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2013 Roger Milliken Defender Of Manufacturing Award News:

Associated Press: Haley to receive manufacturing award for jobs

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

Gov. Nikki Haley is being recognized for bringing manufacturing jobs to South Carolina. During a dinner Thursday in Spartanburg, Haley's office says she is receiving the 2013 Roger Milliken Defender Of Manufacturing Award from the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance. Alliance CEO Lewis Gossett says Haley has been aggressive in recruiting new jobs to the state. Since Haley took office in January 2011, state commerce officials say South Carolina has announced 233 manufacturing expansions and openings.

WHNS (Video): Haley honored by state manufacturers

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/24143648/haley-honored-by-state-manufacturers>

Ashley Daley

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will be one of two recipients to receive the 2013 Roger Milliken Defender of Manufacturing Award Thursday evening. The award will be given to Haley during the Defenders of Manufacturing Dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Spartanburg, which is set to begin at 6 p.m. The late Jerry Beasley, who served as the executive vice president for the South Carolina Textile Association (now the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance) from 1974-1997, is the second award recipient. Beasley passed away in October. His wife Ann will be accepting the award in his honor.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Greenville News: Democrat running for lieutenant governor wants to offset Obamacare tax

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312050077>

Rudolph Bell

You'll find no bigger backer of Barack Obama in South Carolina than state Rep. Bakari Sellers, Bamberg Democrat. But now that he's running for lieutenant governor — and needing votes in Republican-leaning places such as Greenville — Sellers is pointing out that he doesn't agree with everything the president has done, especially certain parts of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. He's pre-filed a bill that would give medical device manufacturers a tax credit that would offset a tax they're required to pay under the ACA.

Island Packet: Gov. Haley's challenger Sheheen to visit Sea Pines on Thursday

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

Dan Burley

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Democratic candidate in the 2014 gubernatorial election, will visit Sea Pines Center on Hilton Head Island on Thursday. Sheheen will chat with Joe's Lobster Rolls food truck owner Tony Herndon about the challenges of starting a small business in Beaufort County, according to a press release. He will also discuss policies to support South Carolina small businesses.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: Costs going up on computer system

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312050007>

Editorial

Legal fees in the latest battle over a federally mandated computer system to track child support payments have hit \$3.6 million in just the last two years, according to a recent report in The Greenville News. The mounting legal costs should raise even more questions about the ongoing battles over the computer system that was supposed to be up and running more than 15 years ago. The total owed for legal fees could

increase even further before the year is out because the state is in the midst of an ongoing hearing that already has lasted six weeks.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Associated Press: Fed site gives unusable 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 aren't able enroll them because they're not receiving usable 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: Lawmakers to hear SC treasurer's complaints

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jYON4LJk

A panel of state lawmakers will hear from South Carolina Treasurer Curtis Loftis and his complaints about how investments are handled for the state employee retirement system. The State newspaper reported (<http://bit.ly/IFDKqn>) that Loftis has complained for two years about what he calls corruption and wasteful spending at the state Retirement System Investment Commission. Four senators on Thursday are beginning a series of hearings on Loftis' charges that the commission that manages the \$26 billion retirement fund wastes millions of dollars on fees.

Greenville News: S.C. to lose \$807M in federal funds by not expanding Medicaid program, analysis shows

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131205/NEWS/312050054/S-C-lose-807M-federal-funds-by-not-expanding-Medicaid-program-analysis-shows>

Liv Osby

South Carolina stands to lose \$807 million in federal funds in 2022 by not expanding its Medicaid program as allowed under the Affordable Care Act, a new Commonwealth Fund analysis shows. "The Medicaid expansion presents an opportunity for states to bring in new federal dollars, in addition to providing critical health coverage for their low-income residents," said researcher Sherry Glied of New York University's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. "No state that declines to expand the program is going to be fiscally better off because of it," she added. "Their tax dollars will be used to support a program from which nobody in their state will benefit."

Post and Courier: SCDOT Commission approves revised I-526 contract

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131205/PC16/131209689/1177/scdot-commission-approves-revised-i-526-contract>

Diane Knich

Nobody knows when work will begin on the completion of the Mark Clark Expressway across Johns and James islands, despite the leap forward the project took Thursday. But it will be years. The state Department of Transportation Commission voted unanimously in favor of a revised contract for the completion of Interstate 526 at its regularly scheduled meeting. The vote marks the first concrete step forward for the long-stalled project since Charleston County Council voted to move ahead with it in December 2012.

Associated Press: Separate trials requested in SC State case

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

Meg Kinnard

A businessman charged in a public corruption case involving South Carolina State University wants to be tried separately from a former trustee, but prosecutors said in papers filed Thursday that two trials would be unnecessarily costly. Late last month, attorneys for Eric Robinson argued that being tried alongside Jonathan Pinson would "unfairly and irreparably prejudice" their client and deprive him of his right to due process. Robinson and Pinson were initially arrested in January as part of a kickback scheme involving the Orangeburg school.

The State: U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee to speak in Columbia on Saturday

http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/05/3141030/buzz-us-rep-barbara-lee-to-speak.html?utm_source=dlvr

[it&utm_medium=twitter&utm_destination=buzzatthestate#storylink=cpy](#)

Adam Beam

U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Cal., is the scheduled keynote speaker for the Democratic Women's Council's Fall Forum in Columbia on Saturday. The event is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the The Clarion Hotel on Gervais Street. Other scheduled speakers include U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, former U.S. Rep. Liz Patterson, Manning Mayor Julie Nelson, S.C. Rep. Bakari Sellers, D-Bamberg, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, 12-year-old N.C. election integrity activist Madison Kimrey and Jason Smith, director of the documentary "I Voted?"

Local News:

Florence Morning News: Family, friends pay respects to Florence County deputy

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_40dcb8de-5dd1-11e3-abb4-0019bb30f31a.html

Family and friends gathered in Lake City on Thursday afternoon for funeral services for Florence County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph C. Antwine at the S.C. Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Those who couldn't attend the service lined Highway 52 in Lake City to pay tribute to the fallen officer. Men, women and children, some with hats and hands over their hearts, lined US 52 in Lake City as the funeral procession passed. Businesses seemed to cease work as employees came out to pay their respects.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: FedEx Ground Package System building distribution center in Spartanburg County

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131204/ARTICLES/131209842/1112?Title=FedEx-building-distribution-center-in-Spartanburg-Co->

Trevor Anderson

A global packaging company is ready to deliver job growth for Spartanburg County. FedEx Ground Package System Inc. is building a new 254,000-square-foot distribution center on a nearly 59-acre plot off Falling Creek Road. The facility, which is under construction near Adidas Group's distribution center off Interstate 85, represents up to a \$40 million investment and is expected to create at least 22 full-time and 219 part-time jobs.

National News:

Associated Press: Obama to feds: Boost renewable power 20 percent

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_RENEWABLE_ENERGY?

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Matthew Daly

Saying the government should lead by example, President Barack Obama on Thursday ordered the federal government to nearly triple its use of renewable sources for electricity by 2020. Obama said the plan to use renewables for 20 percent of electricity needs will help reduce pollution that causes global warming, promote American energy independence and boost domestic energy sources such as solar and wind power that provide thousands of jobs. The order is part of the president's wide-ranging, second-term drive to combat climate change and prepare for its effects.

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