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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The Hindu: Land of opportunity woos Indian investors

<http://m.thehindu.com/business/Industry/land-of-opportunity-woos-indian-investors/article8721321.ece>

Peerzada Abrar

In South Carolina, Governor Nikki Haley is aggressively wooing companies from India to set up businesses in the south-eastern region of the country. The first female governor of South Carolina, and currently the youngest governor in the U.S., even gives her personal mobile number to CEOs. "Indian companies don't push themselves on you. I learned you have to invite them," said Ms. Haley during a media interaction at her office in the South Carolina State House in Columbia. "We keep working with you even after you come to South Carolina. If that company wins, we win, if it loses, we feel we take the loss," she said. Her state has attracted six India-based companies to set up their business including engineering services firm QuEST Global Services NA, business process outsourcing services organisation WNS Limited and home textile company Himatsingka America. "We are seeing the economy of India is ready to move outside its borders for the first time," said Robert M. Hitt III, South Carolina's Secretary of Commerce. "We are not the only state trying to attract Indian firms. Indian business people are very good negotiators."

Post and Courier: New law looks to catch hidden traces of breast cancer

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160613/160619877/new-law-looks-to-catch-hidden-traces-of-breast-cancer>

Derrek Abserry

State lawmakers are hoping a new law will help doctors catch breast cancer that may be covered up by dense tissue. Last month, Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill that requires doctors to include breast density information in reports they give patients when mammograms are conducted. Known as Hope's Law, the bill is named in memory of Hope Gelting, a Columbia resident who died from breast cancer in 2014 at the age of 50. Gelting's cancer was overlooked for years because it was covered up by dense breast tissue, according to Are You Dense, a group that highlights cancer screening challenges.

Orlando Shooting:

Associated Press: Bodies removed after worst mass shooting in US history

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c8f30177229546728bb92f4dd514d0f3>

Jason Dearen

Dozens of bodies were slowly removed overnight from a popular Orlando gay club after a gunman sprayed the helpless crowd with bullets in violence that killed 50 people and devastated a city famous for family-friendly theme parks. When the attacker opened fire in the early hours of Sunday morning, it interrupted an evening of drinking, dancing and drag shows at a club known for tolerance for all

people. Authorities say suspect Omar Mateen emerged, carrying an AR-15 and fired relentlessly — 20 rounds, 40, then 50 and more. In such tight quarters, the bullets could hardly miss. He shot at police. He took hostages. When the gunfire at the Pulse Orlando club finally stopped, 50 people were dead and dozens critically wounded in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Mateen, who authorities said had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State in a 911 around the time of the attack, died in a gun battle with SWAT team members.

Associated Press: Friends, family remember victims of Florida shooting

<http://bigstory.ap.org/66d28da8cc1442d6954844d10384f970>

Nomaan Merchant and Don Babwin

A gunman wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, early Sunday, killing at least 50 people in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Here are stories of some of the victims...

Associated Press: Analysis: Trump and Clinton contrasts in Orlando response

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6fc47e444fa04b16b9c61515d113990e>

Julie Pace

For Donald Trump, Sunday's mass shooting in Florida was a moment to redouble his call for tougher action against terrorism and to take credit for "being right" about the threat. For Hillary Clinton, it was a time to choose words carefully and reiterate her call for keeping "weapons of war" off America's streets. The responses of Trump and Clinton to the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history were a study in contrasts for the two presumptive presidential nominees — one of whom will soon be leading a country fearful of terrorism, gun violence and the often merciless intersection of the two. The motive behind Sunday's early morning rampage at a gay nightclub in Orlando was unknown when Trump and Clinton began weighing in. By day's end, authorities still had far to go in uncovering what led Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old American citizen from Florida, to open fire, kill 50 people and critically wound dozens more.

Associated Press: Across the world, shock and condemnation at Orlando massacre

<http://bigstory.ap.org/047bbc6341f54f508d7c9ef558e247d7>

From across the world, officials and public figures are expressing condemnation and shock over the Florida mass shooting at the Pulse Orlando nightclub on Sunday when police say a gunman wielding an assault-type rifle opened fire, killing at least 50 people and wounding dozens.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: America mourns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160613/PC1603/160619775>

Cynthia Roldan

As South Carolina prepares to observe the one-year anniversary of the slaying of nine worshipers at Emanuel AME church in Charleston in just a few days, America was once again rattled by a mass shooting. This time, however, officials say the shooting at an Orlando nightclub that took 50 lives was inspired by terrorism and hate over the club's members' sexual orientation. The Orlando Sentinel is listing all identified victims. South Carolina's officials reacted to the shooting, offering prayers and condolences to the families who lost loved ones. The ex-wife of the suspected nightclub shooter told the Washington Post he was "not a stable person" who would beat her. The Post also uncovered that the suspect's father hosted a TV show and pretends to be Afghanistan's president. Meanwhile, a Charleston mosque leader said he was "angry" and "frustrated" with the mass killing. And Donald Trump took credit for being right on radical Islamic terrorism, according to Politico.

