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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** Business Notebook

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/27/3838373/business-notebook.html>

**S.C. tourism chief to stay on job:** The head of South Carolina's tourism agency plans to stick around for Gov. Nikki Haley's second term. The (Charleston) Post and Courier reported that Duane Parrish will serve another four years as head of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

### Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**Post and Courier:** Consider coroner credentials

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141128/PC1002/141129490>

Editorial

When children are dying in South Carolina and their deaths aren't being properly reported, it's time to take a hard look at the problem. That's why a legislative audit investigated how the state was not advised of 152 child deaths during the period from 2009 to 2013.

**Post and Courier:** Hagel goes, dysfunction stays

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141128/PC1002/141129489>

Editorial

Barack Obama's decision to replace Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel raises once again a question about this president's continuously strained relationship with the Department of Defense and the U.S. military establishment. That relationship, now testified to by Mr. Obama's three previous choices to head the Pentagon, will make the choice, and the role, of a new defense secretary particularly difficult.

### South Carolina News:

**Greenville News:** Settlement in DSS child support system still unsigned

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/28/settlement-dss-child-support-system-still-unsigned/19542463/>

Tim Smith

State Sen. Tom Alexander, a Walhalla Republican who chairs a budget panel that oversees the state Department of Social Services, said he has been told that talks between the two sides have made progress and is hoping for a final agreement "sooner rather than later."

**McClatchy D.C.:** 21 years after SC schools lawsuit filed, schools remain poor

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/28/6571310\\_21-years-after-sc-schools-lawsuit.html?rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/28/6571310_21-years-after-sc-schools-lawsuit.html?rh=1)

Daniel Salazar

In the 21 years it took for poor, rural school districts to fight state government for more money, South Carolina saw five different governors, four different education superintendents and three different U.S. presidents. But some things did not change.

**Associated Press:** SC prison system to offer video visits

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7TpKB5Dj](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7TpKB5Dj)

South Carolina's prison system will soon allow inmates to conduct video visits with family members, in hopes of cutting down on repeat offenders. The Post and Courier of Charleston reported that the pilot program will allow inmates at the Broad River and Graham correctional institutions to visit with family members over a video link with the Coastal Pre-Release Center in Charleston.

**WYFF (Video):** SLED report reveals Bobby Harrell's lavish spending habits  
<http://www.wyff4.com/news/sled-report-reveals-bobby-harrells-lavish-spending-habits/29950042#ixzz3KNDz3ktl>

Tim Waller

**Post and Courier:** Palmetto Sunrise: Immigration policy 'about right'  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141128/PC1603/141129475>

Cynthia Roldan

A CNN-ORC poll conducted last week revealed 50 percent of Americans think President Barack Obama's executive action is "about right." The poll, conducted Nov. 21 through Nov. 23, explained Obama's executive action will allow some immigrants with children to stay here temporarily and apply for a work permit if they have children who are U.S. citizens.

**Greenville News:** BMW plant using Google Glass to help evaluate vehicle quality  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/11/27/bmw-plant-using-google-glass-help-evaluate-vehicle-quality/19579017/>

Robbie Ward

More BMW workers may begin wearing glasses at the vehicle manufacturing facility in Greer, even the employees with perfect vision. These glasses deliver images otherwise not seen, along with features normally associated with a smartphone.

**Seneca Journal:** Same-sex marriage could have 'major' effects  
<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/11/same-sex-marriage-and-present-law/>

Christina Cleveland

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request from South Carolina attorney general Alan Wilson to block marriages as the state appealed the overturning of its same-sex marriage ban, and hours later that day, Oconee County issued marriage licenses to two same-sex couples.

**Associated Press:** Record number of wood stork nests in SC  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6LjVHKJI](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6LjVHKJI)

Bruce Smith

South Carolina is playing a key role in the resurgence of the American wood stork as a record number of nests were recorded in the state this year. Scientists say the recovery has been aided by plentiful rain, the state's old coastal rice fields which provide perfect habitat and, surprisingly, an abundance of alligators.

## Local News:

**Island Packet:** Federal investigation into Beaufort County schools finds no violations, suggests improvements

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/27/3456853\\_federal-investigation-into-beaufort.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/27/3456853_federal-investigation-into-beaufort.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1)

Sarah Bowman

A federal investigation into the Beaufort County School District for possible discrimination against English-language learners turned up no violations, according to district officials. However, the district's new screening method for potential volunteers is among the procedures that could be improved, and the district plans to work with the U.S. Department of Education to do so, superintendent Jeff Moss said.

**Sun News:** Thanksgiving expected to give Myrtle Beach tourism an off-season boost  
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/28/4634699/thanksgiving-expected-to-give.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Dawn Bryant

The Thanksgiving week is expected to give the beach its usual off-season boost as visitors take advantage of the long holiday weekend with a trip to the beach. Lodging occupancy for hotels, condotels and campsites is expected to jump to 55 percent on Black Friday and Saturday, compared to occupancy of 30 percent last weekend and 42 percent on Nov. 14-15, according to Coastal Carolina University's Clay Brittain Jr. Center for Resort Tourism.

**Sun News:** Myrtle Beach airport experiences more modest growth in passenger numbers in October  
[http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/28/4634664\\_myrtle-beach-airport-experiences.html?](http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/28/4634664_myrtle-beach-airport-experiences.html?)



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Dawn Bryant

The new flights that led to big jumps in passenger numbers at Myrtle Beach International Airport during the summer have gone on winter hiatus, which has led to more modest increases at MYR.

**The Item:** Development means higher bills

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/development-means-higher-bills,236912?>

Raytevia Evans

Sumter County Council members will be able to give a simplified explanation to resident taxpayers about the increase in taxes this year after county auditor Lauretha McCants gave a brief presentation to council during the fiscal, tax and property committee meeting Tuesday evening at the County Administration Building.

**The State:** Columbia's finances get first national recognition since 2005.

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/27/3839950\\_columbias-finances-get-first-national.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/27/3839950_columbias-finances-get-first-national.html?rh=1)

Clif LeBlanc

Columbia's financial books have received an official stamp of approval, symbolizing a turnaround from almost a decade ago when they were in such disarray the city had deficits in 10 funds and leaders did not know how much money the city had.

## **National News:**

**USA Today:** Campaign setbacks have Landrieu scrambling for support

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2014/2014/11/26/landrieu-cassidy-louisiana-runoff/19552587/>

Deborah Barfield Berry

Sen. Mary Landrieu has turned to churches, community leaders and her Democratic colleagues in the Senate in a last-ditch rush to rally her base and raise money as she fights for her political life ahead of a Dec. 6 runoff election in Louisiana. The scramble reflects a harsh reality — that national Democrats seem to no longer believe Landrieu has much of a chance against Republican Rep. Bill Cassidy.

**New York Times:** Conflicting Policies on Syria and Islamic State Erode U.S. Standing in Mideast

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/28/world/middleeast/conflicting-policies-on-syria-and-islamic-state-erode-us-standing-in-mideast-.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/28/world/middleeast/conflicting-policies-on-syria-and-islamic-state-erode-us-standing-in-mideast-.html?_r=0)

Anne Barnard

American and Syrian warplanes screamed over the Syrian city of Raqqa in separate raids this week, ostensibly against the same target, the Islamic State militants in control there. In the first raid, on Sunday, United States warplanes hit an Islamic State building, with no report of civilian casualties. On Tuesday, Syrian jets struck 10 times, killing scores of civilians, according to residents and Islamic State videos.

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