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Governor Nikki Haley News

Fox Carolina: At Upstate plant, Haley calls SC 'it' state for manufacturing

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/21729169/haley-to-celebrate-upstate-manufacturing-expansion-jobs>
Casey Vaughn and Aaron Barker

At a ribbon-cutting at a plant in Fountain Inn on Wednesday, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called the Palmetto State the "it" place for manufacturing in the country. Haley helped open the new Bosch Rexroth manufacturing facility in the southern Greenville County city. The new facility is part of an \$80 million expansion project that will create 160 new jobs in the next five years. The expansion makes this facility the largest hydraulics production campus in the country.

Note: "To watch this expansion shows we're on the right track with manufacturing," Haley said. "The funnel is full, but when you get a good quality company like this that appreciates those that work for them, that tries to get the best quality project and takes care of their customers, South Carolina couldn't be more pleased."

Greenville News: Bosch plans more US investment

Company points to expansion as sign of strong growth

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130321/BUSINESS/303210011/Bosch-plans-more-US-investment>
Rudolph Bell

German industrial conglomerate Robert Bosch GmbH, which employs about 4,000 people across South Carolina, will continue investing in the United States, where its business last year fared better than elsewhere around the world, a member of the company's management board said Wednesday in Fountain Inn. Werner Struth, who is also chairman of Bosch's extensive North American operations, was among the speakers during a ceremony marking the opening of an \$80 million, 160-job expansion of the Bosch Rexroth manufacturing complex in the Southchase industrial park off of Interstate 385.

GSA Business: Bosch Rexroth seeks suppliers in Fountain Inn

<http://www.gsabusiness.com/news/47134-bosch-rexroth-seeks-suppliers-in-fountain-inn>

Liz Segrist

Bosch Rexroth is working to recruit suppliers to locate near its Fountain Inn campus, company officials said Wednesday during the opening of its newly expanded hydraulics manufacturing campus. "We are working diligently to get more and more of our supply chain localized and we are looking everywhere in North America for help with that," said Mike McCormick, Bosch Rexroth's vice president and plant manager.

Note: "We always ask them (companies) which suppliers they need to have closer and then we immediately go out and start soliciting those suppliers," Gov. Nikki Haley said. "Getting those suppliers closer saves them time and saves them money, so it's in everyone's best interest to get them here."

Patch: Bosch Rexroth Unveils Expanded Manufacturing Facility

New \$80 million site in Fountain Inn doubles plant's production capabilities and will bring 160 jobs.

<http://taylors.patch.com/articles/bosch-rexroth-unveils-expanded-manufacturing-facility#photo-13740741>
Hal Millard

Calling it an "historic day," company officials along with Gov. Nikki Haley officially christened the newest addition to the growing Bosch Rexroth manufacturing campus in Fountain Inn on Wednesday. With around 200 people looking on, Haley and Bosch executives held a ceremonial ribbon cutting to mark the start of production in Building 103 — a former 260,000 square-foot industrial warehouse on the site that has been remodeled into a state-of-the-art production facility that will initially produce hydraulic pumps used in a variety of industries.

Note: "This truly is a celebration," Haley said. "What are we talking about? Eighty million dollars. The largest investment in North America. 160 new jobs right here in Fountain Inn. They could have done it anywhere else, but this is where they chose."

Greer Today: Bosch Rexroth opens its largest hydraulics campus in Americas

\$80 million investment, 160 jobs over 5 years

<http://greertoday.com/greer-sc/bosch-rexroth-opens-its-largest-hydraulics-campus-in-americas/2013/03/20/>
Staff Report

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley joined Bosch Rexroth Americas President Berend Bracht and executives from Robert Bosch LLC to formally mark the start of production at the company's newly expanded hydraulics manufacturing campus in Fountain Inn.

Post and Courier: Report: Charleston software firm Benefitfocus may go public

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC05/130329843/1177/report-charleston-software-firm-benefitfocus-may-go-public>

John McDermott

Daniel Island could soon be home to two publicly traded software businesses. The news service Reuters is reporting that Charleston-based Benefitfocus has hired three banks to launch an initial public offering of its stock later this year. Reuters attributed the information to two unidentified people familiar with the matter.

