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Gov. Nikki Haley News:

Business Journal: Electrolux Announces Additional \$30 Million Investment in Anderson, SC Manufacturing Facility

http://www.bizjournals.com/triangle/prnewswire/press_releases/North_Carolina/2014/05/14/NY27032

Electrolux announced today it is investing \$30 million in its Anderson, S.C. manufacturing facility, which produces top-mount refrigerators as well as under-the-counter models. The investment will add advanced manufacturing capability and enhance capacity.

Note: "Electrolux is a great employer and corporate citizen in South Carolina," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "We congratulate them on their additional \$30 million investment in Anderson – a sure sign of their continuing commitment to our state."

Legislative Session News:

Associated Press: Senate subcommittee approves proposed Charleston university

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140514/PC1610/140519627/1177/senate-subcommittee-approves-proposed-charleston-university>

A bill to create a research university within the College of Charleston has advanced in the South Carolina Senate. An education subcommittee on Wednesday unanimously approved the measure to establish the University of Charleston.

The State: Conservationists: Proposed bill will erode public beaches

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/14/3446155/conservationists-proposed-bill.html?sp=/99/132/154/#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

Conservationists ripped plans Wednesday by affluent beachfront homeowners and coastal developers that could erode South Carolina's long-standing ban on seawalls while allowing new construction closer to the ocean at a time of rising sea levels.

The State: Richland legislators to wrap interviews for highly sought seats on elections board

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/14/3446418/richland-legislators-to-wrap-interviews.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

A committee of Richland legislators meets a second time Thursday to interview applicants for the Richland County Elections Board. Rep. Jimmy Bales, D-Richland and chairman of the appointments committee, said he expects the committee to finish up by interviewing ten to 12 applicants.

Associated Press: Former Sen. Ford to be fined, 2nd case sent to AG

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

Former Charleston Sen. Robert Ford took nearly \$15,000 out of his campaign account 10 days after resigning last year and used the money to pay his bills, according to findings presented Wednesday. The Senate Ethics Committee will fine Ford and forward the latest allegations to the attorney general's office for further investigation.

Post and Courier: Senate Ethics Committee to fine Robert Ford for new campaign fund misuse charges, refers case to state attorney general

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140514/PC1603/140519652/1031/senate-ethics-committee-to-fine-robert-ford-for-new-campaign-fund-misuse-charges-refers-case-to-state-attorney-general>

Jeremy Borden, Schuyler Kropf

Former state Sen. Robert Ford used more than \$14,000 in campaign funds to pay personal bills - including

tailoring clothes and car detailing - after reporting the expenses were for mileage and printing costs, the Senate Ethics Committee said Wednesday.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: AFL-CIO endorses Brad Hutto in Democrat US Senate race

<http://politics.postandcourier.com/2014/05/14/afl-cio-endorses-brad-hutto-in-democrat-us-senate-race/>

Schuyler Kropf

State AFL-CIO President Erin McKee said Hutto, a state senator from Orangeburg, "has always stood up for working families in the Statehouse and we can't wait for him to go to Washington where he will continue to stand up for the working men and women not only in South Carolina but across this country."

South Carolina News:

The State: Columbia man, among first African American U.S. Marines, receives congressional honor

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/14/3446236/columbia-man-among-first-african.html?](http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/14/3446236/columbia-man-among-first-african.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy)

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Jamie Self

Two years ago, Congress honored the first African Americans to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps in the 1940s for their role in desegregating that military branch. But Columbia's William Ramseur, among the 330 honored, could not make the ceremony at the U.S. Capitol.

Associated Press: Clyburn: Republican choices keep SC from improving

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

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn says he thinks South Carolina is not going to improve until voters stop choosing Republicans. The Democrat said Wednesday that Republican leadership in the state has put people in poorer health because of decisions like the refusal to accept federal money to expand Medicaid.

Anderson Independent: 1977 escapee from Anderson County jail found in Michigan

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/14/3445885/1977-escapee-from-anderson-county.html#storylink=cpy>

Mike Ellis

A man who escaped from a South Carolina jail nearly 40 years ago has been captured in western Michigan. Federal marshals said 58-year-old Dallas Smallwood was arrested Monday in Zeeland, 25 miles southwest of Grand Rapids. He escaped from the Anderson County jail in 1977 while serving a five-year sentence for grand larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Post and Courier: SC State cuts 90 employees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140514/PC16/140519620/1177/sc-state-cuts-90-employees>

Amanda Kerr

South Carolina State University is laying off 90 part-time and temporary employees as part of the school's effort to balance its budget. The university announced the layoffs Tuesday when letters were sent out to the affected employees informing them their employment with the school would end on Thursday.

Greenville News: No hurricane landfalls forecast for S.C. coast

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/environment/2014/05/14/hurricane-landfalls-forecast-sc-coast/9072245/>

David Dykes

Ten tropical storms should form this year, with five possibly becoming hurricanes, forecasters at Coastal Carolina University said. Officials with the university's Hurricane Genesis & Outlook (HUGO) Project said the most likely scenario is that no hurricanes will make landfall on the U.S. East Coast or on the Gulf Coast.

Post and Courier: Public hearing Friday on license for InfiLaw to run Charleston School of Law

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140514/PC16/140519630/1177/public-hearing-friday-on-license-for-infilaw-to-run-charleston-school-of-law>

Diane Knich

Many Charleston School of Law faculty members are making a last-ditch effort to stop the sale of the school to InfiLaw System. Two groups of faculty members last week sent letters to the state Commission on Higher Education, encouraging members not to grant the for-profit InfiLaw a license to operate the law school.

Local News:

Rock Hill Herald: Tega Cay closer to taking over water service

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/05/14/5962217/tega-cay-closer-to-taking-over.html?sp=/100/101/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

John Marks

Tega Cay took another step this week toward acquiring the troubled, privately owned Tega Cay Water Service, giving initial approval to a \$676,045 budget for the utility in its first four months under city control. Last month, the City Council agreed to buy the private service for \$5.85 million.

Island Packet: Lowcountry Economic Alliance wants \$59 million in public money for large swaths of private land

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/05/13/3109142/lowcountry-economic-alliance-wants.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Dan Burley

Those properties would eventually be turned into commercial parks in an effort to attract what the alliance hopes would be a spectrum of out-of-town businesses, including aerospace firms, defense contractors and information-technology companies.

National News:

Associated Press: Health Secretary Nominee faces cordial senators

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_HEALTH_NOMINEE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-05-14-15-11-16

President Barack Obama's pick to be the nation's new health secretary faced some pointed questions Wednesday over the health care law, but she also won praise as Republican senators largely passed up the chance for an all-out assault on "Obamacare."

Associated Press: Obama: US must update roads, bridges or face costs

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-05-14-06-01-25

President Barack Obama is warning that if the U.S. doesn't update its roads, ports and bridges, businesses will look elsewhere to invest. Obama is pressing Congress to spend more on infrastructure during a visit to New York's Tappan Zee Bridge. The dilapidated bridge is being replaced at a cost of nearly \$4 billion.

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