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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Nikki Haley: 'I will sit down and talk' if offered vice presidency
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150902/PC1603/150909835>

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In what amounted to a coming-out party for her national aspirations, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday she would listen to vice presidential offers, while acknowledging there's a long way to go before any of the 17 Republican White House contenders come courting.

Note: "If there is a time when a presidential candidate wants to talk, of course I will sit down and talk," Haley said during a speech Wednesday on the "New South" at the National Press Club.

Note: "Today there truly is a New South," she said in her prepared speech. "It is different in many ways, perhaps most especially in its attitudes toward race. We are still far from perfect. We still have our problems. There's still a lot more to do. But the New South, in many ways, is a place to look toward, rather than to look away from, when it comes to race relations and racial advancement."

Associated Press: Haley says 'New South' can lead nation in race relations
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kvazSUHL

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday that South Carolina has shown that racial progress comes from listening to, not shouting at, one another. Noting the deaths of unarmed black men in cities across the country, Haley told the National Press Club in the nation's capital that black lives do matter. But they've been "disgracefully jeopardized" by the Black Lives Matter movement "that has laid waste" to Ferguson, Missouri, and Baltimore, she said to applause.

Note: "As a state, we came together - black and white, Republicans and Democrats," she said. "We didn't have riots, we had vigils. We didn't have violence, we had hugs."

Note: "The problem for our party is that our approach often appears cold and unwelcoming to minorities," she said. "It's on us to communicate our positions in ways that wipe away the clutter of prejudices."

Note: "With the grace of the aftermath of the Mother Emanuel church massacre, the world saw South Carolina as we are," she said. "We've been that way for some time now - it's just that a lot of people outside of our state never noticed."

McClatchy DC: SC's Haley fuels GOP vice presidential talk
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article33592164.html>

William Douglas, David Lightman

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley is generating buzz that she will be in the mix for the Republican vice presidential spot in 2016, following her successful handling of the removal of the Confederate flag from the State House grounds after the shooting deaths of nine African-Americans inside a historic Charleston church.

Note: "I'm not wasting any energy or any time thinking about that because I've got too much to do," Haley said after her speech. "I'm trying to continue to heal the state, we're trying to get back on track because we lost time, getting ready for a legislative session. . . . I've got a son in middle school. I got a daughter who's a senior in high school. I've a husband who just came back from Afghanistan."

Note: That said, she added, "If there's a time where a presidential nominee wants to sit down and talk, of course I will sit down and talk."

WCIV: Governor Haley gives speech about the "New South"

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/29946760/governor-haley-gives-speech-about-the-new-south?config=H264>

Governor Nikki Haley says South Carolina is part of "The New South." Haley cited her election and recent events like the shootings at Emanuel AME Church and the removal of the Confederate flag during a speech at the National Press Club Wednesday afternoon.

Note: "But the New South, in many ways, is a place to look toward, rather than away from, when it comes to race relations," Haley said.

Note: "As a state, we came together, black and white, Republican and Democrat," the governor said. "Two months, to the day, after the shooting of Walter Scott, our Republican-controlled General Assembly passed a body camera bill. A few days later, Mr. Scott's family stood with me when I signed the bill into law."

Note: "The Statehouse belongs to all people, and it needed to be welcoming to all people. That was not possible with that flag flying," Haley said.

USA Today: Nikki Haley says she'd consider joining GOP ticket

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2015/09/02/nikki-haley-would-consider-joining-gop-ticket/71578176/>

Mary Troyan

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday she would consider joining the Republican ticket next year if the party's nominee asks her to run for vice president. Haley, in a high-profile appearance at the National Press Club in Washington, initially said she would not spend time or energy thinking about the 2016 GOP ticket.

Note: "If there is a time where a presidential nominee wants to sit down and talk, of course I will sit down and talk," she said in response to audience questions after delivering a speech promoting South Carolina. She touted the state's success in recruiting industry, expanding workforce training and avoiding violence in the aftermath of two racially charged shootings this year. .

Washington Post: Gov. Nikki Haley criticizes 'yell and scream' strategy of 'Black Lives Matter,' but also says GOP needs new tone

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2015/09/02/gov-nikki-haley-criticizes-yell-and-scream-strategy-of-black-lives-matter-but-also-says-gop-needs-new-tone/>

Philip Rucker

In a broad address about race relations, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley on Wednesday affirmed that "black lives do matter," but accused the protest movement identified with that mantra of inhibiting racial harmony with its strategy to "yell and scream."

Note: "Black lives do matter and they have been disgracefully jeopardized by the movement that's laid waste to Ferguson and Baltimore," Haley said.

Note: "Some people think you need to yell and scream to make a difference," she added. "Often the best thing we can do is turn down the volume and listen."

