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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Times of India: Modi has a large responsibility to sell India, says Nikki Haley ahead of Indian PM's US visit
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/Modi-has-a-large-responsibility-to-sell-India-says-Nikki-Haley-ahead-of-Indian-PMs-US-visit/articleshow/52463909.cms>

Richa Pintol

Ahead of India Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States in June 2016, Nikki Haley, governor of the south eastern US state of SOUTH CAROLINA, said that Modi has a large responsibility to sell India and create business relationships with other countries and that's why it would be interesting to hear what he has to say. "I kept up with the challenges that are happening in India. Business, jobs and making sure your people get work is key and making sure your bringing in more industry is key. So it would be interesting to hear what he (Modi) has to say. I think a lot of people want to know what is he doing to really spur business between the two countries and what more can we see and what can we expect," said Haley. This will be Modi's fourth visit to the US as prime minister of India.

Hindu Business Line: In India, you have to know someone in govt to be successful in business: Nikki Haley
<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/in-india-you-have-to-know-someone-in-govt-to-be-successful-in-business-nikki-haley/article8656491.ece>

Varun Aggarwal

Nikki Haley, born Nimrata Nikki Randhawa, was the first woman of Indian origin to become a governor in a US state and is also the youngest current governor in the US. She is also seen as likely Vice-Presidential candidate if Donald Trump comes to power. Since taking office, Haley is working feverishly to attract Indian companies to invest in the US. In a conversation with journalists at her office in Columbia, South Carolina, Haley talked about what she's doing when it comes to attracting investments from India and what she thinks are the biggest challenges for American companies to invest in India. Edited excerpts....

Washington Post: The post-Trump solution for Republicans

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2016/05/27/the-post-trump-solution-for-republicans/>
Jennifer Rubin

Consider some of the fresh Republican faces who haven't endorsed Donald Trump: House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez. That, I would suggest, is the universe of realistic candidates for the 2020 and other future presidential races. Those who have succumbed to careerism or simply self-delusion in cheering Trump — including Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), former Louisiana governor Bobby Jindal and the entire Republican National Committee leadership — have disqualified themselves not only from future consideration for high elected office but also from playing a role in the conservative political redesign that must occur.

General Assembly News:

Associated Press: \$12M of SC State's debt to be forgiven, \$6M must be repaid

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

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina State University would be free from \$12 million in state loans but would have to repay \$6 million over the next 16 years under terms approved Friday by legislators negotiating a state budget

compromise. Lawmakers hope the loan forgiveness will help the state's only public historically black university keep its accreditation. "This compromise, I believe, puts S.C. State on a continued path to successful accreditation that gives confidence to students and future students," said Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, a member of the budget conference committee.

LGBT Laws:

The State: With all the fuss about bathrooms, how do some in Columbia actually compare?

<http://www.thestate.com/entertainment/local-events/article80271702.html#storylink=apmobile>

Erin Shaw

We've been hearing a lot in the news about where people can and can't use the bathroom. North Carolina's House Bill 2, or the "bathroom bill," says transgender people can only use the bathroom that corresponds to the gender on their birth certificate. It's spurred heated debate, a directive from the Obama administration, and multiple lawsuits. South Carolina Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, sponsored a bill that mimicked HB2, but that bill is dead for the year. Still, it got us at Go Columbia thinking more about bathrooms. How do bathrooms around Columbia compare? Are the men's and women's restrooms really any different? Which ones are ritzy, and which should be used only in gastronomical emergencies? See our findings from six spots around town...

Associated Press: Crowd thins slightly at NC furniture market after LGBT law

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6cdfb5013ffa485e88b980f38d347b32>

Emery P. Dalesio

Attendance dipped slightly for North Carolina's world-renowned furniture market this year in an early test of business reaction to the state's new law limiting protections for LGBT people. According to numbers released Friday by the High Point Market, this year's registered attendees — including buyers, exhibitors, media and students — totaled slightly more than 79,000. That represents a decrease of 1,000 from the previous year, and a reversal for the market. Attendance at last year's spring event rose 2.5 percent from 2014. The twice-a-year High Point Markets bring an estimated \$5 billion a year in economic activity to North Carolina.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Post and Courier: MOX hearing scheduled for June 30; Feds seek delay

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC16/160529392>

Derrek Asberry

A June 30 hearing has been scheduled in South Carolina's lawsuit against the Department of Energy involving missed deadlines at the Savannah River Site's plutonium recycling plant. But the Energy Department says the hearing should be delayed because U.S. District Judge J. Michelle Childs, who scheduled the proceeding, has not yet ruled on the department's attempt to throw out the case altogether. The project — the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility, or MOX — would meet an agreement with Russia by converting 34 metric tons of plutonium into commercial nuclear fuel. But the facility is still under construction and the federal government missed a Jan. 1 deadline to either process a ton of the plutonium through the SRS facility or remove a ton from the state.

