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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Trump taps SC Gov Haley and charter school backer DeVos

<http://bigstory.ap.org/34f36bf13474440babdb7078aee2d19b>

Julie Bykowicz and Steve Peoples

President-elect Donald Trump has chosen South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and prominent charter school advocate Betsy DeVos as his secretary of education, the first women selected for top-level administration posts in his new administration. Both Cabinet-level positions require Senate confirmation. While some cheered Haley's selection, despite her limited experience on the international stage, the DeVos choice faced criticism even before it was formally announced Wednesday. Conservatives warned that DeVos, a longtime Republican donor, previously supported the Common Core education standards that Trump railed against during the campaign. Trump, who was at his Palm Beach estate Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday, called DeVos "a brilliant and passionate education advocate."

McClatchy DC: SC Gov. Nikki Haley chosen to be Trump's UN ambassador

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article116612433.html>

Vera Bergengruen and Anita Kumar

South Carolina Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has been tapped to serve as Donald Trump's U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, his transition team announced on Wednesday. The 44-year-old, who is in her second and final term, has accepted the position. Trump called Haley "a proven dealmaker" who will be a "great leader representing us on the world stage." "Governor Haley has a proven track record of bringing people together regardless of background or party affiliation to move critical policies forward," the president-elect said in a statement. Haley said she "always expected to finish the remaining two years" as governor. "Not doing so is difficult because I love serving South Carolina more than anything," she said in a statement Wednesday, adding that her "sense of duty" had moved her to accept the post. "This month's elections have brought exciting changes to America. Our country faces enormous challenges here at home and internationally," she said.

Reuters: Trump names Haley, a foreign policy novice, as envoy to U.N.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-idUSKBN13I186>

Roberta Rampton and Doina Chiacu

Donald Trump on Wednesday named South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, a former critic with little foreign policy experience, to be the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations at a time of uncertainty over America's international role under his presidency. Haley, one of two women chosen for a job in Trump's Cabinet, is "a proven dealmaker, and we look to be making plenty of deals. She will be a great leader representing us on the world stage," the Republican president-elect said in a statement. The 44-year-old daughter of Indian immigrants, Haley represents what some Republicans hope could be the new face of their party: a younger, more diverse generation of leaders. Haley took Trump strongly to task during the presidential campaign over his harsh rhetoric about illegal immigration and for not speaking forcefully enough against white supremacists. Trump has chosen mostly male conservatives so far for senior positions as he shapes his administration following his victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton in the Nov. 8 election. Trump takes over from Democratic President Barack Obama on Jan. 20.

New York Times: Trump Diversifies Cabinet; Picks Nikki Haley and Betsy DeVos

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/23/us/politics/donald-trump-president-elect.html>

Mark Landler and Maggie Haberman

President-elect Donald J. Trump named two prominent Republican women to cabinet posts on Wednesday, recruiting Betsy DeVos, a prominent Republican philanthropist and educational activist, as education secretary, and Gov. Nikki R. Haley of South Carolina as ambassador to the United Nations. Moving swiftly to diversify his cabinet, Mr. Trump was also nearing an announcement that Ben Carson, the retired neurosurgeon who ran an outsider's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, as secretary of housing and urban development. Ms. DeVos and Ms. Haley would be the first women in Mr. Trump's cabinet, while Mr. Carson would be the first African-American. Ms. Haley is Indian-American and a rising star in Republican politics. But none of these choices suggest a president-elect who is reaching beyond reliably conservative circles for his major policy makers.

New York Times: Nikki Haley's Path: From Daughter of Immigrants to Trump's Pick for U.N.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/23/us/nikki-haley-donald-trump-un-ambassador.html?_r=0

Richard Fausset

Gov. Nikki R. Haley of South Carolina is the daughter of immigrants, favors free markets and global trade, and earned international attention for speaking out against the Confederate battle flag in the aftermath of the 2015 massacre at a black church in Charleston. During Donald J. Trump's presidential campaign, she sharply criticized his demeanor and warned what it might mean for American diplomacy — even suggesting that his tendency to lash out at critics could cause a world war. But on Wednesday, Mr. Trump named Ms. Haley as his choice for ambassador to the United Nations, a move that will most likely serve to both assuage and confound the president-elect's critics, raising questions about the tone and direction of his foreign policy. She would also add ethnic and gender diversity to the appointments, so far predominantly white men, he has made to other top posts in the administration. In a statement, Ms. Haley said she had accepted Mr. Trump's offer because she felt good about South Carolina's economic standing under her leadership. She added that this month's elections had brought "exciting changes to America."

WSJ: Donald Trump Picks First Women for Posts in Administration

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/donald-trump-picks-nikki-haley-as-ambassador-to-u-n-1479907831>

Michael C. Bender and Damian Paletta

President-elect Donald Trump has chosen the first women for posts in his administration, picking South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to serve as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and school-choice advocate Betsy DeVos as his secretary of education, his transition team said Wednesday. Ms. Haley long held reservations about Mr. Trump's candidacy during the GOP primary, and endorsed both Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz during the primary. But both sides seemed to have warmed to each other after Mr. Trump won the Nov. 8 election. U.N. ambassador is a key post, advising the White House on foreign policy issues and representing the U.S. in discussions with other countries. Ms. DeVos, 58 years old, a former Michigan Republican Party chairwoman, would enter the office when traditional public schools are fighting charter schools for students, as enrollment drives state and local funding. Some school districts, including the Los Angeles Unified School District, have reported losing thousands of students and millions of dollars.

Washington Post: Trump nominates two prominent GOP women: DeVos as education secretary, Haley as U.N. ambassador

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-nominates-nikki-haley-to-be-un-ambassador/2016/11/23/401f4a7a-b183-11e6-be1c-8cec35b1ad25_story.html

Jerry Markon, Robert Costa and Emma Brown

President-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday selected two prominent Republican women for Cabinet-level positions, adding diversity to an inner circle that was already coming under fire for being

composed mostly of white men. In a potentially controversial choice, Trump intends to nominate billionaire philanthropist Betsy DeVos for education secretary, turning to a conservative activist who has forcefully pushed for private school voucher programs. Her nomination is expected to face strong opposition from public school advocates, who oppose her efforts to funnel taxpayer dollars from public to private and religious schools. "Betsy DeVos is a brilliant and passionate education advocate," Trump said in a statement. "Under her leadership we will reform the U.S. education system and break the bureaucracy that is holding our children back so that we can deliver world-class education and school choice to all families."

CNN: Trump picks South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to be US ambassador to UN

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/23/politics/nikki-haley-picked-for-un-ambassador/index.html>

Eugene Scott, Jim Acosta and Sara Murray

President-elect Donald Trump has picked South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to be the US ambassador to the United Nations, the transition team announced Wednesday. Haley, who is the daughter of Indian immigrants, has already carved out a legacy for herself, serving as her home state's first female and first minority governor. Once considered a potential vice president pick, Trump's tapping of Haley, 44, further raises the profile of a rising star in a party whose leaders are increasingly attempting to attract more minorities and women. In a statement released Wednesday, Haley said the US "faces enormous challenges" both at home and internationally. She cited a "sense of duty" in accepting Trump's offer. "When the President believes you have a major contribution to make to the welfare of our nation, and to our nation's standing in the world, that is a calling that is important to heed," Haley said. "The second is a satisfaction with all that we have achieved in our state in the last six years and the knowledge that we are on a very strong footing." Haley was also among those being considered by Trump for secretary of state. Her pick leaves former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani and a handful of others among those still in the running for the top diplomat position.

