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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Chinese company creating 150 jobs with \$45 million Greer facility
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/04/04/chinese-company-creating-150-jobs-45-million-greer-facility/82607180/>

Amanda Coyne

A Chinese plastic mold parts supplier will create 150 jobs in Greer when it establishes a new facility with a \$45 million investment, according to a release from Gov. Nikki Haley's office. Jiangnan Mold Plastic Technology Company announced Monday that it would open a 260,000 square foot plant on 1000 Robinson Rd. in Greer. The plant will manufacture parts and products for tier one suppliers in the automotive industry and is "strategically positioned to support South Carolina's thriving automotive sector," the release said. "This investment in South Carolina and in Spartanburg County will further strengthen Jiangnan's effort to expand its global leadership role in the plastic molding industry," said Robert Cao, Jiangnan Mold Plastic Technology Corporation chairman of the board of directors and general manager in the release. "It is very clear to us that South Carolina is a pro-business state, and we look forward to continuing our cooperation with the state as we grow." The plant is expected to be fully operational by the second half of 2017, and hiring will begin in the same time frame.

Wilson-Pascoe Dispute:

Post and Courier: Texts, emails show AG aide plotted with GOP consultants before news conference over Pascoe

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160404/PC16/160409776>

Glenn Smith and Tony Bartelme

A chief aide of South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson apparently plotted with high-powered Republican consultants before last week's fiery press conference in which Wilson torched David Pascoe, his own special prosecutor, texts and emails obtained by The Post and Courier show. Texts between Trey Walker, former aide to Gov. Nikki Haley and a lobbyist for BlueCross BlueShield, and Matt Moore, state GOP chairman, describe a discussion the day before the press conference between "Tony Denny, Henry Mac, Quinn's and Piper ..." In another text, Moore wrote, "Dude. Don't throw me under the bus with Alan and Adam." In statements to reporters, Wilson summed up the controversy as a turf war. But the emails and texts reveal the intensity of anger among Wilson's allies and their determination to make Pascoe pay. Pascoe declined to comment on the texts and emails. The emails and texts are the latest twist in a high-stakes probe over money, influence and ethics at the South Carolina Statehouse. The drama began with the investigation that brought down former House Speaker Bobby Harrell in 2014.

Gov. Pat McCrory News:

Charlotte Observer: Charlotte Chamber urges state, city leaders to find solution on LGBT law

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/business/article69849847.html>

Rick Rothacker

The Charlotte Chamber on Monday issued a statement on North Carolina's new law limiting LGBT protections that called on city and state leaders "to contribute toward a solution that is in the best interest of our city and state." The business organization's executive committee said the Chamber "opposes discrimination in all forms," but did not call for any specific actions. The statement comes almost two weeks after Gov. Pat McCrory signed controversial House Bill 2 into law. The chamber's executive committee, led by chairman Ned Curran of the Bissell real estate company, met to discuss the issue Friday and sent it to the governor, the Mecklenburg County Legislative Delegation and the Charlotte City Council later that day, Chamber spokeswoman Natalie Dick said.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: 1 year since death of man shot while running from police

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

SC State Wire

The family of a black man shot to death by a white police officer while running away is marking the one year that has passed since his death. Walter Scott's family is holding a moment of silence at his gravesite Monday, according to local media reports. The family says that Scott's mother, brother and other relatives will lay flowers on his grave and address the media. Former North Charleston officer Michael Slager is charged with murder in the April 4, 2015, death of the 50-year-old Scott, who was running from a traffic stop. The shooting, captured on a bystander's cellphone video, reignited the national debate about how blacks are treated by law enforcement officers. In October, the city of North Charleston approved a \$6.5 million civil settlement with Scott's family. In January, Slager, 34, was allowed to leave jail after posting bond and is under house arrest at an undisclosed location in South Carolina. His trial is scheduled for later this year, and Slager faces 30 years to life without parole if convicted of murder.

Post and Courier: Lawsuit filed by shooting victim's husband against Emanuel AME dismissed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160404/PC16/160409780>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Both parties have agreed to dismiss a lawsuit filed last fall against Emanuel AME Church seeking an accounting of millions of dollars in donations it received after a June 17 massacre left nine people dead. Attorney Mullins McLeod Jr. filed the lawsuit on behalf of Arthur Hurd and the estate of his wife, Cynthia, a local librarian who was among those killed. After the shooting, many victims' families and survivors complained the church's leadership wasn't providing them information about the donations despite repeated requests. McLeod said he filed the suit seeking transparency. Emanuel AME leaders have insisted they handled the donations properly.

