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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Haley says she's still working on road funding plan

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/06/haley-says-still-working-road-funding-plan/18608201/>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley said today she is still working on a road funding plan for the state and does not see local sales tax initiatives as any part of the solution. Haley, who won a resounding victory in her re-election Tuesday night, said she is opposed to penny sales tax increases and she voted against one for Lexington County this week.

Note: She repeated her vow to oppose any gas tax increase but would not rule anything else out. "This is like the education reform plan," she said. "The way we did it is we brought all the stakeholders to the table and we looked at what all these ideas were and then we merged all that into one. That's kind of what (we're) doing now. You've got everybody who wants something different. What we're going to try to do is pull something out of that. It is not easy."

Note: "My focus is really on this first year," she said. "It's on this India trip I have to take next week trying to bring jobs back, it's on getting the cabinet in the right place for any of them that we're going to have holes in, it's for making sure I really work with the Legislature on these issues."

Associated Press: Haley hopeful Legislature will pass ethics reform

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

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley says she's optimistic about getting ethics reform through the South Carolina Legislature next year. The newly re-elected Republican governor said Thursday the Legislature feels pressure following former House Speaker Bobby Harrell's guilty plea to campaign spending violations.

Tuesday, She says she's excited about working with a new speaker, calling her relationship with the House under Harrell almost nonexistent. Republican Rep. Jay Lucas of Hartsville is expected to be elected speaker next month during the House's organizational session.

WIS: In post-election news conference, Haley lays groundwork for second term

<http://www.wistv.com/story/27318201/in-post-election-news-conference-haley-lays-groundwork-for-second-term>

Will Whitson

Gov. Nikki Haley has plenty on her plate going into her second term as governor if you listened to the barrage of questions she was peppered with in her first post-election news conference.

Note: "You look at what's happened and people feel like they cannot trust their government," Haley said. "When people say they can't trust their government, the legislature has to respond to that. Everyone I've talked to in that legislature gets that."

Charlotte Business Journal: Romarco set to start mining gold with \$353M investment at Haile Mine in Lancaster County

http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/outside_the_loop/2014/11/romarco-set-to-start-mining-gold-with-353m.html

Ken Elkins

Seven years after Romarco Minerals Inc. came to Lancaster County to consider reopening Haile Gold Mine in Kershaw, the company is poised to begin mining operations. The Fort Mill-headquartered company says it will create 270 jobs and spend \$353 million to develop the mine.

Note: "It's no secret that South Carolina is blessed with natural resources, and Romarco Minerals' decision to expand their operations at the old Haile Gold Mine is an example of the positive impact those resources

can have on our economy," says S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley in a prepared statement.

Greenville News: 100 years of service

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/greer/2014/11/06/years-service/18599273/>

Michael Burns

Sparked by a restaurant fire in 1912 that spread to threaten much of downtown, Greer City Council sought advice from the Greenville Fire Department, one of the few in the Upstate at the time, on forming a fire department of its own.

Note: With tributes paid last weekend through official letters of commendation and presentations, Gov. Nikki Haley and others expressed feelings of honor in how Greer has been served.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: Voter turnout in SC lowest in at least 4 decades

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zB5uT7mL

Seanna Adcox

Voter turnout for Tuesday's election was South Carolina's lowest in at least 40 years, according to the State Election Commission. About 44 percent of the state's 2.9 million registered voters cast ballots in an election in which all incumbents seeking re-election to statewide offices, congressional and state House seats won another term.

Note: In the rematch between Gov. Nikki Haley and state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, Haley more than tripled her winning margin from 2010, from 4.5 percentage points to 14.5 percentage points. The gap between the two widened from 60,000 votes to 180,300, largely due to Sheheen's support shrinking.

Note: Haley won 56 percent of the vote Tuesday, but that percentage represented less than 3,900 additional votes from 2010, when 52 percent of voters cast ballots. Meanwhile, 116,400 fewer people voted for Sheheen.

Washington Post: Jeb Bush weighs in on the elections

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2014/11/06/jeb-bush-weighs-in-on-the-elections/>

Jennifer Rubin

On Facebook, Former Florida governor Jeb Bush congratulated Senate Republicans after their monster win on Tuesday. "A strong slate of Senate candidates campaigning on conservative solutions made a compelling case to voters this year, and this great victory belongs to them," he wrote.

Note: Govs. Susana Martinez (N.M.), Nikki Haley (S.C.) and others have backed common-sense immigration reform. Bush's record and positions as governor, many will find, are no less conservative than those reelected in states across the country or breaking through in blue and purple states.

McClatchy DC: Sen. Tim Scott calls his win a victory for political diversity in the South

[http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2014/11/06/246008_sen-tim-scott-calls-his-win-a.html?](http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2014/11/06/246008_sen-tim-scott-calls-his-win-a.html?sp=/99/104/&rh=1#storylink=cpy)

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William Douglass

Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., hailed his win in Tuesday's midterm elections as victory for political diversity in the South. Scott, the first African-American elected to the Senate from the South since Reconstruction, told MSNBC's 'Morning Joe' Wednesday that 'South Carolina voters vote their values and not my complexion.'