Note: (Photo and Caption) Gov. Nikki Haley was on hand in December when Benefitfocus celebrated its expansion into a second office building at its Daniel Island campus. A report says the firm is now eyeing an IPO. (Brad Nettles/Staff/File) Buy this photo

The State: Don't be distracted by constitutional claims on ethics (Opinion)

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/21/2685546/scoppe-dont-be-distracted-by-constitutional.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

If a real estate agent who happens to be a legislator violates the law governing real estate agents, the Real Estate Commission, which is part of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, can fine him or suspend him or revoke his license, just like it would do to any other real estate agent. If a lawyer who happens to be a legislator steals money from her clients, the Supreme Court can reprimand or disbar her, just like it would any other lawyer.

Note: The two attorneys general for whom the commission is named agree with Mr. Simpkins' analysis, as did all of the members of the panel, which was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley and unanimously recommended turning legislative enforcement of the law over to an independent commission by statute.

Post and Courier: S.C. House sends open records reform bill back to committee

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC16/130329856/1177/sc-house-sends-open-records-reform-bill-back-to-committee>

Stephen Largen

State representatives Wednesday voted to send a bill reforming the state's freedom of information law back to committee, with two members of the House's Republican leadership saying it is not the House's intent to spike the bill despite the blow. In the S.C. Legislature, recommitting a bill to committee sometimes results in the proposal dying on the legislative vine.

Note: The spokesman, Rob Godfrey, said in a statement Wednesday that the governor was disappointed by the move to recommit the bill to the House panel. "There's no reason for it to go back into committee — the people want this bill, and they deserve this bill," Godfrey wrote

Associated Press: Dems criticize using state planes' use for hearing

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9Qe2jG1Z

Seanna Adcox

House Republicans on Wednesday advanced a symbolic version of a measure that initially sought to nullify the federal health care law. Meanwhile, Democrats pounced on a lawmaker's decision to use the state plane to fly in a conservative columnist to testify on behalf of the measure.

Note: "The only state plane usage we focus on is the governor's, and she uses the plane strictly for state business and economic development," Godfrey said.

The State: Misuse of SC state plane alleged

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/20/2686067/sc-legislator-under-fire-for-flying.html>

Jamie Self and Andy Shain

S.C. lawmakers erupted Wednesday — and one threatened to file an ethics complaint — after a state representative used a state-owned plane to bring a syndicated columnist to Columbia to testify on a bill that would nullify the federal health care overhaul law. State Rep. Bill Chumley, R-Spartanburg, authorized the

trip, valued at \$6,390, from a Washington, D.C., suburb for columnist Walter Williams, according to state Aeronautics Commission records. Williams is a George Mason University economics professor, who also is an occasional fill-in for conservative radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh.

Associated Press: SC high court mulling appeal of Haley ethics case

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=o4RpF4xJ

Meg Kinnard

Private South Carolina citizens should be able to make cases against their elected representatives in court, an attorney for a Republican activist suing the governor argued in court Wednesday.

Note: "John Rainey is unserious and unstable, and he should go back to his plantation and stop wasting the time of the taxpayers. Mr. Rainey's political witch hunt, led by his attorney Democrat chairman Dick Harpootlian, has been rejected by every court and every investigative body that has looked at. It will be rejected again, because there is simply no substance to it."

The State: SC high court hears Gov. Haley accuser

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/20/2685250/gov-haley-ethics-case-heard-in.html>

Andy Shain

A GOP activist tried Wednesday to keep alive his ethics complaints against Gov. Nikki Haley. The S.C. Supreme Court heard arguments for nearly an hour about whether John Rainey's lawsuit – alleging fellow Republican Haley failed to disclose conflicts of interest and lobbied on behalf of her employer while she was a state representative from Lexington County – should be heard in state court. Haley was cleared twice of those charges last year by the House Ethics Committee, which for the first time investigated a sitting governor.

