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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Spartanburg Herald Journal: State manufacturers honor governor, former textile leader
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131205/ARTICLES/131209799/1083/ARTICLES?Title=State-manufacturers-honor-governor-former-textile-leader>

Felicia Kitzmiller

Gov. Nikki Haley was recognized as one of two recipients of the Roger Milliken Defender of Manufacturing Award at the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance awards dinner Thursday night. She accepted the honor in a Spartanburg Marriott banquet hall filled with many of the state's manufacturing leaders. Jerry Beasley, the former executive vice president of the S.C. Textile Association, was the other recipient. Beasley died on Oct. 1, and the award was accepted on his behalf by his wife, Ann.

Note: "All the success we've had in South Carolina is because of Team South Carolina. Don't ever forget that," she said. "When (new business) comes in, everyone in this room wraps their arms around them. You have no idea how that helps me sell this state."

Aiken Standard: Gov. Haley meets with DOE secretary
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131206/AIK0101/131209621/1004/gov-haley-meets-with-doe-secretary>

Derrek Asberry

Gov. Nikki Haley said she made it clear to Department of Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz that the 37 million gallons of waste at the Savannah River Site has to be taken care of. Haley spoke with the secretary in a face-to-face meeting in Washington, D.C. this week. After the meeting, Haley spoke about her visit in a phone interview with the Aiken Standard. Haley said Moniz appears to be equally concerned with the SRS budget shortfall. Currently, environmental operations at the Site are financed by a \$318 million continuing resolution; SRS requested \$1.2 billion for the fiscal year.

Note: "He made it very clear that in this next budget, he's working to push SRS waste cleanup and will do what it will take to get things back to their proper place at SRS," Haley told the Standard. "He is very well engaged in the Site and realizes the value of it."

Note: "We have had lengthy and good conversations, and I felt that face-to-face meeting was necessary," Haley added. "I made it clear that our Site needs proper funding, and he seemed to be receptive of that. This was one of many conversations we plan to have."

Times and Democrat: Manufacturers Alliance honors S.C. governor
http://thetandd.com/business/manufacturers-alliance-honors-s-c-governor/article_8b162bce-5e03-11e3-9191-001a4bcf887a.html

Gov. Nikki Haley received the 2013 Roger Milliken Defender Of Manufacturing Award Thursday night for her role in bringing new levels of manufacturing businesses, investment and jobs to South Carolina. Established in 2006, the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance's Defender of Manufacturing Award recognizes individuals in the public and private sectors who have worked to advance the manufacturing industry in South Carolina. Recipients are chosen by the SCMA Executive Committee.

Note: "From day one our focus has been on bringing quality jobs to South Carolina and with 26,000 manufacturing jobs created and over \$8 billion in new investment, it's clear that South Carolina is in the midst of a manufacturing renaissance," Haley said. "We build great things in this state and we are going to keep building great things here – and with the help of committed groups like the SCMA, our ability to attract and grow manufacturing jobs and businesses will remain second to none."

Aiken Standard: Aiken Standard publisher Hunter honored for community service
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131206/AIK0101/131209610/0/SEARCH&slid=2>
Amy Banton

Aiken Communications President Scott Hunter is known as a modest man by many, but he was the center of attention on Thursday evening after receiving one of the state's top honors. S.C. Reps. Bill Clyburn, Don Wells and Roland Smith presented Hunter with the Order of the Silver Crescent during his retirement celebration held at the Aiken Standard office.

Note: "Scott is very deserving, and he has offered a wonderful service to the people of Aiken, as well as the state," said Haley in a phone interview Thursday afternoon. "We're proud of him, and we as a state are happy to present him with the Order of the Silver Crescent."

The State: SC statements on the passing of Nelson Mandela

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/05/3141383/buzz-sc-statements-on-the-passing.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley: "There are no words to describe the impact Nelson Mandela had not just on his country but on the world. May we all continue to learn from his courage, his grace, and his incomparable strength." (Her statement included this quote from Mandela: "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.")

