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Governor Nikki Haley to give Republican Address following State of the Union Address:

CNN: Nikki Haley to deliver GOP response to State of the Union

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/05/politics/state-of-the-union-2016-republican-response-nikki-haley/index.html>

Theodore Schleifer, Deirdre Walsh

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the Republican Party's official response to the State of the Union on January 12, a major test for someone considered to be a potential nominee for vice president. Haley will get a prime-time national platform to offer a contrast not only with President Barack Obama's agenda for his final year in office, but also with Democrats seeking to succeed him in November's election.

Note: "This is a time of great challenges for our country, but also of great opportunities. I intend to speak about both," Haley said Tuesday in a statement.

The State: Gov. Nikki Haley to deliver GOP response to the State of the Union

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article53133455.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, coming off a year where she gained national attention for her handling of the Charleston church mass shooting, will deliver the Republican response to the State of the Union address on Jan. 12. Haley is calling her nationally televised speech from Columbia an "address" rather than a "response" as they have been called since they began in 1966.

Associated Press: Gov. Haley to give Republican response to State of Union

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

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will give the Republican response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address. House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell jointly announced Tuesday that Haley will deliver the address following Obama's Jan. 12 speech.

USA Today: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to give State of the Union response

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/01/05/nikki-haley-state-of-the-union-response-obama/78316056/>

Mary Troyan

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the Republican response to President Obama's State of the Union speech next week. The appointment by Senate and House Republican leaders will only further speculation that the second-term governor of the state that holds the South's pivotal first primary on Feb. 20 is a potential vice presidential candidate in 2016.

Note: "I was honored to be asked by Speaker Ryan and Senator McConnell to deliver the Republican address to the nation," Haley said. "This is a time of great challenges for our country, but also of great opportunities. I intend to speak about both."

Politico: Nikki Haley to deliver State of the Union response

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/01/haley-sotu-217369#ixzz3wPd6jSm0>

Nolan D. McCaskill

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the response to President Barack Obama's final State of the Union address on Tuesday, her office confirmed. House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell asked Haley to deliver the Republican response to Obama's speech on Jan. 12. She described the entreaty as an honor and gave a sense of what she would speak about.

Note: "This is a time of great challenges for our country, but also of great opportunities," Haley said in a statement. "I intend to speak about both."

CBS News: Nikki Haley to deliver the GOP response to the State of the Union

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/nikki-haley-to-deliver-the-gop-response-to-the-state-of-the-union/>

Rebecca Shabad

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the Republican response to President Obama's State of the Union address next Tuesday. Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisconsin, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, made the announcement Tuesday, a week before Mr. Obama delivers his final address to both chambers of Congress.

Note: "I was honored to be asked by Speaker Ryan and Senator McConnell to deliver the Republican address to the nation," Gov. Haley said in a statement provided by their offices. "This is a time of great challenges for our country, but also of great opportunities. I intend to speak about both."

NBC News: South Carolina's Nikki Haley to Deliver State of the Union Response

<http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/south-carolina-s-nikki-haley-deliver-state-union-response-n490791>

Carrie Dann

Since her election in 2010, Haley has built a national profile, serving as the country's youngest governor and South Carolina's first woman to hold the job. An Indian-American who was first elected at the age of 38, she made headlines in July for her successful push to remove the Confederate flag from the South Carolina statehouse grounds in Columbia.

ABC News: SC Gov. Nikki Haley to Deliver GOP State of the Union Response

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/sc-gov-nikki-haley-deliver-gop-state-union/story?id=36104891>

Benjamin Siegel

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the Republican response to President Obama's final State of the Union address. The South Carolina Republican, a rising star in the GOP, is seen as a possible Republican vice presidential candidate in 2016.

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Wall Street Journal: S.C. Gov. Haley to Give GOP Response to Obama's State of the Union

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2016/01/05/s-c-gov-haley-to-give-gop-response-to-obamas-state-of-the-union/>

Byron Tau

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the Republican response to President Barack Obama's final State of the Union address. Ms. Haley, occasionally mentioned as a possible vice presidential candidate, will deliver the primetime response to Mr. Obama's address on Tuesday Jan. 12 where Mr. Obama will speak in front of a joint session of Congress.

Washington Post: Nikki Haley to deliver GOP's rebuttal to the State of the Union address

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2016/01/05/nikki-haley-to-deliver-gops-rebuttal-to-the-state-of-the-union-address/>

Karoun Demirjian

Republicans have selected South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to deliver the GOP's response to the State of the Union address next Tuesday. House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) made the announcement Tuesday afternoon, praising Haley's leadership in South Carolina and hat-tipping her economic record.

Huffington Post: Nikki Haley Will Deliver GOP Response To Obama's State Of The Union Address

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/nikki-haley-sotu_568c2710e4b06fa68883f31b

Paige Lavender

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) will deliver the GOP response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address next week.

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TPM: SC Gov. Nikki Haley To Give GOP Response To State Of The Union

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/nikki-haley-gop-response-sotu>

Sara Jerde

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is expected to give the GOP's response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address on Jan. 12. Haley made headlines this summer when she called for the Confederate flag to be removed from the grounds outside of the state capitol.