Post and Courier: South Carolina officials react to Orlando night club shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160612/160619789/south-carolina-officials-react-to-orlando-night-club-shooting>

Emma Dumain

Nearly a year after South Carolina reeled from its own mass shooting at Emanuel AME Church, local and congressional Palmetto State officials weighed in on the tragedy early Sunday in Orlando, Fla. Most public officials chose social media as their medium to respond hours after a shooter opened fire on a gay dance club and killed at least 50 people and wounded more than 50 more, making it the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

Note: "My heart hurts," tweeted Gov. Nikki Haley. "We don't have to agree all the time but hate is never the answer. Pray for the injured & the families of the victims in FL." Haley texted Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Sunday morning to let him know "the people of South Carolina are on standby as needed," according to the Governor's Office. "This is another reminder of the pain a tragedy can cause, not only for those impacted directly, but the state and the country," Haley said in an email.

The State: SC reacts to worst US mass murder

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article83358557.html>

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Post and Courier: Charleston community reacts to mass shooting as Emanuel anniversary nears

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160612/PC1603/160619786>

Melissa Boughton and Paul Bowers

One massacre targeted people because of their skin color. The other for their sexual orientation. The aftermath of both was the same: shock and horror. In an attempt to conquer hate with love, Charleston LGBT leaders, community officials and business owners are planning a vigil Monday night for the victims of the early Sunday mass shooting in Orlando, Fla. Officials report that 50 people were killed and at least 53 were hospitalized, most in critical condition. It's a united response not unlike one in the wake of the June 17 shooting at Emanuel AME Church that left nine dead. "No group of people deserves to be targeted or the targets of hate because of race, gender, socioeconomic status or who they choose to love," said the Rev. Dr. Betty Deas Clark, current pastor at Emanuel. "At the end of the day, we are all God's creation and God is love."

Post and Courier: Charleston mosque leader is 'angry, frustrated' with Orlando shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160612/PC1603/160619780>

Deanna Pan

Shahid Husain didn't ask for this. Husain is an associate professor in the department of ophthalmology at Medical University of South Carolina. But in his spare time, he volunteers as president of the Central Mosque of Charleston. And lately, that time is spent searching for the right words to express his horror and disappointment when another terrorist attack is perpetrated in the name of some twisted version of his faith. "We are angry, frustrated. This horrific crime has no place in Islam," he said. "Our congregation, members of the congregation and we as Muslims of Charleston, strongly condemn, very strongly condemn, such acts of violence."

The State: Mayor: Prayers of Charlestonians are with those in Orlando

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/article83338212.html>

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Associated Press: Mayor: Prayers of Charlestonians are with those in Orlando

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

SC State Wire

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Greenville News: Vigil in Greenville honors victims of Orlando massacre

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/12/upstate-pride-sc-greenville-orlando-mass-shooting-vigil/85789796/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

Romando Dixon

Advocacy groups in the Upstate mourned the dozens of victims who were killed and injured in the deadliest mass shooting in United States history and vowed to continue working toward progress for LGBT rights and acceptance. Authorities said 50 people died in a shooting rampage early Sunday at a gay nightclub in Orlando. The tragedy was felt throughout the LGBT community, nationwide and worldwide, said Cody Owens, a board member of Upstate Pride SC. "Our hearts are heavy for the moment and our thoughts and prayers go out to the people and their families and officers who were at the scene who defused the situation and everyone else who feels the pain of the people in Orlando today," Owens said.

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The State: Columbia vigil: 'It could have been me'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article83378742.html>

Cassie Cope

Midlands gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender advocates united Sunday at The Capital Club in the wake of the United States' worst mass shooting – the slayings at an Orlando gay club. The shootings left 50 dead and 53 injured. "It's just hard to get a grasp of something this evil and this horrific," said Garry Dollahite, vice president of the Capital Club, which touts itself as Columbia's oldest gay bar. In the United States, people can go where they want and be who they want as long as they do not violate the rights of others, Dollahite, who visited the Orlando club, Pulse, recently, told the roughly 100 who attended the vigil. "I'm hoping the fear doesn't win right now," said Jeff Marsh, president of S.C. Pride, the Columbia parade and festival that supports lesbian, gay and transgender people.