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Island Packet: Gov. Haley's challenger Sheheen talks small business at Sea Pines

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/12/05/2831838/gov-haleys-challenger-sheheen.html#storylink=cpy>

Dan Burley

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen ate lobster, tasted moonshine and talked small business during a visit Thursday to Sea Pines on Hilton Head Island. Sheheen, a Democrat campaigning for a gubernatorial run in 2014, laid out his vision for improving small businesses in the state while chatting with the owners of Sea Pines Liquor and Joe Loves Lobster Rolls, a local food truck.

Note: "(S)ince Nikki Haley was elected, our unemployment rate is down to a five-year low, we have the fastest-growing economy on the East Coast and more of our job announcements have been expansions than new companies. Whether it's enthusiastically embracing Obamacare, fighting against tort reform or raising taxes, Vince Sheheen's vision for South Carolina is a nightmare for our small businesses. That was the case four years ago, and nothing has changed."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Florence Morning News: Boeing a big chance for SC

http://www.scnw.com/opinion/editorials/article_edb284ce-5dfb-11e3-af8b-001a4bcf6878.html

Editorial

Gov. Nikki Haley has a chance to indeed make it a great day in South Carolina and act in her chief role as economic development recruiter by again wining and dining Boeing execs, who are holding one tantalizing carrot in front of the noses of governors throughout the country. Boeing is contemplating moving its 777x jetliner production out of Washington state because of an ongoing dispute the machinists union there is having. The state that is able to dollop the most sweeteners into the aerospace giant's cup just might secure thousands of highly skilled jobs that would accompany production of the company's next-generation jet.

Greenville News: Build nuke waste site or end fee

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312060011>

Editorial

If the federal government is not going to build a nuclear waste repository, it should not be collecting money to pay for it. That is the gist of a ruling from a federal appeals court that orders that United States Department of Energy to immediately stop collecting money from utility ratepayers for the planned repository at Yucca Mountain, Nev. The ruling handed down Dec. 3 by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia makes sense. The fee was added to utility bills in states where nuclear energy is used to pay for a safe and efficient way to store the waste that is generated by nuclear power plants.

Post and Courier: A force for unity, respect

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131206/PC1002/131209637/1021/a-force-for-unity-respect>

Editorial

The world mourns the death of Nelson Mandela, a towering figure of racial reconciliation and democratic ideals who earned the love and respect from all sides in his nation's bitter divisions, and helped to bring them together as one South African people. At the age of 76, Mr. Mandela was well past his biblical three

score years and ten when his 50-year struggle for justice in South Africa culminated in his election as the nation's first black president. That was in 1994, a year after he shared the Nobel Peace Prize with then-president J.W. de Klerk for overcoming the South African system of racial apartheid.

Aiken Standard: Bill a worthy notion, but lacks likelihood

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131206/AIK0201/131209631/1018/AIK02/editorial-bill-a-worthy-notion-but-lacks-likelihood>

Editorial

It's not the flashiest of ideas, but a recent proposal from S.C. Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, can hopefully hold some feet to the fire in Washington. Taylor's idea – introduced this week – seeks to bring together a coalition of states under Article 5 of the Constitution to consider ways to limit the size and scope of the federal government. It's a noble idea, but one that seems nearly impossible to put into practice. Two-thirds of the states must submit an application to Congress in order to even get the ball rolling on such a convention.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Harrell says he backs I-526 work because of local support

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312060021>

Tim Smith

The state's highway commission is moving forward with an agreement with Charleston County to begin the construction of a \$558 million extension of Interstate 526, after House Speaker Bobby Harrell voiced his support of the project to the board. Harrell told The Greenville News afterward that he talked to the Department of Transportation board because he wanted to show that local leaders were behind the project. Harrell, who represents a Charleston district, joined with Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce officials and a county councilman Thursday in asking the state Department of Transportation to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Charleston County on the project, the next step in the process to build the eight-mile extension.