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South Carolina News

Associated Press: Bill to strengthen public records halted in House

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

Staff Report

The House has dealt a blow to a bill strengthening South Carolina's public records law. A 72-34 vote Wednesday sent the measure back to the Judiciary Committee. At issue is an amendment that would end legislators' exemption.

The State: SC lawmakers turn to technology to solve SC health problems

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/21/2685961/technology-to-solve-sc-health.html>

Adam Beam

The children of rural Williamsburg County don't have many pediatricians in town, but they do have one on TV because of a telemedicine program operated by MUSC. Now, state lawmakers want to expand telemedicine – where doctors treat patients via video conference – because they see it as a potential fix for some of South Carolina's health problems. Telemedicine, they say, offers the chance to give specialized medical care to poor residents in rural areas – people who need it the most but don't have access to it.

Gannett: S.C. conservatives say they back federal spending bill

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130321/NEWS/303210012/S-C-conservatives-say-they-back-federal-spending-bill>

Two congressional conservatives from South Carolina said Wednesday they will likely support a new, six-month stopgap spending plan that would leave sequestration spending cuts intact but would give federal agencies more flexibility to manage them. The Senate on Wednesday approved the \$984 billion package and sent it back to the House. The measure would keep the government running through Sept. 30 while retaining \$85 billion in sequestration cuts.

Associated Press: House approves bill saying machines are illegal

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

Staff Report

The South Carolina House has approved a bill that supporters say clarifies that sweepstakes machines are illegal video gambling. The measure approved Wednesday is meant to close loopholes that business owners cite to operate so-called sweepstakes cafes. Another vote would send it to the governor. The Senate passed it in January.

Post and Courier: S.C. House passes bill that likely will close 'sweepstakes' parlors

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC16/130329850/1165/sc-house-passes-bill-that-likely-will-close-8216-sweepstakes-8217-parlors>

Glenn Smith

Susie Gonzales spent thousands of dollars outfitting a section of a Remount Road club with video "sweepstakes" machines in hopes of building a lucrative business off the popular pay-to-play games. But just a month after opening her fledgling Internet cafe beside Caliente Discotheque, Gonzales fears the state is about to run her out of business.

Associated Press: House passes bills to appoint top military leader

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1SsF1U7W

Staff Report

South Carolina's adjutant general could be appointed by the governor under legislation approved by the House. The House voted Wednesday on measures changing the state constitution to make the state's top military officer an appointed position. One measure puts the question on 2014 ballots. The other sets the post's terms and qualifications.

Post and Courier: Gun rights and free speech (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC1002/130329881/1021/gun-rights-and-free-speech>

Editorial

Gun rights advocates value the Second Amendment right to keep and bear firearms. But the First Amendment right to free speech? Not so much — at least among a gaggle of South Carolina legislators.

Greenville News: Doctors should talk about guns (Opinion)

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130321/OPINION/303210005/Doctors-should-talk-about-guns>

Editorial

Doctors ask patients all sorts of personal questions and many doctors, particularly pediatricians, give important advice to parents on how to ensure their children stay safe and healthy. That advice can help parents of young children remember to keep dangerous cleaning chemicals in a locked cabinet, to childproof electrical outlets and to put safety gates on stairs. All this information that can originate in doctors' offices is aimed at helping keep children safe and healthy at an age when even mundane objects can present a danger.

Associated Press: Senate panel OKs bill allowing open gun carrying

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2Y40o9ul

Jeffrey Collins

A Senate subcommittee passed a bill to thunderous applause Wednesday that would allow people to carry guns in public in South Carolina without a concealed weapons permit. The vote was taken after a public hearing packed with gun supporters, who listened politely and cheered anyone who spoke about protecting the Second Amendment or pointed out criminals weren't likely to follow any gun laws.

