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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley to announce 304 jobs in 5 rural SC counties

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/05/29/4940826/haley-to-announce-304-jobs-in.html#.U4enSvldV8F#storylink=cpy>

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley says seven businesses are bringing a combined 300 jobs to five rural South Carolina counties. Haley told The Associated Press she will announce the companies' \$38 million total investment Thursday evening at a meeting of the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance.

USA Today: South Carolina poised to end ban on Election Day liquor sales

<http://onpolitics.usatoday.com/2014/05/29/alcohol-sales-election-day-south-carolina/>

Catalina Camia

Win or lose, South Carolina candidates running for office this year may be able to do something that their brethren in most other states are already able to do: Buy an alcoholic beverage on Election Day. South Carolina is poised to repeal its ban on liquor sales on statewide election days following the state Senate's approval Wednesday.

Note: If South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a Republican, signs the repeal measure into law, her state will become the seventh since 2008 to rescind a ban on statewide Election Day alcohol sales, the Distilled Spirits Council says.

Greenville News: Tetramer Technologies to expand in Anderson

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/05/29/tetramer-technologies-expand-anderson/9721567/>

David Dykes

Tetramer Technologies, which manufactures advanced materials and performs research and development for new materials, said it is expanding in Anderson County. The \$1 million investment is expected to create 25 jobs over the next five years, according to company and state officials.

WPDE: Governor Nikki Haley signs bill giving West Florence its own fire district

<http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1050674#.U4eZovldV8E>

Tonya Brown

Governor Nikki Haley signed House Bill 5225 into law Wednesday creating a separate fire district for West Florence, according to State Representative Phillip Lowe, (R) District 60. Lowe sponsored the bill earlier this month. It passed the House and Senate last week.

WYFF: After mayor indicted, Simpsonville names interim leader

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/after-mayor-indicted-simpsonville-names-interim-leader/26230394#!R3916>

The mayor pro tempore of Simpsonville will act as the mayor of city during the suspension of Mayor Perry Eichor. The City Council appointed councilmember Geneva Lawrence to the office of mayor pro tempore in January.

Note: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley suspended Eichor on Wednesday, the day after he was indicted by a grand jury.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: SC Democrats pick sides in US Senate primary

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

Jeffrey Collins

The South Carolina Democratic Party is taking sides in one of its primaries for the U.S. Senate. The party's executive committee voted unanimously late Wednesday to endorse state Sen. Brad Hutto of Orangeburg over businessman Jay Stamper in the race for U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's seat.

Post and Courier: Jindal addressing SC GOP next week

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140529/PC1603/140529231/1177/jindal-addressing-sc-gop-next-week>

Schuyler Kropf

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is headlining the South Carolina Republican Party Silver Elephant celebration next week in Columbia. Jindal is the keynote speaker at the party's 47th Annual Silver Elephant gathering. The dinner will also honor America's World War II veterans on the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

Post and Courier: S.C. Democratic leadership takes odd step of endorsing Hutto in U.S. Senate race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140529/PC1603/140529240/1382/democratic-leadership-takes-odd-step-of-endorsing-hutto-in-us-senate-race>

Schuyler Kropf

The leadership of the South Carolina Democratic Party has endorsed U.S. Senate candidate Brad Hutto in the party primary, a further indication they remain uncomfortable with newcomer Jay Stamper. The party's Executive Committee voted unanimously to endorse Hutto in the battle for U.S. Senate against Republican incumbent Lindsey Graham.

Island Packet: Ahead of primary, Sen. Graham speaks to Beaufort County supporters

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/05/29/3135021/ahead-of-primary-sen-graham-speaks.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Matt McNab

Speaking to a room of supporters in a Beaufort real estate office Thursday, Sen. Lindsey Graham was both humorous and somber in telling them "the path to victory runs through your front yard." Graham will face six Republican challengers in a June 10 primary and called the small Beaufort Realty Co. office on Boundary Street.

The State: Meka Childs endorsed by Greenville lawmaker

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/29/3474657/mecha-childs-endorsed-by-greenville.html>

Cassie Cope

Rep. Mike Burns, R-Greenville, endorsed Meka Childs for superintendent of education on Thursday. Childs, a former public school teacher, previous senior education policy adviser to Gov. Mark Sanford and former deputy superintendent of education under Mick Zais, has been endorsed recently by House Speaker Pro Tempore Jay Lucas and other lawmakers.

Legislative Session News:

Post and Courier: Senate adopts amendment that requires DSS provide yearly caseload reports

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140529/PC1603/140539992/1382/senate-adopts-amendment-that-requires-dss-provide-yearly-caseload-reports>

Cynthia Roldan

The Senate has attached an amendment to a bill that would require the Department of Social Services to provide yearly reports to the General Assembly on the caseloads numbers of its workers. Sen. Joel Lourie, D-Columbia, presented an amendment to Jaidon's Law Thursday during its third hearing.

