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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The Link:** US Governor Nikki Haley Visits Punjab After Being Re-Elected Last Week

<http://thelinkpaper.ca/?p=42353>

U.S.' South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley (Nimrata Randhawa) visited her parents' native Punjab this week in a surprise trip following her re-election as Governor of South Carolina last week. Haley in a meeting with Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal, promised South Carolina's support to Punjab in setting up aerospace, pharma, tourism and agro-processing industries.

**Note:** "I always yearned to see Punjab — my motherland — and now I am so proud to be here after almost 40 years," said Haley as she got nostalgic upon her arrival at the official residence of Sukhbir Badal Friday evening.

**Note:** "South Carolina can help Punjab in getting business and the two states can exchange delegations to take this initiative forward. Education is another area where we can cooperate," said Haley while extending a formal invitation to Sukhbir to visit her state.

**GSA Business:** Haley chief of staff moving to S.C. Chamber post

<http://www.gsabusiness.com/news/53044-haley-chief-of-staff-moving-to-s-c-chamber-post>

Ted Pitts will be moving from the governor's office to the executive suite at the S.C. Chamber of Commerce. Pitts has been named executive vice president of the state chamber, which represents South Carolina's business community. On Thursday, Gov. Nikki Haley announced that Pitts would be leaving as her chief of staff to be replaced by James H. Burns, a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP.

**International Business Times (Video):** US Republican Governor meets Sushma Swaraj

<http://www.ibtimes.co.in/tv/us-republican-governor-meets-sushma-swaraj-26559>

Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj met Governor of US state of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, in New Delhi on Monday. Haley met Swaraj with a view to attract business and held talks on economic issues. Haley is on a 10-day visit to India and embarked upon her tour from Chandigarh.

**Times of India (Video):** South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley meets Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/news/South-Carolina-Governor-Nikki-Haley-meets-Sushma-Swaraj/videoshow/45180365.cms>

**NewsWala (Photo Gallery):** Gov. Nikki Haley meets chief Chief Minister Badal for State Dinner

<http://www.newswala.com/News-in-Images/News-Gallery-2014-11-16/Parkash-Singh-Badal-with-South-Carolina-United-States-Governor-Nikki-Haley-during-a-programme-in-Chandigarh-165409.html>

### Indian TV Coverage of Gov. Nikki Haley's Trade Mission:

**NDTV:** <http://goo.gl/gYSXO9>

**Swadesh News:** <http://goo.gl/l6pgVk>

**Daily Hamdard:** <http://goo.gl/Vn1wPY>

**P7 News:** <http://goo.gl/qdtlmZ>

**TV 24:** <http://goo.gl/HiQ0I3>

**ABP Sanjha:** <http://goo.gl/aikVFT>

### S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News:

**Associated Press:** Couple asks that gay marriages proceed in SC

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NAg2CH2g](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NAg2CH2g)

Bruce Smith

Gay marriages should be allowed to proceed in South Carolina because the state is unlikely to win its appeal to block them and has not shown it would suffer harm if such marriages take place, attorneys for a same-sex couple say. The couple has filed a lawsuit asking that they be allowed to marry.

**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 are objecting to a request for an emergency stay to halt same-sex marriages in South Carolina, 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.

**Greenville News:** Motions, response filed in S.C. gay marriage case

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/17/two-sides-file-motions-sc-gay-marriage-case/19163563/>

Lyn Riddle

The motion and response are in from the two sides of the gay marriage debate in South Carolina. Now it's up to the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals to decide whether to grant a stay – and stop marriages for same sex couples due to begin at noon on Thursday – as the state has asked.

**The State:** AG Wilson, same-sex Charleston couple on legal collision course in 4th Circuit - headed to U.S. Supreme Court?

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/17/3817887\\_ag-wilson-same-sex-charleston.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/17/3817887_ag-wilson-same-sex-charleston.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy)

John Monk

Lawyers for a Charleston same sex-couple are urging the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals to quickly dismiss an emergency motion S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson has filed seeking to stop the Charleston couple from getting married. In a filing just before midnight Sunday, lawyers for Colleen Condon and Ann Bleckley urged the 4th Circuit to reject Wilson's latest bid to stop the two women from getting married.

## **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**Associated Press:** Tim Scott in Lowcountry meeting with local leaders

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sah9liNT](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sah9liNT)

South Carolina U.S. Sen. Tim Scott is in the Lowcountry this week to hear what local officials have to say and hear their concerns about federal issues. Scott's office says he is holding a forum with government leaders from Jasper County on Monday in Hardeeville.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Michelin to make new airless 'Tweel' in SC

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141117/PC0314/141119425>

This Thursday Michelin plans to dedicate the company's latest manufacturing facility in Piedmont, S.C. that will produce a new type of tire and wheel concept called the Tweel, an airless radial that never goes flat. The S.C. plant, Michelin's tenth in the state, will be the first in the world devoted to building airless radial tires.