Fox News: Trump picks charter school advocate Betsy DeVos for education secretary

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/11/23/charter-school-advocate-betsy-devos-picked-for-education-job.html>

President-elect Donald Trump selected a charter school advocate and GOP donor from Michigan on Wednesday to be education secretary. Betsy DeVos becomes the second woman chosen to fill a spot in Trump's Cabinet. Earlier Wednesday, Trump named South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations earlier in the day. Both Cabinet-level positions require Senate confirmation. While some initially cheered Haley's selection, despite her limited experience on the international stage, the DeVos choice faced criticism even before it was formally announced Wednesday. Conservatives warned that DeVos, a longtime Republican donor, previously supported the Common Core education standards that Trump railed against during the campaign. Trump, who was at his Palm Beach estate Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday, called DeVos "a brilliant and passionate education advocate."

NBC News: Gov. Nikki Haley Accepts Trump Offer to Be Ambassador to United Nations

<http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/gov-nikki-haley-accepts-trump-offer-be-ambassador-united-nations-n687501>

Kristen Welker

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has accepted Donald Trump's offer to be his ambassador to the United Nations. In a statement Wednesday morning, Haley said "I always expected to finish the remaining two years of my second term as governor," but added she was "moved to accept this new assignment" out of a "sense of duty." "When the President believes you have a major contribution to make to the welfare of our nation, and to our nation's standing in the world, that is a calling that is important to heed," Haley said, adding that she "remain as governor until the U.S. Senate acts affirmatively on my nomination." Haley, 44, is a two-term governor who initially backed Trump rivals Sen. Marco Rubio and then Sen. Ted Cruz during the GOP battle for a White House nominee.

New York Daily News: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley accepts job as President-elect Donald Trump's U.N. ambassador: report

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/s-gov-nikki-haley-picked-trump-u-n-ambassador-article-1.2884273>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will serve as U.N. Ambassador in President-elect Donald Trump's administration, according to a report. Haley, the first woman and Asian American elected as the state's governor, accepted Trump's offer Wednesday, sources told NBC News. The 44-year-old governor and former state representative was among several lawmakers and campaign surrogates the transition team said funneled into Trump Tower last week to meet with the future Commander-in-Chief. Haley was an early opponent to Trump's White House. In her response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address, she urged Republican voters to ignore the "siren call of the angriest voices" and without mentioning Trump's name, Haley said xenophobic rhetoric would threaten immigrant families, such as her own. Haley is the daughter of Indian immigrants. The following month, Haley warned that the floundering GOP candidate was "everything a governor doesn't want in a president."ouse bid.

Los Angeles Times: Trump taps South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley for U.N. ambassador

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/politics/trailguide/la-na-trailguide-updates-trump-taps-south-carolina-gov-nikki-1479901718-htmlstory.html>

Tracy Wilkinson

Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a rising star in the GOP, as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, an announcement that brings a measure of diversity to a transition that has been dominated by white, male figures. Haley, 44, and the daughter of Indian immigrants, is the first woman and first person of color to be picked for the new administration. Charismatic and popular in her home state, she was sharply critical of Trump during the campaign. She scolded what she called voices of hatred as being counterproductive. After initially supporting Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, she backed Trump's rival Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas during the party's primaries. But Haley later moved to mend relations with Trump and supported him in the general election.

BuzzFeed News: Trump Picks Nikki Haley To Become His US Ambassador To UN

https://www.buzzfeed.com/rosebuchanan/trump-picks-nikki-haley-to-become-his-us-ambassador-to-un-re?utm_term=.gpAVBPwVw#.prqYdrq93

South Carolina governor Nikki Haley has accepted President-elect Donald Trump's offer to be appointed the next US ambassador to the United Nations. President-elect Trump confirmed the nomination, praising Haley's "proven track record", in a statement Wednesday morning. Haley was "honored" to have received the nomination, she said. "Our country faces enormous challenges here at home and internationally," she continued in a short statement. If confirmed by the Senate, Haley's appointment would be her first in a federal role. UN ambassadors typically have experience in the State Department or National Security Council. "Governor Haley has a proven track record of bringing people together regardless of background or party affiliation to move critical policies forward for the betterment of her state and our country," Trump said in a statement.

Washington Post: Last month, Nikki Haley was 'not a fan' of Donald Trump. Now she has agreed to join his administration.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/11/23/last-month-nikki-haley-was-not-a-fan-of-donald-trump-now-shes-agreed-to-join-his-administration/>

Amber Phillips

Since she became the first female minority governor of South Carolina six years ago, Nikki Haley has been on the shortlist of Republican state officials with possible national futures. But few of those GOP operatives could have expected Haley's ascension to work out this way: She will be joining the administration of a politician she once said is "everything a governor doesn't want in a president." President-elect Donald Trump plans to nominate her to be his ambassador to the United Nations,

one of the most senior and high-profile foreign policy positions in the United States. Haley is the first woman and the first minority Trump has chosen for his administration.

The State: Haley confirms Trump offered her UN position

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article116629608.html>

Jane Moon Dial

Gov. Nikki Haley confirmed in a statement she released Wednesday morning that President-elect Donald Trump offered her a position in his cabinet. Haley said during a meeting with Trump last week, where he asked her to serve as the next United States ambassador to the United Nations. Haley, who was two years left in her term, also confirmed she will remain governor until the U.S. Senate affirms the nomination. Here is her statement in its entirety: "Six years ago, South Carolinians bestowed upon me the greatest honor of my life. They took a chance on a little-known, 38-year old, minority, female governor – something our state had never done before. I will be forever grateful, and I expect I will never again receive a higher honor.

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley has accepted nomination as UN ambassador (live updates)

http://www.postandcourier.com/politics/gov-nikki-haley-has-accepted-nomination-as-un-ambassador-live/article_9dee56ec-b17d-11e6-8f89-fb458543a157.html

3 p.m.- Early Trump supporter S.C. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster on Facebook weighed in on Gov. Nikki Haley receiving the UN Ambassador. "Today is indeed a great day for South Carolina. In selecting Governor Nikki Haley to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations, President-Elect Donald Trump has again demonstrated his determination to make America greater than ever before. Governor Haley will be an inspiration to all who believe in the American dream, at home and around the world. South Carolina is bursting with talent, and today we swell with pride that one of our daughters is preparing to step into history on the world stage. Mrs. McMaster joins me in offering our heartiest congratulations.

WIS: READ: Gov. Nikki Haley's statement on becoming UN Ambassador

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33780165/read-gov-nikki-haleys-statement-on-becoming-un-ambassador>

WACH: Trump's team confirms Haley will be nominated for UN ambassador

<http://wach.com/news/local/reports-haley-to-be-nominated-as-trumps-un-ambassador-wednesday>

Matthew Stevens

Nikki Haley has been nominated by Donald Trump to join his cabinet as UN ambassador a statement from the President-elect's transition team confirmed the decision first reported by the Post & Courier Wednesday morning. "Governor Haley has a proven track record of bringing people together regardless of background or party affiliation to move critical policies forward for the betterment of her state and our country," said President-elect Trump. "She is also a proven dealmaker, and we look to be making plenty of deals. She will be a great leader representing us on the world stage." Haley said through the statement issued by Trump's transition team she's excited to be part of Trump's team because of what it can mean for the future of the country.

WLTX: Gov. Haley Accepts UN Ambassador Job

<http://www.wltx.com/news/politics/nikki-haley-united-nations-ambassador/355266469>

President-Elect Donald Trump says he'll nominate South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations in his new administration. Trump confirmed the reports that has surfaced earlier Wednesday morning that Haley had accepted the job. Related Coverage: New Job Continues Haley's Impressive Political Rise "Governor Haley has a proven track record of bringing people together regardless of background or party affiliation to move critical policies forward for the betterment of her state and our country," said President-elect Trump. "She is also a proven dealmaker, and we look to be making plenty of deals. She will be a great leader representing us on the world stage." "Our country faces enormous challenges here at home and internationally, and I am honored that the President-elect has asked me to join his team and serve the country we love as the

next Ambassador to the United Nations,” said Governor Haley in a statement. Haley said she will stay on as governor until she's confirmed by the Senate.