The State: S.C. Senate bill to allow carrying of handguns without permits advances

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/20/2685411/sc-senate-bill-to-allow-carrying.html>

Jamie Self

A Senate judiciary panel advanced a bill that would allow South Carolinians to carry handguns, concealed or not, without a permit. The panel heard testimony from supporters and opponents during a hearing Wednesday. The bill removes the requirement for a concealed weapons permit to carry a weapon, and makes it a crime to carry a weapon with the intent of committing a crime.

The State: SC senators stall proof of citizenship requirement to vote

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/20/2685472/proof-of-citizenship-to-vote-bill.html>

Noelle Phillips

A bill that would require people to provide proof of citizenship before registering to vote was delayed Wednesday in the Senate. Three groups opposed the bill, but a ticking clock and the U.S. Supreme Court were more responsible for the hold up.

Associated Press: DHEC discusses no food stamps for fatty foods idea

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8lbq10ie

Staff Report

South Carolina health officials are holding their first of four public meetings to hear what foods should be removed from the list of eligible items for people on food stamps. The discussion is part of the Department of Health and Environmental Control's efforts to fight obesity in South Carolina. Gov. Nikki Haley and health officials want the federal government to let the state restrict food stamp purchases of unhealthy foods.

Greenville News: Envision SC: Relative newcomer Ken Canty digs in

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130321/NEWS09/303210007/Envision-SC-Relative-newcomer-Ken-Canty-digs-in>

Making Your Voice Heard

Ken Canty may have only lived in South Carolina for the past ten years, but his breadth of knowledge and love for the state rivals that of any native. As he readily admits, his work on the Ravenel Bridge was just an avenue for him to move to South Carolina. He wanted to BE here. In just over a decade Canty has managed to build (no pun intended) his company, Freeland Construction into a renown and internationally recognized company that currently has projects in progress around the country including, the Gaillard renovation efforts here in Charleston.

Post and Courier: Federal data shows Charleston area exports surged in 2012

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC05/130329939/1010/federal-data-shows-charleston-area-exports-surged-in-2012>

Tyrone Richardson

The Charleston metro region exported more than \$2.4 billion in merchandise in 2012, up nearly six percent from 2011, officials said Wednesday. The announcement came from Francisco Sánchez, Under Secretary for International Trade at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Post and Courier: New partnership expected to help Lowcountry grow exports

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC05/130329875/1010/new-partnership-expected-to-help-lowcountry-grow-exports>

Tyrone Richardson

Exports are surging in the Charleston region, and a new partnership with a federally backed campaign should grow the region's offshore reach even more. That was the message delivered by the World Trade Center Charleston and other officials on Wednesday.

Post and Courier: 1st District update: A day later, the gloves come off

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC16/130329854/1165/1st-district-update-a-day-later-the-gloves-come-off>

Robert Behre

Less than a day after former Gov. Mark Sanford and former Charleston County Councilman Curtis Bostic emerged from the pack in a 16-way GOP 1st Congressional District primary, the punches began to fly. Asked what separates him from Sanford, Bostic cited Sanford's 2009 fall from grace as governor, when his staff said he was hiking the Appalachian Trail but he was visiting his mistress, now his fiancée, in Argentina. The incident led to scrutiny of Sanford's travel as governor and a record \$74,000 state ethics fine.

The State: Can Bostic topple Sanford in Dist 1 runoff?

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/20/2685969/can-bostic-topple-sanford-in-dist.html>

Gina Smith

Curtis Bostic was the sleeper candidate that few saw coming. A smart ground game and support from social conservatives propelled the former Charleston County Council member to second place in Tuesday's GOP primary — and a runoff in two weeks with former Gov. Mark Sanford.

Associated Press: FDA warns of another compounding pharmacy recall

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

Matthew Perrone

The Food and Drug Administration is warning doctors that a compounding pharmacy is recalling dozens of lots of the Roche drug Avastin after receiving reports of eye infections among patients. The FDA said Wednesday that Clinical Specialties of Martinez, Ga., has received five reports of eye infections from physicians who used the drug to treat macular degeneration, a common vision disorder in seniors.

