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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WYFF: Groundbreaking held for company creating 500 new jobs in Upstate

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/gov-haley-to-attend-groundbreaking-in-spartanburg-county/37508774>

Mike McCormick

A groundbreaking celebration was held in Spartanburg County Tuesday morning for a company that will create 500 new jobs. Gov. Nikki Haley attended the groundbreaking at Toray Carbon Fibers America on Moore-Duncan Highway.

Note: "It's a great day in South Carolina. The largest carbon fiber producer in the world, Toray Industries, is now calling Moore, South Carolina, home. A billion dollar investment, one of the largest investments in South Carolina history, 500 jobs, (means) a footprint that is going to be phenomenal. We could not be more excited," Haley told WYFF News 4's Mike McCormick.

Note: "Now you're seeing carbon fiber in planes, in cars, in the Olympics, everywhere. So the fact that they've invested in South Carolina doesn't mean they're just going to be supplying carbon fiber to Boeing here and Boeing in Washington State. They're going to supplying carbon fiber across this country and across the world. So we're glad they're going to be calling South Carolina home," Haley said.

Greenville News: Senators begin hearings on refugee settlement in SC

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/01/19/senators-begin-hearings-refugee-settlement-sc/78994016/>

Tim Smith

Sen. Kevin Bryant, an Anderson Republican, wants South Carolina's policy on refugees from countries with ties to terrorism to be "the most resistant and the least cooperative" of the nation's 50 states. Sen. Lee Bright, a Spartanburg County Republican, would like to halt the federal refugee program. But failing that, he said he wants to track any refugees brought into the state.

Note: In November, Gov. Nikki Haley asked Secretary of State John Kerry not to place any of the Syrian refugees in South Carolina because of concerns of inadequate security checks and the possibility that some terrorists might infiltrate the thousands of refugees being processed for settlement into the United States.

Note: "After reviewing recent public statements and personally speaking today with intelligence officials, it is my understanding that while our national security agencies are working tirelessly to vet potential refugees, there remain gaps in available intelligence for those fleeing Syria," she wrote. "Therefore, until I can be assured that all potential refugees from Syria have no ties to terrorist organizations, I am requesting that the State Department not resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina."

WACH: Haley to deliver State of the State Wednesday night

<http://wach.com/news/local/haley-to-deliver-state-of-the-state-wendesday-night>

Matthew Stevens

Governor Nikki Haley will give her State of the State address Wednesday night. Haley will give her speech on South Carolina's progress at 7pm from the State House. The governor will likely discuss the Charleston church shooting, removal of the Confederate flag, October's flooding and other issues the state faced in 2015.

Rock Hill Herald: Lancaster's Norrell will give State of the State response

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article55474950.html>

Bristow Marchant

State Rep. Mandy Powers Norrell of Lancaster is following in the governor's footsteps, sort of. One week after Gov. Nikki Haley gave the official Republican response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address, Norrell will give the Democratic response to Haley's State of the State address to the General Assembly on Wednesday.

Roll Call: Nikki Haley's Bumpy Road to Power

<http://blogs.rollcall.com/news/influential-women-nikki-haley/?dcz=>

Jon Miller

Then things got hard. Haley, a wife to a National Guard captain and mother of two, faced a series of crises in 2015 that would have tested even the most battle-hardened governor. "We got triple-punched in South Carolina," Haley told CQ Roll Call. In April, Walter Scott, an unarmed black man, was shot to death as he fled a North Charleston police officer.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Senate panel hears bills limiting refugees in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Wzyp2OjQ

Jeffrey Collins

Some South Carolina senators are listening to a pair of proposals that would strictly limit refugees in South Carolina. One bill would require a public database of refugees resettled in the state and hold their sponsors liable for damages if they committed an act of terrorism. A second resolution calls for a ban on state agencies taking in new refugees until the federal government can establish new procedures to alleviate security concerns.

The State: S.C. lawmaker proposes registry for journalists

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article55449025.html>

Cassie Cope

State Rep. Mike Pitts, R-Laurens, filed a bill in the S.C. House Tuesday to establish a "responsible journalism registry" to be operated by the S.C. secretary of state. Details of the proposal were not available Tuesday, only a summary. That summary says the bill would "establish requirements for persons before working as a journalist for a media outlet and for media outlets before hiring a journalist."