Associated Press: SC Senate passes bill aimed at protecting children

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tkLBK8aJ

Seanna Adcox

The South Carolina Senate has approved a bill designed to protect children from their drug-abusing parents. The bill approved Thursday is named for 22-month-old Jaidon Morris, who died in 2008 of a drug overdose after being returned to his parents from foster care.

The State: Jaidon's Law crackdown on drug-abusing parents passes Senate, expands Social Services reporting requirements

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/29/3474469/jaidons-law-crackdown-on-drug.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

The S.C. Senate passed a bill that would make it more difficult to return children to their drug-abusing parents by requiring the state's child-welfare agency and judges to consider whether those parents still are using drugs.

Greenville News: Who is Stone Brewing? And why it matters to S.C.

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/05/29/stone-brewing-matters-sc/9727499/>

Eric Connor

Much fuss has been made over Stone Brewing Co. in recent weeks — in fact, South Carolina just completed a full-on overhaul of its longstanding brewery laws to catch Stone's eye. Who is Stone Brewing? And why it matters

The State: SC brewery sales expanded, Election Day alcohol sales OK'd

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/28/3473512/sc-brewery-sales-expanded-election.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

South Carolina drinkers are closer to being able to buy more beer at breweries and purchase liquor on Election Day, but they likely will not be able to get powdered alcohol for at least a year. The General Assembly approved a bill Wednesday expanding brewery sales and allowing Election Day alcohol sales.

Post and Courier: University of Charleston bill to be reconsidered by Senate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140529/PC1603/140529224/1382/university-of-charleston-bill-to-be-reconsidered-by-senate>

Jeremy Borden

A measure that would establish the Lowcountry's first comprehensive research university was attached to a different higher education-related bill on Thursday and will likely be reconsidered by the S.C. Senate next week.

Island Packet: Federal, state laws could slow whirlwind of hurricane-insurance rate hikes in Beaufort County

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/05/29/3135071/federal-state-laws-could-slow.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Beaufort County residents haven't endured a hurricane in decades, but some might feel they've paid for one. Wind- and flood-insurance rates have climbed steadily for homeowners over the years. S.C. lawmakers blame a wind-insurance market that is stacked against consumers.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Greenwood Today: Duncan, Bolt take strong stand on VA

<http://gwdtoday.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=27&ArticleID=30217>

Brian King

The problems with soldiers receiving the healthcare they need after they return from war have become a hot issue in Washington D.C. and around the country. U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, known for being passionate about the nation's veterans, has taken a strong stand on what needs to be done to fix the organization and its issues.

South Carolina News:

The State: Future Medal of Honor recipient honors SC soldiers who gave all

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/28/3473264/soon-to-be-medal-of-honor-recipient.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Ellis

Many words were offered Wednesday to honor and thank the families of two South Carolina soldiers who died while serving in Afghanistan in the past year. But for Lance Cpl. Kyle Carpenter, there were no words fit for the occasion.

Post and Courier: S.C. Insurance Director: 'Obamacare' policies will cost more next year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140529/PC16/140529225/1005/>

Lauren Sausser

The S.C. Department of Insurance director predicts the same four companies that sold health insurance plans to South Carolina residents on the federal exchange during the Affordable Care Act's first enrollment

window will offer those plans again later this year.

Local News:

Anderson Independent: Legal opinion: Anderson can charge higher water rates to people living outside city

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/may/29/legal-opinion-anderson-can-charge-higher-water-rat/?partner=RSS>

Kirk Brown

The city of Anderson can legally charge higher water rates to customers living outside the city, according to a recent opinion from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. The May 21 opinion issued by Assistant Attorney General Elinor Lister states that "a municipality has no duty to charge nonresidents a reasonable fee for water service."

Anderson Independent: County to welcome company with Clemson University roots

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/may/28/county-to-welcome-company-with-clemson-roots/?partner=RSS>

Nikie Mayo

Anderson County officials are expected to announce Thursday a partnership with Tetramer Technologies, a materials-science company that grew out of research done at Clemson University. Multiple sources with knowledge of the project confirmed the partnership for the Independent Mail on Wednesday.

National News:

Associated Press: Support falters as Shinseki fights for his job

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_VETERANS_HEALTH_CARE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-05-29-12-01-16

Matthew Dally

Support for embattled Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki eroded quickly Thursday, especially among congressional Democrats facing tough re-election campaigns, even as Shinseki continued to fight for his job amid allegations of delayed medical care and misconduct at VA facilities nationwide.

Associated Press: White House: Obama waiting on VA accountability

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_WHITE_HOUSE_VETERANS_HEALTH_CARE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-05-29-14-16-13

The White House says President Barack Obama is waiting for a full investigation into the Department of Veterans Affairs' health care system before deciding who should be held accountable. There are growing calls in Congress for Secretary Eric Shinseki to resign.

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