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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Army's Apache swap threatens jobs at McEntire

http://www.thestate.com/2014/12/05/3855660_armys-apache-swap-threatens-jobs.html?rh=1

Jeff Wilkinson

When the last U.S. troops were leaving Iraq in 2011, a battalion of Apache attack helicopters from the South Carolina National Guard – about 24 “birds” – were covering the withdrawal. It was their second deployment to Iraq; the first was in 2004. There, S.C. pilots were actively involved in combat, taking hits from small arms fire, dodging enemy rockets, killing the enemy and getting wounded themselves.

Note: “As the wife of a South Carolina National Guardsman, Governor Haley knows first hand just how important the guard is to our state and their role protecting our citizens and way of life around the globe,” spokesman Doug Mayer said in a statement. “The governor has repeatedly been on record against the manner in which these cuts are being implemented, including face-to-face with President Obama, and she will continue to voice her opposition going forward.”

Aiken Standard: University Health Care System files to locate in Aiken County

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141205/AIK0101/141209644/1004/university-health-care-system-files-to-locate-in-aiken-county>

Maayan Schechter

University Health Care System moved forward with its plans to expand across the river. The hospital issued an official announcement Friday, stating its intent to file a South Carolina Certificate of Need to construct a 50-bed, \$53 million general acute-care hospital in Aiken County.

Note: The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control administers the certificates despite its past arguments to the Supreme Court that it cannot do so any longer without the funding vetoed by Gov. Nikki Haley. The justices ruled that the department must continue administering the program, noting that Haley's veto affected only funding, not the existence of a program set out in state law, according to The Associated Press.

Anderson Independent: New House member learns first legislative lesson

http://www.independentmail.com/news/new-house-member-learns-first-legislative-lesson_12752277

Kirk Brown

New House member learns first legislative lesson. Freshman state Rep. Jonathon Hill learned Friday that legislative success is hard to achieve. The Anderson County legislative delegation refused to approve two resolutions proposed by the new House member from Townville.

Note: With Bowen standing at his side, Gambrell — who chairs the Anderson County delegation — read a letter from Gov. Nikki Haley praising Bowen for his legislative service. “Thank you for all you have done to make our state an even better place to live, work and learn” said Haley in her letter.

Associated Press: 3 states join 17 states fighting immigration order

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rk8W5D15

Three more states have joined a Texas-led multistate coalition suing over the Obama administration's recently announced executive actions on immigration. The addition of Arizona, Florida and Ohio brings to 20 the number of states fighting the order in a federal district court in Brownsville.

Times and Democrat: Precision Southeast expanding Marion facility

http://thetandd.com/business/precision-southeast-expanding-marion-facility/article_bd0d45d8-7d13-11e4-a227-2f52a78ba24d.html

Precision Southeast, Inc., a manufacturer of injection molded plastic parts, is expanding its operations in eastern South Carolina. Headquartered in Myrtle Beach, the company is investing \$16.6 million to expand

its Marion County manufacturing operations, creating an expected 140 new jobs there over the next five years.

Florence Morning News: Wyman-Gordon Company to host ground breaking in Dillon

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/article_0db9122c-7cbb-11e4-9524-fb381cc5fc27.html

Wyman-Gordon Co. will celebrate their announcement of the creation of more than 400 jobs with a ground breaking at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at its Dillon County facility located at 152 Caldwell Drive, Dillon.

Note: The ground breaking will feature guests including executives from Wyman Gordon, Gov. Nikki Haley, Lt. Gov. John Yancey McGill, members of the Dillon County council and government, along with numerous other executives from local public utilities and businesses.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News (Guest Column): State standing up to Obama's overreach

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/contributors/2014/12/06/alan-wilson-state-standing-obamas-overreach/19972583/>

Attorney General Alan Wilson

This past week I joined a number of other states in filing a lawsuit in federal court challenging President Barack Obama's authority to alter United States immigration law by unilateral executive order. I did this after consulting with Gov. Nikki Haley, who strongly supported this decision. Why did we take that action?

Rock Hill Herald: Term limits for S.C. House speaker are appropriate

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/12/06/6596870_term-limits-for-sc-house-speaker.html?sp=/100/105/&rh=1

Editorial

Almost no one seemed sad to see Bobby Harrell go. When Harrell, the disgraced S.C. House Speaker, resigned after pleading guilty to misuse of campaign funds, the reaction from the Legislature seemed to be a collective sigh of relief. That helps explain why lawmakers and newly elected Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Darlington, have busily enacted new rules for the chamber and changed the way the House conducts business.