Associated Press: SC court hearing appeal of \$327M drug lawsuit

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

Meg Kinnard

A Johnson & Johnson subsidiary says South Carolina's high court should overturn a decision fining the company hundreds of millions of dollars over deceptive drug marketing. The state Supreme Court on Thursday is hearing an appeal from attorneys for Janssen Pharmaceutica Inc. The drug maker is expected to argue why a judge's decision awarding the state \$327 million should be invalidated.

Associated Press: NC author speaks at USC media, civil rights event

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8XakdWJz

Staff Report

A history scholar from North Carolina State University is the keynote speaker at a symposium in Columbia on the media and civil rights history. The School of Journalism and Mass Communications is hosting Katherine Mellen Charron at the three-day event that begins Thursday.

Associated Press: USC publishes book of all James Dickey's poems

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8hF8N4eJ

Staff Report

The University of South Carolina is celebrating the publication of a book containing the complete poems by former professor and author James Dickey. University spokeswoman Megan Sexton says Thursday event is scheduled for the Hollings Library on campus.

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Hyperlocal News

Post and Courier: Charleston airport board members tried to steer business to contractor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC16/130329859/1177/charleston-airport-board-members-tried-to-steer-business-to-contractor>

Warren Wise

At least two Charleston County Aviation Authority board members tried to steer business to at least one contractor for a slice of the \$200 million redevelopment of Charleston International Airport, according to an audiotape of a recent airport meeting. The members were not identified. An executive from a firm that was seeking to become the construction administrator, when pressed publicly by an airport committee, said he had been contacted by "a couple" of board members to add specific subcontractors in its \$4.3 million bid.

Post and Courier: Boeing investigating injury at N. Charleston plant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC16/130329858/1010/boeing-investigating-injury-at-n-charleston-plant>

Brendan Kearney

Boeing confirmed it is investigating how a worker suffered a bad fall at the North Charleston 787 Dreamliner plant this week but, citing the man's privacy rights, did not offer any update on his condition Wednesday. The man suffered critical injuries late Monday and was taken to Medical University Hospital, according to Charleston County EMS Director Don Lundy.

Associated Press: Indictment: Inmates got alcohol, women and an iPad

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

Jeffrey Collins

Chesterfield County Sheriff Sam Parker let friends carry badges without training, gave away weapons to people he knew and let favored inmates have unsupervised visits with women and sleep outside jail with access to TV and alcohol, according to an indictment against the lawman.

Associated Press: Inmate leaves Williamsburg federal prison

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

Staff Report

Williamsburg County sheriff's deputies are looking for an inmate who walked away from a federal prison near Salters. Sheriff Michael Johnson says 26-year-old Kevin Eric Campbell apparently walked away from the minimum security camp next to the main prison late Wednesday afternoon.

Greenville News: Attorney general criticizes decision to grant Sterling parole

Former HomeGold chairman expresses regret

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130321/NEWS06/303210013/Attorney-general-criticizes-decision-grant-Sterling-parole>

David Dykes and Tim Smith

Former HomeGold chairman Jack Sterling was granted parole Wednesday, less than a year after he began serving a five-year prison sentence for a securities fraud conviction. The 3-0 vote by a state Paroles and Pardons Board panel came after more than three dozen civic and business leaders wrote letters in support of Sterling, according to Sterling's attorney. They included Greenville's mayor, the former chief judge of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals and the former U.S. ambassador to Canada.

Associated Press: Sterling to be released in Carolina Investors case

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=PnuDD5AD

Meg Kinnard

The former chairman of Carolina Investors is being released from prison after serving less than a year of his sentence for securities fraud, the South Carolina Parole and Pardons Board voted Wednesday. It could take up to a week to process Jack Sterling for release, and he'll be on home detention for six months, agency spokesman Peter O'Boyle said.

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National News

Associated Press: Average for US jobless claims at fresh 5-year low

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268743/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Rc1Qd2Yz

Christopher S. Rugaber

The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment aid barely changed last week, and the average over the past month fell to a fresh five-year low. The decline in layoffs is helping strengthen the job market. Weekly unemployment benefit applications rose just 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 336,000, the Labor Department said Thursday.

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