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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Boeing official touts SC plant but is mum on 777X plans

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/19/3167598/boeing-official-touts-sc-plant.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

Boeing officials gave no hint at a media breakfast here Thursday whether South Carolina is in the running for the company's new 777X assembly plant, which could add another 8,500 jobs to the state. Jack Jones, Boeing's vice president-general manager for South Carolina, didn't even acknowledge if South Carolina is making a bid.

Note: "We are always in good talks with Boeing," Gov. Nikki Haley said at the time.

Times and Democrat: Advanced Composite materials to expand Greenville County manufacturing operations

http://thetandd.com/business/advanced-composite-materials-to-expand-greenville-county-manufacturing-operations/article_b85b0998-68cf-11e3-9340-0019bb2963f4.html

Advanced Composite Materials, LLC, a global leader in the development and manufacturing of specialty silicon carbide products and composites containing silicon carbide, announced Thursday that it will expand operations at its existing facility in Greenville County, investing \$3 million and creating 6-10 new jobs.

Note: "It's exciting to see existing, innovative companies continue to expand in our state," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "We commend ACM for growing their presence in the Upstate through this \$3 million investment that will create up to 10 new jobs in their facility."

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Legislative committee meet on government overhaul

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

Seanna Adcox

A legislative panel will try to compromise on separate House and Senate versions of a bill representing the largest overhaul of state government in decades. The conference committee meets Thursday afternoon to get a head start on the debate before the Legislature returns next month. Both Gov. Nikki Haley and her chief Democratic opponent are pushing the bill. Haley has made the bill to modernize government and make it more accountable a signature issue. State Sen. Vincent Sheheen has sponsored the proposal for years, even as it died repeatedly throughout former Gov. Mark Sanford's tenure.

Associated Press: Official says 2013 a transition for Boeing in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1Bop8MOu

Bruce Smith

A top Boeing official said Thursday that 2013 was a transitional year for the aeronautics giant in South Carolina and also urged the state to spend more on math and science training in its schools. Jack Jones, a Boeing vice president and general manager for its South Carolina operations that employ 6,700 people, met with reporters to review the company's progress in the state during the past year. It was a year when Boeing, which already operates a massive plant to assemble the company's 787 Dreamliners, announced it was investing an additional \$1 billion and would create 2,000 new jobs in South Carolina over eight years.

NBC News: Despite protecting its early state status, Republicans question S.C.'s significance

http://firstread.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/12/19/21970084-despite-protecting-its-early-state-status-republicans-question-scs-significance

Ali Weinberg

For more than 30 years, South Carolina's political calling card was its perfect record of voting for the

eventual Republican presidential nominee in its first-in-the-South primary – so much so that the state's Republican Party slogan was "We Pick Presidents." Until, in 2012, it didn't. Newt Gingrich's victory, which broke the Palmetto State's streak that began in 1980, has national Republicans saying South Carolina is no longer an indicator of the eventual winner – and perhaps its spotless tally up until last year was more of a happy coincidence than anything else.

The State: SC NAACP Says It Is Investigating Pickens County Sheriff

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Adam Beam

The S.C. NAACP says it is investigating traffic stops conducted by the Pickens County Sheriff's office after Sheriff Rick Clark refused to lower the department's American flag to honor the passing of former South African president Nelson Mandela. "What happens to young people, particularly African-American males, when they are stopped in Pickens County," S.C. NAACP president Lonnie Randolph asked during a news conference on Thursday to announce plans for the 2014 King Day at the Dome Rally. "A fish wouldn't get in trouble if he kept his mouth shut. He opened his mouth, and we are going to look into it."

Local News:

Spartanburg Herald Journal: DHEC Arrests Man In Connection With Investigation Of Dumping Hazardous Chemicals In Upstate Sewage Treatment Systems

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0rS047Ro

Felicia Kitzmiller

An arrest has been made in the ongoing investigation into the dumping of hazardous chemicals in Upstate sewage treatment systems. Timothy Howard, 48, of 259 Victor Hill Road in Greer, was arrested Wednesday evening and charged with perjury and obstruction of justice. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control issued Howard a cease-and-desist letter on Aug. 23, amid an outbreak of PCB contamination in three Upstate sewer systems. A fourth was later identified. The cease-and-desist order suspended the license of Howard's company, American Waste Septic Tank Service, after several pieces of equipment were found to be contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls.

The State: Electrical Failure Ignited Christmas Tree, Caused Fire That Killed Two Children

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Noelle Phillips and Chris Winston

Irmo Fire Officials believe the cause of a Wednesday morning apartment fire off St. Andrews Road that killed a brother and sister was due to an electrical failure, which ignited a nearby Christmas tree. Jarmaion Martin, 5, and his sister Reghin Stevens, 1, were pronounced dead at the scene from injuries sustained in the fire, according to Lexington County Coroner Harry Harman. Investigators said it's likely fire sprinklers would have put the fire out and saved the children's lives. However, sprinkler systems were not required when the complex was built.

Greenville News: USC student paralyzed in Five Points shooting returns home

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312190050>

Martha Childress is home. The 18-year-old USC student who was hit by a stray bullet in October arrived home Wednesday late afternoon, her uncle, Jim Carpenter said. The journey home has been a long one for Childress, who was paralyzed after being hit by a stray bullet Oct. 13. Childress and her friend had just enjoyed a late dinner out in Columbia's Five Points neighborhood and were waiting for a cab to take them back to USC's campus when she was struck.

National News:

Associated Press: Advisory panel recommends more oversight for NSA

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vvXfFo4G

Julie Pace and Kimberly Dozier

If President Barack Obama follows even half of the recommendations urged by his advisory panel, the National Security Agency would significantly change the way it does business. The collection of U.S. phone records and the spying on other governments and their citizens would continue. But Americans' phone records would be held by phone companies, not the NSA, and multiple court orders, rather than just one, could be required before the information could be searched.

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