The State: S.C. National Guard announces leadership changes

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article69856202.html>

S.C. Adjutant Gen. Robert E. Livingston Jr. announced four leadership changes in the South Carolina National Guard. U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Scott Lambe, chief of staff for the S.C. Air National Guard. U.S. Army Col. James R. Finley, director of the United States Property and Fiscal Office, replacing Col. Chris Eaker, who is retiring. Finley previously served as the S.C. National Guard's chief of staff. Col. Ronald Taylor, chief of staff. He previously was director of human resources management. Command Sgt. Maj. Russell Vickery, state command sergeant major, the state's highest ranked

enlisted soldier. Vickery previously served as the command sergeant major for the 678th Air Defense Artillery brigade and assumes the position because of the upcoming retirement of Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Brickley.

The State: Three killed on S.C. roadways over the weekend

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article69850357.html>

South Carolina Department of Public Safety officials said there were three road deaths reported over the weekend. Officials said all three occurred on U.S. routes, S.C. roads and secondary roads. In one of the deaths, officials said a seat belt was used, while one other did not use a seat belt. The other person killed was an unhelmeted motorcyclist. As of Monday, 216 people have died on state highways, compared to 237 highways deaths during the same time period in 2015. Of the 152 motor-vehicle occupants who have died in 2016, 77 were not wearing seat belts.

Post and Courier: S.C. gas prices fall slightly after rising five weeks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160404/PC05/160409779>

Warren L. Wise

The price fell about 1.3 cents last week to an average of \$1.84 a gallon, according to gasoline price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the price a penny higher. The price of gasoline across the Palmetto State is still about 24 cents lower than this time last year. The national average rose 2.1 cents last week to \$2.06 a gallon, according to both gas price services. That's about 34 cents a gallon less than one year ago for the same week. The price is expected to continue to rise this week as refineries continue their annual switch to federally mandated, cleaner-burning summer gasoline, said Will Speer, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst.

Local News:

The State: Columbia baseball fans meet Fireflies during first team workout

<http://www.thestate.com/sports/mlb/article69786632.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The free event drew about 2,000 people to watch the team's first workout at the new ballpark, which is on the former S.C. State Hospital grounds off Bull Street. After finishing their workout, the Fireflies signed autographs. Fans presented items ranging from baseballs to journals. The Fireflies, an affiliate of the New York Mets, previously played in Savannah, Ga., as the Sand Gnats. They open their season Thursday night at Charleston. Their first home game is April 14 against Greenville. "This has been truly a labor of love for our organization," Fireflies President John Katz said. "It has almost been 12 years since professional baseball called Columbia home."

Post and Courier: MUSC receives Joint Commission recognition for stroke treatment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160404/PC16/160409767>

Derrek Asberry

The Medical University of South Carolina's stroke program received national recognition on Monday for its effort to change South Carolina's disturbing stroke rate. MUSC received the Disease-Specific Care Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification, a recognition handed down by the Joint Commission, the American Heart Association and others. The hospital said it received the recognition for its advanced imaging capabilities and its round-the-clock specialized treatment of stroke, which is the fifth leading cause of death in the nation and in South Carolina. Across the state, strokes caused 2,385 deaths and 14,517 hospitalizations in 2014, according to the Department of Health and Environmental Control. South Carolina is part of a swath of southern states known as the "stroke belt"

for their high stroke rates.

Post and Courier: Charleston airport panel to discuss CEO's contract

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160404/PC05/160409768>

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Three years ago in August, state Sen. Paul Campbell took the helm at Charleston County Aviation Authority after the abrupt resignation of airport director Sue Stevens. Campbell's three-year contract expires in five months, and on Monday an airport panel will begin talks on whether to offer him an extension or begin looking for a new CEO. Henry Fishburne, chairman of the Governance Committee, said Monday the meeting is just a starting point. He said he does not have a preconceived opinion of the contract talks and has not talked with Campbell.

Post and Courier: Aersospace conference returning to Charleston for 4th time

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160404/PC05/160409774>

John McDermott

A national aerospace manufacturing summit held in Charleston since 2013 is returning to the city. Aviation Week publisher Penton and its SpeedNews Conferences division said the fourth annual event will be held May 3-4 at Belmond Charleston Place. The agenda includes a statewide update on aerospace trends in South Carolina and a tour of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner final assembly plant in North Charleston. The SpeedNews gathering is aimed at executives from major manufacturers and suppliers. Organizers said the sessions "are very much operational in nature, featuring speakers and panelists with tremendous hands-on manufacturing experience."

Post and Courier: City officials begin moving homeless people out of "Tent City"

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Diane Knich

The city of Charleston today began moving homeless people from the upper Meeting Street encampment known as "Tent City" to the county's "warming shelter on Leeds Avenue in North Charleston. Anthony Haro, executive director of the Lowcountry Coalition for the Homeless, said people will move to the facility over the next several days. Fewer than 40 people remain in the encampment, which several months ago had more than 100 tents. Officials expect about 30 people to move the shelter, where they can remain for up to 60 days as advocates for the homeless help them find permanent housing.