New York Times: Nikki Haley Says Black Lives Matter Movement Is Endangering Black Lives

<http://www.nytimes.com/politics/first-draft/2015/09/02/nikki-haley-says-black-lives-matter-movement-is-endangering-black-lives/>

Jonathan Martin

Gov. Nikki R. Haley of South Carolina, who won accolades for swiftly moving to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the state capitol after the June massacre of nine black churchgoers, sharply criticized the Black Lives Matter movement on Wednesday.

Note: "Most of the people who now live in terror because local police are too intimidated to do their jobs are black," Ms. Haley said at a luncheon in Washington. "Black lives do matter, and they have been disgracefully jeopardized by the movement that has laid waste to Ferguson and Baltimore."

Note: "Some people think that you have to yell and scream in order to make a difference," Ms. Haley said. "That's not true. Often, the best thing we can do is turn down the volume level."

CNN: Nikki Haley: 'Black lives do matter'

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/09/02/politics/black-lives-matter-republicans-nikki-haley-south-carolina/index.html>

Chris Moody

Nikki Haley, the Republican governor of South Carolina who pressed for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from state property this summer, acknowledged that the GOP still has an image problem with minority voters, calling it "shameful."

Note: "The problem for our party is that our approach often appears cold and unwelcoming to minorities," Haley, who was raised in South Carolina by immigrant parents from India, said in a speech at the National Press Club in Washington on Wednesday. "That's shameful and it has to change."

Note: "Black lives do matter," Haley said. "It's all about working together. We don't think we get anything done by yelling. We get everything done by communicating. ...We will listen to you and work for you and try to bring you together. It's not just black lives matter, we've got lots of groups that want to yell and scream. You can do that, but it's not going to get you anywhere."

Politico: Nikki Haley calls for GOP to rethink approach to race relations

<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/09/nikki-haley-gop-race-relations-213273#ixzz3kfkEjljz>

Eliza Collins

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called on the Republican Party to do a better job of reaching out to minorities and combating racial tension, holding up her state and her own record as a model. Haley, an Indian-American who is often discussed as a potential pick for VP, said the GOP has trouble articulating issues of race properly.

Note: "Black lives do matter and they have been disgracefully jeopardized by the movement that has laid waste to Ferguson and Baltimore," Haley said in a speech before the National Press Club. "In South Carolina we did things differently."

Note: "There still remain the unfinished goals of the civil rights movement, and the civil rights movement is a critical part of the American movement, and the American story," she said. "It's a movement in which every person regardless of their skin color is treated equally under the law here again the New South is an example for the rest of the country."

International Business Times: Nikki Haley Black Lives Matter Race Speech: South Carolina Governor Future Of More Diverse GOP?

<http://www.ibtimes.com/nikki-haley-black-lives-matter-race-speech-south-carolina-governor-future-more-2080014>

Aaron Morrison

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley blasted the Black Lives Matter movement Wednesday for inflaming racial tensions that saw American cities such as Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, vandalized in the last year.

Note: "Black lives do matter, and they have been disgracefully jeopardized by the movement that has laid waste to Ferguson and Baltimore," Haley said of the social justice group that has spread around the country in the last year. "Most of the people who now live in terror because local police are too intimidated to do their jobs are black."

Post and Courier: Tim Scott blasts transferring Gitmo terrorists after touring brig

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150902/PC16/150909826>

Prentiss Findlay

After accompanying Pentagon officials on a tour Wednesday of the Navy brig near Charleston, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott said he remained opposed to plans to transfer terrorists now held at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba to a mainland U.S. prison.

Note: Transferring the prisoners to the United States, however, would require Congress' approval, and the plan has run into stiff resistance in South Carolina where it is opposed by Scott, Gov. Nikki Haley, other members of the state's congressional delegation and state lawmakers.

Note: Haley and Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback wrote a joint letter to the Department of Defense

vowing to use "all possible means" to keep terrorists in Guantanamo Bay and off American soil.

WCSC: Sen. Scott: Difficult to assess threats if detainees were to come to Naval Brig
http://m.live5news.com/live5news/db_348626/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RFWAbEKC

Karina Bolster

Members with the Department of Defense team surveyed the Consolidated Naval Brig in Hanahan Wednesday, and will again Thursday morning. Officials with the Department of Defense say the brig is one of several sites being considered to house terror detainees if the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is closed.

Note: At a press conference on August 20, she said, "Let's be very, very clear, this is a violation of federal law. Even though the president signed this on his first day in office, Congress has never given him the support to move these terrorists into any of our states. We are absolutely drawing a line that we are not going to allow any terrorists to come into South Carolina."

