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Governor Nikki Haley News:

NDTV: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley Visits Golden Temple in Amritsar

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/diaspora/south-carolina-governor-nikki-haley-visits-golden-temple-in-amritsar-621341>

Indian-American Governor of South Carolina Nikki Haley today paid obeisance at Golden Temple in Amritsar saying that she was there not in the capacity of Governor of state but as a humble human being. Accompanied by her husband, Ms Haley offered prayers at the Sikh shrine. "The peace and serenity of the place is amazing," she said.

Note: "This is the place that has been so frequently talked about by my parents. So many stories, so many memories...and now actually to be in that place is very exciting. It's nice to come back to the place my parents belong to", said Ms Haley-- the youngest sitting Governor in USA.

Note: "It is indeed a blessing to be able to relive some of the memories shared by my parents. It is indeed emotional and heart-warming," Ms Haley said.

Asian News International: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley gets nostalgic after visiting Golden Temple in Amritsar

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-south-carolina-governor-nikki-haley-gets-nostalgic-after-visiting-golden-temple-in-amritsar-2035358>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley became nostalgic and emotional after visiting the Golden Temple in Amritsar on Saturday. She said that she was seeing the temple after 40 years. Haley is on a visit to Amritsar with her husband and an American delegation. She is on a 10-day trip to India.

Note: "This is a very emotional and a very special day for the both of us. What I want everyone to know is that we are here to pay our respects, and, I am not here as governor. I am here as someone who feels honoured and special. It is a very special day." she said.

Zee News: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley prays at Golden Temple in Amritsar

http://zeenews.india.com/news/punjab/south-carolina-governor-nikki-haley-prays-at-golden-temple-in-amritsar_1499349.html

Nikki Haley, the first Indian-American governor of a state in the US, on Saturday prayed at the Harmandir Sahib, popularly known as Golden Temple, the holiest of all Sikh shrines.

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Times of India: Attracting investments is my job, building ties a personal desire: Nikki Haley

<http://m.timesofindia.com/india/Attracting-investments-is-my-job-building-ties-a-personal-desire-Nikki-Haley/articleshow/45154403.cms>

Governor of South Carolina Nikki Haley on Friday invited entrepreneurs from Chandigarh and Punjab region to invest in the US state. Extending her state's full support at an interaction on doing business with South Carolina, organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at its Headquarters in Sector 31.

Note: she said, "India is my second home. Hence, though attracting investments from overseas companies is my job, building business ties with Indian companies is my personal desire."

Note: "The key sectors where you can excel in South Carolina include automobile, aerospace, IT, pharmaceuticals, rubber and textiles. Boeing's leading manufacturing plant is in our state and soon BMW's South Carolina plant would also be their leading plant, so is the case of various top tyre manufacturers of the world like Michelin, Bridgestone and Continental. It is so easy to do business in South Carolina that 60% of the new investments in there are from the existing businesses in the form of expansion," she added.

Post and Courier: Obamacare open enrollments starts Saturday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141114/PC16/141119586/1177/obamacare-open-enrollments-starts-saturday>

Lauren Sausser

As Obamacare enrollment rolls into year two on Saturday, tens of thousands of South Carolinians are expected to pick a health insurance plan sometime soon. Experts anticipate a smoother launch this time around. The 2014 open enrollment window, which ran from Oct. 1, 2013 through mid-April, will be best remembered for its flaws.

Note: "The news that Obamacare is facing additional legal challenges is hardly surprising," said Doug Mayer, a spokesman for Gov. Nikki Haley, who is traveling in India this week on a trade mission.

Note: Mayer called the case "just one more example of what is possible when a president attempts to force a one-size-fits-all health care program on every state in the country. This law has been a disaster from the start and why Governor Haley has fought against it at every turn."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**Providence Journal:** GOP elects a new batch of remarkable female leaders

<http://www.providencejournal.com/opinion/commentary/20141115-gop-elects-a-new-batch-of-remarkable-female-leaders.ece>

Christine M. Flowers

And speaking of immigrants, Nikki Haley of South Carolina was just reelected to the governor's house in South Carolina. The daughter of Indian Sikh immigrants, she's an accountant who led her mother's family-owned clothing firm into a multimillion-dollar company, was on the board of two chambers of commerce, and served as the treasurer and then president for the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Post and Courier: Districts' promising successes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141115/PC1002/141119527>

Editorial

The Charleston County School District's first "excellent" rating by the state is both impressive and ironic. It signals significant improvement in student achievement and a welcome drop in the number of "at risk" schools. There had been five. Now there are three. The new rating is the first time CCSD has earned the state's highest rating since the rating system was implemented 14 years ago.

