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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Volvo breaks ground on \$500M manufacturing plant in state

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3RagYSkz

Bruce Smith

Volvo has broken ground on its first auto manufacturing plant in North America - a \$500 million facility in Berkeley County about 30 miles northwest of Charleston. Volvo North American CEO Lex Kerssemakers (KEHR'-say-may-kurz) announced Friday the plant will build the company's new S-60 sedan, a car under development in Sweden.

Note: He was joined by Gov. Nikki Haley, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt and other state and local officials at the site off Interstate 26 near Ridgeville.

The State: Volvo to make S60 passenger car in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article36552876.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Volvo officials announced Friday that their popular S60 luxury sedan will be built exclusively at the company's Berkeley County plant. Production of the vehicle should begin in 2018. The cars will be exported around the world. Volvo executive Lex Kerssemaker joined Gov. Nikki Haley in making the announcement.

Post and Courier: Volvo announces car it will build at new South Carolina plant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150925/PC05/150929541/1005/volvo-announces-car-it-will-build-at-new-south-carolina-plant>

John McDermott

Volvo announced Friday it will build a next-generation sedan at its future Berkeley County plant. The third version of the S60 is currently under development. The car is described as a sporty compact sedan. Volvo has sold it since 2000. It unveiled a second-generation version of the car in 2010.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley and Volvo North American CEO Lex Kerssemakers attended the ground-breaking at the plant site.

The State: S.C. reaction to Speaker Boehner's resignation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article36548958.html>

Andrew Shain

Reaction from S.C. congressional delegation and political leaders on House Speaker John Boehner's surprise resignation Friday:

Gov. Nikki Haley: "I gave up on D.C. a long time ago. Our focus is to make sure we never depend on D.C. We are focused on keeping South Carolina strong. We will want to see who the next speaker is and deal with it then."

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley plays political football

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150925/PC1603/150929559>

Doug Pardue, Rachel Baye

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley received an estimated \$380,000 worth of free football passes to University of South Carolina and Clemson University football games during her first four years as governor — and the state says there's nothing wrong with that.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Investigation: Candidates enrich themselves with campaign cash, gifts, travel

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150925/PC1603/150929554>

Tony Bartelme, Rachel Baye

South Carolina elected officials and candidates have what amounts to a personal ATM that dispensed nearly \$100 million since 2009 for such things as car repairs, football tickets, male-enhancement pills, GoPro cameras, overseas junkets and gasoline.

Note: Between 2011 and 2014, Clemson board members, alumni and others gave Gov. Nikki Haley more than \$116,000 worth of football tickets, which appears to be allowed under state rules.(See sidebar.)

Post and Courier: John Kasich asks minorities to give GOP a chance at N. Charleston campaign stop

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150925/PC16/150929530>

Warren L. Wise

Stumping in North Charleston, GOP presidential candidate John Kasich appealed Friday to African-Americans not to align themselves with one party. "Don't hold yourselves in a position where you are a one-party group," the Ohio governor said of minorities. Blacks and other minorities have been a reliable voting bloc for Democrats for decades.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Salary only part of S.C. lawmakers' compensation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150925/PC1603/150929558>

David Slade

All House and Senate members are paid more than double that amount and many receive closer to four times that much, with most of the income coming in the form of \$1,000-a-month payments for "in-district expenses" that are, in fact, treated as taxable income and are counted toward lawmakers' pensions.

Post and Courier: Lawmaker calls Supreme Court deadline in education funding lawsuit 'unreasonable'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150925/PC1603/150929571>

Cynthia Roldan

House Speaker Jay Lucas responded with renewed defiance to a deadline set by the South Carolina Supreme Court in a decades-old lawsuit giving lawmakers until Feb. 1 to come up with a plan for providing impoverished rural students with an adequate education.

Note: In December, Gov. Nikki Haley and legislative leaders called the court's decision flawed, and asked the court to reverse its decision or rehear the case. Lawmakers have argued unsuccessfully in the past that the court is overstepping its authority by telling policymakers what to do.

Local News:

Associated Press: Superintendent resigns; accused of saying, 'I will kill you'

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AWYHS7V5

Chester County school Superintendent Agnes Slayman resigned Thursday - the same day a newspaper obtained a report saying her employees said she threatened to kill a co-worker and created a hostile work environment. The school board met in secret for four hours, then voted 4-3 to accept Slayman's resignation and pay her \$300,000 for the remainder of her contract. She was being paid \$150,000 a year to oversee the 5,200-student district.

National News:

McClatchy DC: Boehner to step down as Speaker, resign from Congress

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article36529350.html>

David Lightman, William Douglas

House Speaker John Boehner, under relentless fire from conservatives who complain he's not confrontational enough with President Barack Obama, will resign from Congress at the end of October and end his turmoil-filled reign.

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