Associated Press: Trump's UN pick has a national reputation as healer-in-chief

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f284dcafe9374a64a88261f034f6e1e2>

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley has developed a national reputation as a racial conciliator who led the charge to bring down the Confederate flag at the Statehouse and guided South Carolina through one of its darkest moments, the massacre at a black church. Now the 44-year-old American-born daughter of Indian immigrants is about to take her role as the state's healer-in-chief to a world stage, as U.N. ambassador. On Wednesday, Haley became the first woman and first minority chosen by President-elect Donald Trump for his Cabinet. If the Senate confirms her, she could find herself in the awkward position of being the international voice for an administration that has belittled the United Nations, promised to build a wall along the Mexican border and endeared itself to the alt-right movement, even though Trump has repudiated such groups. Haley may have offered a glimpse Tuesday of how she will approach the job. "Faith with action and kindness and love will always take us where we want to go," the Republican governor said at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, where a white man gunned down nine black parishioners in June 2015.

TIME: Donald Trump Reaches Outside His Inner Circle

<http://time.com/4581491/donald-trump-nikki-haley-united-nations-supporters/>

Zeke Miller

With Nikki Haley pick: If you only read one thing: Donald Trump is venturing outside of his core group of supporters with his intent to nominate South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to the post of U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Haley was an early and vocal critic of the President-elect during the long GOP primary, endorsing Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz. She reluctantly announced her intention to vote for Trump just weeks before Election Day. Haley, 44, a rising Republican star who became a household name after leading the effort to bring down the Confederate battle flag at the South Carolina state Capitol after last year's Charleston church shooting. While she is light on traditional foreign policy experience, she has worked to bring both domestic and foreign businesses to her state, which drew admiration from Trump. The Indian-American second-term governor is the first woman and person of minority background to be announced for Trump's administration. She is also close to former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a finalist to be Trump's Secretary of State.

Washington Post: Donald Trump just did something no one said he would (or could)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/11/23/the-nikki-haley-pick-is-a-very-smart-one-by-donald-trump-now-what-about-mitt-romney/>

Chris Cillizza

During Donald Trump's unlikelyst of runs for the Republican nomination and then the presidency, Nikki Haley and Mitt Romney were two of his loudest and most high-profile critics. Haley said Trump was "everything a governor doesn't want in a president." Romney called Trump a "phony," a "fraud" and a bunch of other names. And now, just 15 days after Trump's stunning victory over Hillary Clinton, the president-elect appears on his way to installing both Haley and Romney in senior roles in his administration. Haley, the governor of South Carolina, has accepted Trump's offer to serve as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations — a move that will elevate Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster to the top job in the Palmetto State. The Wall Street Journal is reporting that Romney, the party's 2012 presidential nominee, has moved into the pole position as Trump's pick for secretary of state. "The New York businessman views Mr. Romney as the prototypical choice to be the nation's top diplomat, and a group of advisers inside the transition are pushing him to select the 2012 Republican presidential nominee," write Michael C. Bender and Damien Paletta. "Two people said Mr. Trump is inclined to select Mr. Romney."

MSNBC: Why Trump tapped Haley for Ambassador to U.N.

<http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/why-trump-tapped-haley-ambassador-un>

Steve Benen

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) hasn't always held Donald Trump in the highest regard. Back in January, when the governor delivered her party's response to the State of the Union address, Haley took a not-so-subtle shot at the then-frontrunner for the GOP's presidential nomination – much to the consternation of the Republican base. A month later, Haley called Trump “everything a governor doesn't want in a president.” Soon after, Trump returned fire, declaring in a tweet, “The people of South Carolina are embarrassed by Nikki Haley!” As recently as late October, the South Carolina governor was reluctant to even say Trump's name out loud, conceding she's “not a fan” of her party's presidential nominee. Haley said she'd vote for the GOP ticket, but “that doesn't mean it's an easy vote.” That's not a bad resume for someone in public service, but Haley's background in foreign policy doesn't exist. If confirmed, Haley would head to the United Nations as a diplomat, despite having no experience in diplomacy, working on international affairs she's currently unfamiliar with. Which naturally raises the question of why in the world Trump would extend such an offer...

ABC News: What to Expect When Nikki Haley Goes to the United Nations

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/expect-nikki-haley-united-nations/story?id=43738014>

Justin Fishel and Elizabeth McLaughlin

Many diplomats and foreign policy wonks agree that aside from her welcomed executive management experience, Nikki Haley is an outside-the-box pick for ambassador to the United Nations. Asked specifically about what diplomatic experience Gov. Haley brings to the job, a spokesman for the Trump transition team said this morning that she's been on “a number of overseas trade and business recruitment missions,” but beyond that was unable to offer anything more specific other than the “natural chemistry” she shared with President-elect Donald Trump when they spoke about their vision of how the United States should be represented on the world stage. So, what might that shared vision look like? Trump has shown the ability to turn his views on a dime, but here is what he and Haley have said in the past about some of the issues she'll need to confront at the United Nations post in New York.

Politico: Will Nikki Haley put the U.S. in Russia's corner?

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/11/nikki-haley-trump-russia-231807>

Nahal Toosi and Benjamin Oreskes

Nikki Haley is about to become a major player in Donald Trump's reset with Russia. As word spread Wednesday that the president-elect had chosen the South Carolina governor as his ambassador to the United Nations, some observers saw it as a sign that Trump will abide by his pledge to cooperate more with Moscow. Haley is not a flame-thrower and has no notable track record on foreign policy, suggesting she'll follow Trump's lead. In announcing his pick, Trump praised Haley as a “deal-maker, and we look to be making plenty of deals.” But at the United Nations, Haley will be tested like she's never been tested before on urgent matters of life and death — issues on which Russia, with its experienced ambassador, Vitaly Churkin, has long been America's main foil. Case in point: The U.S. has spent months, to no avail, urging Russia to support sanctions on the Syrian government over its use of chemical weapons. If Haley gives up on that fight and others, it may appease the Russians, but it also could concern Britain and France, America's traditional allies on the Security Council.

Washington Post: As U.S. ambassador to U.N., Nikki Haley would face world's most intractable conflicts

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/as-us-ambassador-to-un-nikki-haley-would-face-worlds-most-intractable-conflicts/2016/11/23/4ae99573-7661-416a-97d7-dee36793ae10_story.html

Carol Morello

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who is a daughter of Indian immigrants and has no experience in international affairs, has been chosen by President-elect Donald Trump to become the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, a key forum for articulating and advancing U.S. foreign policy.

Haley, 44, a former state lawmaker who has been governor for six years, has not served in the federal government before, and her overseas work has been limited to international trade missions on behalf of her state. But she would be considered a moderating voice among Trump's national security picks and someone who would bring polished political and communications skills to the world body. It is unusual for an incoming administration to name a U.N. ambassador so early, especially before the nominee for secretary of state is decided. Presidents Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Obama did not name ambassadors until after their inaugurations. By naming Haley so quickly, Trump seems to be signaling that he considers the post an important podium for his foreign policy agenda.

McClatchy DC: Nikki Haley can expect these 4 fights as Trump's U.N. ambassador

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/article116621573.html>

Teresa Welsh

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will be President-elect Donald Trump's ambassador to the United Nations, a body that stands in stark contrast to many of Trump's stated foreign policies. Haley, who spoke out frequently against Trump during his campaign, has no foreign policy experience. She is the child of Indian immigrants and rejected Trump's suggested ban of Muslims entering the U.S., calling it "un-American." Although she supported Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., in the primaries, Haley calls Trump "a friend" and met with him last week to discuss a possible place in his administration. Trump has proposed shrinking the American role in the NATO alliance and similarly reducing the U.S. role in the U.N., where the Americans are one of five countries with a permanent seat on the Security Council. "Same thing, smaller numbers," Trump said on the campaign trail of his U.N. policy. Although Trump's views may continue to evolve on some foreign policy topics, there are a few issues Haley will have to deal with in representing the U.S. in the U.N.

