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Gov. Haley's Eco-Devo Trip to India:

Associated Press: Gov. Haley traveling to India to lure jobs to SC
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Qu5nT4Ut
Seanna Adcox

Newly re-elected Gov. Nikki Haley is leading South Carolina's first trade trip to India in hopes of persuading companies in her parents' native country to bring jobs to South Carolina. The Republican governor leaves Tuesday, one week after her landslide victory, for a 10-day mission trip involving the state's commerce and tourism agencies.

Note: In her first post-win availability with reporters Thursday, Haley said her immediate focus includes the India trip, but she declined to say what it means to her personally.

Note: "It's a brutal schedule, but we'll work hard and hopefully have something to show for it when we get back," she said.

Note: In her victory speech Tuesday, she said, "As an Indian girl who grew up in Bamberg, I always looked to that small town of 3,500 people and wanted to know how I could make a difference. What makes me proud is what we proved four years ago and what we prove tonight, that there are no boundaries for any little girl or any little boy in the state of South Carolina."

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley to visit India to promote South Carolina tourism, trade
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC05/141109495/1177/gov-nikki-haley-to-visit-india-to-promote-south-carolina-tourism-trade>

Abigail Darlington

With the campaign trail behind her, Gov. Nikki Haley is now following her roots back to India, where she aims to strike new trade relationships and promote the Palmetto State's tourism industry. Haley, whose parents moved to the United States from their homeland before she was born, hasn't been back to the Asian country since she was 2 years old.

The State: SC Commerce chief: Haley's India trip great chance for "first impression"
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/07/3797832/sc-commerce-chief-haleys-india.html?sp=/99/132/#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Gov. Nikki Haley and state officials are heading to India next week, hoping to make a "first impression" that sells the Palmetto State as a tourism destination and a place to do business. The 10-day trip includes a schedule that is "nothing short of grueling" with 90 planned meetings and events, including 40 on Haley's itinerary, said S.C. Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: MUSC, DHEC downgrade potential Ebola patient from 'low-risk to no-risk'
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC16/141109539/1177/musc-is-evaluating-patient-for-ebola-not-probable-that-disease-will-be-confirmed>

Lauren Sausser

A member of the military who was admitted to Medical University Hospital late Thursday was not exposed to the deadly Ebola virus during a recent trip to Liberia, the hospital confirmed. His condition was downgraded from "low-risk to no-risk."

Note: At a meeting Gov. Nikki Haley held on Ebola two weeks ago, Department of Health and Environmental Control Director Catherine Templeton said the state health department could run preliminary tests on a patient and receive results within several hours, but that it could take longer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to confirm if the test is positive.

Associated Press: Nonprofit says SC gay marriage ban hurts kids

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=B1fps6sl

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's ban on same-sex marriage is harmful to children with gay parents, according to a court filing this week by a children's rights group. Citing a number of studies, the Lawyers' Committee for Children's Rights said in its filing Wednesday that children of gay couples thrive like any kids in two-parent homes but are discriminated against by South Carolina's law.

Note: Attorney General Alan Wilson has argued that the Columbia and Charleston cases both belong in state court, saying that he and Gov. Nikki Haley, the named defendants, lack enforcement power over the state's same-sex marriage ban.

Greenville News: Lawyers press children's rights in gay marriage suit

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/06/lawyers-press-childrens-rights-gay-marriage-suit/18593595/>

Lyn Riddle

It's a waiting game now for Colleen Condon and Nichols Bleckley and dozens and dozens more. They, along with lawyers and observers, are waiting for what some say is an imminent decision by U.S. District Judge Richard Mark Gergel in Charleston on whether to issue a preliminary injunction that, if granted, would order the state to stop enforcing its ban on gay marriage.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley and Attorney General Alan Wilson have said they will defend the marriage ban until there is a clear ruling from the federal court.

Washington Post: Tim Scott doesn't want to talk about the past when it comes to the GOP and race. He should.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/11/07/tim-scott-doesnt-want-to-talk-about-past-when-it-comes-to-the-gop-and-race-he-should/>

Nia-Malika Henderson

Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) made history on Tuesday, becoming only the fifth African American ever elected to the Senate. Scott will now belong to a cohort of three black Republicans -- along with Reps.-elect Will Hurd (R-Tex.) and Mia Love (R-Utah) -- in Congress who all broke barriers and who will likely be out front on various issues, both symbolically and substantively.

Note: Notably, when Haley named Scott to the seat, she fully acknowledged his race, but said it had nothing to do with his appointment. "It is important to me, as a minority female, that Congressman Scott earned this seat," Haley said in December 2012. "He earned this seat for the person that he is. He earned this seat with the results he has shown."

