again, this year Haley vetoed \$200,000 to promote one of the state's biggest money-generating events. The House overrode the veto, but on Thursday the Senate upheld it.

The State: SC governor's veto pen has hit education hardest

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/27/2838211/sc-governors-veto-pen-has-hit.html>

ADAM BEAM

Of the nearly 200 budget vetoes Gov. Nikki Haley has issued during her three years as governor, no government service has been struck more than public education. A review of the governor's budget vetoes shows the first-term Republican has vetoed \$110 million worth of public education programs and services since 2011, vetoes that account for more than a quarter of the \$419 million she has vetoed in state spending since 2011.

Note: “I'm not going to say my way is the only way to do it,” Haley said, comments that legislative education leaders said were encouraging for reaching an education compromise. “What she said there is kind of in line with what her tone has been throughout the year,” said Rep. Kenny Bingham, R-Lexington and the chairman of the education budget subcommittee. “What she's said all along is, ‘Let's work together.’ ”

Easley Progress: Sam's Club supports local groups for opening

http://www.theeasleyprogress.com/view/full_story/22999478/article-Sam-s-Club-supports-local-groups-for-opening

Frances Parrish

Easley's Sam's Club parking lot was full of cars on its grand opening Thursday morning. Special guests, Mayor Larry Bagwell and Chamber of Commerce President Cindy Hopkins, welcomed Sams Club to Easley. “We are proud to have an organization such as Sam's Club in our community. 180 jobs sounds pretty good,” said Mayor Bagwell. Bagwell presented store manager Brandon Cox with a letter from Governor Nikki Haley welcoming Sam's Club to Easley.

Greensboro News & Record: McCrory in town for private fundraiser

http://www.news-record.com/news/local_news/article_6ad83a2c-ded9-11e2-bc6b-001a4bcf6878.html

Travis Fain

Gov. Pat McCrory is expected here today for a private fundraiser that also will feature South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley. The event at the Grandover Resort is part of a retreat for the Renew North Carolina Foundation, a nonprofit that some of McCrory's supporters formed after his election. Under federal rules, the 501(c)(4) group doesn't have to reveal its donors, is not constrained by traditional political donation limits, and can spend money to promote “social welfare” causes, including political ones.

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South Carolina News**The Sun News:** New laws affecting saltwater fishing come out of legislative session

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/06/27/3559192/new-laws-affecting-saltwater-fishing.html>

Gregg Holshouser

Several new rules for saltwater fishing in the Palmetto State have come out of this year's legislative session. Five laws affecting a variety of issues have either already gone into effect after being signed by Gov. Nikki Haley or will go into effect within the next year.

The State: Legislators getting benefit from position but failing to improve SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/28/2837999/bolton-legislators-getting-benefit.html>

Warren Bolton

MANY LAWMAKERS who begged voters to send them to Columbia to help make our state better have done a much better job of improving their own lives, while failing — and at times refusing — to address critical public issues. And the absence of a strong ethics law has made it difficult to spot conflicts of interest or determine who's working for us or against us. This state's residents ought to be incensed. South Carolina's

workers are among some of the worst paid, its people are among the sickest and it's children are among the least cared for in the nation. We need a governor, lawmakers and constitutional officers whose primary focus is on improving the lives of this state's people rather than trading on their public offices to fatten their wallets, acquire perks or improve their political stature, even as this state's people go lacking.

Associated Press: Rand Paul testing 2016 waters during SC visit

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3dqf4Ylq

MEG KINNARD

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul says he's hoping to show people in the early presidential primary state of South Carolina that he can appeal to a broad audience. Paul spoke with The Associated Press prior to a Friday trip to South Carolina, home to the South's first presidential primary balloting.

The State: Rand Paul stumps for SC GOP; Meets with activists, donors today

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/28/2838277/rand-paul-stumps-for-sc-gop-meets.html>

JAMIE SELF

Kentucky's U.S. senator of filibuster fame, Republican Rand Paul, will visit South Carolina on Friday to help the S.C. Republican Party raise money and meet with activists and state GOP donors. A potential contender for his party's 2016 presidential nomination, Paul will headline two state GOP fundraisers in a lightning-round visit to the South's earliest primary state – his second this year, following a January stop in Charleston.

Post and Courier: Grant money helped streamline Medicaid, food stamp enrollment in S.C., new report shows

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130627/PC1610/130629415/1005/grant-money-helped-streamline-medicaid-food-stamp-enrollment-in-sc-new-report-shows>

Lauren Sausser

A new report shows that applying for government welfare programs like Medicaid and food stamps has become easier in South Carolina. This improvement is thanks, in part, to a multi-year grant awarded to the state in 2011 that has helped streamline the enrollment process in these programs.