Aiken Standard: Aiken County residents participate in Orlando Solidarity Gathering in Augusta

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160613/AIK0101/160619827>

Dede Biles

A crowd estimated at more than 100 held candles and sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" during the Orlando Solidarity Gathering on Sunday night at the Metropolitan Community Church of Our Redeemer. Some Aiken County residents attended the event, which offered comfort and an opportunity to grieve with others following the deadliest mass shooting incident in the history of the United States. Early Sunday morning in Central Florida, a gunman opened fire and took hostages at Pulse, a gay nightclub. Before being shot dead by a SWAT team, Omar Mateen killed at least 50 people, and wounded no fewer than 53. Mateen reportedly pledged allegiance to ISIS before the attack.

SC Political News:

WSJ: South Carolina GOP Hopeful Jenny Horne Finds Last Year's Fame Might Not Win Her a Primary

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/south-carolina-gop-hopeful-jenny-horne-finds-last-years-fame-might-not-win-her-a-primary-1465723805>

Valerie Bauerlein

Jenny Horne's teary South Carolina Statehouse floor speech last summer denouncing the Confederate flag at the time made her a rising star in the Republican Party. But the buzz hasn't directly translated into momentum in her bid to upset U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford in Tuesday's GOP state primary. "It's been very difficult to get people to openly support me," said Ms. Horne, a four-term state representative from suburban Charleston.

SC Elections:

The State: 8 State House races to watch Tuesday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article83354567.html>

Cassie Cope

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley's approval rating soared last year in the aftermath of the removal of the Confederate flag from the State House grounds. Haley is aiming to cash in Tuesday on that popularity and her fundraising ability, hoping to oust powerful Republican state senators she has clashed with on roads, ethics reform and other issues. Meanwhile, in the Upstate, the S.C. Chamber of Commerce is trying to oust firebrand libertarian state Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg. Also, the GOP chairman of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee has drawn three challengers. The result? Five key races to watch statewide Tuesday – all in the state Senate – and three more to watch closely in the Midlands.

The Herald: Two candidates vying to unseat incumbent Underwood in Chester sheriff race

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article83340317.html>

Teddy Kulmala

All three Democratic candidates running for Chester County sheriff are seasoned law enforcement veterans. Andre Williams is the former Chester chief of police who, for the past year, has overseen security for the Chester County School District. Al Rainey is a retired Chester police officer and military veteran who says his passion for helping people has motivated him to come out of retirement and "give them one more good run." Both men are vying to unseat Sheriff Alex Underwood, who was elected in 2012 as a petition candidate. The winner of Tuesday's primary will go on to face former Chester County Sheriff Richard Smith, a Republican whom Underwood unseated, in the general

election.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: How to remember the past without honoring past mistakes

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article83053727.html>

Opinion

Divisive remnants of the past — including cannon balls, a Confederate flag and other symbols of the death and damage in our nation that followed that cannonball shot over the bow of the Union ship in Charleston waters — should be remembered but appropriately left behind in a museum. Haynsworth is remembered with respect as a Citadel graduate. But Simkins is remembered for his unfortunate youthful exuberance in continuing to call for hate and racial discrimination after he and others in the Confederate army surrendered to Union forces, removed their uniforms and began wearing civilian clothes.

Note: But I do see news reports that Gov. Nikki Haley, who received positive national and international recognition for her and South Carolina when she was instrumental in removing a Confederate flag from the State House grounds, is now supporting the removal of a Confederate flag from the chapel at The Citadel.

Post and Courier: Stop offshore seismic testing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160613/PC1002/160619810>

Editorial

It has been three months since the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management halted plans to allow drilling off the Atlantic shore in response to protests from communities up and down the coast — including those in our state. Now it should heed the opposition to seismic testing for oil and natural gas deposits offshore, again recognizing the opposition from coastal residents, and a growing number of their representatives in Congress. First District Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., Sixth District Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., and 53 other congressmen have asked President Barack Obama to suspend federal plans for seismic mapping of the continental shelf. As Rep. Sanford remarked, coastal communities along the Atlantic seaboard have rejected offshore oil exploration, so it makes no sense to continue seismic mapping to assist future oil exploration where it isn't wanted.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Power outage shuts down some rides at Carowinds theme park

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

SC State Wire

Officials say a power outage shut down some rides at Carowinds theme park a few hours over the weekend, just days after a blown transformer was blamed for a power outage that left people stranded on at least three rides at the theme park on the North Carolina-South Carolina line. Media outlets report Carowinds spokeswoman Laresa Thompson said in a statement that the outage stopped rides in a portion of the park shortly before noon Sunday. Thompson says those rides were shut down and guests were evacuated.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Emanuel AME Church official: Pinckney 'looking down and smiling' at elevator dedication ceremony

