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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Wall Street Journal: Haley Says Experience, Vision Key to Winning South Carolina

Popular two-term governor is on the short list for vice president on GOP ticket

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/haley-says-experience-vision-key-to-winning-south-carolina-1454705101>

Valerie Bauerlein

South Carolina is the first state in the presidential nominating calendar to embody a full spectrum of the Republican Party, with Chamber-of-Commerce types, blue-collar whites and evangelical Christians. GOP Gov. Nikki Haley has some tips on how to bridge the gaps between the factions, win her state -- and perhaps gain her endorsement.

Note: Similarly, a successful candidate needs to be forward looking, so that voters are able to “see that life has been pretty awful the last eight years, but we can self-correct pretty quick,” she said “That means not just being negative, but finding that positive place.”

Note: She is likely to announce her endorsement by, or soon after, Tuesday’s New Hampshire primary, in time to shake up the Feb. 20 race here. “Obviously by the time we get to South Carolina, I should do something,” she said.

Note: When the GOP asked Ms. Haley to give the response to President Obama’s State of the Union earlier this year, she took the chance “to say what I’ve always thought,” she said. She asked Republicans to own up to having some responsibility for the dysfunction in government and warned of the danger of listening to the “angriest voices.”

Post and Courier: Donald Trump says he’s ‘fine’ with S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley endorsing someone else

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160205/PC1603/160209523>

Cynthia Roldan

Following a second-place finish in Iowa earlier this week, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump returned to South Carolina confident and seemingly unfazed. Energized by a crowd of more than 5,000 supporters at the Florence Civic Center, Trump cracked jokes and paused to greet students in the crowd dressed in T-shirts and capes that spelled out his last name.

Note: Though speculation is growing on who South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley might endorse in the coming weeks, Trump said he didn’t expect it to be him.

Note: Haley, who has acknowledged being critical of Trump and other “angry voices” in her State of the Union response, is expected to side with Florida Sen. Marco Rubio or even former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, if he does well in New Hampshire.

Associated Press: Report: SC workers make less, pay more for benefits

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

Seanna Adcox

A report on state workers' salaries shows they're underpaid compared with their counterparts in other states and local governments within South Carolina, plus they give up more of their paycheck for health care and retirement benefits than other public workers.

Note: The 2015-16 budget designated up to \$300,000 for the study, after legislators overturned Gov. Nikki Haley's line-item veto of it. It ultimately cost the state about \$217,700, according to the Department of Administration.

WCBD: Kids in Hot Cars Bill Heading to SC Governor

<http://counton2.com/2016/02/05/kids-in-hot-cars-bill-heading-to-sc-governor/>

Robert Kittle

A bill is now heading to South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley’s desk to protect people who break windows to rescue children in hot cars. The bill gives immunity from civil liability for damage to vehicles resulting from

someone breaking in to save a child or vulnerable adult.

S.C. Political News:

Florence Morning News: Trump calls politicians stupid at Florence rally

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_93fe3f6e-cc75-11e5-8629-dff74a58820b.html

Joshua Lloyd

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump spoke in Florence on Friday night and slammed Washington politicians for making poor deals on the economy, illegal immigration, national security and foreign relations, among other topics. The campaign rally brought thousands of supporters to the Florence Civic Center two weeks before the Republican primary in South Carolina.

Associated Press: Chelsea Clinton campaigning for her mother in South Carolina

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

One of Hillary Clinton's top surrogates is making a solo campaign trip to South Carolina. On Saturday, Chelsea Clinton is coming to this early primary state on behalf of her mother's presidential campaign. Officials say Chelsea Clinton is slated to attend Women for Hillary events in Rock Hill and Spartanburg on Saturday.

The State: Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton wins backing of S.C. LGBT rights group

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article58758693.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

South Carolina's most prominent LGBT advocacy group has endorsed Hillary Clinton in the S.C. Democratic presidential primary. "Hillary Clinton has a decades-long record of fighting for equality and has demonstrated her belief that our country is at its best when we are inclusive and open," said Jeff Ayers, S.C. Equality Coalition executive director.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: We drawl oh, so politely

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160206/PC1002/160209543>

Editorial

Charleston has been named the most courteous city several times. New analysis suggests those good manners are used throughout South Carolina, the most courteous state. If, indeed, we pepper our language with "please" and "thank you" more than other states, perhaps that explains why we're the third-slowest-speaking state.