Associated Press: 2 more nurses sue for job loss in TB outbreak

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=z8MWLBwF

Two more nurses fired after a tuberculosis outbreak at Ninety Six Primary School have sued the Department of Health and Environmental Control, claiming they were improperly fired. The Herald-Journal of Spartanburg reported (<http://bit.ly/1aIOPKo>) that Spartanburg attorney John Reckenbeil represents all three nurses who have sued DHEC.

Post and Courier: Hepatitis B total rises to 18 after injections at North Charleston center

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130627/PC16/130629429/1177/hepatitis-b-total-rises-to-18-after-injections-at-north-charleston-center>

Lauren Sausser

Fifteen more people have tested positive for hepatitis B since the state health department launched an investigation into a North Charleston medical clinic last month, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Environmental Control confirmed. It brings the total number of positive hepatitis B tests to 18 since May. All of them received at least one injection from Tri-County Spinal Care Center on Dorchester Road in North Charleston.

Herald-Journal: Two more former DHEC nurses file lawsuits in wake of TB outbreak

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130627/ARTICLES/130629695/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Two-more-former-DHEC-nurses-file-lawsuits-in-wake-of-TB-outbreak>

Kim Kimzey

Two more nurses fired after a tuberculosis outbreak at Ninety Six Primary School have filed lawsuits against the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Spartanburg-based attorney John Reckenbeil represents the three nurses formerly employed with DHEC. Earlier this month, Malinda Martin of Spartanburg filed a lawsuit against the agency claiming wrongful termination.

Post and Courier: Confusion rippling in the wake of Voting Rights Act ruling

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130627/PC16/130629437/1177/confusion-rippling-in-the-wake-of-voting-rights-act-ruling>

Robert Behre

Former Charleston City Councilman Maurice Washington has made three separate trips this week to file for the state Senate District 42 seat formerly held by Robert Ford — with no luck so far. Coming Sunday. How will Tuesday's U.S. Supreme Court opinion affect local and state politics and elections? What we know about what's next.

The State: Graham's immigration plan will be a boon to Republicans

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/28/2837997/gray-grahams-immigration-plan.html>

Rick Gray

It's time for S.C. Republicans to get behind comprehensive immigration reform. Fixing our broken immigration system is right for America, and for our party. If Republicans had pushed for comprehensive reform in 2008, we could have attracted a slightly higher percentage of Hispanic voters, and we wouldn't have had President Obama or Obamacare. If we had gotten behind comprehensive immigration reform in 2011 and 2012, we might not have a second Obama term.

Gannett: House passes Duncan's Gulf drilling bill

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130627/NEWS/306270072/House-passes-Duncan-s-Gulf-drilling-bill>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

The U.S. House voted Thursday to open about 1.5 million acres in the western Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas drilling as part of an agreement negotiated by the Obama administration and promoted by Republican Rep. Jeff Duncan. If approved by the Senate, the bill would implement a 2012 deal between the U.S. and Mexico to allow offshore drilling along their maritime border, an area believed to hold up to 172 million barrels of oil and 304 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

Associated Press: SC groups unveil year of altruism, good deeds

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=U851SWRv

A group focusing on encouraging unselfish acts of good will is kicking off a yearlong challenge for people to join them in a year of good thoughts and deeds. The group called "Year of Altruism" is unveiling its plan for events on Friday at 10 a.m. at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts in Greenville. The events begin in August and run through June 2014.

Associated Press: Free federal workshop in SC for at-risk homeowners

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qgar7YX5

A federal program designed to help homeowners at risk of foreclosure is holding a workshop for the first time in South Carolina. The "Making Home Affordable" program scheduled for Friday is designed to bring together representatives of the nation's largest mortgage service providers and nonprofit housing counseling organizations. The event allows homeowners struggling with their mortgage payments to review their options and learn about possible alternatives to foreclosure.

Associated Press: Duke Energy picks Gray to chair board of directors

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dmUhh5BG

Duke Energy Corp. has selected lead director Ann Maynard Gray as the new chairwoman of its board, while its incoming CEO will serve as vice chairwoman. The country's largest electricity company said Thursday its board unanimously elected Gray as its new chairwoman, effective when current chairman and chief executive officer Jim Rogers retires Dec. 31.

The State: SC Public Service Commission to re-examine solar power rules

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/27/2838504/sc-public-service-commission-to.html>

SAMMY FRETWELL

The state utilities commission will take another look at solar energy rules that are blamed for hampering the expansion of sun-power in South Carolina. In an unusual decision Thursday, the Public Service Commission agreed to hold an interactive public workshop Sept. 12 to discuss key policies that govern solar energy.

