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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina officials promote Charleston to lure more of India's travelers
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141123/PC05/141129882/1177/south-carolina-officials-promote-charleston-to-lure-more-of-indias-travelers>

Abigail Darlington

The state's top tourism official spent the past two weeks in India convincing large Asian travel agencies that Charleston is the Western destination to pay attention to. Duane Parrish, director of the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, tagged along with the delegation of state officials and Gov. Nikki Haley on a trade mission to India from Nov. 11-21.

Note: Haley, who joined Parrish on several meetings, said India travel groups were impressed to learn about the state's tourism industry.

Note: "They just didn't know that we had all that we have," Haley said, adding that the state hopes their efforts will attract large tourist groups and international business trips.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: S.C. cities deserve tax options

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/11/23/editorial-sc-cities-deserve-tax-options/19450357/>

Editorial

Within hours of the overwhelming defeat of the Greenville County sales tax for roads earlier this month, Greenville City Council members were emphatic that the only recourse was for municipalities to get the Legislature to allow cities to have their own referendum. Cities across South Carolina deserve this ability so they can address their own needs and have more funding options.

Post and Courier: Stop enabling disability fraud

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141124/PC1002/141129712>

Editorial

The number of Americans receiving Social Security disability benefits has soared over the last decade, with serious fiscal consequences. Among the forces driving that trend are the Great Recession and the aging of the U.S. workforce. Though costly, those factors are acceptable realities of our times.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

CNN: Key GOP senator: 'Shame on us as Republicans' for immigration bill failure

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/23/politics/lindsey-graham-republicans-immigration/>

Kevin Bohn

A key Republican senator chastised his House GOP colleagues Sunday for failing to pass a comprehensive immigration bill. "Shame on us as Republicans," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, told CNN's Chief Political Analyst Gloria Borger on "State of the Union."

CNN: Sen. Lindsey Graham: GOP-led Benghazi report is 'full of crap'

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/23/politics/lindsey-graham-benghazi-report/>

Sara Fischer

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, has some harsh words for the recently released Benghazi report, led by his own party. "I think the report is full of crap," Graham told Gloria Borger on CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday. The investigative report Graham is referring to was released Friday by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Michigan, and Ranking Member Rep. Dutch

Ruppersberger, D-Maryland.

Aiken Standard: Republicans optimistic on Keystone XL Pipeline legislation

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141123/AIK0101/141129803/1004/republicans-optimistic-on-keystone-xl-pipeline-legislation>

Derrek Asberry

A bill promoting the Keystone Pipeline project fell in the U.S. Senate earlier last week, but members of the S.C. Congressional Delegation believe it will eventually pass with a Republican majority at the top of the year. The Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill Nov. 14 approving the Keystone XL Pipeline, the expansion of domestic oil drilling and support for building nuclear power plants in South Carolina.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Victims advocate hoping unreported child deaths result in reforms for coroners

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141123/PC1603/141129835>

Cynthia Roldan

A victims advocate is hoping a legislative audit that found 152 child deaths from 2009 to 2013 had gone unreported to the state will shock lawmakers into passing a law holding coroners accountable. Laura Hudson, vice chairwoman of the state's Child Fatality Advisory Committee, plans to push for a bill during the upcoming legislative session beginning in January that would penalize coroners who fail to report child deaths.

Aiken Standard: DOE officials dispute German fuel claims

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141123/AIK0101/141129772/1004/doe-officials-dispute-german-fuel-claims>

Derrek Asberry

A Savannah River Site watchdog group obtained early documents on German fuel potentially landing at the Site and made claims that a decision has already been made to ship the fuel to the Site. The Department of Energy responded that no decision has been made, stating the documents only point to early discussions between the two countries.

Associated Press: SC prosecutors: funding lack puts public at risk

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pD2C0Bmf

South Carolina prosecutors are warning their offices don't have enough money to keep up with thousands of criminal cases waiting for trial, leaving victims to wait for justice and increasing the risk suspects will commit additional crimes while free on bail.

Associated Press: SC technical school opens new "soft skills" center

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oBv6pYPd

Susanne M. Schafer

South Carolina's Midlands Technical College offers students courses in jobs ranging from dental hygienists to electrical technicians. But educators and employers say many students also need to learn non-technical skills like time management, proper communication skills, and basic financial literacy.

Post and Courier: Charleston ports CEO weighs in on West Coast shipping snarls

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141123/PC05/141129880>

John McDermott

The biggest consumer spending spectacle kicks into overdrive this week. It starts Friday for most shoppers. Or Thursday, for those who have the stomach for it. For on-edge retailers, this holiday season is already memorable - and not in a holly-jolly kind of way.

Post and Courier: Boeing tests new environmental gadgets on 787

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141117/PC05/141119417>

Warren L. Wise

Boeing Co. is trying to make the skies a little cleaner. The planemaker took a 40-minute check flight over Washington state recently on a 787-8 Dreamliner outfitted with 25 new technologies designed to improve environmental performance.

Local News:

The State: Group seeks new Lexington County road improvement plan

http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/23/3831797_group-seeks-new-lexington-county.html?rh=1

Tim Flach

A group of Lexington County business and community leaders wants to develop a new road map to ease traffic congestion and improve safety as a guide to coping with steady growth. The effort comes as county leaders search for new ways to relieve traffic jams after the overwhelming defeat of a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax increase for road improvements and other projects in a Nov. 4 referendum.

Rock Hill Herald: York County will take its time to create Lake Wylie overlay

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/23/6558046_york-county-will-take-its-time.html?rh=1

Bristow Marchant

Residents hoping for limits to the growth at Lake Wylie will have to wait almost a year before any restrictions on new development could go into effect. York County Council voted Nov. 17 to allow the planning staff more time to develop a comprehensive plan to protect the area from overdevelopment.

National News:

New York Times: A Deep 2016 Republican Presidential Field Reflects Party Divisions

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/23/us/politics/a-deep-2016-republican-presidential-field-reflects-divisions-in-age-and-ideology.html?ref=politics&_r=0

Michael Barbaro, Jonathan Martin

Republican presidential primaries have for decades been orderly affairs, with any momentary drama mitigated by the expectation that the party would inevitably nominate its tested, often graying front-runner. But as the 2016 White House campaign effectively began in the last week, it became apparent that this race might be different: a fluid contest, verging on chaotic, that will showcase the party's deep bench of talent but also highlight its ideological and generational divisions.

New York Times: Obama Defends His Use of Executive Authority on Immigration

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/24/us/politics/obama-immigration.html?emc=edit_tnt_20141124&nlid=69618260&tntemail0=y

Brian Knowlton

President Obama, in an interview broadcast on Sunday, said he rejects Republican criticism that he has exceeded his authority in moving to spare millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation, adding that he has been "very restrained" in his use of executive authority.

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