Politico: Morning Score

<http://www.politico.com/morningscore/1114/morningscore16016.html>

Kyle Cheney

Three Republican women (Nikki Haley of South Carolina, Mary Fallin of Oklahoma and Susana Martinez of New Mexico) and one Democratic woman (Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire) won reelection. The only woman newly elected governor? Democrat Gina Raimondo in Rhode Island.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina Research Authority accepts 4 new companies in SC Launch program, 2 from Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC05/141109496>

Warren L. Wise

Two new Charleston-area technology companies and two Upstate firms are now part of the South Carolina Research Authority's SC Launch program, qualifying them for mentoring, support and possibly matching funding.

Post and Courier: Revenue up 30% in 3Q at Charleston's Benefitfocus as loss widens

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC05/141109523>

Abigail Darlington

Benefitfocus Inc.'s third quarter revenue climbed by 30 percent compared to the same period a year ago, while losses nearly tripled. The fast-growing Charleston-based software company specializes in cloud-based

technology that manages employee benefits programs. It sold stock to the public last year.

The State: Richland had small troubles election day; Chester County was worst
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/06/3796299/richland-had-small-troubles-election.html>

Clif LeBlanc

Minor clashes with campaign workers and some small vote-counting questions are all that dimmed Richland County's 2014 general election, county and state elections officials said Thursday. Richland is among four S.C. counties, most in the Lowcountry, that had missteps on Election Day, State Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire said.

Associated Press: Prosecutor: SC deputies didn't use excessive force
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uD2AHMjn

Prosecutors say a Greenville County sheriff's deputy did not use excessive force during the arrest of a man at a Wal-Mart that was captured on video. Solicitor Walt Wilkins told local media outlets Thursday he initially thought the deputy may have acted inappropriately but reconsidered after interviewing witnesses.

Local News:

Rock Hill Herald: 2 Chester County companies work with council to expand
http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/06/6503923_2-chester-county-companies-work.html?rh=1

Don Worthington

The Chester County Council is negotiating with two companies to expand operations in the county, a combined investment of up to \$11 million spread out over several years. The identities of the companies have not been disclosed, but County Supervisor Carlisle Roddey said this week both are local.

Post and Courier: Charleston Mayor Joe Riley to return to The Citadel
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC16/141109493>

Diane Knich

Charleston Mayor Joe Riley launched his career by earning a degree at The Citadel, and he will return to his alma mater after leading the city for four decades. The Citadel announced Friday that the military college was creating an endowed chair in American Government and Public Policy, and that Riley will be the first one to hold the seat.

National News:

New York Times: Supreme Court Accepts New Challenge to Health Law
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/08/us/politics/supreme-court-to-hear-new-challenge-to-health-law.html?smid=nytcore-iphone-share&smprod=nytcore-iphone&_r=0

Adam Liptak

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear a new challenge to the Affordable Care Act, potentially imperiling President Obama's signature legislative achievement two years after it survived a different challenge in the court by a single vote.

Associated Press: US economy adds 214K jobs; unemployment falls to 5.8%
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/07/3797165/us-economy-adds-214k-jobs-unemployment.html>

Kevin G. Hall

Employers added a steady 214,000 jobs in October, helping to push down the unemployment rate a tick to 5.8 percent, the government reported Friday in another sign of a firming economy. Job gains were across all sectors of the economy, the Labor Department said, and the tenth of a percentage point drop in the jobless rate took it to the lowest rate since July 2008.

Associated Press: Democrats lost ground among white voters
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC1601/141109497>

Jennifer Agiesta, Jesse Holland

White voters of all ages were less likely to back Democrats this year than in elections past, helping Republicans nationwide but most acutely in the South - and overpowering Democratic efforts to turn out their core supporters among blacks and Hispanics.

Washington Post: The 2014 election wasn't very close

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/11/07/the-2014-election-wasnt-close-not-even-the-toss-ups/>

Aaron Blake

Say what you want about the American people; on Tuesday, they were decisive. Very decisive. In fact, of the 435 House and 36 Senate races, only about nine percent of them (41) were decided by single digits. By contrast, in the 2012 presidential election, 83 House districts and 15 states were decided by single digits -- about 20 percent of all House districts and 30 percent of all states.

CNN: President Obama expected to nominate Loretta Lynch as attorney general

http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/07/politics/new-attorney-general-nominee-loretta-lynch/index.html?hpt=po_c1

Evan Perez

Loretta Lynch, the U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, is expected to be President Barack Obama's pick for attorney general, U.S. officials briefed on the matter said. An announcement is expected in the coming days, though the timing is complicated by the president's plans to travel to Asia this weekend.

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