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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: S. Carolina DMV program aims to help veterans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=T7qBgdXA

Susanne Schafer

South Carolina is making it easier for military men and women who drove military trucks and are hanging up their uniforms to get a civilian driver's license for commercial vehicles, officials announced Thursday.

Note: In February, Gov. Nikki Haley announced "Operation Palmetto Employment." It features a website that lists multiple information and education sources for finding civilian employment to help members of the active duty military or National Guard and Reserve, or members of their families.

The State: House passes its own version of statewide reading intervention program

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3379573/house-passes-its-own-version-of.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

The S.C. House on Thursday passed its own version of a bill aimed at reforming the way public schools teach reading. Called the Read to Succeed Act, the bill would create a statewide emphasis on reading by requiring districts to develop reading plans.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley recommended -- and the House approved -- more than \$30 million in new money for reading coaches and \$4.5 million for summer camps in the state's budget starting July 1.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: Haley's campaign says she has \$4M available

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2ZV2Z29e

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley's campaign says she has more than \$4 million cash available after her first-quarter fundraising. Campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey says the Republican governor will report raising more than \$860,000 from January through March toward her bid for re-election.

The State: Nikki Haley raised \$860,000 in the last quarter

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3379452/nikki-haley-raised-860000-in-the.html?](http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3379452/nikki-haley-raised-860000-in-the.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy)

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Andrew Shain

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley raised more than \$860,000 during the first three months of the year and had \$4.27 million on hand as of March 31 for her re-election bid, her campaign said. The first-term governor from Lexington has raised nearly \$6 million during the cycle.

Note: "The governor is grateful for the generous support of so many across our state, support that means we will have the resources over the months ahead to tell the incredible story of South Carolina's resurgence since 2011," Haley campaign adviser Tim Pearson said.

Post and Courier: Haley reports \$4.27 million cash on hand

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140410/PC1610/140419956/1177/haley-reports-427-million-cash-on-hand>

Schuyler Kropf

Gov. Nikki Haley's campaign today announced raising more \$860,000 in the first quarter of the year, giving her \$4.27 million cash on hand for the election season.

Note: "With the fastest growing economy on the east coast, unemployment at a six year low, and more South Carolinians working today than ever before, the people of our state have real reason to celebrate," said campaign adviser Tim Pearson.

Legislative Session News:

The State: Legislators propose appointing prosecutor to probe colleagues

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3379223/lawmakers-propose-appointing-prosecutor.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Lawmakers want the ability to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate criminal ethics allegations against their colleagues as well as the state's top officials. More than 80 S.C. House members sponsored a bill introduced this week meant to end questions about who would investigate the state's top prosecutor, the attorney general.

Associated Press: SC lawmakers back out of special prosecutor bill

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

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina House members are removing their names from legislation allowing the General Assembly to decide whether an independent prosecutor should investigate a constitutional officer or other officer under the governor's control.

The State: Senate panel advances expansion of stand-your-ground for unborn children

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3379412/senate-panel-advances-expansion.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

A Senate subcommittee reviewing several bills, including two aimed at banning abortion, voted 3-2 Thursday to expand the state's stand-your-ground self-defense law to include protections for unborn children, defined as starting at conception.

Greenville News: Pregnant protection bill gets panel's OK

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/10/pregnant-protection-bill-gets-panels-ok/7546137/>

Tm Smith

A Senate panel this morning approved a bill to allow pregnant women to use deadly force to protect their unborn child. The 3-2 vote now sends the bill to the full Senate Judiciary Committee. Opponents, who say the bill is redundant and unnecessary, object to a phrase in the bill that defines an unborn child as starting at conception.

Associated Press: SC bills could outlaw abortion, most contraception

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

Andrew Coffman Smith

A Senate panel has advanced legislation that opponents say could outlaw abortion and emergency contraception in South Carolina. The Judiciary Subcommittee on Thursday approved 3-2 the "Pregnant Women's Protection Act," which states a pregnant woman has a right to use deadly force to defend her unborn child from any threat.

Post and Courier: S.C. House passes bill to limit medical record copy fees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140410/PC1610/140419937/1177/sc-house-passes-bill-to-limit-medical-record-copy-fees>

Lauren Sausser

A proposed state law that would limit the amount hospitals can charge patients for copies of their medical records passed the S.C. House of Representatives without opposition on Thursday. The bill was introduced by House Speaker Bobby Harrell before the Legislature convened in January.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: SC ranks 'near the bottom' in treatment of mentally ill inmates

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/10/sc-ranks-near-bottom-treatment-mentally-inmates/7547089/>

Tim Smith

A national report this morning ranks South Carolina "near the bottom" in treatment of mentally ill inmates.

The report by the Treatment Advocacy Center and the National Sheriff's Association found the state ranked near bottom in the availability of public psychiatric beds, efforts to divert mentally ill from imprisonment, per capita spending on mental health "and almost every other measure of treatment for mentally ill individuals."

Post and Courier: MUSC expected to partner with regional hospitals to cut costs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140410/PC16/140419962/1177/musc-expected-to-partner-with-regional-hospitals-to-cut-costs>

Lauren Sausser

Responding to pressure to cut health care costs under the Affordable Care Act, the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Trustees is expected to approve an unprecedented collaboration between the hospital and four of its biggest competitors in the state.

Greenville News: New CertusBank leaders say bank on solid footing

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/04/10/exclusive-new-certusbank-leaders-share-details-banks-future/7545409/>

David Dykes

The interim president and chief executive of CertusBank said today the Greenville-based financial institution remains on solid footing and its new leadership is developing a strategic plan to restore profitability.

Local News:

Associated Press: South Carolina gun manufacturer to add 300 jobs with expansion

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140410/PC05/140419965/1177/south-carolina-gun-manufacturer-to-add-300-jobs-with-expansion>

A gun manufacturer in South Carolina is doubling its workforce with around 300 new jobs and a \$4.2 million investment. The Department of Commerce announced Thursday that Palmetto State Armory plans to renovate and expand its building in Lexington over the next three years as it adds the new positions.

Island Packet: Tea partiers want Beaufort County sales tax on referendum this year

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/04/10/3052420/commission-to-discuss-projects.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

The Beaufort Tea Party wants to see a 1 percent local option sales tax referendum on this year's ballot, according to group leader Ann Ubelis. "We do not want to see this referendum placed on an off-year ballot, such as 2015, or lost in the presidential race in 2016," she said. "If these projects are as vital as our county officials would have you believe, then the referendum must not be delayed."

National News:

Associated Press: House Panel Voted to Hold IRS Official In Contempt

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_IRS_CONTEMPT?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-04-10-07-19-17

Stephen Ohlemacher

A House Committee voted Thursday to hold a former Internal Revenue Service official in contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions at a pair of hearings. The official, Lois Lerner, previously headed the IRS division that processes applications for tax-exempt status.

Associated Press: Pelosi: Race has Role in GOP Immigration

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_CONGRESS_IMMIGRATION?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-04-10-10-26-16

Erica Werner and Donna Cassata

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi on Thursday blamed racial issues for the GOP's failure to act on comprehensive immigration legislation. "I think race has something to do with the fact that they're not bringing up an immigration bill," the California Democrat told reporters at her regular weekly press conference. "I've heard them say to the Irish, 'If it were just you, this would be easy.'"

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