**Associated Press:** Regulators OK more time to build nuke fuel plant

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1jDpcosm](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1jDpcosm)

Federal regulators have granted a 10-year extension to the company building a South Carolina facility where spent nuclear weapons materials will be turned into commercial nuclear reactor fuel. Last week, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced that it had granted the request by Shaw Areva MOX Services. In May, the company asked for more time to build the mixed-oxide fuel fabrication facility at the Savannah River Site near Aiken.

**Post and Courier:** Palmetto Sunrise: Pay raises for S.C. teachers?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141117/PC1603/141119435>

Jeremy Borden

When new education Superintendent-elect Molly Spearman takes the helm in January, she'll have plenty to



contend with: new standards across the board and a growing morale issue among teachers. To address the latter, Spearman plans to push the Legislature for teacher pay raises, she told the Post and Courier's Cynthia Roldan.

**Post and Courier:** BP to invest in Charleston petrochemical plant to make it more energy efficient

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141117/PC05/141119430>

John McDermott

BP said Monday it plans to spend \$200 million to upgrade its Cooper River petrochemical plant and another in Europe. Both sites make purified terephthalic acid, or PTA. The combined investment will reduce energy usage and "position these assets amongst the most efficient PTA manufacturing facilities in the world," the British company said.

## Local News:

**Associated Press:** Grand Strand job growth among fastest in nation

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GSknT3mz](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GSknT3mz)

The rate of job growth along South Carolina's Grand Strand has been one of the fastest in the nation during recent months. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/1H8YWPV>) that, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Myrtle Beach Metropolitan Area had the sixth highest rate of job growth nationally between August 2013 and August of this year.

**Rock Hill Herald:** New company owner won't relocate Rock Hill workers

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/17/6533897\\_new-company-owner-couldnt-break.html?rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/17/6533897_new-company-owner-couldnt-break.html?rh=1)

Don Worthington

When Pat Dandridge of Atlanta took the unusual step from being a client of Hydra Platforms Manufacturing of Rock Hill to buying the business, he thought he had a foolproof plan. After more than 10 years of purchasing equipment from Hydra Platforms Manufacturing and then Terex – which acquired Hydra in 2008 – Dandridge knew the quality of the product.

**Greenville News:** Greenville County's violent crime at five-year high

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2014/11/17/violent-crime-five-year-high/19175879/>

Anna Lee

For the fourth consecutive year, Greenville County's violent crime rate has risen in the FBI's latest annual statistical report of crimes in the nation. The violent crime rate last year dropped nationally by 4.4 percent when compared with 2012 figures, according to the FBI.

**Associated Press:** Beaufort development planned around farm

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KWc9VHNe](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KWc9VHNe)

A new Lowcountry development will be built around a working farm. The Beaufort Gazette reports (<http://bit.ly/1ycsjea>) that construction on the Cane Bay development could begin next spring. The site is a 220-acre plot of land in Beaufort that has been a farm in the past.

**The State:** Columbia home sales drop nearly half in October

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/17/3817926/columbia-home-sales-drop-nearly.html>

Roddie Burris

Home sales in Columbia produced an odd result in October, dropping by 42 percent over a year ago as agents across the region closed the deal on just 433 homes, compared to 743 in October 2013.

**Sun News:** Peeled asphalt causes delay, canceled flights at Myrtle Beach International Airport

[http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/17/4612597\\_peeled-asphalt-causes-delay-canceled.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1](http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/17/4612597_peeled-asphalt-causes-delay-canceled.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1)

Jason M. Rodriguez

The runway at Myrtle Beach International Airport was temporarily closed late Monday morning because of peeled asphalt. It's the second closure caused by the runway in less than one month. Overnight work is being done on the runway, but it was unclear early afternoon Monday whether that played a part in the deterioration, said Ryan Betcher, a spokesman with the airport.

## National News:

**New York Times:** Health Law Turns Obama and Insurers Into Allies

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/18/us/politics/health-law-turns-obama-and-insurers-into-allies.html?smid=nytcore-iphone-share&smprod=nytcore-iphone>

Robert Pear

With the health insurance marketplace now open for a second year, President Obama will be depending more than ever on the insurance companies that five years ago he accused of padding profits and canceling coverage for the sick.

**Associated Press:** Health premiums increase 10 to 15 percent in Fla.

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/health-premiums-increase-10-15-172246585.html#g0hLfU9>

Mike Schneider, Kelli Kennedy

The average monthly premiums for mid-range health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act increased as much as 20 percent in Florida, but also decreased slightly in one county, year over year. Health insurance rates have risen as much as 20 or 30 percent in recent years.

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