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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Gov. Haley helps celebrate Greenville Women's Leadership

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/09/24/gov-haley-helps-celebrate-greenville-women-leadership/72745604/>

Angelia Davis

Governor Nikki Haley gave members of United Way of Greenville County's Women's Leadership a special assignment Thursday. She told them to go back and reflect on what she called "war stories" — the tough times in life that define who you are and sometimes surprise you because of the things that you're able to do.

Note: "War stories make us the person that we become," Haley said to the 900-plus people who gathered for the group's 17th annual Women Make A Difference luncheon at the TD Convention Center.

The State: Columbia Chamber honors Haley as Ambassador of Year

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article36502605.html>

Gov. Nikki Haley was honored Thursday night as the Columbia Chamber's Ambassador of the Year at the organization's 113th annual gala. "Governor Haley's leadership this past year has opened multiple doors for South Carolina," Carl Blackstone, Columbia Chamber president and chief executive officer, said in July when Haley's selection was announced.

Associated Press: Volvo breaking ground on \$500M manufacturing plant in state

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

Volvo is breaking ground on its first factory in North America - a \$500 million facility in Berkeley County and about 30 miles northwest of Charleston. The automaker announced earlier this year that the new plant should be in operation in three years and could eventually employ as many as 4,000 workers.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley and Volvo's North American CEO Lex Kerssemakers (KEHR'-say-may-kurz) are scheduled to attend the groundbreaking at the plant site at midday on Friday.

WBTW: Rebuilding for burned Front Street businesses could take years

<http://wbtw.com/2015/09/24/rebuilding-for-burned-front-street-businesses-could-take-years/>

Jonee' Lewis

Friday marks two years since a fire destroyed eight businesses on Front Street in Downtown Georgetown. It started September 25th, 2013 along the city's waterfront shopping and dining district and gutted several buildings and destroyed a number of businesses. But no one was killed or seriously injured. The fire did put 130 people out of work and displace several others.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Bush says he'll win S.C. primary: 'Take it to the bank'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150924/PC1603/150929585>

Schuyler Kropf

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush guaranteed he'll win the South Carolina Republican presidential primary, even as he is trailing in the polls and remains a target of barbs from front-runner Donald Trump. "I'm going to win South Carolina, take it to the bank," Bush told reporters Thursday ahead of speaking to the East Cooper Republican Women's group in Mount Pleasant.

CNN: Carly Fiorina trashes Planned Parenthood at South Carolina pregnancy center

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/09/24/politics/carly-fiorina-planned-parenthood-pregnancy-center/>

Theodore Schleifer

Carly Fiorina took her attacks on Planned Parenthood to the ultrasound room of an alternative pregnancy center in the heart of the Bible Belt on Thursday morning. "Wow, that shot of the spine is amazing. Look how well developed it is," she remarked as she observed images of the 18-week fetus.

Associated Press: Graham discussing national security at forum in Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3zV0HppD

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham is in his home state of South Carolina this week, taking part in a forum on some of his bread and butter campaign issues. The Republican presidential hopeful is at the College of Charleston on Friday for a discussion on foreign affairs and national security.

Associated Press: Kasich meeting with black business owners in South Carolina

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

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is meeting with black business owners as part of a campaign trip to South Carolina. The Republican presidential hopeful is set to speak on Friday morning to black small business owners at the Greater Charleston Business Alliance annual meeting in North Charleston.

The State: Sanders plans first volunteer organizing push in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article36487836.html>

Andrew Shain

South Carolina is the one major early-primary state where U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders has not posed a serious challenge to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Democratic presidential polls. Sanders is trying to change that by holding his campaign's first major volunteer organizing effort in South Carolina on Saturday.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Supreme Court gives legislators deadline for education plan

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xmTaNqa1

The state Supreme Court says legislators have until Feb. 1 to come up with a plan for fixing South Carolina's broken education system. The state's high court issued an order Thursday laying out a timeline for complying with its decision last November. Ruling on a 21-year-old case, the justices found the state's decades-old, piecemeal funding scheme fails to provide students in poor, rural districts the opportunity to succeed.

The State: SC Supreme Court sets February deadline in school-equity lawsuit

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article36469272.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. lawmakers have until February to draft legislation to improve the state's rural schools. That deadline was issued Thursday by the S.C. Supreme Court, less than a year after the state's highest court ruled South Carolina is not meeting its constitutional obligation to provide a quality education to children in low-income schools.

Note: In a 3-2 order issued Thursday, the court gave Republican Gov. Nikki Haley, and the leaders of the GOP-controlled House and Senate a Feb. 1 deadline to develop a plan – including legislation – to improve those schools.

Florence Morning News: Marijuana legislation raises concern for Pee Dee law enforcement, drug prevention group

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_4bb9ea40-631c-11e5-ac60-3f8daaddba1f.html

Joshua Lloyd

As a South Carolina Senate panel advanced a bill Thursday morning legalizing marijuana in South Carolina for patients suffering from an array of ailments, Florence behavioral health group Circle Park held a meeting to discuss dangers of the drug on children.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: S.C. State's welcome progress

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150925/PC1002/150929591>

Editorial

South Carolina State University has struggled with financial problems for years, even to the extent that some

legislators suggested earlier this year that it should be shut down. So the recent news that the Orangeburg school expects to end the fiscal year with a \$1.1 million surplus is especially heartening.

Post and Courier: The Democrats' debate deficit

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150925/PC1002/150929592>

Editorial

The Republican presidential field is so crowded that the first two debates were divided into "undercard" and main-event forums based on poll standing. The GOP front-runner is an insufferable braggart whose rash rhetoric upstages the other candidates.

South Carolina News:

The State: After 40 years in office, Riley prescribes 6 ways to make SC better

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article36474303.html#storylink=cpy>

Jason Ryan

For 40 years, Riley has been the Holy City's leader. When he leaves office in January, he will do so as a widely admired politician, credited with leading Charleston's revival from a down-and-out port city to a world-class community for residents and visitors alike.

Associated Press: SLED investigating officer-involved shooting in Hampton

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QTaSzs6W

State agents are investigating after a Hampton police officer fired a shot at someone who was fighting with him. State Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry said the shooting happened early Thursday morning. Berry says the officer recognized the man and the two began to struggle. The officer fired one shot and the man ran away.

Post and Courier: Jesse Jackson seeks to inspire new generation of activists at C of C

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150924/PC16/150929588>

Paul Bowers

The Rev. Jesse Jackson gave a sort of altar call to a roomful of about 90 students Thursday night at the College of Charleston, where he was seeking youth support for a new statewide coalition of civil rights activists.

Local News:

Associated Press: Chester superintendent accused of saying, 'I will kill you'

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AWYHS7V5

Chester County school employees say Superintendent Agnes Slayman has threatened to kill district employees and created a hostile work environment. The Herald of Rock Hill (<http://bit.ly/1WIFp5w>) reports that it has obtained an investigative report provided to the school board in which the district employees say Slayman told a staff member, "I will kill you," and told another employee, "I will cut your throat out."

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