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160612/PC16/160619776>

Melissa Boughton

The late Sen. Clementa Pinckney, who was one of nine gunned down in the Charleston church where he was a pastor, would have been elated to see his congregation finally take a ride in the elevator he championed for so long. That was the sentiment Sunday at Emanuel AME Church at a dedication ceremony for the new elevator. Officials noted Pinkney's efforts to bring the elevator to fruition and said they felt his presence at the event. "I'm so sure he's above looking down and smiling at his great event," said Leon Alston, steward pro tem at Emanuel AME. Pinckney and former Charleston Mayor Joe Riley launched a fundraising campaign for the elevator in 2014. It took more than two years to raise roughly \$278,000 from church members, local and non-local community members and businesses to build the elevator, which makes the building handicap accessible.

Associated Press: After months of waiting, boy, 3, gets heart transplant

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=C9FTtnR7

SC State Wire

A 3-year-old Rock Hill boy has undergone heart transplant surgery after months of waiting. Miriam Ellis-Gibson tells The Herald of Rock Hill (<http://bit.ly/1PnVPW9>) that her son, Aydan Ellis, received a heart Saturday, just before an organ awareness and fundraiser event in Aydan's name was set to start at Rock Hill's St. Mary Catholic Church. His mother says Aydan seems to be handling the surgery well. He's still in intensive care. Before his surgery, Aydan had an artificial heart outside his body because of congestive heart failure since birth.

The Herald: 3-year-old Rock Hill boy gets heart transplant

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article83320982.html>

Andrew Dys

Aydan Ellis, the 3-year-old Rock Hill boy whose wait for a heart transplant was documented in The Herald last week, received a heart Saturday, his mother said Sunday. Aydan underwent surgery Saturday to transplant the heart after months of waiting. So far, Aydan seems to be handling the surgery well, said his mother, Miriam Ellis-Gibson. "He is still in intensive care, and he will be there for a while, but he has opened his eyes," Ellis-Gibson said. "It happened so fast – even though we knew it would be a call and then the surgery."

Associated Press: Lexington deputies collecting glasses, hearing aids

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=akj3TgpE

SC State Wire

Deputies in Lexington County are working to help improve vision and hearing for members of the community. The Lexington County Sheriff's Department is partnering with the Cayce-West Columbia Lions Club to collect new and used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Organizers say Recycle for Sight and Sound supports the Lions' mission of assisting children and young adults who experience hearing and sight problems. For two weeks starting on Monday, new and used eyeglasses and hearing aids are being accepted at seven locations throughout Lexington County.

The State: Tug-of-war erupts over adoption of meal tax in West Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article83351162.html>

Tim Flach

A tug-of-war has erupted among West Columbia officials on adoption of a meal tax. Some foes of the tax want to delay consideration until after an advisory referendum Nov. 8, a plan that would allow residents in the Lexington County community of 15,000 people to sound off on the proposal. "We

need to put it aside until after learning more about how our people feel," said Councilman Jimmy Brooks, who feels public attendance at meetings on the tax so far isn't an adequate measure of sentiment. But others call the idea a delaying tactic.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg County sees big drop in teen pregnancy rate

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160612/articles/160619924>

Zach Fox

In less than a decade, the teen pregnancy rate across Spartanburg County has dropped by nearly 53 percent, improving health outcomes for teens and saving county taxpayers money in the process. Lowering the county teen pregnancy rate has been a focus of numerous local and state organizations in recent years. Now, officials say Spartanburg's success has made it a model. "If you look back to 2007, 2008, which is when our relationship began in earnest with Spartanburg County, if you track the data trends, it's relatively amazing progress in a short time period," said Forrest Alton, CEO of the S.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. "It's unmatched in the state in terms of that short of a time period."

Greenville News: Greenville among '4 Best Places to Raise a Family'

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/13/greenville-among-4-best-places-raise-family/85817854/>

Elizabeth Sanders

Greenville is one of the '4 Best Places to Raise a Family', according to MarketWatch.com. The article credits Greenville's revitalization as the main reason so many people want to move to the area. With a population of 60,000, MarketWatch says Greenville has high quality schools and neighborhoods, as well as more things to do than one might expect. The list also highlights Greenville's large health system that employs 10,000 residents, as well as its children's museum, planetarium, zoo, free outdoor concerts downtown on Thursday and Friday nights in the summer and farmer's market on Main Street each Saturday from May to October.

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