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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Aerospace-related plant to create 400 jobs in Pee Dee

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141014/PC05/141019712>

Warren L. Wise

A manufacturer of large titanium and super alloy forgings for the aerospace and power generation markets will open a plant in Dillon County, creating more than 400 new jobs over the next five years.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley hailed the announcement as further proof of South Carolina's growing aerospace presence. "It's no secret we are becoming a magnet for the aerospace industry, and investments like this one only add to our growing momentum," Haley said.

Florence Morning News: Dillon County lands 400 aerospace jobs with Wyman-Gordon

http://www.snow.com/news/article_f73a9ae4-53a1-11e4-b30a-001a4bcf6878.html

John D. Russell

Wyman-Gordon, a leader in advanced manufacturing for the aerospace and power generation industries, announced today that it will bring 400 jobs and invest at least \$115 million to Dillon County over the next five years.

Note: "It is a great day for the aerospace industry in South Carolina as we celebrate Wyman-Gordon and their decision to create more than 400 jobs in Dillon County," Gov. Nikki Haley said in a statement. "It's no secret we are becoming a magnet for the aerospace industry, and investments like this one only add to our growing momentum."

Area Development: Wyman-Gordon To Establish Dillon County, South Carolina, Manufacturing Plant

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/10-14-2014/wyman-gordon-manufacturing-operations-dillon-county-south-carolina478934.shtml>

Wyman-Gordon, a manufacturer of large titanium and super alloy forgings for the aerospace and power generation markets, will establish its newest manufacturing operations in Dillon County, South Carolina, with plans to create more than 400 new jobs over the next five years.

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WPDE: Wyman-Gordon plant coming to Dillon County, bringing 400 jobs

http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1109365#.VD2Bp_IdVHU

Wyman-Gordon, a manufacturer of large titanium and super alloy forgings for the aerospace and power generation markets, will establish its newest manufacturing operations in Dillon County. The plant is expected to create more than 400 new jobs over the next five years, according to a release from Governor Nikki Haley's office.

Associated Press: More SC jobs: 400 announced for Dillon County

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=59dISzHk

A new manufacturing plant in Dillon County is expected to create 400 new jobs in South Carolina during the next five years. The state Commerce Department said Tuesday that Wyman-Gordon, which makes nickel and other alloy parts for aerospace, power generation and industrial uses, is building a plant in Dillon.

Associated Press: SC State still owes \$6.5M on unpaid bills

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qPW3KQhg

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina State University still owes \$6.5 million on bills and needs more help from the state to move forward, President Thomas Elzey told the Budget and Control Board on Tuesday. The state's only public historically black university is seeking a \$12 million loan to be disbursed over three years, with a first installment this fiscal year of \$6 million, followed by \$4 million next year.

Note: But its chairwoman, Gov. Nikki Haley, said she can't imagine voting on the idea until an accounting firm hired by the board completes its review. The contracted firm, Elliott Davis, expects the audit to take three to four months, according to the contract signed last week. "We've got to go through this before we throw more money at the situation," Haley said after the meeting.

The State: S.C. State needs more cash, Haley remains wary

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/14/3744363/sc-state-needs-more-cash-haley.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>
Andrew Shain

S.C. State University needs to extend a deadline to repay a \$6 million state loan and win another \$12 million loan to put the troubled school on sound financial footing and allow leaders to focus on rebuilding, the college's president told state budget leaders Tuesday.

Note: "I have to see the report to know that we're going to do anything else," said Haley, who leads the five-member budget panel that approves state loans. "I can't imagine spending millions of dollars without having that information in front of us."

The State: SC same-sex marriage case: US Judge Childs undecided whether to hear arguments from attorneys in person

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/14/3744188/sc-same-sex-marriage-case-us-judge.html#storylink=cpy>
John Monk

A federal judge is undecided on whether to hear arguments in person from attorneys for S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley and Attorney General Alan Wilson as well as lawyers representing a Lexington County same-sex couple who want their marriage recognized in South Carolina.

Note: Haley and Wilson are opposing efforts by Katharine Bradacs, who is a S.C. Highway Patrol trooper, and Tracie Goodwin, to gain the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples in South Carolina.

Greenville News: Judge sets date for motions in gay marriage challenge

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/14/sc-judge-sets-hearing-date-sex-marriage-challenge/17247547/>

Lyn Riddle

U.S. District Court Judge J. Michelle Childs has given attorneys challenging the state's ban on same-sex marriage until Oct. 23 to file motions asking for the case to be set aside. Responses to those motions must come within the two weeks after that.

Note: South Carolina Attorney General Wilson, who along with Gov. Nikki Haley, is a defendant in the case denied all assertions.

Associated Press: Judge may hold hearing over SC same-sex marriage

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=05Me2Nwh

Meg Kinnard

Attorneys have until next week to file motions in a lawsuit playing a key role in South Carolina's debate over the issuance of same-sex marriage licenses, a judge ruled Tuesday. According to an order by U.S. District Judge Michelle Childs, attorneys have until Oct. 23 to file, with another three weeks for responses.

Greenville News: City council member weighs in on sales tax vote

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/14/city-council-member-weighs-sales-tax-vote/17264661/>

Eric Connor

Three weeks remain before voters decide on a 1-cent sales tax billed as Greenville County's solution to the state's failure to fund roads. In leading up to the November referendum, the city of Greenville has produced a map of \$673 million in road improvements proponents say the extra sales tax would pay for over eight years.

Note: A number of proposals in the most-recent session of the General Assembly to raise the gas tax, among other provisions, stalled. Gov. Nikki Haley has said she will veto any gas tax increase that comes for her signature.