McClatchy DC: Nikki Haley will have interesting company as Donald Trump's U.N. ambassador

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/white-house/article116735668.html>

Kevin H. Hall

The post of U.S. ambassador to the United Nations has been both a steppingstone for bigger things and a consolation prize for the men and women appointed to the post in recent decades. Many entered as relatively unknown public figures and earned their diplomatic stripes and political gravitas. One went on to become president. Here's a look at some of the more notable ambassadors over the past five decades...

Breitbart News: The Pros and Cons of Nikki Haley as UN Ambassador

<http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2016/11/23/pros-cons-nikki-haley-un-ambassador/>

Joel B. Pollack

The selection of South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley as UN Ambassador has clear and definite advantages. The first is that she has the skills necessary to advocate for U.S. interests in a hostile forum. Haley came up with the Tea Party movement, in the long political winter of 2009-2010. She has moved to the center since then, but learned the hard way how to confront media critics and political opponents. Turtle Bay is a den of scavenging hyenas; the job requires a lion — or in this case, a lioness. Second, Haley is an excellent representative of what America has become — a tolerant, diverse society to which immigrants like Haley's family have contributed more than their share. Haley is internationally known for being the governor who took on the Confederate flag, which will draw interest and respect from foreign diplomats. And third, Haley shows that Trump can reach out to his critics — and reward his supporters, like Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, who will move into Haley's former role.

Fortune Magazine: In Selecting a Woman as UN Ambassador, Trump Takes a Page From History

<http://fortune.com/2016/11/23/donald-trump-nikki-haley-un-ambassador/>

Laura Cohn

Nikki Haley succeeds two women in the role, but she lacks their foreign policy experience. In choosing

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley to be his ambassador to the United Nations, President-elect Donald Trump is taking a page from history. The UN ambassador slot ranks among the top cabinet or cabinet-level jobs that have been held most often by women. According to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, four women have held the UN position. That makes it the third-most female-populated cabinet or cabinet-level post. At No. 1 is the secretary of Labor job, which has been held by seven women, followed by the secretary of Health and Human Services post, in which five women have served. Four women have also served as the Environmental Protection Agency administrator, tying it with the UN post for third place. Haley is also the first woman Trump has selected for one of his administration's top positions, which will add diversity to Trump's team. His appointments so far and his rumored cabinet are heavy on white men.

Forbes: Nikki Haley Has Only One Credential For The UN: Being An Asian-American Republican
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/charlestiefer/2016/11/23/nikki-haley-has-only-one-credential-for-the-un-being-an-asian-american-republican/#249b43cf9e8e>

Charles Tiefer

Trump has patently picked Nikki Haley for UN Ambassador for two reasons. One reason is to highlight that he is giving a Cabinet-rank and highly visible post to red-state Republican Asian-American woman. Trump's other reason is to show his contempt for conducting foreign affairs through the UN in particular and multilateral organizations in general. He is giving the post to someone with no foreign affairs credentials (or any other national security credentials, for that matter). It is a throw-away for a visible symbol of his supposed inclusiveness. Who is Nikki Haley?

She was born in a Sikh family, named Nimrata Nikki Randhawa. So as an Asian-American she is the real thing. (She is now a Methodist.) O She served as a South Carolina state representative (2005-2011), and then Governor since 2011. This gave her absolutely no foreign affairs experience. She has no known foreign affairs views. Look at biographies of her and you find she is a cipher on foreign affairs. Of course. Foreign affairs does not come up in the South Carolina state legislature. Foreign affairs does not come up for a South Carolina governor.

WSJ: Opinion Journal: The Nikki Haley Pick

<http://www.wsj.com/video/opinion-journal-the-nikki-haley-pick/2AF7ED80-E097-4BAA-A094-E497EB28FF4A.html>

VIDEO: Main Street Columnist Bill McGurn on Donald Trump's proposed U.N. Ambassador and Education Secretary. Photo: Getty

Daily Mail: Trump names South Carolina governor and 'proven dealmaker' Nikki Haley UN ambassador

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3963816/Nikki-Haley-set-Trump-s-ambassador-South-Carolina-Governor-unveiled-powerful-post-TODAY.html>

Donald Trump has tapped South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley to be the next ambassador to the United Nations, just hours before naming charter-school reformer Betsy DeVos as his Education secretary. Trump said Wednesday morning that Haley had accepted the diplomatic position, which requires Senate confirmation. He called her a 'proven dealmaker' in a statement, adding, 'We look to be making plenty of deals.' She will be a great leader representing us on the world stage,' he said. Trump spokesman Jason Miller told reporters during a Wednesday morning conference call that the transition team 'may have an additional cabinet-level announcement later today.'

Breitbart News: Donald Trump Spokesman: Nikki Haley Had 'Natural Chemistry' with Trump, 'Pretty Easy Pick'

<http://www.breitbart.com/2016-presidential-race/2016/11/23/trump-intends-nominate-nikki-haley-ambassador-united-nations/>

Alex Swoyer

Donald Trump's spokesman Jason Miller describes South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley as a "pretty easy pick for the President-elect" as the ambassador to the United Nations. "She's done a fantastic job with

the state of South Carolina and helping to improve the economy — that's including a number of overseas trade and business recruitment missions," Miller told reporters on Wednesday morning. "I think there was also a natural chemistry between the two when they met." Trump officially announced earlier on Wednesday that he plans to nominate Haley as the United States ambassador to the United Nations. Miller described Haley as a "pretty easy pick for the President-elect as he greatly respects and admires her." Haley is the daughter of Indian immigrants and was the first woman governor of South Carolina. Under her leadership, South Carolina's unemployment hit a 15-year low, as she created 82,000 jobs in her state.

The State: President-Elect Trump: Haley 'a proven dealmaker'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article116617763.html>

Bristow Marchant

President-Elect Donald Trump officially announced the appointment of S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley as his ambassador to the United Nations. Trump's transition team confirmed the appointment in a statement on Wednesday. "Governor Haley has a proven track record of bringing people together regardless of background or party affiliation to move critical policies forward for the betterment of her state and our country," said President-elect Trump. "She is also a proven dealmaker, and we look to be making plenty of deals. She will be a great leader representing us on the world stage." Haley also reacted to the news on Wednesday. "Our country faces enormous challenges here at home and internationally, and I am honored that the President-elect has asked me to join his team and serve the country we love as the next Ambassador to the United Nations," Haley said in a statement.

WIS: What exactly does the UN ambassador do in the federal government?

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33781677/what-exactly-does-the-un-ambassador-do-in-the-federal-government>

Jeremy Turnage

Now that South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has accepted the offer to become the United Nations ambassador for the United States in President-elect Donald Trump's administration, the question many are asking is what exactly that job entails. The UN ambassador is the chief official for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and is the direct line between the UN and the U.S. Department of State. The ambassador and the Secretary of State work together on issues within the UN. "USUN is responsible for carrying out the nation's participation in the world body," the USUN explained on its website. "In 1947 the United States Mission was created by an act of Congress to assist the President and the Department of State in conducting United States policy at the United Nations. Since that time, USUN has served a vital role as the Department of State's UN branch." But first, Haley must be confirmed by the United States Senate. If confirmed, she will head up a staff of approximately 150 workers in the U.S.'s continued diplomatic mission in the UN. The current U.N. Ambassador, Samantha Power, 46, was appointed by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2013.

WIS: Superlatives pour in for Gov. Nikki Haley after she accepts UN role

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33780638/superlatives-pour-in-for-gov-nikki-haley-after-she-accepts-un-role>

Jeremy Turnage

Gov. Nikki Haley has accepted an offer to become the next United Nations ambassador for the United States and the superlatives are beginning to pour in as the governor prepares to head to Washington DC. South Carolina senior Sen. Lindsey Graham tweeted out a brief statement praising the governor. Locally, both the South Carolina Republican Party and South Carolina Democratic Party have released statements. "I congratulate Governor Haley on her appointment as our next Ambassador to the UN," SCDP chairman Jaime Harrison said. "I must note with concern, however, that every single previous UN Ambassador came to the job with previous foreign policy experience, which Governor Haley lacks. I hope the Governor is a quick study because as one of the nation's top diplomats, she will have the critical task of dealing in real time with virtually every international crisis

that arises. For all of our sakes, I wish her great success!"