Sun News: Two area legislators drafting homeowners association bills

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/15/4604343/editorial-two-area-legislators.html?sp=/99/158/1251/>

Editorial

More than 1,000 homeowners showing up to voice concerns to state legislators about homeowners associations surely was an impressive turnout but it did not surprise Sen. Greg Hembree and probably not others in the Horry County delegation.

Post and Courier: S.C. needs vehicle inspections

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141115/PC1002/141119530>

Editorial

It is not surprising to those of us who drive in South Carolina daily that South Carolina roads are in need of improvement. Travel delays due to traffic backups and, even worse, accidents impact citizens' daily lives. Talk around the water cooler or after-work "happy hour" conversations often turn to discussions about how to improve the conditions.

Post and Courier: Still leading her party astray

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141115/PC1002/141119528>

Editorial

Nancy Pelosi has been the top Democrat in the U.S. House for nearly 12 years, including a 2007-11 stint as speaker. And according to various media outlets, she will win her party colleagues' backing to continue as minority leader.

South Carolina News:**Greenville News:** Congressional hearing scheduled for Clemson

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2014/11/14/congressional-hearing-scheduled-clemson/19023989/>

Mary Troyan

Congress will come to Clemson University next week when Rep. Jeff Duncan and his Homeland Security subcommittee hold a hearing about whether South Carolina and the nation are better prepared for major emergencies like hurricanes and disease outbreaks.

Times and Democrat: \$2.2 M grant will help FHC-MUSC telemedicine effort

http://thetandd.com/news/local/m-grant-will-help-fhc-musc-telemedicine-effort/article_7b7b25fe-6c97-11e4-a93d-ef7f87373fc9.html

Dionne Gleaton

Orangeburg-based Family Health Centers Inc. has received a \$2.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in its continued mission to improve health care access. Sixth District Congressman James Clyburn recently announced that FHC received almost \$2.2 million in discretionary spending funds from DHHS.

The State: Longtime Columbia couple hope legal marriage is in sight

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/14/3812675/longtime-columbia-couple-hope.html>

Sarah Ellis

On their 20th anniversary this coming March, Bert Easter and Ed Madden would like to celebrate as a legally married couple. They celebrated their union with a non-legal ceremony in Charleston on March 19, 1995, complete with a shower of bird seed, a downtown carriage ride and an Elvis impersonator.

Aiken Standard: MOX gets 10-year extension for construction

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141115/AIK0101/141119614/1004/mox-gets-10-year-extension-for-construction>

Derrek Asberry

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or NRC, announced Friday that it is extending the construction completion deadline for Savannah River Site's MOX facility an additional 10 years. In May, CB&I AREVA MOX Services requested that the NRC extend the construction authorization expiration date from March 30, 2015, to March 30, 2025.

Times and Democrat: Sellers starting group to tackle education, economic issues

http://thetandd.com/news/local/sellers-starting-group-to-tackle-education-economic-issues/article_9b4b6ef8-6c96-11e4-a716-cb3f49130496.html

Bakari Sellers has closed the chapter on a failed 15-month campaign to become lieutenant governor to form an organization which will allow him to address other statewide goals. Sellers served House District 90, including Bamberg and Denmark, for eight years. He did not run for re-election to the House 90 seat, instead seeking to become lieutenant governor.

The State: State funds sought to protect SC lake from toxic dump

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/14/3812629/state-funds-sought-to-protect.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Catherine Templeton, director of the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, said this week that the state could be out of money within two years to manage the closed Pinewood landfill unless more funds are appropriated.

The State: What you need to know as the federal insurance marketplace enrollment opens Nov. 15

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/14/3812691/what-you-need-to-know-as-the-federal.html#storylink=cpy>

Joey Holleman

The second round of open enrollment in the federal health insurance marketplace established by the Affordable Care Act begins Saturday. The basics are the same, but there have been enough changes to keep insurance shoppers on their toes. The first change most will notice?

Post and Courier: Barber calls for moral outcry, truth-telling and movement-building at NAACP banquet

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141115/PC16/141119510>

Adam Parker

The Rev. William Barber Jr. electrified attendees of the 97th annual Charleston NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on Friday night with a long keynote address in which he presented American history as a series of

"reconstructions" that brought people together in what he labeled "fusion politics" followed by a reactionary backlash.