Greenville News: Furman receives major gift

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130627/NEWS/306270073/Furman-receives-major-gift>

John and Jeanette Cothran of Greenville are providing a major gift to support Furman University's Center for Vocational Reflection, school officials said Thursday. The center, which helps students explore and discover their calling in life, will be named the John and Jeanette Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection.

The State: SC's solar power policy thwarts Furman's green efforts

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/27/2836648/states-solar-power-policy-thwarts.html>

SAMMY FRETWELL

Instead of relying solely on the local power company for electricity, Furman University began installing energy-producing solar panels at the rolling Upstate campus more than a decade ago. The idea was simple enough: Furman wanted to demonstrate that solar energy worked. And eventually, if Furman could put up enough sun-soaking panels, the university could save money on power bills and cut pollution that contributes to global warming, university officials figured.

Greenville News: Clemson trustees seek president who understands mission

http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130628/NEWS/306280002/Clemson-trustees-seek-president-who-understands-mission?nclick_check=1

Ron Barnett

Clemson University is looking for a new president with "a sincere and heart-felt appreciation for the Clemson family" who has a "profound commitment to an organizational philosophy that always prioritizes students and puts their educational needs and well-being first." Those are among the attributes listed in a draft version of a leadership statement the Board of Trustees' presidential search committee approved Thursday.

Greenville News: Barker endowment established at Clemson

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130628/NEWS/306280004/Barker-endowment-established-Clemson>

Clemson University is establishing a scholarship endowment to honor its 14th president, James F. Barker, and his wife, Marcia. The Barker Scholars Unrestricted Scholarship Endowment will provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students at the university, school officials said.

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Hyperlocal News

Post and Courier: Charleston NAACP, law enforcement leaders discuss racial profiling concerns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130628/PC16/130629361/1005/racial-profiling-concerns-topic-of-town-hall-meeting>

Dave Munday

Local law-enforcement leaders and members of the black community met for two hours Thursday to talk about why blacks were more likely than whites to be busted for pot. The NAACP says it's because officers are more likely to stop blacks in the first place and more likely to arrest a black man for possession than a white man. The allegations surfaced earlier this month after an ACLU study cited numbers showing that more blacks than whites are charged with possession of marijuana, even though more whites than blacks use marijuana.

Associated Press: Fort Moultrie marks Carolina Day

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AgPyWv9c

Fort Moultrie is commemorating Carolina Day, the moment in 1776 when it turned back a British fleet in Charleston Harbor. Friday marks the 237th anniversary of the battle and re-enactors at the fort will have 17th Century weapons demonstrations as well as show what medical care and camp life was like.

Greenville News: Greenville marketing firms showing signs of growth downtown

Company leasing downtown site

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130627/BUSINESS/306270031/Greenville-marketing-firms-showing-signs-growth-downtown>

Rudolph Bell

Two firms have merged and others are reporting strong business in signs that Greenville's cluster of advertising and marketing communications companies is recovering from the lingering effects of the Great Recession. The combination of the eight-employee Fuel and the 17-employee Mediasation, both located downtown, is called Fuel Digital Marketing & Branding.

Post and Courier: Charleston County Sheriff's Office gets national recognition

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130627/PC16/130629416/1177/charleston-county-sheriff-x2019-s-office-gets-national-recognition>

Dave Munday

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is expanding its national influence. Last week, Sheriff Al Cannon became a member of the Major County Sheriff's Association, which is normally limited to counties with a population of more than 500,000, Chief Deputy Mitch Lucas said Thursday.

The State: 'Midlands Reality Check' aims to plan for growth by choice not chance

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/06/27/2837506/midlands-reality-check-aims-to.html>

RODDIE BURRIS

Three hundred leaders are going to gather in Columbia in the fall to map out a path for the region's future that will need to accommodate thousands more houses, dozens more schools and 450,000 new people. Major changes are coming to the area over the next 30 years, top political, business, planning and professional leaders said Thursday. While the changes could bring prosperity, without planning, they could leave behind chaos, leaders said.

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National News

Post and Courier: Senate delivers an immigration-reform baseline (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130628/PC1002/130629386/1021/senate-delivers-an-immigration-reform-baseline>

Editorial

The immigration bill passed by the Democratic Senate on Thursday isn't perfect. Nor, despite its lopsided 68-32 margin in the upper chamber, is it likely to be approved by the Republican House in its current form. But the Senate measure does deliver a realistic framework that, after reasonable compromises with the House, could — and should — produce a worthy comprehensive immigration reform bill for President Barack Obama to sign into law this year.

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