Island Packet: Beaufort County schools look for \$12.8M more in 2017 budget

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article69830582.html>

Rebecca Lurye

The Beaufort County School District hopes to receive an extra \$12.8 million next year — a 6.3 percent increase from its current budget — to help pay for the growing costs of enrollment and operations. Superintendent Jeff Moss presented a preliminary, \$216.3 million budget to the school board during a Friday work session, though the board will not certify its budget until May 17. This year, the school district has a budget of \$203.5 million, about two-thirds of which it had spent as of April 1. Moss predicts the district will come in under budget by about \$2 million. Next year, however, Moss says he wants to raise the district's millage rate from 103.5 to 113.1 to generate the rest of the local and state revenue he expects to need.

National News:

Associated Press: California enacts highest statewide minimum wage in US

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:98cddb672d82427cb910b98c77fd1c4a>

Michael R. Blood and Don Thompson

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill into law Monday giving California the nation's highest statewide minimum wage of \$15 an hour by 2022. That and a similar effort in New York mark the most ambitious moves yet to close the national divide between rich and poor. Experts say other states may follow, given Congress' reluctance to act despite entreaties from President Barack Obama. "This is about economic justice. It's about people. It's about creating a little, tiny amount of balance in a system that every day becomes more unbalanced," Brown said before signing the bill at the Ronald Reagan State Building in downtown Los Angeles. Republicans and business groups warn that the move could cost thousands of jobs, while a legislative analysis puts the ultimate cost to taxpayers at \$3.6 billion a year in higher pay for government employees.

Associated Press: Supreme Court bolsters political influence of US Latinos

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:df4b7b12fdc94bd593b9fcb77387b6e6>

Mark Sherman

The Supreme Court unanimously endorsed election maps that bolster the growing political influence of America's Latinos, ruling Monday that states can count everyone, not just eligible voters, in drawing voting districts. The decision rejected a challenge from Texas voters that also could have diluted the voting power of urban Democrats, to the benefit of rural Republicans. The case offered a test of the principle of "one person, one vote," the requirement laid out by the Supreme Court in 1964 that political districts be roughly equal in population. The issue here, though, was what population to consider: everyone or just eligible voters. All 50 states use total population as their basis for drawing district lines, but the challengers said the rural state Senate districts in which they lived had vastly more eligible voters than urban districts, making their votes count for less, in violation of the Constitution.

Associated Press: Mississippi chamber opposes religious-exemptions bill

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:e9dbd88c5dbf4966af1dda45fcf86a35>

Nassim Benchaabane

The Mississippi state chamber of commerce is opposing a religious-objections bill heading to Gov. Phil Bryant's desk. Mississippi Economic Council President Blake Wilson sent a statement to The Associated Press saying House Bill 1523 conflicts with the organization's non-discrimination policy. Businesses including Nissan North America, Toyota, Chevron, Huntington Ingalls Industries, and Entergy haven't taken a clear stance on the bill, but say they oppose any legislation that might violate their non-discrimination policies regardless of whether they're intentional. Supporters of the bill say it protects religious groups, small businesses and government employees from being forced to violate their religious beliefs by having to serve same-sex couples. The bill is similar to one Georgia's Republican governor vetoed last week after big corporations said it could lead to discrimination. Bryant hasn't indicated whether he will sign the bill.

Associated Press: Trump: 'I automatically win' if Kasich would just quit

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:21c1021acf7045179b002e4afad04f2e>

Jill Colvin and Josh Lederman

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump is pushing rival John Kasich to get out of the White House race, arguing that the Ohio governor shouldn't be allowed to collect future delegates because the nomination is already beyond his grasp. Trying hard to right himself after a difficult week, Trump said it was unfair for Kasich, the winner of only his home state's primary, to continue

campaigning. He suggested that Kasich, who has pledged to make it to the summer convention, follow the lead of former candidates Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush — and quit. "If I didn't have Kasich, I automatically win," Trump said Sunday evening in West Allis, Wisconsin.

World News:

Associated Press: Leaks about offshore accounts leave Russians unimpressed

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:ad4b7d2b42cc4976b43e87c762998217>

Nataliya Vasilyeva

In the list of presidents, prime ministers, sheikhs, billionaires and other magnates cited in a sweeping worldwide investigation into hidden assets in offshore accounts, there was an odd man out: A Russian cellist. Up until now, 64-year-old Sergei Roldugin was known only in the Russian music community — as a People's Artist of Russia and the artistic director of the House of Music in St. Petersburg. What makes him stand out from other Russian musicians, however, is his close ties to President Vladimir Putin. A myriad of documents that the Washington-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists gained access to showed Roldugin — or someone posing as him — skillfully operating affiliated companies that controlled a significant share of a business empire that earned tens of millions of rubles per day from murky deals. The companies received millions from Putin's friends and Russian billionaires as well as preferential loans from a Russia-controlled Cyprus-based bank. The journalists who analyzed the leaked documents from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, one of the world's biggest creators of shell companies, say the combined turnover of a company that Roldugin is reported to have owned through an intermediary between 2009 and 2012 was around \$2 billion.

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