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Boeing on track to meet Dreamliner deliveries for year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141106/PC05/141109598>

Warren L. Wise

Boeing Co. is on track to deliver its projected 110 787 Dreamliners this year. Through the end of October, the airplane manufacturer delivered 90 Dreamliners, according to company spokesman Doug Alder. At a production rate of 10 a month with two months remaining, Boeing is on schedule to meet its 787 projections for the year, barring a last-minute glitch.

Associated Press: SC lures company that handles returned electronics

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fzipQ43P

A company that refurbishes electronics returned by consumers is locating in Cherokee County and expected to create nearly 250 jobs. The state Commerce Department announced that The Recon Group Inc. is

investing more than \$1 million to locate in Blacksburg. The facility will be the company's seventh in the United States and will specialize in refurbishing high-definition televisions returned by customers.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Firm to open Blacksburg facility, create nearly 250 jobs

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141105/ARTICLES/141109826/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Firm-to-open-Blacksburg-facility-create-nearly-250-jobs>

A firm is establishing a facility to process consumer electronic returns in Blacksburg, a move that is expected to create nearly 250 jobs. The Recon Group Inc. is investing \$1.3 million to locate in Blacksburg, creating an expected 248 jobs, according to a statement from the S.C. Governor's Office.

Associated Press: Ex-DHHS employee sentenced in SC data breach

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

A former employee at South Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services has been sentenced to three years probation in connection with a breach of data from the agency. Attorney General Alan Wilson says 39-year-old Christopher Lykes Jr. of Swansea was also ordered Wednesday to serve 300 hours of community service.

Rock Hill Herald: No arrests in slaying of Chester councilman; state fugitive task force involved

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/06/6501709_no-arrests-in-slaying-of-chester.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

Andrew Dys

Police in Chester have made no arrests but are continuing to investigate the Tuesday night shooting death of Chester City Councilman Odell Williams. Williams, 69, was shot in the head in what police say was a drive-by shooting that likely involved members of a local gang.

Local News:

WSPA: Exit Poll Angers Some SC Voters

<http://www.wspa.com/story/27294393/exit-poll-angers-some-sc-voters>

Dave Jordan

The poll, which was handed out to voters in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville and Spartanburg asked them to agree or disagree on statements on whether blacks don't work hard enough to advance economically, are too demanding in their pursuit of equal rights and are hindered by the effects of slavery and discrimination.

Greenville News: #ManUPstate seeks help of 'good men' on violence against women issues

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/greenville/city-people/2014/11/06/manupstate-seeks-help-good-men-violence-women-issues/18599599/>

Angelia Davis

A movement underway seeks to change the view that domestic violence is a women's issue. #ManUPstate is urging good men to also take ownership in the problem and become part of the solution. Local nonprofits have been talking about engaging men in the issue of domestic violence and violence against women for a couple of years now.

Rock Hill Herald: Chester landfill fire has turned into a 'nightmare'

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/06/6501925/chester-landfill-fire-has-turned.html>

Rachel Southmayd

The Chester landfill fire – once believed to be nearly contained – has turned into a “nightmare” in its fifth day, emergency officials said Thursday. The Bennett Landfill Site near Lockhart, off S.C. 49 in western Chester County, has been burning since Sunday afternoon. Debris at the site is about 50 feet high and 40 feet deep.

National News:

Associated Press: GOP seizes on anger, demographics for success

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141106/PC1601/141109594>

Steve Peoples, Jennifer Agiesta

The GOP's success, however, may have as much to do with the dynamics of a low-turnout midterm election as widespread dissatisfaction with President Barack Obama's leadership, according to operatives and pollsters still working to understand how the Republican Party exceeded its own already high expectations this week.

Washington Post: Midterm disaster rips apart awkward ties between Obama and Senate Democrats
http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/midterm-disaster-rips-apart-awkward-ties-between-obama-and-senate-democrats/2014/11/05/5bdd257a-650e-11e4-9fdc-d43b053ecb4d_story.html

Paul Kane

Less than two months after their most joyous moment together, the relationship between the Obama White House and Senate Democrats went off track and has never recovered. Instead of basking in the victory glow of President Obama's impressive 2012 reelection and an improbable two-seat gain for Democrats, they found themselves at the edge of the now infamous "fiscal cliff."

Washington Post: Obama's claim that Obamacare has reduced health-care inflation 'every single year' since it was passed

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/wp/2014/11/06/obamas-claim-that-obamacare-has-reduced-health-care-inflation-every-single-year-since-it-was-passed/>

Glenn Kessler

First, note that the president simply notes that growth in health-care spending has gone down every year since the law passed, thus cleverly avoiding a causal connection. But he certainly implies it, and that's the message most viewers might have received.

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