Post and Courier: Republican lawmaker says journalists should face a registry to work in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160119/PC1603/160119305>

Gavin Jackson, Schuyler Kropf

An Upstate lawmaker who tried to keep the Confederate battle flag flying and whose campaign spending habits were part of a Post and Courier examination of Statehouse money trails says it's time to register journalists in the state. State Rep. Mike Pitts, R-Laurens, on Tuesday introduced a bill called the "South Carolina Responsible Journalism Registry Law."

Associated Press: DHEC seeking \$950K more to test water quality

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0iL3INd2

State regulators are seeking more money to monitor the water quality in South Carolina's rivers and streams. Jim Beasley with the Department of Health and Environmental Control tells The Island Packet of Hilton Head (<http://bit.ly/1P2yDQoH>) that strengthening the program and increasing water testing is a priority for the agency.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The Hill: Nikki Haley's date with destiny

<http://thehill.com/opinion/brent-budowsky/266359-brent-budowsky-nikki-haleys-date-with-destiny>

Brent Budowsky

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R), who according to one recent poll enjoys a towering 81 percent approval rating among South Carolina Republicans and an 84 percent approval rating among South Carolina Tea Party supporters, has a rendezvous with destiny when GOP presidential candidates come to her state for the presidential primary on Feb. 20.

Huffington Post: Immigration as Official "Racial" Policy: A Tutorial for Nikki Haley

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/warren-j-blumenfeld/immigration-as-official-r_b_9005330.html

Warren J. Blumenfeld

As the governor of a large Southern state, and a possible Vice Presidential pick by a number of current Republican candidates for the presidency, I have very serious doubts regarding her academic background to lead.

South Carolina News:

The State: Charleston massacre left state, nation in mourning

<http://www.thestate.com/news/special-reports/state-125/article54560970.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Ellis

The Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, DePayne Middleton Doctor, Cynthia Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, Emanuel pastor the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, the Rev. Daniel Simmons and Myra Thompson died June 17 when had they gathered with others to worship in the basement of the historic Emanuel AME Church.

Post and Courier: Gasoline prices continue to tumble across S.C.; Oklahoma down to \$1.55/gallon

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160119/PC05/160119314>

Warren L. Wise

With the glut of oil on the world market and low demand during the winter non-vacationing season, gasoline prices continue to tumble. In South Carolina, the price dipped another 6 cents during the past week to an average of \$1.65 a gallon, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the price a penny higher.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: State, local leaders break ground on \$1.4B Toray plant in Moore

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160119/ARTICLES/160119651/1083/ARTICLES?Title=State-local-leaders-break-ground-on-1-4B-Toray-plant-in-Moore&tc=ar>

State and local leaders joined with Toray officials Tuesday to break ground on the Japanese manufacturer's new \$1.4 billion carbon fiber plant in Spartanburg County. The plant, which will initially employ 500 people, represents South Carolina's largest-ever initial investment in a new production facility. It will be on 400 acres near the intersection of highways 290 and 221 in Moore.

Local News:

The State: Two Richland County bridges to be replaced by June

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article55445690.html>

Cassie Cope

The S.C. Department of Transportation has awarded contracts to replace two bridges in Richland County that were washed out during the historic flooding in October. The Congress Road bridge over Jumping Run Creek in Lower Richland is expected to be complete by May 15. The Rockbridge Road bridge over Spring Lake in Forest Acres is expected to be complete by June 1.

Island Packet: Chamber of commerce contract to be reviewed -- again

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article55404015.html#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

Hilton Head Island leaders are expected to discuss possible changes to the town's recently approved contract with its chamber of commerce on Tuesday afternoon. The Town Council's Finance and Administrative Committee has scheduled a general discussion about the "Timetable/Work to be accomplished" on the contract with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce.

National News:

New York Times: Sarah Palin Endorses Donald Trump, Rallying Conservatives

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/20/us/politics/donald-trump-sarah-palin.html?action=Click&contentCollection=BreakingNews&contentID=57500955&pgtype=Homepage>

Maggie Haberman

Sarah Palin, the former Alaska governor and 2008 vice-presidential nominee who became a Tea Party sensation and a favorite of grass-roots conservatives, will endorse Donald J. Trump in Iowa on Tuesday, officials with his campaign confirmed. The endorsement provides Mr. Trump with a potentially significant boost just 13 days before the state's caucuses.

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