WLTX: New Job Continues Haley's Impressive Political Rise

<http://www.wltx.com/news/politics/new-job-continues-haleys-impressive-political-rise/355257482>

The news that South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will be the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations is just the latest milestone on an impressive career track that's taken her from a rural small town to national attention. President-Elect Donald Trump's transition team confirmed Wednesday morning that the newly elected president would nominate Haley to be the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. "Governor Haley has a proven track record of bringing people together regardless of background or party affiliation to move critical policies forward for the betterment of her state and our country," said President-elect Trump. "She is also a proven dealmaker, and we look to be making plenty of deals. She will be a great leader representing us on the world stage." "Our country faces enormous challenges here at home and internationally, and I am honored that the President-elect has asked me to join his team and serve the country we love as the next Ambassador to the United Nations," said Governor Haley in a statement.

Associated Press: The Latest: Trump backer gets a boost from Haley appointment

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ebc13ac864a1480a9c9ca262c8d0a205>

President-elect Donald Trump's choice of South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations is good news for the state's lieutenant governor, himself an early Trump supporter. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster is praising Trump's decision. If Haley is confirmed by the Senate, McMaster will take Haley's place as chief executive of South Carolina. That means McMaster gets a promotion in his state thanks to the president-elect. McMaster endorsed Trump ahead of the South Carolina primary, giving Trump a boost from an establishment Republican. Haley herself didn't back Trump early in the campaign, preferring Sen. Marco Rubio and then Sen. Ted Cruz. In a statement Wednesday, McMaster says Haley "will be an inspiration to all who believe in the American dream, at home and around the world." He didn't address how her new job will elevate him to the governor's office.

Associated Press: Trump's pick of Haley gives McMaster job he's long wanted

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

Seanna Adcox

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will ascend to a job he's long wanted if the U.S. Senate approves Donald Trump's pick of Gov. Nikki Haley as ambassador to the United Nations. The state constitution says McMaster becomes South Carolina's next CEO. Haley defeated McMaster, then a two-term attorney general, for the job in the 2010 Republican primary. He's been a close ally since and congratulated her on Wednesday's announcement. But it was McMaster, not Haley, who backed the billionaire businessman in South Carolina's first-in-the-South presidential primary. In January, McMaster became the nation's first statewide officeholder to endorse Trump, while Haley backed Mario Rubio. Trump won that primary by 10 percentage points over Rubio. Last week, McMaster said Trump "is well aware" of the pivotal role the state played in his election.

Breitbart News: Trump's Haley Appointment Would Elevate His Ally McMaster In South Carolina

<http://www.breitbart.com/2016-presidential-race/2016/11/23/trumps-haley-appointment-elevates-ally-mcmaster-south-carolina/>

Matthew Boyle

President-elect of the United States Donald Trump's appointment of South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to United Nations ambassador would elevate a key loyalist to a top position in the deep red state's government, which could help Trump complete his takeover of the Republican Party nationally. South Carolina's Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, a top Trump ally from the beginning of the presidential contests, will become the state's governor. That means McMaster, according to the local news outlets, will assume the role of governor when Haley vacates the position. He'd be frontrunner for reelection to the governor's mansion afterwards, putting a Trump loyalist atop the state government in perhaps

one of if not the most important states in the union for Trump. South Carolina's Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, a top Trump ally from the beginning of the presidential contests, will become the state's governor. That means McMaster, according to the local news outlets, will assume the role of governor when Haley vacates the position. He'd be frontrunner for reelection to the governor's mansion afterwards, putting a Trump loyalist atop the state government in perhaps one of if not the most important states in the union for Trump.

The State: With McMaster as governor, who will be South Carolina's second in command?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article116675863.html>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley's appointment to U.N. Ambassador sets up Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster to take over the state's executive office. But a 2014 constitutional amendment raises the question of who will be South Carolina's next second-in-command. "I believe that the new law would require Gov. McMaster to choose a lieutenant governor and then have that person run the Senate," said Rep. Jim Merrill, R-Berkeley. "The entire point of the legislation was to have a governor and a lieutenant governor run in the same ticket, and that was to start in 2018," Merrill said. "This speeds it up by a few months, but it's not really that much of an unexpected of a change." Under that interpretation of the law, McMaster would be the first governor in state history who would get to pick his successor. McMaster, who ran unsuccessfully for governor in the 2010 GOP primary, has said he will seek the governor's office in 2018.

The State: SC Lt. Gov. McMaster on Haley heading to the UN

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article116735388.html>

Bristow Marchant

South Carolina's lieutenant governor has given his first public comment since it was announced his boss would take a position in Donald Trump's cabinet. Henry McMaster posted his congratulations to Nikki Haley on Facebook after it was announced she would be nominated for the job of ambassador to the United Nations. "In selecting Governor Nikki Haley to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations, President-Elect Donald Trump has again demonstrated his determination to make America greater than ever before," writes McMaster, an early supporter of Trump's insurgent bid for the Republican nomination. "Governor Haley will be an inspiration to all who believe in the American dream, at home and around the world. South Carolina is bursting with talent, and today we swell with pride that one of our daughters is preparing to step into history on the world stage." McMaster is next in line to become governor of South Carolina, but did not mention any potential role for himself in Trump's administration, despite speculation he could also be in line for a job in Washington.

Greenville News: Haley's opportunity as UN ambassador could shake up governor's race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/11/23/haleys-opportunity-un-ambassador-could-shake-up-governors-race/94333282/>

Amanda Coyne

Gov. Nikki Haley announced Wednesday morning that she had accepted the opportunity to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations from President-elect Donald Trump. Haley will continue to serve as governor until she is confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will then be elevated to the governorship, in accordance with South Carolina's line of succession. Haley said it will be "difficult" for her not to finish her second term as governor, but her confidence in the state's accomplishments during her term made her feel comfortable making the leap from Columbia to the U. N. "I always expected to finish the remaining two years of my second term as governor. Not doing so is difficult because I love serving South Carolina more than anything," Haley said in a Wednesday morning statement. "I was moved to accept this new assignment for two reasons. The first is a sense of duty. When the President believes you have a major contribution to make to the welfare of our nation, and to our nation's standing in the world, that is a calling that is important to heed. The second is a satisfaction with all that we have achieved in our state in the last six years and the knowledge that we are on a very strong footing."

WIS: Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster set to become 117th Governor of SC

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33779757/lt-gov-henry-mcmaster-set-to-become-117th-governor-of-sc>

Jeremy Turnage

With Gov. Nikki Haley tapped to be President-elect Donald Trump's Ambassador to the United Nations, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster is set to become the 117th Governor of South Carolina if Haley is confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Haley leaving the Palmetto State to head to Washington DC will leave the governor's chair vacated. According to state law, McMaster will be sitting in Haley's seat in January 2017. McMaster has been huddling with advisors in his office for much of Wednesday afternoon. They ordered up lunch but other than the written statement did not come out to speak. McMaster's path to the governor's office has been a long and twisting one. The 69-year-old Columbia native has been eying the role for many years. In 2010, he lost the Republican Party primary to Haley. During the campaign, he immediately endorsed Haley and campaigned for her all the way to an Election Day victory against Sen. Vincent Sheen.

