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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Times and Democrat: Cox CEO Johnson praises Gov. Haley during awards ceremony

http://thetandd.com/business/cox-ceo-johnson-praises-gov-haley-during-awards-ceremony/article_8b162bce-5e03-11e3-9191-001a4bcf887a.html

Gov. Nikki Haley received the 2013 Roger Milliken Defender Of Manufacturing Award Thursday night for her role in bringing new levels of manufacturing businesses, investment and jobs to South Carolina. The Bamberg County native was recognized as one of two recipients of the award during the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance awards dinner Thursday night. Jerry Beasley, the former executive vice president of the S.C. Textile Association, was the other recipient. Beasley died on Oct. 1.

Associated Press: Haley worried about Savannah River Site waste

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=W3q3xRpI

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The State: Nikki Haley met with US energy secretary about SRS funding

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/06/3142974/politics-nikki-haley-met-with.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

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The State: Governor's Mansion Christmas Open House Set For Dec. 9

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LLW7cvF5

Adam Beam

The Haley children, Rena and Nalin, will help decorate the tree displayed in the Charleston Garden. Governor's Mansion Executive Chef Steven Jankowski will build a gingerbread house modeled after the First Family's residence, and wreaths within the Mansion Complex will be made and hung by the Horticulture Division of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Carillon Carolers of Columbia, S.C. will be performing for guests along with saxophone player Dante Lewis.

South Carolina News:

The State: Senate begins investigation of pension system

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/06/3143077/state-house-senate-begins-investigation.html>

Adam Beam

Thursday, a special Senate subcommittee met for the first time to begin its investigation of the state's retirement system. The committee heard testimony from state Inspector General Patrick Maley, who gave Senators an overview of his report looking into state Treasurer Curtis Loftis' concerns that the investment commission was breaking the law. Maley found no evidence of criminal activity. But the committee has yet to take up Loftis' other concerns: namely that South Carolina spends too much on fees. The Investment

Commission's management fees have increased from \$1 million in 1998 to more than \$420 million in 2013. Meanwhile, the commission's investment returns are below the national average of other public pension plans.

Associated Press: Report examines ways to help small SC farms

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FeXp7pFX

Bruce Smith

Getting South Carolinians to spend just \$5 more a week on local farm products would generate an additional \$1.2 billion for the state's small farms, according to a new report commissioned by the state Agriculture Department. The 164-page report released Thursday, "Making Small Farms Into Big Business," provides suggestions for expanding the role small farms play in providing food for instate markets. It noted that while South Carolinians spend \$11 billion on food each year, more than 90 percent of that money goes for food products produced outside the state.

Post and Courier: Georgia making pitch for Boeing's 777X; Greensboro, N.C., now in hunt; Missouri lawmakers OK incentives

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131206/PC05/131209612/1177/georgia-making-pitch-for-boeings-777x-greensboro-nc-now-in-hunt-missouri-lawmakers-ok-incentives>

Warren L. Wise

And now the Peach State is in the running for Boeing's 777X. Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal said Friday his state has been asked by the Chicago-based aerospace giant to join the bidding war to build the company's next-generation of its popular 777 series passenger jets, according to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Deal didn't talk about specifics. He said the proposal is due Tuesday and state officials were working furiously to meet it.

The State: Study Sees Treasure For SC In Nuclear Trash

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=S1HNLF1J

Sammy Fretwell

The promise of jobs and economic prosperity highlight a new report that suggests South Carolina would be a good spot to deposit the nation's nuclear waste for recycling, research or other uses. Commissioned by boosters of the Savannah River Site, the report says the state could land nearly 1,700 jobs and generate \$12 million in taxes by taking the atomic waste and reprocessing the material in the Aiken area, which has the expertise to do the work. Anywhere from 20,000 to 60,000 metric tons of high-level nuclear refuse could flow to SRS under different scenarios presented in the study by former Department of Energy official Timothy Frazier.

Greenville News: Agencies fear more SNAP cuts will increase food needs

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312060022>

Ron Barnett

On a dreary, drizzly late November morning, a steady stream of cars is turning off White Horse Road into the parking lot of Harvest Hope Food Bank. It's so busy that a volunteer is directing traffic. From the opposite direction, people are pushing grocery carts filled with food to feed their families for a few days. Officials of Harvest Hope, which distributes food to more than 100 relief agencies in the Upstate, decided they needed to open this emergency pantry at their Upstate headquarters because of a growing need in the Westside community.

Post and Courier: As defense rests in Coast Guard court-martial, witnesses contradict accusers' accounts

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131206/PC16/131209607/1006/as-defense-rests-in-coast-guard-court-martial-witnesses-contradict-accusers-accounts>

Andrew Knapp

After calling four witnesses, the defense rested Friday morning in the court-martial of a Coast Guard officer accused of sexually assaulting a civilian woman and harassing six female seamen under his command. Petty Officer 2nd Class Omar Gomez, 35, is charged with violating five military laws in connection with sexual assault and lying to investigators. He has been on administrative duty in Charleston since the allegations first surfaced in September 2012. Attorneys are expected to present closing arguments Friday afternoon, when Coast Guard Capt. Christine Cutter, the case judge, will ask the jury to deliberate.

Local News:

Greenville News: Powder coatings manufacturer to expand in Spartanburg

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312060042>

A manufacturer of powder coatings will invest \$3.7 million to double the size of its existing operations in Spartanburg County. The expansion of Trimite Powders will not generate any new jobs immediately, but it does position the Spartanburg facility to capitalize on increased demand for our products and prepares us for the next stage of our growth plan, said the company's president, Dean Edwards. "We are grateful for the assistance we've received from the local economic development community, namely the Spartanburg Economic Futures Group and Duke Energy," Dean Edwards, said.

National News:

Associated Press: Chinese firm paid US gov't intelligence adviser

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UjY9dlEX

Stephen Braun

A longtime adviser to the U.S. Director of National Intelligence has resigned after the government learned he has worked since 2010 as a paid consultant for Huawei Technologies Ltd., the Chinese technology company the U.S. has condemned as an espionage threat, The Associated Press has learned. Theodore H. Moran, a respected expert on China's international investment and professor at Georgetown University, had served since 2007 as adviser to the intelligence director's advisory panel on foreign investment in the United States.

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