Former Sen. Robert Ford Indicted:

Associated Press: Ex-SC Sen. Ford indicted for misconduct, forgery

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=W51T9Xr0

Meg Kinnard

Former Sen. Robert Ford has been indicted on eight charges that include misconduct in office, forgery and ethics violations, state prosecutors said Friday. In a news release, Attorney General Alan Wilson said that the Charleston Democrat had been indicted by the Richland County grand jury on misconduct in office and forgery less than \$10,000.

Post and Courier: Former Charleston senator Robert Ford indicted on ethics charges

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141114/PC1603/141119623>

Schuyler Kropf

Nearly 18 months after leaving office, former state Sen. Robert Ford was indicted this week on eight counts of violating state ethics laws for allegedly spending thousands of dollars in campaign cash on himself. While the violations cover areas previously explored by the Senate Ethics Committee, the filing of formal charges means Ford is accused of criminal wrongdoing.

The State: Former SC state senator indicted on public corruption charges

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/14/3811790/former-sc-sen-robert-ford-indicted.html>

Jamie Self

A Richland County Grand Jury indicted former state Sen. Robert Ford, a Charleston Democrat, Friday on charges of illegally using campaign money for his personal expenses. Ford faces eight charges of public corruption, including a felony charge.

Local News:

Island Packet: US Education Department investigating Beaufort County schools on claims of discrimination

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/14/3432225/us-education-department-investigating.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1>

Sarah Bowman

The U.S. Department of Education is investigating the Beaufort County School District for possible discrimination against English-language learners, according to a department spokesman. The department's Office for Civil Rights will visit the district office and several schools next week to gather information as part of its investigation, the spokesman said.

Island Packet: District announces school choice programs for next year

http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/14/3432191_district-announces-school-choice.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1

Sarah Bowman

A year after the Beaufort County School District began efforts to bring more academic offerings to its schools, students and families can now start planning their picks. The district has decided which "choice" programs will be offered at each county public school, beginning in August 2015. The goal is for students to choose which schools they attend based on the programs offered.

Sun News: Myrtle Beach EDC snares new employer with 30 jobs at average pay of \$20 per hour

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/14/4606121_myrtle-beach-edc-snares-new-employer.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Steve Jones

A new company that will employ 30 people at an average wage of \$20 an hour is locating to Horry County. Fred Richardson, board chairman of the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corp., told Horry County Council members Friday that the company produces fire and safety software for building protection.

Post and Courier: Dueling allegations prompt firing, divide Charleston County Public Defender's Office

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141114/PC16/141119571>

Glenn Smith

A major rift has divided the office that defends Charleston County's poor and indigent in criminal trials,

pitting the top two public defenders against each other and costing one of those men his job. Beattie Butler, the No. 2 man in the office, said he was abruptly fired while undergoing cancer treatment last month in retaliation for sharing concerns about perceived ethical breaches by Charleston County prosecutors over the handling of evidence and other issues.

Index-Journal: State report cards rate local school districts

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/State-report-cards-rate-local-school-districts>

Kate Hruby

The state Department of Education released its 2014 state report cards on public districts and individual schools Friday. In the Lakelands, Greenwood School District 52 (Ninety Six), Abbeville County School District and Saluda County Schools achieved at least one "excellent" rating.

National News:

New York Times: Cost of Coverage Under Affordable Care Act to Increase in 2015

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/15/us/politics/cost-of-coverage-under-affordable-care-act-to-increase-in-2015.html?_r=0

Robert Pear, Reed Abelson, Agustin Armendariz

The Obama administration on Friday unveiled data showing that many Americans with health insurance bought under the Affordable Care Act could face substantial price increases next year — in some cases as much as 20 percent — unless they switch plans.

Associated Press: Walker ousts Parnell in Alaska gubernatorial race

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/walker-ousts-parnell-in-alaska-gubernatorial-race>

Independent candidate Bill Walker has won the Alaska governor's race, following an aggressive challenge to Republican Gov. Sean Parnell that included joining campaigns with a Democratic rival. Walker grabbed a slim lead on election night, but the race was too close to call until thousands of absentee and questioned ballots were counted this week.

Associated Press: Hopes and fears as health law sign-up season opens

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_HEALTH_OVERHAUL_VERSION_2?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-11-15-06-43-46

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

The second sign-up season under President Barack Obama's health overhaul opened Saturday, with hopes that this time consumers will have a positive experience. But the fear is that entrenched political opposition and renewed legal challenges may yet collapse the program that's bringing health care to millions of previously uninsured Americans.

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