Post and Courier: As seas rise, efforts to develop Capt. Sam's Spit should fall

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160206/PC1002/160209538>

Orrin H. Pilkey

The level of the sea is rising. There are several reasons for sea level rise, but it is predominantly due to the melting of the Greenland and West Antarctica ice sheets, and the world's mountain glaciers. Most impactfully, the increase in temperature of the upper 3,000 feet of the ocean's water causes expansion, and adds significantly to our rising seas.

South Carolina News:

Aiken Standard: Source: Savannah River Site MOX funding to be severely cut in support of another plutonium disposition method

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160206/AIK0101/160209645>

Derrek Asberry

President Barack Obama's fiscal year 2017 budget request will severely cut money for the Savannah River Site's MOX project in support of another plutonium disposition method, a source with knowledge of the budget request told the Aiken Standard on Friday. The MOX project includes the unfinished SRS Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, which, if completed, would convert 34 metric tons of weapons-grade plutonium into commercial nuclear fuel.

Post and Courier: Dreamliners, expensive wine and Zika virus among Charleston area business concerns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160205/PC05/160209544>

David Wren

From Boeing's fall, then rise, and then fall again on the stock market to labor union pension fund managers spending \$1,185 on one — yes, one — bottle of wine, to border protection officials reacting to the Zika virus, it's been a busy couple of weeks for Charleston-related business news.

'Lavish spending' The managers of a pension fund for the union that wants to represent Boeing workers in North Charleston — the International Association of Machinists — are being sued by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Zika precautions: U.S. Customs and Border Protection said this week it is working closely with the federal Health and Human Services department to battle the Zika virus.

Aiken Standard: SCDHEC yet to impose fines over Savannah River Site waste facility

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160205/AIK0101/160209662/scdhec-yet-to-impose-fines-over-savannah-river-site-waste-facility>

Derrek Asberry

The verdict is still out on whether a state agency will impose fines on the Department of Energy for missing a major milestone at an important Savannah River Site waste facility. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, or SCDHEC, was expected to wrap up conversations concerning the SRS Salt Waste Processing Facility in mid-January.

Post and Courier: Army Corps looks for feedback on what to do with limestone dug up in Charleston Harbor deepening

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160206/PC16/160209556>

Bo Petersen

The problem with digging up 9 million cubic yards of limestone rock is that it weighs a lot. That's why Army Corps of Engineers staffers are talking with conservation and sports groups in the Lowcountry. They're looking for ideas and potentially funding support if there's more limestone removed during the Charleston Harbor deepening project than can be used to build eight artificial reefs and a huge berm out to sea off the Charleston jetties.

Index-Journal: DHEC: Low risk of mosquitoes being infected by Zika in South Carolina

<http://indexjournal.com/news/DHEC--Low-risk-of-mosquitoes-being-infected-by-Zika-in-South-Carolina>

Mary Kate McGowan

With one confirmed case of Zika virus in neighboring Georgia, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control said there are no confirmed cases in the South Carolina. DHEC spokesman Robert Yanity said the virus is primarily transmitted by mosquitoes found in the Southeastern United States. A mosquito becomes infected when they feed on a person who is already infected with Zika, and the virus spreads as the mosquito bites other people.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Kiawah groups considering forming group to improve Johns Island roads, schools

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160205/PC16/160209616>

Diane Knich

Several Kiawah Island groups are organizing to improve roads and schools on Johns Island — and they may hire former S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell as a consultant to help. But their plan has raised concerns among some Johns Islanders who are afraid that residents of the gated Kiawah community will attempt to use their money and influence to build roads that promote development and will ruin their island's character.

The State: City offers small business owners no-interest loans for flood recovery

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article58643483.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Small business owners in Columbia affected by the historic Oct. 4 storm could receive up to \$10,000 in no-interest loans through a city program started recently. Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities started the program to help businesses pay for physical and economic damage caused by the storm.

National News:

Associated Press: States taking action to keep guns out of abusers' hands

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160206/PC16/160209678>

Ryan J. Foley

More than a dozen states, including South Carolina, have strengthened laws over the past two years to keep firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers, a rare area of consensus in the nation's highly polarized debate over guns.

Associated Press: Bobby Jindal endorsing Marco Rubio

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160205/AIK0104/160209666/bobby-jindal-endorsing-marco-rubio>

Former Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is endorsing Florida Sen. Marco Rubio for president. Rubio campaign adviser Todd Harris confirmed the endorsement on Friday. It's the second from a former GOP presidential candidate for Rubio this week.

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