Note: "This is a time of great challenges for our country, but also of great opportunities. I intend to speak about both," she said in a statement.

Fox News: SC Gov. Nikki Haley to deliver Republican response to SOTU address

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/01/05/sc-gov-nikki-haley-to-deliver-republican-response-to-sotu-address.html>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has been tapped to deliver the Republican response to President Obama's final State of the Union address next week. Haley, a rising star within the GOP, grabbed headlines last year for her role in the removal of the Confederate flag from the South Carolina statehouse grounds.

Note: "This is a time of great challenges for our country, but also of great opportunities. I intend to speak about both," Haley said in a written statement.

The Guardian: Nikki Haley to deliver GOP response to Obama's final State of the Union address

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/jan/05/republican-response-nikki-haley-obama-state-of-the-union-2016>

Tom McCarthy

South Carolina governor Nikki Haley will deliver the Republican reply to Barack Obama's final State of the Union address next Tuesday, House speaker Paul Ryan announced. Haley is a popular two-term governor whose national profile grew last summer when she supported a drive to remove the Confederate battle flag from the grounds of the South Carolina capitol.

UPI: S.C. governor to deliver GOP response to State of the Union

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2016/01/05/SC-governor-to-deliver-GOP-response-to-State-of-the-Union/7131452027498/

Ann Marie Awad

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has been named as the Republican who will deliver the GOP's response to the State of the Union. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., announced Haley's selection Tuesday. "Nikki Haley has led an economic turnaround and set a bold agenda for her state, getting things done and becoming one of the most popular governors in America," Ryan said in a statement.

WOLO: Gov. Haley to Deliver GOP Response to State of the Union

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/01/05/gov-haley-to-deliver-gop-response-to-state-of-the-union/>

Governor Nikki Haley will deliver the Republican party's response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address next week. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell made the announcement Tuesday afternoon.

NPR: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley To Give GOP's State Of The Union Response

<http://www.npr.org/2016/01/05/462057513/south-carolina-gov-nikki-haley-to-give-gops-state-of-the-union-response>

Jessica Taylor

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the GOP's response to President Obama's State of the Union address next Tuesday, feeding speculation that the Indian-American Republican could be a possible vice presidential pick.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

NBC 26: AGY Holding Corp. Expanding Operations In Aiken County

<http://nbc26.tv/2016/01/05/agy-holding-corp-expanding-operations-in-aiken-county/>

AGY Holding Corp. (AGY), a leading global producer of glass fiber yarns and high-strength glass fiber reinforcement materials, is expanding its existing operations in Aiken County. The planned investment is expected to create as many as 80 new jobs during the next five years.

Note: "We couldn't be more excited to celebrate AGY Holding Corp.'s decision to expand and create 80 new jobs in South Carolina. Each time we see one of our companies succeed and expand here, it proves that Team South Carolina's hard work is paying off, and we look forward to seeing this fantastic partnership

continue to pay off for the people of our state for many years to come.” –Gov. Nikki Haley

WJBF: Glass Fiber Company AGY Investing To Expand Aiken County Operations

<http://wjbf.com/2016/01/05/glass-fiber-company-agy-investing-to-expand-aiken-county-operations/>

Randy L. Key

According to a release from South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley's office, AGY Holding Corp. (AGY), a leading global producer of glass fiber yarns and high-strength glass fiber reinforcement materials, is expanding its existing operations in Aiken County. The planned investment is expected to create as many as 80 new jobs during the next five years.

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The State: Thousands in South Carolina applied for federal disaster aid just before deadline

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article53121880.html#storylink=cpy>

Avery G. Wilks

Thousands of South Carolina residents affected by the historic Oct. 4 storm waited until the last possible day to apply for federal disaster assistance. Nearly 2,000 residents on Monday registered for aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, spokesman Carl Henderson said.

Note: Dec. 4 was the original application deadline, but Gov. Nikki Haley requested and was granted a 30-day extension because hundreds of South Carolina residents still were applying daily for federal assistance.

S.C. Political News:

TIME: Marco Rubio Super PAC Releases South Carolina TV Ad

<http://time.com/4167792/marco-rubio-trey-gowdy-south-carolina-ad/>

Daniel White

The super PAC supporting Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio aired its first television ad Tuesday in South Carolina. A 30-second spot by the Conservative Solutions PAC recruits South Carolina Rep. Trey Gowdy to pitch his home state on the merits of the Senator from Florida.

Greenville News: Rubio PAC to run ads featuring Gowdy

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/01/05/bannister-endorses-bush/78299318/>

Rudolph Bell

South Carolina Rep. Bruce Bannister of Greenville has made public his pick for president – it's Jeb Bush. Bannister, majority leader in the Republican-controlled South Carolina House, is one of three Greenville-area officials who have gotten behind Bush, the former Florida governor's campaign announced Tuesday.

