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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Press Trust of India: Haley woos Indian tourists to explore South Carolina

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/haley-woos-indian-tourists-to-explore-south-carolina-114111701031_1.html

Pitching South Carolina as a "number two" vacation spot in the world, its Governor Nikki Haley today sought to woo the Indian tourists, asking them to not miss out the place. Haley is on a 10-day trip to India, which began from November 11. She and her delegation are scheduled to have as many as 90 meetings in New Delhi, Hyderabad, Amritsar, Mumbai and Chennai.

Note: "This is here where magic happens. I want my Indian community to visit South Carolina. Whether you want to have board meeting or vacation South Carolina is the place," she here said.

Asian News International: Employment generation could prevent drug abuse: Nikki Haley

<http://aninews.in/newsdetail2/story191704/employment-generation-could-prevent-drug-abuse-nikki-haley.html>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley today shared her concerns about rampant drug abuse both in Punjab and South Carolina. Her answer to fighting this menace was to generate jobs and provide a better life for the youth.

Note: "The issue of drug abuse is everywhere, and we see more and more drug addicts. When people have jobs, they feel productive and start living a better life," she told ANI.

Note: She said they were also doing the same in South Carolina, and observed that the same was happening in India. "The economy is turning in India, jobs are coming, it is exciting to see what India is going to be," she said.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Rock Hill Herald: Ethics reform still a top priority

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/16/6534014_ethics-reform-still-a-top-priority.html?sp=/100/105/&rh=1
Editorial

Gov. Nikki Haley appears to be in a much better position to press for comprehensive ethics reforms in the Legislature than she was when first elected. And she also appears eager to use any new clout to accomplish that.

Note: Haley, after a convincing victory over Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen on Nov. 4, said she was optimistic about getting ethics reform through the Legislature next year. And this time lawmakers might be more cooperative in sending her a bill that represents real reform.

Post and Courier: S.C. State deserves state's help

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141117/PC1002/141119477>
Editorial

There's enough blame to go around for S.C. State University's dilemma. Years of poor management by the school administration and decreasing enrollment are responsible for the financial crisis the school now faces. And members of the school's fractious board of trustees didn't help.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley says that S.C. State is important to South Carolina, but it would be fiscally irresponsible to lend the school more money unless the audit suggests it will be well spent.

News and Observer: What Tim Scott's appeal to South Carolina's white voters says

http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/11/16/4321395_what-tim-scotts-appeal-to-south.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

Jamelle Bouie

Since the beginning of the Obama era, we've seen the rise of a group of black Republicans, including figures like Allen West, Herman Cain and Ben Carson, who defined themselves with extreme politics and outlandish rhetoric. Each was a flash in the pan – popular with conservative audiences but irrelevant to everyone else.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

National Journal: Here's What House GOP Could Do When Obama Issues His Immigration Order
<http://www.nationaljournal.com/congress/here-s-what-house-gop-could-do-when-obama-issues-his-immigration-order-20141116>

Rachel Roubein

When President Obama issues executive orders on immigration, House Republicans will be waiting with repercussions. They're readying for a fight as Obama crafts administrative action that could reportedly defer the deportation of as many as 5 million undocumented immigrants.

Note: "From '08 to 2010, [Obama] had the House, the Senate, and the White House," Gowdy said to several reporters on Capitol Hill on Friday, "and he didn't do a damn thing about immigration reform, so if he could take two years to do nothing, I would think he could give this new Congress maybe three months? Six months?"

National Journal: Race for RSC Chair Reveals House Republican Fault Lines

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/congress/race-for-rsc-chair-reveals-house-republican-fault-lines-20141116>

Daniel Newhauser

House leadership elections passed with little drama, but on Tuesday a group of Republicans will cast a vote in one of the conference's few contested races, one that could shape the party's degree of unity in the new Congress.

Note: Rep. Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina has been campaigning the longest and is the apparent front-runner. But a pair of Texans are flanking him.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Gay marriages should start Thursday without court intervention, attorneys argue
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141117/PC16/141119437>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Attorneys for a gay couple in Charleston who want to marry in their conservative home state objected overnight to a request for an appellate court to step in and halt same-sex marriages, set to begin at noon on Thursday. In an historic advance for gay rights supporters, U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel ruled last week that South Carolina's same-sex marriage ban is unconstitutional.

Post and Courier: S.C. Medicaid needs \$30 million more for autism services next year
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141116/PC16/141119590>

Lauren Sausser

The South Carolina Medicaid agency plans to ask the Legislature for \$30 million to comply with a new federal autism rule next year, but the department is less concerned about getting the money than finding enough autism specialists to treat the thousands of children who will become newly eligible for services.

The State: Midlands Tech opening life skills center

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/16/3816918/midlands-tech-opening-life-skills.html>

Andrew Shain

With the largest donation in school history, Midlands Technical College will dedicate a center Monday to teach students some rather non-technical skills. The William Jerry Wood Life Skills Center will train students interpersonal skills, ethics, cultural sensitivity, teamwork and conflict resolution — tools needed to keep a career, school spokesman Todd Gavin said.