WIS: Who will be SC's next lieutenant governor? Political intrigue surrounds succession plan

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33784011/who-will-be-scs-next-lieutenant-governor-political-intrigue-surrounds-succession-plan>

Ashleigh Holland

What's next for South Carolina after Gov. Nikki Haley leaves office to become the United Nations ambassador? Haley is expected to leave office once confirmed by the U.S. Senate in February or March, now speculation is swirling on what will happen in the State Senate. We know Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will be governor, but who will be his successor as new lieutenant governor? Sources say it would usually be the Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, who chairs finance panels in the State House. However, sources say he likely does not want the position and could choose not to be selected as president pro tempore next year to keep from becoming the lieutenant governor. "I'm sure whoever is chosen as lieutenant governor following Gov. McMaster will do an excellent job as well," South Carolina Republican Party Chairman Matt Moore said. "We have no indication yet who that may be, but again, we'll wait and see."

WACH: McMaster set to get coveted governor's seat

<http://wach.com/news/local/mcmaster-set-to-get-coveted-governors-seat>

Matthew Stevens With Nikki Haley set to be nominated for Donald Trump's UN ambassador, Henry McMaster is waiting in the wing to become the next governor of South Carolina. Based on the South Carolina Constitution, if the current governor leaves office the Lt. Governor will fill that void. McMaster has eyed the governor's position for several years. The 69-year-old first ran for the position in 2010, but finished third in the Republican Primary. During his current tenure as Lt. Governor, McMaster has eluded he was planning a run for the governor's seat in 2018. That run may likely come as incumbent with Haley's departure to the national level. Some political pundits believe that Haley's appointment to the President-elect's cabinet was a favor to McMaster to get his coveted position as governor for his early endorsement for Trump as President.

WLTX: McMaster: 'Haley Will be An Inspiration to All'

<http://www.wltx.com/news/politics/mcmaster-haley-will-be-an-inspiration-to-all/355402524>

Henry McMaster says the people of South Carolina "swell with pride" at the selection of Gov. Nikki Haley to a top post in the Trump Administration. The lieutenant governor issued his first statement Wednesday afternoon, hours after Donald Trump picked Nikki Haley as his nominee to be the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. If, as expected, Haley is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, McMaster will take over as governor. Haley has said she will stay on until the confirmation process is complete. "Today is indeed a great day for South Carolina," McMaster said. "In selecting Governor Nikki Haley to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations, President-Elect Donald Trump has again demonstrated his determination to make America greater than ever before. Governor Haley will be an inspiration to all who believe in the American dream, at home and around the world. South

Carolina is bursting with talent, and today we swell with pride that one of our daughters is preparing to step into history on the world stage. Mrs. McMaster joins me in offering our heartiest congratulations.”

WLTX: McMaster Now Poised to Become Governor

<http://www.wltx.com/news/politics/henry-mcmaster-now-poised-to-become-governor/355292766>

With Nikki Haley now set to become the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, the biggest beneficiary of the move will be Henry McMaster, who's now poised to become governor. President-Elect Trump announced Wednesday morning that Haley would be his nominee for ambassador, and Haley confirmed she accepted the offer. Haley said she'll stay on as governor until she's confirmed by the U.S. Senate. McMaster, as lieutenant governor, will take over for Haley, under the rules set forth in the South Carolina Constitution. "I always expected to finish the remaining two years of my second term as governor," she said in the statement. "Not doing so is difficult because I love serving South Carolina more than anything."

The State: What SC officials are saying about Nikki Haley's UN nomination

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article116626508.html>

Prominent South Carolinians quickly responded to Wednesday's news Gov. Nikki Haley will be named ambassador to the United Nations by President-Elect Donald Trump. "Governor Haley's appointment shows how far our state has come and how far our nation can go in the 21st century," said Matt Moore, chairman of the S.C. Republican Party. "I couldn't be more proud that the whole world will get to see Nikki Haley's strong, compassionate leadership in action." "It's a great day to be an American," Moore said. Jaime Harrison, chairman of the S.C. Democratic Party who is also a candidate for the chair of the Democratic National Committee, congratulated Haley on the appointment, while noting she will have to learn foreign policy quickly. "It's a tremendous honor to be named an ambassador," Harrison said. "She's going to face a steep learning curve. She has to learn about different nations and their history with the United States, so I hope she will work with (former UN Ambassador Susan) Rice and (current U.N. Ambassador Samantha) Power."

The State: Social media reacts to Gov. Nikki Haley's new UN position

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article116626398.html>

Jane Moon Dial

With the news of Gov. Nikki Haley accepting an offer by President-elect Donald Trump to serve as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, the people have had a lot to say on social media. The official announcement is expected Wednesday. Here are some of the reactions from around the state and beyond...

Post and Courier: Allies rush to defend Haley's nomination before skeptics have a chance to weigh in

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/allies-rush-to-defend-haley-s-nomination-before-skeptics-have/article_08320e86-b18d-11e6-aaf9-5fefa30eeb86.html

Emma Dumain

When Nikki Haley appeared on national television in January to deliver the Republican Party's State of the Union rebuttal, political observers outside the GOP's innermost orbit had little to say about the South Carolina governor. They knew she oversaw the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse grounds after the tragedy at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. They knew she was a woman of Indian heritage, a rare commodity in a party struggling to expand its base. Nearly a year later, members of both political parties are about to learn a lot more about her. On Wednesday, Haley accepted the nomination by President-elect Donald Trump to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, a position that will require her to represent America's interests in the international community and navigate complicated relationships with other foreign leaders.

Aiken Standard: Gov. Haley receives praise on nomination for UN ambassador

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/gov-haley-receives-praise-on-nomination-for-un-ambassador/article_868eabe4-b170-11e6-9757-ef121e6ab4c2.html

Maayan Schechter

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley intends to continue as governor of the Palmetto State until the U.S. Senate confirms her as the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. President-elect Donald Trump announced his intent to nominate Haley as UN ambassador on Wednesday morning, calling her "one of the most universally respected governors in the country." Haley, who accepted the nomination, is the first woman tapped for a top-level administration post in Trump's White House. Haley said in a prepared statement she always expected to finish the remaining two years of her second term as governor, and not doing so is difficult because of her love for serving South Carolina.

Island Packet: What Beaufort County legislators are saying about Gov. Haley's UN nomination

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article116734433.html>

Erin Heffernan

Members of Beaufort County's state legislative delegation responded Wednesday to the nomination of Gov. Nikki Haley for ambassador to the United Nations by President-elect Donald Trump.

"President-elect Trump obviously recognized what the people of South Carolina already know — Nikki Haley is bright, competent and well-respected in all political quarters," Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, said. "She's an excellent choice for UN ambassador," Davis said the president-elect's choice managed to both elevate a competent female governor to a national position, while also elevating Republican Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, an early Trump supporter. Davis said the president-elect's choice managed to both elevate a competent female governor to a national position, while also elevating Republican Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, an early Trump supporter.

Island Packet: Lowcountry has mixed feelings on Gov. Nikki Haley trading South Carolina for the United Nations

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/article116631178.html>

Graham Cawthon

As news spread Wednesday morning of S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's appointment by President-elect Donald Trump to UN ambassador, readers of The Island Packet & Beaufort Gazette were quick to offer their thumbs up and thumbs down on the move, as well as their thoughts on Haley as governor...

WACH: SC, national lawmakers react to Haley nominated for UN ambassador

<http://wach.com/news/local/south-carolina-lawmakers-release-statements-on-haley-appointment>

Thomas Lanahan

Some South Carolina lawmakers, along with the heads of the South Carolina Republican and Democratic parties have weighed in on Governor Nikki Haley's UN Ambassador appointment by President-elect Donald Trump. Haley was one of the first to put out her own statement, saying she's honored to be chosen for the position. "I always expected to finish the remaining two years of my second term as governor. Not doing so is difficult because I love serving South Carolina more than anything," she said. "I was moved to accept this new assignment for two reasons. The first is a sense of duty. When the President believes you have a major contribution to make to the welfare of our nation, and to our nation's standing in the world, that is a calling that is important to heed. The second is a satisfaction with all that we have achieved in our state in the last six years and the knowledge that we are on a very strong footing."