Dylann Roof Case:

Post and Courier: Dylann Roof prosecution entering 'uncharted waters' of legal history

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC16/160529435>

Andrew Knapp

Authorities will have two chances to see that Dylann Roof meets the same fate as his victims. But never in modern times have both state and federal prosecutors sought someone's execution at the same time. How they will manage two death penalty cases could break legal ground and offer some lessons. "We are in completely uncharted waters," said Chris Adams of Charleston, an experienced capital defender. "The federal government's decision (to seek the death penalty) creates many more questions than it does answers."

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Berkeley GOP votes no confidence in its leader

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC16/160529359>

Brenda Rindge

The embattled Berkeley County Republican Party gave a vote of no confidence to its leader and urged him to step down during a special meeting Thursday. In a resolution, critics of Party Chairman Tim Callanan said their leader has failed to attend meetings and ignored requests from other officers. They also said he has "acted unprofessionally with disdain and disrespect" at meetings and when approached by committee members, responded "with vile verbal tirades not fit to print in a public document." The resolution also says Callanan's position as county deputy supervisor could pose a conflict of interest with the party.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Tropical storm warning issued for South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=m2J5Qbf4

SC State Wire

A tropical storm warning has been issued for the South Carolina coast after forecasters say the second tropical cyclone of the Atlantic season formed. The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami says the warning issued Friday extends across the entire South Carolina coast. The warning means tropical storm conditions are expected somewhere in the warning area within 36 hours. Tropical storm conditions are expected to first reach the coast Saturday night. About 2 to 4 inches of rain is expected to fall over parts of coastal Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Associated Press: Feds expect more Atlantic tropical storms than last 3 years

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7d43f8a73b494a93823e2dd38288eb>

Jennifer Kay

U.S. government forecasters expect a near-normal Atlantic hurricane season, after three relatively slow years. But they also say climate conditions that influence storm development are making it difficult to predict how many hurricanes and tropical storms will arise over the next six months. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's outlook Friday called for a near-normal season with 10 to 16 named storms, with four to eight hurricanes and one to four "major" ones with winds reaching 111 mph and up. The long-term season averages are 12 named storms, with six hurricanes and three major ones.

Post and Courier: Highway Patrol focuses on motorcycle safety, steps up enforcement for Memorial Day weekend

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC16/160529433>

Alison Graham

Forty-four motorcyclists were killed in accidents so far this year in South Carolina. Of those, 76 percent were not wearing a helmet. In response, the S.C. Highway Patrol launched its #RideSmart campaign, which encourages riders to complete rider safety programs, drive defensively and wear the correct protective gear. "Dress for the crash, not for the ride," Lance Cpl. Matt Southern said. Southern encourages motorcyclists to wear long pants, boots and Department of Transportation-approved helmets whenever riding.

Local News:

Island Packet: Hurricane center: Tropical storm 90 percent likely to form within 48 hours

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/article80007922.html>

Mandy Matney

A strengthening storm system hovering in the Atlantic could spell tropical trouble for the holiday weekend from Georgia to North Carolina. On Friday morning, the National Hurricane Center upped the chances that a tropical storm will develop within the next 48 hours from 60 to 90 percent. There is a 90 percent such a storm

will develop within the next five days, the center said.

The State: Rhett Jackson, longtime civic, religious leader, dies

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article80291692.html#storylink=apmobile>

John Monk

Rhett Jackson, a longtime Columbia area civic and religious leader with a gentle, happy nature, died Thursday night. He was 91. Jackson ran a prominent Columbia bookshop for more than 20 years and spent much of life discussing theological and social questions, considering how they relate to practical life and then, putting his principles into action. All his life, he fought for racial equality. "He was one of those people who make the community worth living in," said Pete O'Boyle, fellow church member at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church.

Post and Courier: NAACP calls for federal complaints against Charleston County schools

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160526/PC16/160529454>

Paul Bowers

Building on a week of public outcry over racial inequality in the public school system, the NAACP Charleston branch kicked off a campaign to file federal civil rights complaints against the Charleston County School District on Thursday. "Things that have been quiet for a long time have come to a head," said the Rev. Joseph Darby, branch vice president, in a monthly meeting at Morris Brown AME Church. Parents and community members expressed concern over the closures of majority-black schools, delays in renovating Stoney Field for the Burke High football team, an ongoing achievement gap between minority students and their white counterparts, and possible attempts to privatize public schools.

Post and Courier: Complaints spur Charleston County schools to investigate food services

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC16/160529404>

Deanna Pan

Local civil rights activists joined forces with former Charleston County School District food service workers Friday morning to protest allegations of discrimination and wage theft within the district's nutrition services department. In an open letter to district Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait, activists from the National Action Network demanded the removal of Walter Campbell, executive director of nutrition services, for allegedly favoring white males over well-qualified minority and female workers. They claim Campbell promoted white males to managerial and supervisory positions and rewarded them with better kitchen equipment at predominantly white schools.

Greenville News: Tri-County Tech may charge Pickens students a tuition surcharge

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/05/27/tri-county-tech-may-charge-pickens-county-students-tuition-surcharge-if-county-doesnt-fund-construction-project/85040160/>

Ron Barnett

If Pickens County Council doesn't agree to pay the county's share of a \$42.6 million construction project on Tri-County Technical College's main campus, Tech students from Pickens County may have to pay it themselves in the form of a tuition surcharge, a college official said Friday. "A surcharge for Pickens County students is a possible option if the Pickens County Council decides not to fund the Student Success Center," Tech spokeswoman Rebecca Eidson told The Greenville News. Because planning for the project has fallen behind schedule, the money won't be needed for another year, so such a surcharge wouldn't go into effect until fall semester 2017.