Associated Press: PR campaign: SC beach visitors need to obey law

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=EchJ4Ubl

Grand Strand leaders will be working to get the message out next Memorial Day that visitors need to obey the law or suffer the consequences. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/1tqGa2p>) plans are underway to mount a public relations campaign with that message next spring.

Note: Word of the effort came after Gov. Nikki Haley met Monday with local leaders. Officials have been working on a safety plan following a rash of violence that left three dead in Myrtle Beach during the Atlantic Beach Bikefest last Memorial Day.

New Jersey Politicker: If Christie gets GOP 2016 nod, who is Number 2?

<http://politickernj.com/2014/10/if-christie-gets-gop-2016-nod-who-is-number-2/>

Mark Bonamo

Whatever the vagaries of New Jersey politics, Gov. Chris Christie's apparent drive to seek the Republican presidential nomination continues unabated. Christie continues to traverse the country in his role as Republican Governors Association chairman.

Note: Nikki Haley: Christie, a Northeasterner, has yet to truly connect with Southern GOP voters. Haley, a Republican and the first female governor of South Carolina, could serve as a quick fix for this problem.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: The governor's race debate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141014/PC1603/141019713>

Cynthia Roldan

As The Post and Courier's Schulyer Kropf reported, today's one-hour debate in North Charleston will focus on jobs, the economy and growth - all areas where governors are expected to excel in a state that otherwise is traditionally dominated by the will of the Legislature.

WYFF: Truth Check: Is SC's economy 'one of fastest growing on East Coast'?

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/truth-check-is-scs-economy-one-of-fastest-growing-on-east-coast/29119044#ixzz3G9LvsEAP>

Tim Waller

In her latest political ad, incumbent Republican Gov. Nikki Haley talks about jobs and economic growth during her four years in office. "If you find a person a job, you take care of a family," Haley says, as the ad begins.

Note: To Haley's credit, from February 2013 to February 2014, South Carolina had the sharpest drop in unemployment of any other state, according to federal data.

Post and Courier: Vice President Biden hits GOP in Columbia Allen University rally

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141014/PC1603/141019701>

Jeremy Borden

The Republican Party in South Carolina and nationally has fallen out of touch with the policies Americans need to move forward and prosper, Vice President Joe Biden told a crowd of about 1,000 at Allen University's auditorium three weeks from Election Day.

Note: Biden, who is considering a run for president in 2016, also hit the administration of Republican Gov. Nikki Haley for what he called a failure to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

Associated Press: Biden tells SC voters GOP doesn't do what it says

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jbmUZ3tW

Meg Kinnard

The vice president, who has said he might mount a third presidential bid in 2016, told a crowd gathered at Allen University's downtown Columbia campus that the Republican Party says it supports the middle class but doesn't back that up fiscally.

DSS Hearing News:

Greenville News: Senators listen to experts' ideas on child protection

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/10/14/senators-listen-experts-ideas-child-protection/17247161/>

Tim Smith

South Carolina in recent years has increased its capacity for getting children into adoption, has lowered

child victimization rates, and is in the middle of the pack nationally for recurrence of child maltreatment, said Bryan Samuels, executive director of Chapin Hall, a research institute at the University of Chicago, and a former child welfare director.

The State: Expert: SC Social Services hiring plan "ambitious," will take longer than a year
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/14/3744330/expert-sc-social-services-hiring.html#storylink=cpy>
Jamie Self

The state child-welfare agency's plan for hiring more caseworkers is ambitious but will take longer than a year, a national child-welfare expert warned state senators Tuesday. Bryan Samuels, executive director of the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall, which does child-welfare related research, testified before a panel of state senators investigating the S.C. Department of Social Services.

South Carolina News:

Anderson Independent: \$1.1 million grant to benefit efforts in high-needs schools
http://www.independentmail.com/news/11-million-grant-to-benefit-efforts-in-highneeds-schools_60154670
The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Clemson University's Eugene T. Moore School of Education a \$1.1 million grant. The money will benefit an effort to increase the number of college faculty members focused on issues related to teaching students with special needs in high-needs schools.

Local News:

Greenville News: Duke asks Keowee, Jocassee residents to conserve water
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/14/duke-asks-lakes-keowee-jocassee-residents-to-conserve-water/17245627/>

Eric Connor

Duke Energy says drought conditions have made it necessary to ask residents of Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee to cut back on irrigating their properties. "Despite recent rainfall and cooler temperatures, the region is experiencing drier conditions," said Joe Hall, the company's lake services director.

National News:

Washington Post: Democrats are pulling out of the Kentucky Senate race. Here's why that's important.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/10/14/democrats-are-pulling-out-of-the-kentucky-senate-race-heres-why-thats-important/>

Chris Cillizza

The DSCC's decision to pull out of Kentucky, a race in which they had spent months insisting was closer than most public polls showed it, is a recognition that in a year in which the Senate map and the national political climate are tilted against them, the party's best chances to hold the majority now rests in trying to hold onto their endangered incumbents.

Associated Press: Obama, Allies Plot Anti-ISIS Strategy
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/14/obama-allies-isis_n_5984976.html?&ncid=tweetlnkushpmg00000016

Julie Pace, Suzan Fraser

President Barack Obama and military chiefs from more than 20 nations gathered Tuesday in a show of strength against Islamic State fighters in Iraq and Syria. But the alliance faced a fresh test as Turkey launched airstrikes against Kurdish rebels inside its borders, defying pleas from the U.S. to instead focus on the IS.

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