WLTX: Reaction Swift to Nikki Haley's UN Ambassador Appointment

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/local-leaders-react-to-nikki-haleys-un-ambassador-appointment/355272469>

Joe Sprott

Leaders from around the state are weighing in after Trump announced his nomination for the US Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley...

Wildfires Across Southeast:

Associated Press: Wildfires prompt state of emergency in northern SC

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

SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has declared a state of emergency in Pickens and Greenville counties because of a growing wildfire in the mountains. The declaration Tuesday allows the governor to request help from the South Carolina National Guard and the State Guard. The wildfire has burned more than 9 square miles on Pinnacle Mountain. Officials say it started about two weeks ago and is just over a third contained. The South Carolina Forestry Commission says 250 firefighters are fighting the blaze and 60 more are trying to clear out dead leaves and branches in front of the fire to try and stop it from spreading. The area is in an exceptional drought and there is only a slight chance of rain through the Thanksgiving weekend.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery:

Sun News: Deadline approaches as thousands locally seek hurricane impact aid

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article116654478.html>

Audrey Hudson

Nearly 5,800 Horry County residents impacted by Hurricane Matthew have signed up for federal assistance to cope with the destructive storm and resulting floods along the Waccamaw River and Intracoastal Waterway. Horry County has the second highest number of residents in the state applying for FEMA aid. More than 6,500 residents in Beaufort County, where Matthew made landfall, have applied for the disaster assistance. More South Carolinians are expected to apply for the FEMA individual assistance or SBA loans in the coming weeks, and with the Dec. 13 deadline quickly approaching, federal officials are urging residents to utilize their Thanksgiving weekend to file their applications.

Island Packet: Golf's progress report: Back on par after Matthew, but work remains

<http://www.islandpacket.com/sports/golf/article116725728.html>

The familiar beep-beep-beep of heavy equipment provided a fitting soundtrack behind John Brown's conversation from somewhere on Palmetto Hall's Arthur Hills course. "We're not going to breathe easy until it's over," Brown Golf's chief executive said Wednesday, moments after disclosing that the Hills course will reopen Friday, taking yet another Hilton Head Island layout off the unavailable list. So much accomplished. So much still to do. Not quite seven weeks after Hurricane Matthew hammered the Lowcountry, putting all of everyday life on hold far beyond the fairways, golf's progress report is compellingly positive. Not counting the Hills course, more than 550 holes have been reopened to visitors and locals with a yen to tee it up. The flip side: That still leaves 135 holes typically available to the public where crews remain at work to get things open. Though most are in the final stages, at least two courses won't be ready until sometime in 2017.

Island Packet: Local brewery plans to reopen around the holidays after flooding from Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article116742803.html>

Madison Hogan

The Hilton Head Brewing Company at 1 Cardinal Road on Hilton Head Island has been closed since October after receiving damage from Hurricane Matthew, but staff are hopeful that the brewery will open just in time for the holidays. Abby Wirth, who heads marketing for the brewery, said there was flooding at the brewery at least waist-high from the storm. Molding from the water made it necessary to remove parts of walls and redo the bar, she said. The machines in the back, essential for the brewing process, got wet during the flooding, and the company is working to get small mechanical pieces to repair them before brewing again, Wirth said.

Michael Slagger Case:

Associated Press: Witness: It appears Scott threw Taser at shooting scene

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JzitN67j

Bruce Smith

A defense witness testified Wednesday that it appears Walter Scott threw a Taser as he confronted Michael Slager seconds before the North Charleston patrolman shot Scott five times in the back fleeing a traffic stop. Slager, who was fired after release of a dramatic cellphone video of the April 2015 shooting that stunned the nation, is on trial for murder. The 50-year-old Scott, who was unarmed, was black. Slager is white. The defense has been building a case that the men struggled over control of Slager's Taser just before the shooting. Eugene Liscio of Toronto, Canada, an expert in 3D reconstruction of crime scenes, recreated the scene of the Scott shooting that occurred in a vacant lot. He used the cellphone video taken by a bystander and laser scans of the area. The technology allows the scene to be shifted, much like scenes in a video game, so the viewer can see what happened from different perspectives.

Associated Press: The Latest: Witness: Scott tossed Taser before shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QcW3tyfV

SC State Wire

A defense witness has testified it appears Walter Scott threw a Taser as he confronted a patrolman seconds before he was shot running from a traffic stop. Eugene Liscio of Toronto, Canada, testified Wednesday in the murder trial of Michael Slager, the former South Carolina patrolman charged in the April 2015 shooting. The slaying of the unarmed black motorist was captured on cellphone video that stunned the nation. Liscio made a 3D re-creation of the crime scene using laser scans and video frames. He testified that just before the shooting the Taser is seen falling to the ground. At that time, he said, Slager's left hand was grabbing Scott's wrist while his right hand was going for his gun in its holster. The defense contends the two men struggled over the stun gun seconds before Scott was shot. Court recessed at noon Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Post and Courier: With 3-D image, defense witness gives jurors glimpse of officer's perspective in Walter Scott shooting

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/with--d-image-defense-witness-gives-jurors-glimpse-of/article_d33bf16c-b130-11e6-9cc4-071410cfd7ef.html

Andrew Knapp

A 3-D animation offered jurors Wednesday a glimpse of what officer Michael Slager might have seen when he took aim at Walter Scott. It conveyed a point Slager's defense lawyers had wanted to make since his murder trial began: that Scott's shooting death must be viewed through the policeman's eyes. "It provides you with a different view and a different perspective," said Canadian crime-scene mapper Eugene Liscio, who created the presentation. The witness had matched three-dimensional scans of the North Charleston site with a bystander's video that captured Slager firing eight times after Scott freed himself from the confrontation and started running away. But the most crucial part of the display was what happened before Scott fell into the lawman's sights: Liscio's implication that Scott had the officer's Taser. Slager reported that Scott's taking of the device prompted his gunfire in self-defense, and the claim remains the heart of his defense in court. Liscio declined, though, to state the contention as fact.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Editorial: Haley needs to focus on preparing for ambassadorship

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/editorials/article116731103.html>

ON TUESDAY, GOV. Nikki Haley asked us all to pray for South Carolina, which has faced and continues to face significant challenges. Today, we all need to pray for Gov. Haley, as she prepares

for a very different and very difficult challenge. There's a lot of distance between Thanksgiving and Ambassador Haley. And there's no guarantee that the Senate, even a Republican Senate, will confirm someone with no foreign policy experience, much less diplomatic experience, as ambassador to the United Nations. Although it isn't our most important foreign policy position, it is extremely important. And frankly, it's a stretch. For all that President-elect Donald Trump and the governor's supporters say about her deal-making prowess, we've only seen that on display in deals between corporations that wanted to locate in our state and a state that wanted those corporations to locate here. The challenge she has met, in other words, was coming up with a deal between two parties that wanted to make a deal. That's very different than the challenges facing a UN ambassador. We certainly hope that her talents can translate to this new role, but we simply don't know because she is untested.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Clemson Marine to be honored with highest non-combat award for bravery
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/11/23/clemson-marine-honored-highest-non-combat-award-bravery/94332872/>

Ron Barnett

Despite imminent risk of fire or explosion, Marine Capt. Trey Kennedy raced through flying debris to help rescue four victims of a NATO helicopter crash in Afghanistan a year ago, an act that has earned him the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for Heroism, the highest non-combat decoration awarded for heroism by the two branches of military service. Kennedy, a Clemson and Wren High School graduate, will be honored in a ceremony before Clemson's rivalry game with South Carolina on Saturday and presented with the medal on the field during the game, according to the Marines. The citation describes how Kennedy risked his life to save four others in the helicopter crash in Kabul on Oct. 11, 2015. "Standing in several inches of jet fuel, Capt. Kennedy was able to reach through the window to remove a passenger's seatbelt, then moved back inside to pull him out the passenger door," it says. "He freed another passenger and handed her out of the helicopter, then discovered at least one more responsive passenger trapped in the wreckage.