Post and Courier: National group gives SC failing grade for child custody laws
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141116/PC1603/141119576>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina, along with most states, received a failing grade from a national parenting organization for laws that discourage shared custody of children and, instead, promote single-parent families. The National Parents Organization gave South Carolina and 22 other states a grade of "D" for its laws in its 2014 Shared

Parenting Report Card.

The State: Lawyer to run DHEC coastal agency

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/16/3816514/lawyer-to-run-dhec-coastal-agency.html>

Sammy Fretwell

For years, Sara Bazemore has been interested in working at South Carolina's coastal resources agency. She recently got her wish – in a big way. Bazemore, an attorney with one of the state's largest law firms, has been named director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control's coastal office.

Aiken Standard: SRR makes progress in waste mission

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141117/AIK0101/141119510/1004>

Derrek Asberry

The Savannah River Site's liquid waste contractor has announced two new developments that are instrumental in its mission of treating waste: The development of a new multi-functional lab and the filling of the first two Saltstone Disposal Units, or SDUs.

Island Packet: Lead attorney in landmark SC school case grew up in Beaufort

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/16/3435852/lead-attorney-in-landmark-sc-school.html?](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/16/3435852/lead-attorney-in-landmark-sc-school.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1)

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David Lauderdale

Carl P. "Butch" Epps III says growing up in Beaufort was a lot like turning the pages of a famous Southern novel. "It was 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' but we had water," he said. Epps was at his Beaufort condominium overlooking Factory Creek last week when he got the news about his own high drama in the courtroom.

Associated Press: SC startup's app focuses on corporate wellness

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=USMBqTK3

Trevor Anderson

Two entrepreneurs hope to take corporate wellness to a whole new level. Gene Nettles, 38, and his wife, Rosanne, 32, both of Spartanburg are developing their digital tech startup Rally Fit at the Iron Yard's second accelerator in downtown this year, along with eight other teams.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Charleston chemical company on a quest for growth through acquisitions

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141116/PC05/141119757>

David Slade

From a modest corporate headquarters in the Charleston area, Quest Specialty Chemicals President and CEO Doug Mattscheck runs a company that, through growth and acquisitions, has become one of the largest coatings manufacturers in North America.

The State: Defense attorneys for father of five slain Lexington children prepare for potential death penalty case

http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/16/3815960_defense-attorneys-for-father-of.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

Harrison Cahill

Prosecutors have not yet said if they will seek the death penalty against Timothy Jones Jr. – the Red Bank father accused killing his five children in August – but his defense attorneys are expecting it.

Associated Press: Group wants memorial to 5 slain SC kids

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DoX3cbfR

A group of motorcycle enthusiasts wants to create a memorial to five Lexington County children authorities say were killed by their father. The State newspaper reports (<http://bit.ly/1uDNVAQ>) that leaders of Bikers Against Abusing Children want to put the memorial in Town Square Park in Lexington. It's across from Family Court offices, where disputes involving children are handled.

Island Packet: Solicitor's Office adjusts methods for domestic violence cases

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/16/3435815/solicitors-office-adjusts-methods.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1>

Rebecca Lurye

A single lawyer will no longer prosecute all criminal domestic violence cases in Jasper and three other counties as the 14th Circuit solicitor shifts away from a method he said overburdened one person and

provided little payoff.

Rock Hill Herald: Future of York County Courthouse may be determined Monday

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/16/6533838/future-of-york-county-courthouse.html>

Bristow Marchant

Uncertainty over the future of the York County Courthouse may come to an end Monday. The York County Council is scheduled to vote on whether to move forward with long-stalled renovations of the county's historic courthouse. "The courthouse issue will be decided on Monday," Council Chairman Britt Blackwell said.

National News:

USA Today: New data show long wait times remain at many VA hospitals

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/16/long-wait-times-persist-at-many-va-hospitals/19033789/>

Meghan Hoyer, Tom Banden Brook

More than 600,000 veterans — 10% of all the Veterans Affairs patients — continue to wait a month or more for appointments at VA hospitals and clinics, according to data obtained by USA TODAY. The VA has made some progress in dealing with the backlog of cases that forced former secretary Eric Shinseki to retire early this year.

Washington Post: Executive order on immigration would ignite a political firestorm

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/executive-order-on-immigration-would-ignite-a-political-firestorm/2014/11/16/f36951aa-6da3-11e4-8808-afaa1e3a33ef_story.html

Chris Cillizza

Reports are rampant that President Obama will sign an executive order as soon as this week that will allow up to 5 million undocumented immigrants to avoid deportation. Signing such an order would have explosive political consequences — it would not only reshape the near-term fights in Congress but also have a potentially profound effect on the two parties' national coalitions heading into the 2016 election and beyond.

Associated Press: US review of IS video confirms American's death

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_ISLAMIC_STATE_UNITED_STATES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-11-16-15-38-46

Josh Lederman

The White House on Sunday confirmed the death of U.S. aid worker Peter Kassig, a former soldier who tried to help wounded Syrians caught in a brutal civil war but ended up dying himself at the hands of Islamic State militants.

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