Note: Governor. Haley continued, "My job is to protect the people of this state and I take that very personally. I will take that very personally the entire way so that the president, and Congress, and anyone involved in this decision understands that they are not wanted, they are not needed, and we will not accept them in South Carolina."

Msnbc: Nikki Haley on Black Lives Matter: You can't 'yell and scream' to bring change
<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/nikki-haley-black-lives-matter-you-cant-yell-and-scream-bring-change>

Adam Howard

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley joined the growing chorus of Republicans critical of the "Black Lives Matter" movement on Wednesday.

Note: The rising Republican star said "black lives do matter," during an address on race at the National Press Club in Washington, but said the popular protest movement detracts from the case for racial equality, because activists within it "yell and scream" too much. "Often the best thing we can do is turn down the volume and listen," she told reporters.

Rock Hill herald: Haley to honor S.C. World War II POWs – including those from York, Chester counties – with state medal

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article33661398.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

South Carolina's surviving prisoners of war from World War II will be recognized with the new South Carolina Prisoner of War medal Thursday in a ceremony at the Statehouse. Paul Luckadoo, 93, of Fort Mill, who survived 10 months and 13 days in a German prison camp in World War II, is among the prisoners who will be honored Thursday in the ceremony at the office of Gov. Nikki Haley.

Associated Press: SC Guard, sheriff's office conduct Greenville exercise
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=q1QL9uYg

Residents in Greenville are being warned that the South Carolina National Guard and the Greenville County Sheriff's Office are cooperating in a mock "active shooter" exercise. Thursday's exercise takes place at the Guard's Greenville Armory and its Technology and Aviation Center. Those nearby may see increased movement of military vehicles and law enforcement personnel.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley has called for enhanced security and training for security officials at Guard facilities after the killings of service members in Chattanooga, Tenn.

S.C. Political News:

The State: SC Democratic Party launches fellowship to recruit new candidates, leaders
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article33387336.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Democrats have a new outlet for getting involved in politics. The S.C. Democratic Party is launching a fellowship aimed at recruiting the party's next generation of candidates and political operatives. Jaime Harrison, the state party chairman, said he noticed while traveling the state during last year's election cycle that the party's leaders from county to county are in their 50s or 60s.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Washington Post: Nikki Haley takes on Donald Trump

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/nikki-haley-takes-on-donald-trump/2015/09/02/0ba0dbb0-51b2-11e5-8c19-0b6825aa4a3a_story.html

Dana Milbank

Donald Trump is driving the Republican Party into the abyss. Can Nikki Haley pull it back? Trump, the Republican presidential front-runner, talks of immigrants as rapists and women as bimbos and appeals to the angry white man. He invokes the "silent majority," employs racial dog whistles and picks fights with everybody, but conspicuously with two well-known broadcasters, a Latino and a woman.

Post and Courier: A tragic flood of refugees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150903/PC1002/150909810>

Editorial

Conflicting drives for domination in recent years have brought war, famine and death to wide areas of the Middle East and North Africa and threaten again to overwhelm Afghanistan. That is why floods of people are fleeing for their lives to the safety of European nations, which are having a very hard time coping with the influx.

South Carolina News:

The State: SRS contractor to pay \$3.8 million in settlement with feds over questionable charges at nuclear complex

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article33579768.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

A prime contractor at the Savannah River Site has agreed to pay the government \$3.8 million to settle claims that it overcharged taxpayers for a project on the nuclear weapons complex near Aiken. The U. S. Attorney's Office said Wednesday that Parsons Government Services sought and received reimbursement for expenses in relocating employees to work at the SRS Salt Waste Processing Facility.

Associated Press: US Rep. Jeff Duncan meets with constituents, tea party

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

U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan is continuing a full slate of activities this week in his home district. The Republican congressman is attending the grand opening of the Spinx CNG Station in Anderson on Thursday. Later, Duncan is stopping by Sullivan's Metropolitan Grill for a meeting of the Greater Anderson Rotary Club.

Local News:

Greenville News: Pickens County implementing new STEM program in seven elementary schools

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2015/09/02/pickens-county-implementing-new-stem-program-seven-elementary-schools/71612928/>

Ron Barnett

Kindergarten is not too early to start thinking about a career in science, technology, engineering or math, according to the Pickens County School District. That's why the district is implementing a K-5 STEM program called Project Lead the Way in seven elementary schools. Members of the Pickens County Business and Education Alliance got a briefing on the program Tuesday at West End Elementary in Easley.

Greenville News: Zachary Hammond family seeks precedent in handling of police shootings

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/09/02/zachary-hammond-family-seeks-precedent-handling-police-shootings/71587420/>

Ron Barnett

A complaint filed against 10th Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams and state Attorney General Alan Wilson seeks to set a statewide precedent that would remove local prosecutors from reviewing police-involved shootings within their jurisdiction.

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