Post and Courier: Not a senator for life

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141206/PC1002/141209638/1021/>

Editorial

Tim Scott made history again Tuesday when he was sworn in as the first elected black U.S. senator from the South since Reconstruction. Then he announced that he intends to serve no more than two full terms in that office. Yes, that would still give him a long Senate tenure - assuming he runs for and wins re-election in 2016 and 2022.

Post and Courier: S.C. State's \$12 million boost

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141206/PC1002/141209640/1021/sc-states-12-million-boost>

Editorial

But even with that immediate pressure abated, and with a president who has earned respect during his first year there, S.C. State has a tough row to hoe to recover from years of poor management, money problems and decreasing enrollment, all of which have threatened the Orangeburg institution's accreditation.

Index-Journal: Because sometimes weather is frightful

<http://www.indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/Because-sometimes-weather-is-frightful>

The recent record cold of November is a reminder to South Carolinians though our winter is considered mild by comparison with many parts of the United States, it can have devastating consequences. One has only to remember the winter of 2013 in general and the devastating ice storm of February in particular. The wintry disaster was enough to get the increased attention of state officials as a whole.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley proclaimed South Carolina Winter Weather Awareness Week and her proclamation makes clear why South Carolina joining the observance is relevant:

Sun News: Memorial weekend safety plans illustrate huge cooperative effort

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/12/06/4648440/editorial-memorial-weekend-safety.html?sp=/99/158/1251/>

Editorial

The task force for law enforcement during the Memorial Day weekend has hammered out plans that should give area residents a boost of confidence over whether authorities have a better handle on dealing with the huge influx of visitors.

Island Packet: Town should rethink rules for getting grants

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/12/05/3471741/town-should-rethink-rules-for.html?sp=/99/342/1750/>
Editorial

It seems like it would be easy to figure out. State law outlines who can get accommodations-tax dollars and how the money must be spent. But talk to mayors and council members from various S.C. cities and towns, and it's obvious that the law is interpreted in various ways.

South Carolina News:

Seneca Journal: Sandifer re-elected chairman of House LCI committee

<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/12/sandifer-re-elected-chairman-of-house-lci-committee/>

Members of the S.C. House of Representatives Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee have elected Bill Sandifer to serve as chairman for a fourth term. The LCI committee addresses all business-related legislation. It works to ensure businesses have the tools they need to be successful, as well as ensuring the skills of South Carolina workers are able to meet the demand.

Associated Press: Coast Guard commissioning newest cutter in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=y7Ud4xzx

The U.S. Coast Guard is commissioning its newest national security cutter in a ceremony in Charleston. The Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton is the fourth of the new high-tech cutters to go into service and the first that will be stationed on the East Coast. The commissioning ceremony is being held Saturday on the Cooper River waterfront in downtown Charleston.

Local News:

Florence Morning News: SC AgriBiz & Farm Expo set for mid-January in Florence

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/article_0df5b5ac-7cce-11e4-a726-c319095c6dff.html

John D. Russell

The dates are set for the third annual SC AgriBiz & Farm Expo at the Florence Civic Center. The annual show, which strives to bring all aspects of the agricultural community under one roof with educational clinics, demonstrations and vendors ranging from agriculture lenders to equipment suppliers, will be held Jan. 14 to 15.

The State: Prosecutors want bond revoked and suspect in Dutch Fork High student's killing back in jail

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/12/05/3854713/prosecutors-want-to-revoke-bond.html#storylink=cpy>

Tim Flach

Prosecutors are seeking to revoke bond for the suspect in a Dutch Fork High student's killing for going out to a concert venue Thanksgiving weekend. The effort comes after the victim's brother encountered Kierin Dennis at a party at Columbia Sound Stage on Nov. 28, court records say.

National News:

Reuters: Voters head to polls in Louisiana Senate race

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/06/us-usa-elections-senate-louisiana-idUSKBN0JK0FW20141206>

Jonathan Kaminsky

Louisiana voters headed to the polls on Saturday in a runoff election that opinion polls indicate will expand Republicans' majority in the U.S. Senate at the expense of one of the chamber's last remaining southern Democrats.

Associated Press: Hagel: US hostage Somers 'murdered' by terrorists

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AS_YEMEN_HAGEL?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AS_YEMEN_HAGEL?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-12-06-05-43-37)

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Robert Burns

U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel says that American Luke Somers and a second hostage being held by terrorists in Yemen were "murdered" during a rescue attempt ordered by President Barack Obama. In a

statement issued Saturday, Hagel said there were "compelling reasons to believe Somers' life was in imminent danger."

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