USA Today: Marco Rubio super PAC launches South Carolina TV ad

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/01/05/marco-rubio-super-pac-launches-south-carolina-tv-ad/78302524/>

Fredreka Schouten

Republicans have yet to make their presidential picks in Iowa and New Hampshire, but Marco Rubio's allies have begun targeting voters in South Carolina. Conservative Solutions PAC, a super PAC backing Rubio, released its first Palmetto State commercial today, featuring Rep. Trey Gowdy, the South Carolinian who oversees the House Benghazi committee and is a popular figure among conservative Republicans.

Politico: Ted Turner's son to host fundraiser for Ben Carson

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/01/teddy-turner-jr-ben-carson-217351#ixzz3wPbGsEKX>

Alex Isenstadt

Teddy Turner Jr., the son of liberal media mogul Ted Turner, is slated to host a fundraiser for Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson later this month. Turner, himself a Republican, and his wife Blair are one of three co-hosts listed on an invitation for a Carson fundraising event to be held on Jan. 19 in Charleston, S.C.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: T-minus one week until session

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160105/PC1603/160109692>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina's capitol building will be swarming in just a week when the state legislature returns to finish the second half of its two-year session. It'll be a busy year. Many issues await them, including tackling the state's crumbling road infrastructure and adequately funding education in the state's rural districts, among others.

South Carolina News:

The State: Pinckney widow joined Obama as he unveiled action on guns

<http://www.thestate.com/latest-news/article53079165.html>

Cassie Cope

The widow of slain S.C. Sen. Clementa Pinckney stood behind president Barack Obama at the White House on Tuesday as he announced a series of executive actions aimed at curbing gun violence. After he announced his efforts, Obama hugged the family members of victims of gun violence. He embraced Jennifer Pinckney and gave her a kiss on the cheek.

Post and Courier: Slain pastor's widow backs Obama's call for gun-control action

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160105/PC16/160109686>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The widow of Emanuel AME Church's slain pastor who survived the shooting stood on stage with President Barack Obama on Tuesday as he unveiled executive actions to bolster background checks and improve gun safety technology. In a stirring speech, Obama rattled off the nation's most recent mass shootings and other types of gun violence that claim 30,000 lives a year.

Associated Press: Activists protest ex-officer's release from jail on bond

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

Bruce Smith

A former South Carolina policeman charged with murder in the shooting death of an unarmed black motorist will remain under house arrest until his trial begins in the fall, and about two dozen civil rights activists gathered outside the jail in North Charleston on Tuesday to protest his release on bond.

Associated Press: Feds provide more than \$219M in grants after flooding

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

Two federal agencies report they have provided more than \$219 million in grants and loans to help residents of South Carolina deal with the aftermath of last year's flooding. A news release issued Tuesday said the Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded more than \$79 million in grants to survivors for housing and other essential needs through its Individuals and Households Assistance Program.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Charleston takes 2nd place in Travel + Leisure reader awards

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160105/PC05/160109669>

Allison Prang

Readers of Travel + Leisure have voted Charleston as No. 2 in the recently released "Destination of the Year" rankings for 2015, following Nashville, Tenn. Readers chose from 27 different cities from around the world that were selected by the magazine's editors, publisher Time Inc. said.

Post and Courier: Eric Holder to speak at Charleston MLK celebration

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160105/PC16/160109690/eric-holder-to-speak-at-charleston-mlk-celebration>

Dave Munday

Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder will give the keynote address at this year's MLK Tri-County Ecumenical Service. The service starts at 3 p.m. Jan. 17 at Morris Street Baptist Church. It's organized by the YWCA of Greater Charleston. Holder will also receive the annual Harvey Gantt Triumph Award.

The State: Ex-Columbia city councilman sentenced to two years probation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article53075395.html>

John Monk

Former Columbia city official Brian De Quincey Newman avoided prison and was sentenced Tuesday to two years probation for failing to file income tax returns and failing pay state taxes. However Newman's probation will be shortened to six months once he pays \$10,843 in back taxes for the years 2012 and 2013, a sum that includes \$1,000 in court costs.

The State: Richland councilman proposes changes to penny tax program

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article53151430.html>

Sarah Ellis

A Richland County Councilman is proposing changes to the way the county handles its penny-on-the-dollar transportation sales tax program as first steps to responding to allegations of potential corruption and fraud in the program.

Post and Courier: Summerville mayor, council members to take oath

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160105/PC16/160109674>

Brenda Rindge

Mayor-elect Wiley Johnson and three council members will take the oath of office in Summerville Town Council chambers at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Johnson received 53 percent of the votes on Nov. 3 to defeat incumbent Mayor Bill Collins.

National News:

Associated Press: 'It gets me mad' - Obama acts alone on gun control

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:4561537b90e142cfb0bab99a4b455506>

Josh Lederman

Tears streaking his cheeks, President Barack Obama launched a final-year push Tuesday to tighten sales of firearms in the U.S., using his presidential powers in the absence of tougher gun restrictions that Congress has refused to pass. The president struck a combative tone as he came out with plans for expanded background checks and other modest measures that have drawn consternation from gun rights groups, which Obama accused of making Congress their hostage.

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