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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WIS: Haley, Spearman look to broad changes in education this session

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31051226/haley-spearman-look-to-broad-changes-in-education-this-session>

Will Whitson

Gov. Nikki Haley and lawmakers have education at the top of their priorities for 2016, but many proposals for the year have been discussed before. Haley outlined her education goals in last week's State of the State address, including recruiting teachers for rural school districts, and improving K-12 facilities.

Huffington Post: George H.W. Bush Reached Out To Nikki Haley After State Of The Union

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/george-bush-nikki-haley-south-carolina_us_56a6628ee4b0d8cc109ad9d8

Blair Guild

Shortly after South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) gave the Republican response to the State of the Union, she received a phone call from former President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara.

Note: "President and Mrs. Bush called to tell the governor they appreciated her speech and they ended up talking about the family's South Carolina roots, and their shared love of our state," Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams told the Post and Courier.

Associated Press: Senate to take another crack at SC road funding this week

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=iRCCxo89

Jeffrey Collins

A pair of senators - a Republican and Democrat who are not seeking re-election - plan to spend this week trying to shape a bill to get more money to improve South Carolina roads and get the rest of the Senate to finally go along. Both senators warn the process is going to take a few weeks if not longer.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley wants lawmakers to change the DOT structure and balancing any gas tax increase with a tax cut or she will veto the bill.

Easley Progress: EPD getting body cams

<http://theeasleyprogress.com/news/3118/epd-getting-body-cams>

Kasie Strickland

The Easley Police Department will soon be implementing a new form of technology to better assist their officers: body cameras. "We have them here, but under the new state law, our policy has to be approved by the state law enforcement training camps," said Easley Police Chief Tim Tollison. "So that's where we're standing at right now."

Note: In June 2015, Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law a bill that would require all law enforcement agencies to wear body cameras as well as to draft policies on which officers would wear the cameras, how video from the cameras would be stored and when officers should and should not be recording.

Charlotte Observer: Gov. McCrory: Charlotte, Panthers are 'in the big time now'

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/sports/nfl/carolina-panthers/panther-tracks/article56442790.html>

Katherine Peralta

The Carolina Panthers and the city of Charlotte may not have been on the nation's radar as a powerhouse before, but they sure are now. So says North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory, who was on the sidelines at Bank of America Stadium Sunday to watch the Panthers win their first home NFC Championship Game.

Note: "Nikki and I will celebrate together," he said of South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Democratic lawmaker and lawyer for Walter Scott family switches endorsement from Clinton to Sanders

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160125/PC1603/160129613>

Maya T. Prabhu

In a reversal of his previous endorsement, Democratic state Rep. Justin Bamberg on Monday announced he is putting his support behind presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders. Bamberg, who last month endorsed former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, is the first South Carolina lawmaker to change his backing, a Sanders spokeswoman said.

Greenville News: SC Rep. Bamberg switches support from Clinton to Sanders

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/01/25/sc-rep-bamberg-switches-support-clinton-sanders/79300588/>

Amanda Coyne

S.C. Rep. Justin Bamberg is pulling his endorsement from Hillary Clinton and giving it to Bernie Sanders for the upcoming Democratic presidential primary, he announced at a Sanders campaign press conference Monday. Bamberg endorsed former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination last month, but switched his support to Sanders today.

New York Times: Lawyer for Walter Scott Family Switches Sides to Endorse Bernie Sanders

http://www.nytimes.com/politics/first-draft/2016/01/25/lawyer-for-walter-scott-family-switches-sides-to-endorse-bernie-sanders/?_r=0

Yamiche Alcindor

The lawyer for the family of Walter L. Scott, who was fatally shot by a police officer in South Carolina, is withdrawing his support from Hillary Clinton and endorsing Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont on Monday afternoon.

The State: Bernie Sanders nabs ex-Clinton supporter in Democratic presidential primary

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article56467903.html>

Jamie Self

Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign picked up a former Hillary Clinton supporter Monday. S.C. Rep. Justin Bamberg – the family attorney for Walter Scott, the unarmed black man shot and killed by a North Charleston police officer last summer – said Monday he has switched his endorsement from Clinton to Sanders.