Associated Press: Feds' site gives states incomplete Medicaid data

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HFcrv1xr

Seanna Adcox

People shopping for insurance on the federal marketplace may be informed they're eligible for Medicaid and that their information is being sent to state officials to sign them up. However, states say they aren't able to enroll them because they're receiving incomplete data from the Obama administration. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services wrote a memo to the 36 states using the federal website last week acknowledging the information wasn't being transferred automatically and saying another system was being developed to send it. More complete files could be sent as soon as next week.

Associated Press: DJJ inks agreement to make urns for SC veterans

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

South Carolina's Department of Juvenile Justice is signing an agreement to keep making urns to hold the unclaimed cremated remains of military veterans. On Friday, DJJ is scheduled to sign a memorandum of agreement with the Missing in America Project. Incarcerated youth in the care of the department and its carpentry program are designing and building urns used in formal interment ceremonies for unclaimed veterans at Fort Jackson National Cemetery and elsewhere.

The State: Yes ma'am: SC comes in 1st in politeness, study says

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/05/3141663/study-sc-comes-in-1st-in-politeness.html#storylink=cpy>

A study reveals South Carolinians are among the most courteous people in the nation, and Ohioans among the least. The study did not check to see if the phrase "Bless your heart," understood in its true meaning when used by SC residents, might negate the Palmetto State's ranking. Marchex Inc. published the results awhile ago, in May during National Etiquette Week, but the study began attracting notice this week. Marchex specializes in mobile ad technology and conducted the study by examining 600,000 phone calls made to businesses and recorded over a 12-month period.

The State: When Strom met Nelson

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/06/3141831/buzz-when-strom-met-nelson.html>

Andrew Shain

As Congress began weighing impeachment hearings against President Bill Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky scandal in late September 1998, South African President Nelson Mandela brought a respite to the political tension during a visit to Washington where he received the Congressional Gold Medal. But Mandela was not the only diversion. South Carolina's venerable senator, Strom Thurmond, brought a little added levity to the ceremony in the Capitol, according to news reports.

Associated Press: Berkeley County fugitive captured in Pennsylvania

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=i2f03Mkh

Berkeley County sheriff's deputies say a woman accidentally released from the jail in Moncks Corner has been arrested in Pennsylvania. Capt. Rick Ollic says 26-year-old Neely Blanchard was taken into custody Thursday by the U.S. Marshals Service in the Pittsburgh area. Ollic says Blanchard was found at a friend's house and is being held in the Allegheny County, Pa., jail, where she awaits extradition to South Carolina. Blanchard was allowed to walk out of the Berkeley County jail on Nov. 25 while awaiting trial on a variety of charges.

Local News:

The State: Richland County Says Goodbye To Deputy

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nr2ZSvUQ

Noelle Phillips

Richland County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Ryan was remembered Thursday as a meticulous person who paid attention to small details in every aspect of his life. Ryan, 55, was known around the sheriff's department for his organizational skills and consistent thinking of new ideas. When he had an idea, he would research it and then prepare a presentation organized in a binder, Sheriff Leon Lott said. And there would be good ideas in those binders, he said. "No one loved putting on that uniform more than Mark did," Lott said. Ryan died Sunday after a three-year battle with lung cancer, a disease that struck even though Ryan did not smoke and did not have a family history of cancer.

The State: Municipal Election Commission Certifies Strong-mayor Results

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

Cassie Cope

The Municipal Election Commission certified Thursday morning the results of the strong-mayor referendum – defeated Tuesday by voters – emphasizing that all votes had been counted. The commission wanted to make sure mistakes made in last month's election were not repeated. Hundreds of absentee votes were missed in the Nov. 5 Columbia city races because a personal electronic ballot, which held the votes, was not read. During the certification Thursday at the county office, city Commissioner Jay Bender asked Howard Jackson, director of the Richland County elections office, if all of the votes had been counted and all of the electronic ballots had been read.

