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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley: SC has done all it can to keep aluminum plant running
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jgieCvF3

Gov. Nikki Haley says South Carolina has done all it can to keep a Lowcountry aluminum plant with 600 jobs operating as a contractual impasse between the company and its power provider enters its final weeks. Century Aluminum has told workers at its Mount Holly aluminum smelter that it will close by year's end unless it can reach a power transmission agreement with Santee Cooper.

Note: "Their employees mean a lot to us and I hope they will continue to stay," Haley said. "Every one of those jobs is valuable. But our job is to make sure we are fair to everybody in South Carolina."

Post and Courier: South Carolina truck manufacturer bringing 300 jobs to Summerville
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC05/151029220>

John McDermott

Gov. Nikki Haley's office said Thursday that a commercial truck manufacturer from Myrtle Beach will open a plant in Dorchester County and bring 300 jobs to the Summerville area. The three-year-old Alkane Truck Company specializes in medium duty trucks, medium heavy trucks and heavy duty tractors that run on liquid propane and natural gas.

Anderson Independent: Zachary Hammond's parents want to look governor, SLED chief in the eye
<http://www.independentmail.com/homepage-showcase/parents-of-fatally-shot-teen-speak-about-decision-not-to-charge-officer>

Mike Ellis

Paul Hammond, his voice sad and angry, said he wants a captain and the chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division to sit with him and watch the 20 seconds of video showing his 19-year-old son Zachary Hammond being fatally shot by a Seneca police officer.

Note: Eric Bland, an attorney for Paul and Angie Hammond, said the couple also is demanding to hear from Gov. Nikki Haley, who has not spoken publicly about the shooting since voicing support of the prosecutor months ago.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: S.C. Attorney General holds annual 'Silent Witness' ceremony
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC1603/151029253>

Maya T. Prabhu

People killed at the hands of domestic violence will be remembered today during the 18th annual Silent Witness ceremony. S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office is hosting the ceremony, which had to be rescheduled due to flooding earlier this month.

Note: This is the first ceremony since Gov. Nikki Haley signed a domestic violence law into effect in May that enacts stiffer penalties and partial gun bans for offenders.

Times and Democrat: Company establishing \$34 million in Calhoun County solar projects
http://thetandd.com/news/company-establishing-million-in-calhoun-county-solar-projects/article_fcf68fe6-7e53-11e5-ad64-878ef747d112.html

Cypress Creek Renewables, a company that specializes in the ownership and development of long-term solar energy projects, has taken the first step towards investing \$34 million in three new solar energy facilities in Calhoun County. With offices in Arizona, Missouri, New York and North Carolina, as well as Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif., Cypress Creek Renewables strives to make solar power economically attractive to utilities and consumers.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley said, "Cypress Creek's continued investment in South Carolina and our people is a reason to celebrate. This Calhoun County project is further proof of the business-friendly environment we

have worked to create across our state for companies in all industries and from all around the world.”

WCSC: Truck company bringing more than 300 jobs to Dorchester Co.

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30386166/truck-company-bringing-more-than-300-jobs-to-dorchester-county>

A truck company is bringing more than 300 jobs to Dorchester County. Alkane Truck Company is leasing an existing 100,000 square foot facility in Summerville that will employ more than 300 automotive technicians once the facility reaches full capacity within the next two years.

Note: “Everyone knows we build cars and planes in South Carolina, but we also build trucks,” Gov. Nikki Haley said. “Alkane’s decision to invest in Summerville and create 300 new jobs there proves that when a company is looking for a place to build their product, they don’t have to look any farther than South Carolina and our people. We couldn’t be happier to celebrate the 300 new jobs Alkane is bringing to Dorchester County, and we are proud to congratulate this great company for all of the success they have found here.”