South Carolina News:

The State: \$1.2 billion a year needed for perfect S.C. roads, transportation chief says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article56451525.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

It would take \$1.2 billion a year to bring the existing road system to near perfect, interim roads chief Christy Hall told stakeholders Monday. That estimate removes the costs for mass transit and brand new roads from the \$1.5 billion the agency has estimated is needed to fix the state's crumbling roads through 2040, Hall told those attending the annual S.C. Alliance to Fix Our Roads meeting.

Post and Courier: Citadel punishes 14 cadets after white-hood investigation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160125/PC16/160129614>

Paul Bowers

The Citadel has punished 14 cadets for their involvement in a Dec. 9 incident in which freshmen wore pointed white hoods in an upperclassman's barracks room. The 14 cadets included seven freshmen and seven juniors, according to the school. The public military college is also creating a new task force for diversity and inclusion after the incident sparked an outcry from civil-rights activists who compared the hoods to Ku Klux Klan uniforms.

Associated Press: 14 cadets disciplined at Citadel; some wore KKK-like garb

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=iwh6LfbO

Bruce Smith

Fourteen cadets have been dismissed, suspended or are serving on-campus punishments at The Citadel after several of them appeared in photos with pillowcases on their heads similar to Ku Klux Klan garb, the

military college's president announced Monday. The photos of seven freshmen cadets dressed in white pants and shirts with the pillowcases surfaced on social media last month.

Post and Courier: Judge approves testing of Michael Slager's Taser, uniform at outside lab

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160125/PC16/160129577>

Andrew Knapp

A judge on Monday allowed the defense team for Michael Slager to order outside testing of the former North Charleston policeman's Taser and uniform. Central to Slager's defense against a murder charge in Walter Scott's death is that Scott wrestled with the officer and took his stun gun, possibly leaving behind DNA or fingerprints, before the April 4 shooting.

Post and Courier: Gas prices across S.C. continue to tumble; Oklahoma, Missouri report lowest prices

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160125/PC05/160129616>

Warren L. Wise

The glut of oil on the world market continues to please motorists at the pump. Gas prices across South Carolina dropped another 4.2 cents during the past week to an average \$1.62 a gallon, according to gas price service Gasbuddy. Motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the price about a penny higher. The price has now fallen about 13 cents over the past month.

McClatchy DC: South Carolinians rank low on economic security, report says

<http://www.thestate.com/latest-news/article56496478.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Too many South Carolina families remain economically vulnerable, with low-wage jobs and crippling health care costs disproportionately burdening families of color, a new report says. South Carolina placed 45th among the states and the District of Columbia in a ranking of economic opportunity and security by the Washington-based nonprofit Corporation for Enterprise Development.

Associated Press: 4th death attributed to winter storm in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3tAh5lCI

A fourth death has been attributed to a weekend winter storm that brought snow, ice and hazardous conditions to South Carolina. Lt. Kelley Hughes of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety says a 61-year-old driver ran off Highway 9 just outside Jonesville just before 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Authorities say the vehicle hit a ditch, then a tree.

Local News:

Associated Press: Start-up company to bring 100 jobs to Lancaster County

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ydLsN13F

A new company that will make cushions and pillows for outdoor and indoor furniture is locating in Lancaster County where it expects to create 100 new jobs. The company, 3i Products, announced Monday that it is investing \$3 million to renovate an existing building in Lancaster near Interstate 77. The plant is expected to be in full operation by spring.

Island Packet: Beaufort resident who helped revive Beaufort County NAACP chapter dies at 50

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article56483288.html#storylink=cpy>

Matt McNab

A Beaufort resident known as a leader in northern Beaufort County's African-American community who helped revive a dormant NAACP chapter died suddenly last week. Friends and colleagues of Darryl Murphy, 50, said Monday they were shocked to find out he had died Jan. 20 in Greenville.

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