

From: Symmes, Brian <BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov>
To:
Date: 12/12/2015 11:10:16 AM
Subject: Clips – Saturday, December 12, 2015

Clips – Saturday, December 12, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Nikki Haley talks Clemson with Paul Finebaum: ‘You can’t be politically correct’
<http://www.thestate.com/sports/college/acc/clemson-university/article49333565.html#storylink=cpy>
South Carolina governor Nikki Haley probably didn’t expect to field questions about a potential vice-presidential candidacy from the SEC Network’s Paul Finebaum. When the queries came Friday on Finebaum’s show, she brushed them off saying she had something far more crucial on her mind.

Note: “I know he’s tired of me being a backseat coach because I text him all the time and I tell him what I think needs to happen,” Haley said. “But just to watch how they’ve played, the heart that they’ve shown, it’s one more nice shining star in South Carolina.”

Note: “I wear a lot of orange and I’m very loyal to the Clemson Tigers,” Haley said. “It’s one of those things, you can’t be politically correct when it comes to a team that you love.”

S.C. Political News:

The State: Exclusive: Trump speaks to white working-class anxieties, Winthrop Poll finds
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article49327950.html>
Jamie Self

Immigrants are taking U.S. jobs and whites are being discriminated against, most S.C. Republicans say, according to a new poll. And those sentiments are even stronger among S.C. GOP supporters of Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump. The results of new Winthrop Poll questions, asked exclusively for The State newspaper, speak to anxieties held by the S.C. Republicans, overwhelmingly white, as they get ready to vote in the state’s Feb. 20 GOP presidential primary.

Greenville News: Rubio campaigns at Furman today
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/12/12/rubio-campaigns-furman-today/77108846/>
Rudolph Bell

Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio campaigns at Furman University today. The Florida senator focused on national security is scheduled to take part in a town hall at Furman’s Younts Center beginning at 1:45 p.m., according to his campaign.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Donald Trump in Aiken Saturday
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151211/PC1603/151219910>
Maya T. Prabhu

Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump will return to South Carolina Saturday with a stop in Aiken. The billionaire real estate mogul will appear at the University of South Carolina Aiken at noon Saturday. To RSVP to the event, visit Eventbrite. A Winthrop poll on Thursday showed Trump continuing to lead among Republican voters in South Carolina.

Aiken Standard: Trump expected to speak at noon at the USC Aiken Convocation Center
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151212/AIK0101/151219846/trump-expected-to-speak-at-noon-at-the-usc-aiken-convocation-center>

People have already started to take their seats at the USC Aiken Convocation Center to hear GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump speak. Trump is expected to speak at noon in Aiken. Saturday’s town hall is the seventh in a series of statewide presidential forums and the first for Aiken.

S.C. General Assembly News:

The State: Dam safety comes with a price, DHEC chief tells lawmakers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article49369950.html>

Two months after dams crumbled across South Carolina, lawmakers learned Friday that it will cost more than \$1 million to hire more staff and improve the state's much criticized dam safety law. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control said the dam safety program has been seriously underfunded and needs an infusion of cash just to make sure DHEC can properly inspect and monitor South Carolina's 2,400 dams.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: African-American Museum's healing role

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151212/PC1002/151219804>

Editorial

The conversation about race relations changed after nine African Americans were shot to death by a white man at Mother Emanuel AME Church. It became more urgent, and it included people who hadn't spoken up before. It also brought into clarity one key reason it is important to build the International African American Museum in Charleston: Educating people about the African-American story is vital to stopping racial bigotry.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Post and Courier: Sen. Tim Scott cites terrorist threat for keeping Gitmo open

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151211/PC1603/151219834>

Gavin Jackson

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott has stepped up his calls for keeping the Navy base at Guantanamo Bay open, saying the president's plan for the detention facility encourages terrorism. "As the president rushes to transfer detainees out of Guantanamo Bay, we have been given a clear picture of exactly the type of terrorist he is talking about releasing," Scott, R-S.C., said in a statement Thursday.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: A quick look at the 11 mass shootings in SC so far this year

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2015/12/11/quick-look-11-mass-shootings-sc-so-far-year/77106808/>

Tim Smith

The most infamous of mass shootings this year occurred in Charleston, when a white male was accused of walking into Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston and shooting to death eight black parishioners and their pastor, Sen. Clementa Pinckney, after a Bible study meeting.

Greenville News: SC authorities seek answers in 11 2015 mass shootings

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2015/12/11/11-2015-mass-shootings-sc-have-authorities-looking-answers/76715618/>

Tim Smith

Mike Scott, a state highway worker, was upbeat and positive minded, while his wife, Cathy, was more quiet and caring. They shared their home outside Pendleton with their elderly mothers, and doted on their two grandchildren who lived nearby on their property.

Associated Press: Students suspended as furor grows over KKK-type photos

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

Bruce Smith

Civil rights activists called Friday for the resignation of The Citadel's president after online photos surfaced showing cadets with pillowcases over their heads similar to Ku Klux Klan garb, but the president says he isn't quitting. The South Carolina military college issued a statement saying retired Air Force Lt. Gen. John Rosa has no plans to step down as president and will honor his contract running until 2018.

Associated Press: State's craft distilleries taking old craft to new markets

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MVQ1Hoto

Jeff Wilkinson

Jessica Dowd Crouch's history with whiskey-making runs deep. Her grandfather, Mitchell Dowd, was a moonshiner in Gaston during the Great Depression, making illegal whiskey to support his large farm family at a time when a crop of corn didn't make ends meet any other way.

Post and Courier: Mount Holly negotiations going to the wire, but job losses already a certainty
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151211/PC05/151219821>

David Wren

Century Aluminum's contract with Santee Cooper for an electricity supply at the Mount Holly smelter doesn't expire until Dec. 31, but job losses at the facility were cemented weeks ago. That's because customers for the billet aluminum that Mount Holly produces sign annual contracts for their upcoming needs in September and October.

Note: Hitt has been in this position before. In 2012, he — along with Gov. Nikki Haley and Santee Cooper leaders — negotiated a power deal under the threat of Mount Holly's closure that has saved the aluminum smelter \$130 million over 2½ years.

Local News:

Greenville News: Nearly 11K in Greenville apply for food aid after October floods
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/12/11/nearly-11k-greenville-apply-food-aid-after-october-floods/77164462/>

Anna Lee

Nearly 11,000 Greenville County residents have applied for one-time food assistance benefits as part a federal program designed to help victims who suffered flood damage. Through Thursday, approximately 10,800 applications had been received at the TD Convention Center, said Karen Wingo, a spokeswoman for the Department of Social Services.

Brian Symmes

Cell: 803-673-9437

Office: 803-734-0304