Upstate Business Journal: Nikki Haley to speak at S.C. Auto Summit

<http://upstatebusinessjournal.com/news/nikki-haley-to-speak-at-s-c-auto-summit/>

Gov. Nikki R. Haley will be a featured speaker at the 2016 S.C. Automotive Summit in Greenville in February. The conference will run Feb. 24-26 at the Hyatt Regency Greenville. Haley’s remarks will be on Feb. 25 immediately following keynote speaker Jay Rogers, CEO and founder of Local Motors, the world’s first 3D printed car company.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Florence Morning News: Leatherman responds to accusations of cronyism, pork barrel politics

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_ee41e6d2-7e6a-11e5-925d-33ad9547d9b9.html

Joshua Lloyd

At a called news conference Thursday morning, South Carolina Senate President Pro-tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. said he won’t stand for the blatant mockery of Florence County residents by the Charleston based S.C. Coastal Conservation League.

Post and Courier: S.C. lawmakers look to head off eminent domain for proposed pipeline

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151023/PC1603/151029695>

Maya T. Prabhu

Fearing a Texas energy company could use eminent domain to obtain access to private property, some South Carolina lawmakers are looking to place “very high hurdles” in the path of a proposed 360-mile oil pipeline from Belton to Jacksonville, Fla. The proposed Palmetto Pipeline would carry 150,000 barrels of refined petroleum products, such as gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel and ethanol per day, according to Kinder Morgan, the Texas-based company that wants to construct the pipeline.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Jenny Horne will run for Congress, spokesman says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC1603/151029225>

Schuyler Kropf

State Rep. Jenny Horne next week will formally announce she’s running for Congress, challenging incumbent Republican Mark Sanford, a spokesman for her campaign said today. Columbia-based consultant Scott Malyerck told The Post and Courier that Horne, R-Summerville, will announce she will “run against the incumbent down there.”

WACH: Horne preparing to challenge Sanford for Congress seat

<http://wach.com/news/local/horne-preparing-to-challenge-sanford-for-congress-seat>

Matthew Stevens

Republican State Representative Jenny Horne is set to challenge Mark Sanford R- Charleston for his seat in the US Congress. Consultant Scott Malyerck said a formal announcement will occur next week, but all indications are the Summerville Representative will challenge Sanford. Horne garnered national attention for her emotional plea to remove the Confederate Flag from State House grounds in July.

The State: FIRST ON BUZZ: S.C. Legislative Black Caucus chairs back Clinton

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article41806233.html>

Jamie Self

A dozen S.C. Legislative Black Caucus chairmen have endorsed Hillary Clinton, the Democratic presidential frontrunner's campaign said Thursday. Supporters include state Sen. John Matthews, D-Orangeburg, the longest serving African American in the S.C. General Assembly and one of the caucus' original members.

Post and Courier: Anonymous groups try to sway Charleston's mayoral race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC16/151029216>

Robert Behre

As Charleston's high-profile mayoral race winds to a close, a few anonymous hands are trying to sway the outcome. The campaign of Ginny Deerin, founder of nonprofit WINGS for Kids, blasted a recent rainbow-colored mailer that misspelled her last name three times and urged people to "let Ginny know you are supporting her because she is gay."

Post and Courier: Hillary Clinton isn't taking S.C. black voters for granted this time around

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC1603/151029229>

Schuyler Kropf

Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton returns to Charleston this weekend to make her most crucial speech to a predominately black audience since her ill-fated 2008 campaign. Clinton is the keynote speaker at Friday night's Charleston NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Lawyers: Solicitor 'wrong' in Zachary Hammond case

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/29/solicitor-wrong-zachary-hammond-seneca-police/74792462/>

Romando Dixson

The parents of a teenager shot by police, along with their lawyers, say Solicitor Chrissy Adams made the wrong decision in whether to file charges against an officer in the fatal encounter. Based on the evidence, specifically a police dash cam video, they said authorities should have filed charges against Lt. Mark Tiller in connection with the deadly shooting of 19-year-old Zachary Hammond this summer in a Hardee's parking lot in Seneca.