Times and Democrat: District 3 launches \$1.2M teacher recruitment, retention campaign

http://thetandd.com/news/local/education/district-launches-m-teacher-recruitment-retention-campaign/article_93062840-5e15-11e3-88bf-0019bb2963f4.html

Mary H. Yarborough

Just as Orangeburg Consolidated School District Three launches a \$1.2 million teacher recruitment and retention campaign, the board of trustees is cutting the amount of money educators could earn through achievement stipends. The district, however, learned in July that it will have up to \$500,000 in carryover federally-funded Teacher Incentive Funds to pay for incentives to retain highly effective teachers. The board agreed to reduce by 20 percent the maximum award for performance-based TIF bonuses so that teachers and administrators now could earn up to \$2,000 instead of \$2,500. effective January in the 2013-2014 school year.

Post and Courier: Charleston County to help fund Trident Tech aeronautical training center through tax increase

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131205/PC16/131209636/1177/charleston-county-to-help-fund-trident-tech-aeronautical-training-center-through-tax-increase>

David Slade

Charleston County Council has decided to raise the property tax rate next year to help fund a \$79 million aeronautical training center at Trident Technical College's North Charleston campus. Councilman Dickie Schweers cast the only vote against the funding and the associated tax, saying that Charleston County

seems to be taking on more than its fair share of the funding, with Berkeley and Dorchester counties contributing no money. "We can get a better deal here," Schweers protested, before the funding was approved on an 8-1 vote Thursday night.

The State: NAACP Leader Randolph's Trial In Columbia Court Delayed

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ntsxxW7k

John Monk

A jury trial in Columbia city court for S.C. NAACP leader Lonnie Randolph on charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing and resisting arrest has been delayed until after the first of the year. It was to have begun Monday before a six-person jury. "The case involves medical testimony on both sides, and difficulty arose in witness availability this month," Randolph's attorney, Joe McCulloch, said Thursday. McCulloch said a new start date before Municipal Judge Steedley Bogan has not yet been set.

The State: Are reports of the 'knockout game' being played in Columbia true?

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/05/3141186/are-reports-of-the-knockout-game.html#storylink=cpy>

Noelle Phillips

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott told a University of South Carolina honors class that members of the Bloods, a nationally recognized gang, have played a violent game called "knockout" in Five Points. The comments, which were published Thursday morning in the university's student newspaper, The Daily Gamecock, were unusual for a couple of reasons. First, Lott has always refused to name the gang operating in Five Points, saying he did not want to give it publicity or credit. Second, it was the first report of the violent game, called "knockout," being played in the Midlands.

National News:

USA Today: Nelson Mandela helped end S. Africa's apartheid

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312060025>

William M. Welch

Nelson Mandela, whose successful struggle against South Africa's apartheid system of racial segregation and discrimination made him a global symbol for the cause of human rights and earned him the Nobel Prize, died Thursday. He was 95. Mandela spent 27 years in South African prisons before his release in 1990. He negotiated with the nation's white leaders toward establishing democracy and was elected South Africa's first black president in 1994, serving one term.

Associated Press: Obama's fixer-upper website races to catch up

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9tTlIxqi

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

It looks like President Barack Obama's fickle health insurance website is finally starting to put up some respectable sign-up numbers, but its job only seems to have gotten harder. Two months in and out of the repair shop have left significantly less time to fulfill the White House goal of enrolling 7 million people by the end of open enrollment on March 31. Signups were just over 100,000 nationally as of the end of October. The 36 states served by the federal government's website accounted for a paltry one-fourth of that, fewer than 27,000 people.

Associated Press: White House pushes for jobless aid extension

http://www.snow.com/news/politics/article_a0c0ab32-5dc9-11e3-acbe-0019bb30f31a.html

The White House is stepping up efforts to extend jobless benefits to long-term unemployed Americans, arguing that more than a million people will lose the assistance if it isn't renewed by the end of the month, slowing economic growth. In a report released Thursday, the White House Council of Economic Advisers and the Labor Department concluded that if Congress allows benefits to expire 3.6 million people will lose access to the benefits by the end of 2014. Democrats are pressing for legislation continuing a program in place since 2008 that gives federally paid benefits to jobless people after their 26 weeks of state benefits run out.

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