Associated Press: Cave escape: Rushing water, sucking mud and pitch black

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

SC State Wire

The cavers were a group of college students from Clemson University in South Carolina on a field trip to explore the water system in the cave. Russell led four of them on what was supposed to be a five-hour trip beginning at 10 a.m., and another guide had a dozen. Until Russell noticed the water, they were unaware of the rising waters threatening to block the cave's entrance, which is the lowest point and first to flood. Hidden

River Cave begins at a sinkhole, 150-feet deep, in the center of downtown Horse Cave. It has two subterranean rivers that flow more than 100 feet below ground. As Russell tried to lead his group out, the mist grew so thick it kept fogging up one student's glasses. He could barely see and kept stumbling.

Greenville News: Clemson student recounts harrowing escape from flooded Kentucky cave

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/05/27/clemson-student-recounts-harrowing-escape-flooded-kentucky-cave/85031458/>

Ron Barnett

When he noticed water coming out of the walls of the cave he had been exploring in Kentucky on Thursday, Clemson University student Riley Blais knew something was wrong. Then he, and the other geology students who were part of his group from Clemson, felt a change in the wind. Then they could hear flowing water. "We realized at that point that we were in a really, really bad spot," the geology major from Southbury, Connecticut, told The Greenville News. "So we basically started running through the cave to get out of there." After fighting their way through a mile-long rain-driven river that was neck deep on some of the students for about 45 minutes, Riley emerged from the mouth of Hidden River Cave unharmed. He was one of the first four out.

Post and Courier: MUSC to host Zika event

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC16/160529431>

Lauren Sausser

The Medical University of South Carolina will host a free seminar on the Zika virus next month. The event will be headlined by U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and will be held in the Bioengineering Building on the MUSC campus from 8:15 a.m. to noon June 10. MUSC spokeswoman Heather Woolwine said the 11 a.m. session has been designed for non-medical audience members. The mosquito-borne Zika virus causes potentially fatal birth defects. The virus is present in many South American countries.

Greenville News: West Nile found in Upstate mosquitoes

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/health/2016/05/27/west-nile-found-upstate-mosquitoes/85042102/>

Anna Lee

Mosquitoes in Oconee County have tested positive for West Nile virus, according to county emergency services officials. The discovery was made during a routine mosquito surveillance program and has been confirmed by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control, said Oconee County Fire Chief Charlie King. "This is not an uncommon occurrence as the virus has been around for many years," King said in a statement Friday. "West Nile Virus is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito and has been reported in 46 of 50 states."

Associated Press: Dead End: State pulls money for I-526 in Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YOHCoL92

SC State Wire

Plans to finish Interstate 526 through Charleston's western suburbs have hit a dead end. Local media outlets report the state Transportation Infrastructure Bank on Thursday pulled the \$420 million it had set aside for the contentious project. Members of the bank board meeting in Columbia discussed the \$725 million project for three hours before voting 4-1 to pull the money.

Post and Courier: Lighthouse Inlet park to start charging \$1 on Wednesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC16/160529424>

Robert Behre

Starting Wednesday, visitors to the northeastern tip of this barrier island will be asked to pay a dollar. The Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve park will begin charging the modest admission fee on a volunteer basis, since the park has no staff, according to the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, which owns the park. Created on the former site of the old Coast Guard station, the park offers the best view on land of the Morris Island Lighthouse.

National News:

Associated Press: Holiday air travelers get a break from long security lines

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1d9fe4471fa543a1a136c658f01bef24>

Jeff Martin and Russ Bynum

Travelers who were dreading long airport security lines ahead of the Memorial Day weekend instead reported moving quickly through checkpoints Friday after authorities opened extra screening lanes and used bomb-sniffing dogs to give some passengers a break from removing their shoes. The extra dogs were concentrated at the nation's largest airports, but they were not used for all screenings, meaning that many travelers still had to observe the usual procedures. But as the busy summer travel season kicked off, the federal Transportation Security Administration tried to offer travelers some relief after weeks of slow-moving lines blamed on an increase in the number of air travelers and a shortage of TSA security officers.

Associated Press: Never mind Trump, GOP uniting under banner: 'Never Hillary'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2490bac92e6f43ff931e45d40cf21bd3>

Julie Bykowicz and Julie Pace

Donald Trump's best ally in winning over skeptical Republicans is turning out to be Hillary Clinton. Having overcome a multimillion-dollar "Never Trump" campaign aimed at blocking him from the Republican nomination, he's now benefiting from a wave of GOP donors, party leaders, voters and conservative groups that are uniting under a new banner: "Never Hillary." "Nothing unites Republicans better than a Clinton," says Scott Reed, a political strategist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce who has advised previous GOP campaigns. While Reed says there remain "many unknowns" about Trump, he adds that "the knowns about Hillary are very powerful motivators to Republicans."

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