The State: Student arrested during Spring Valley incident says she told classmates to video

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article41810298.html#storylink=cpy>

Glen Luke Flanagan

When school resource officer Ben Fields entered the classroom at Spring Valley High School on Monday morning, student Niya Kenny says she knew something was going to happen. "Initially, when they said an SRO was coming, we have two — so I didn't know which one was coming," Kenny said.

WIS: Lott commended by group, but Spring Valley incident raises 'serious concerns' about SROs

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30383588/lott-commended-by-group-but-spring-valley-incident-raises-serious-concerns-about-sros>

Warren Stocker

The National Action Network commended Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott for firing school resource officer Ben Fields, the officer seen in the viral video using force on a student at Spring Valley High School. NAN leaders Rev. Nelson B. Rivers, III and Elder James Johnson met with Lott on Tuesday to discuss the video.

The State: S.C. domestic violence victims honored at State House

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article41813631.html>

Jane Moon Dail

More than 100 people gathered at the steps of the State House today to remember those lost to domestic homicide and help spread awareness during the 18th annual Silent Witness Story. The program is hosted by the State Attorney General's Office's S.T.O.P. (Services, Training, Officers and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women program at the State House.

Associated Press: Does response to school cop video show law enforcement rift?

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XM614Kn5

Juliet Linderman, Meg Kinnard

When FBI Director James Comey told a national gathering of law enforcement leaders that cops might be easing up for fear of being caught on camera, the conference attendees included a South Carolina sheriff whose deputy was about to star in the nation's next viral police video.

Associated Press: Big insurers remain upbeat on fledgling ACA exchanges

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=G558Owyp

Tom Murphy

Slipping enrollment and struggling competitors have done little to shake the faith that the nation's biggest health insurers have placed in the Affordable Care Act's public insurance exchanges. Aetna executives said Thursday that the exchanges, a key tenant in the overhaul's push to cover millions of uninsured people, remain a good market, even though the insurer's enrollment in them fell 11 percent to about 814,000 people in the third quarter.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Prisons working to keep cellphones away from inmates

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20151028/DATA/151029723>

Daniel J. Gross

Cellphones are dangerous weapons in the hands of inmates behind bars. They can harass their victims, threaten witnesses, carry out attacks through accomplices and request contraband, according to corrections officials. Officials said inmates with cellphones is a growing problem they deal with every day. S.C. Department of Corrections Director Bryan Stirling said changes have been made to crack down on inmates with cellphones.

Associated Press: Truck company starting Lowcountry plant, creating 300 jobs

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=W5GvNjgS

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Post and Courier: Some drug offenders in S.C. federal prisons being released early

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC16/151029228>

Dave Munday

More than 470 inmates serving drug sentences in the S.C. federal prison system will be released early starting this weekend. The majority of the inmates have already transitioned into halfway houses or home confinement. The release was prompted by prison overcrowding and a belief that some of the sentences were too harsh.

Associated Press: North Charleston paper mill owner releases earnings

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC05/151029238>

The Northbrook, Ill.-based company said it had a profit of 35 cents on a per-share basis. Earnings, adjusted for one-time costs and stock option expenses, came to 51 cents. The results beat Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of four analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 47 cents per share.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Extreme weather likely cause of dock collapse, Summey says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC16/151029218>

Prentiss Findlay

Extreme high tides likely contributed to the collapse of a 20-foot section of dock at Crosby's Fish and Shrimp on Folly Road, Charleston County Councilman Elliott Summey said Thursday. "Common sense tells me when something like that (high waters) happens it loosens things up. They're (docks) not built to withstand the kind of pressure they've been getting," Summey said.

The State: Sheriff: Neighborhood rivalries led to State Fair shooting

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article41803080.html>

Tim Flach

Neighborhood rivalries led to the shooting of an unidentified 15 year old at the State Fair last Saturday, authorities said Thursday. That explanation came as Richland County Magistrate Michelle Branch-Howard denied bond for 19-year-old Joseph Leon Anderson Jr., who is charged with the shooting.

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