Local News:

The State: Secret Service assists police in bringing child porn charges against Columbia man
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article116693463.html>

With the help of the Secret Service, police brought child pornography charges against a Columbia resident. Russell Lyle Edge, 30, of Columbia was charged with one count of third degree sexual exploitation of a minor, according to a news release from S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office. The Columbia Police Department, which is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, arrested Edge Tuesday. Police, with the assistance of the Secret Services, investigated the case and believe Edge was in possession of child pornography, the release stated. The felony offense is punishable by up to 10 years of imprisonment.

Greenville News: Investigation finds Pickens museum donations used for other purposes
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/11/23/pickens-county-museum-investigation/94290100/>

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Pickens County improperly used more than \$60,000 donated to the county museum for other county purposes, but the state Attorney General's Office elected not to pursue criminal charges because county officials didn't know what they were doing was wrong, according to the investigation report obtained under the state Freedom of Information Act. For months, the county has maintained that it didn't improperly divert museum funds to the county's general fund. An investigation by the State Law Enforcement Division, however, found that county officials believed museum donations could be used for any county purpose unless a donor listed a specific museum project or program on their check,

according to the investigation report. "I have reviewed (the SLED report) and do believe approximately \$60,000 in charitable donations given with restricted use was used for non-designated purposes by Pickens County, as these donations were restricted for museum purposes," Assistant Attorney General Jason Anders wrote in a memo attached to the SLED report obtained by The News. Investigators, according to the report, reviewed financial records dating from 2013 to 2015.

Associated Press: Coroner: Bones found by work crew from old unmarked grave

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

SC State Wire

Greenville County authorities say human remains found by a crew repairing a communication tower likely came from an unmarked grave and can't be identified. Police say the workers found a skull, jaw bone and arm bone Monday at the site near the Richland Cemetery. Coroner Parks Evans told media outlets the bones will be tested to determine the age, gender and how long ago the person died. But Evans says the bones could be from different people and records from the cemetery were destroyed by a fire decades ago. Richland Cemetery was one of the first African-American cemeteries in Greenville and is more than 130 years old.

Associated Press: Vintage airplane flips on landing in Simpsonville

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

SC State Wire

Officials say an old French military aircraft flipped upside down while landing on a private airstrip in Simpsonville, slightly injuring the pilot. Multiple media outlets reported that rescue workers were called to the Parker Field Airport about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Officials said the 1958 plane experienced a problem landing, which caused the aircraft to flip onto its roof in the middle of the grassy field. A Greenville County sheriff's deputy said the pilot suffered only minor injuries. No one else was on the plane. The airstrip is located near the Laurens-Greenville county line.

Post and Courier: Thanksgiving travel lines moving quickly at Charleston airport

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/thanksgiving-travel-lines-moving-quickly-at-charleston-airport/article_5ffc1ecc-b19c-11e6-86f3-4382a3d7f4d0.html

Dave Munday

The day before Thanksgiving is always one of the busiest travel days, but lines were moving quickly at Charleston International Airport Wednesday morning. Airport officials have been warning travelers to expect delays and arrive two hours early. So far, no storms that could delay travel have been reported. All the flights at the state's busiest airport were arriving and departing on time Wednesday, according to the airport's website at <https://www.iflychs.com>. Shortly after 10 a.m., only a few people were in the ticket lines, and departing passengers filled only two of the four sections before the checkpoint. Tom Craft drove from Jasper County to catch a flight to visit family in Des Moines, Iowa. "I've seen a lot busier airports," he said. Samantha Harrison drove from Beaufort to visit family in Pittsfield, Mass., where she was looking forward to seeing 11 inches of snow.

Island Packet: 'Off the charts' gap prompts Beaufort County schools to audit suspensions, expulsions

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article116706578.html>

Rebecca Lurye

The Beaufort County School District will audit its disciplinary services to determine why black students are suspended and expelled at higher rates than their white peers. Statistics released last weekend showed the gap has gotten worse in recent years, and alarmed some district leaders who quickly pushed for more research into the problem. Superintendent Jeff Moss, who agreed to the audit at a Student Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, said achieving consistent discipline has been a priority of his first two years here, and that he's not yet satisfied with the results. "I can see some of the same behaviors are not receiving the same consequences," Moss said. "We still have some more refining to do, and we're in the process of doing those things, whether with the

(disciplinary) hearing officer or drilling down to exactly what occurs in schools.”

President-elect Trump News:

Associated Press: AP Explains: 5 Trump business ties that pose conflicts

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d247c3d64a9f47c69310732567a5e59d>

After Ivanka Trump appeared on CBS's "60 Minutes" wearing a \$10,800 bracelet from her jewelry line, someone at her company sent photos from the interview to fashion writers to drum up free publicity. A firestorm of criticism erupted over the impropriety of profiting off the presidency, and the company apologized. If only the bracelet brouhaha was the end of it. Experts on government ethics are warning President-elect Donald Trump that he'll never shake suspicions of a clash between his private interests and the public good if he doesn't sell off his vast holdings, which include roughly 500 companies in more than a dozen countries. They say just the appearance of conflicts is likely to tie up the new administration in investigations, lawsuits and squabbles, stoked perhaps by angry Oval Office tweets. "People are itching to sue Donald Trump and stick him under oath," said Richard Painter, chief White House ethics lawyer for George W. Bush.

Associated Press: China rebuffs Trump threat to take steps to win trade edge

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2632f34faf5d4a069f077b29998ea81b>

China pushed back Wednesday against President-elect Donald Trump's threat to use sanctions to win back a competitive trade advantage for the United States. On the campaign trail, Trump had threatened to slap 45 percent tariffs on Chinese products and to label China a "currency manipulator." But Zhang Xiangchen, China's deputy trade representative, warned that Trump will find he is bound by the rules of the World Trade Organization, which restrain countries from imposing sanctions without making a persuasive case for them. China can challenge any sanctions at the WTO. Speaking at the end of annual U.S.-China trade talks, Zhang also disputed the idea that China keeps its currency artificially low to give its exporters a price advantage. Many economists agree that China no longer manipulates its currency, the yuan. At the meeting, the United States and China agreed to continue working on vexing issues such as China's overproduction of steel. U.S. Trade Rep. Michael Froman stressed the importance of keeping the commercial relationship with China "on as even a keel as possible."

National News:

Associated Press: Thanksgiving travel expected to be heaviest since 2007

<http://bigstory.ap.org/253e910c9f0b434bbd4f784f1d622a71>

Elizabeth Thompson can't wait to leave the big city behind and decompress over the Thanksgiving holiday at her grandmother's house in rural south-central Indiana. But first she has to get there. On Wednesday, Thompson, 23, missed her Amtrak train from Chicago to Galesburg, Illinois, where she'd planned to catch a ride with a family member the rest of the way to Edinburg, Indiana. "It's just where we go to unplug and escape," said Thompson, who had to decide whether to wait several hours for the next train or hop on a bus and get going. Americans took to the roads, air and railways Wednesday for what is expected to be the busiest Thanksgiving travel period in almost a decade. Almost 49 million people are expected to travel 50 miles or more between Wednesday and Sunday, the most since 2007, because of lower gas prices and an improving economy, according to AAA. And while they look forward to eating turkey and watching football, many are ready to abandon another, more recent, American pastime: rehashing the rancorous election between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Associated Press: The Latest: Drugs, alcohol not involved in fatal bus crash

<http://bigstory.ap.org/bc5a5ad8cdbb4855acd16e579c134ae1>

Police say toxicology reports on the driver of the bus that crashed in Chattanooga, killing five children, show no trace of drugs or alcohol. Chattanooga Police Sgt. Austin Garrett announced

Wednesday that a blood test was conducted on 24-year-old Johnthony Walker, who is charged with five counts of vehicular homicide. Police say he was driving well over the posted 30-mph speed limit when he lost control of the bus. Garrett said police are continuing to interview witnesses and review video footage of the crash. Six children remain hospitalized.

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