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Governor Nikki Haley News:

McClatchy DC: Proposed defense cuts would hit some bases, spare others

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2014/02/24/219237/proposed-defense-cuts-would-hit.html>

James Rosen

Sweeping budget and personnel cuts proposed Monday by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel would hit some military bases hard while protecting others.

Note: Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a 2012 Republican presidential candidate, and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley spoke to reporters after governors met with Obama at the White House. Haley said her husband has just returned from serving a year in Afghanistan as a National Guard member. "You don't go after the National Guard to cut," she said. "That's not where you go."

S.C. Political News:

Island Packet: US Sen. Scott discusses re-election bid at Hilton Head Island Airport

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/21/3339849/us-sen-scott-discusses-re-election.html#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

South Carolina's emerging manufacturing and aeronautics industries will continue to grow only if the state's schools feed them, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., told more than 40 local supporters Friday at the Hilton Head Island Airport.

Speaker Harrell Ethics Investigation:

Associated Press: SC judge mulling Harrell's investigation request

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LVjgUO3t

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's chief prosecutor used a state police investigation into an ethics complaint against House Speaker Bobby Harrell to try to intimidate the powerful Charleston Republican into supporting legislation that would create a public integrity unit, an employee of the speaker testified Friday. During his own time on the stand, Attorney General Alan Wilson said he didn't threaten Harrell and was only trying to get the bill passed.

The State: Judge hears arguments, delays ruling in Harrell's effort to kick AG off grand jury probe

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/21/3339515/judges-ruling-sc-house-speaker.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

A Circuit Court judge will delay until at least next week a decision on whether to disqualify Attorney General Alan Wilson from prosecuting a State Grand Jury investigation of S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell.

Post and Courier: Judge to rule next week on House Speaker Harrell's request to remove AG Wilson as prosecutor in grand jury case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140321/PC1603/140329885/1031/judge-to-rule-next-week-on-house-speaker-harrells-request-to-remove-ag-wilson-as-prosecutor-in-grand-jury-case>

Jeremy Borden

Circuit Judge Casey Manning said he will rule next week on House Speaker Bobby Harrell's request to have Attorney General Alan Wilson removed as prosecutor in his grand jury investigation.

Legislative Session News:

Associated Press: Family of DUI victim suing 2 SC bars

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GLT8x3Hc

Meg Kinnard

The family of a South Carolina girl killed by a drunken driver filed a lawsuit on Friday saying that two bars negligently over-served a man who drunkenly plowed his car into their minivan. The lawsuit obtained by The Associated Press accuses the owners of Columbia nightspots The Big Ugly and The Loose Cockaboose of negligence in the death of 6-year-old Emma Longstreet.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: BMW to build X7 in Upstate, published reports say

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20140321/BUSINESS/303210040/BMW-build-X7-Upstate-published-reports-say>

Woody White

BMW plans to expand its Greer assembly plant to build its biggest SUV yet, according to published reports. Both the Wall Street Journal and Handelsblatt, a German business newspaper, report that the automaker will expand its only U.S. plant to build the X7, a larger model than the X5 — its first SUV model and a big seller for almost 15 years.

The State: Fort Jackson could lose up to 3,100 jobs from mandated cuts

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/20/3337978/pentagon-how-would-fort-jackson.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

Fort Jackson should prepare for cuts of up to 3,100 jobs – nearly half of the civilian and military workforce – if mandatory, across-the-board budget cuts go into effect after 2016. The U.S. Department of Defense is asking base commanders to assess the impact to the community if nearly half of its 7,000 employees were to be cut or moved elsewhere.

Associated Press: Returning SC vet sues prison agency over insurance

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=K2JaAoGJ

A Spartanburg County man who served in Afghanistan with the South Carolina National Guard has sued the state prison agency because of problems with his health insurance. Aldous Copeland works at the Tyger River Correctional Institution in Enoree.

Local News:

Associated Press: Columbia hires West Virginia police chief

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

The city of Columbia has hired the police chief in Huntington, W.Va., to lead its troubled police department. City Manager Teresa Wilson announced the hiring of William Holbrook on Friday morning. Columbia has had eight permanent or interim police chiefs in the last seven years.

National News:

Associated Press: Obama signs relief from flood insurance hike

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sbiX6n22

Nedra Pickler

President Barack Obama has signed a new law that will give hundreds of thousands of homeowners living in flood-prone areas relief from big jumps in insurance costs. Lawmakers from both parties supported the measure in response to angry homeowners who faced sharp premium hikes after an overhaul of the government's flood insurance program two years ago.

Associated Press: Ryan rival used medical marijuana

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gV0qc8Vv

Dinesh Ramde

Democratic congressional candidate Amar Kaleka tells The Associated Press he used medical marijuana in California after his father was killed by a white supremacist at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin. Kaleka is one of two Democratic candidates for the congressional seat of Republican Paul Ryan, the former vice presidential nominee.

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