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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: 3 top prosecutors: Don't send us Guantanamo detainees
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=feFQxsw6
Meg Kinnard

Top prosecutors in three states being assessed as potential future homes for Guantanamo Bay detainees implored the Obama administration on Wednesday not to send the prisoners to their states. In the letter, attorneys general from Colorado, Kansas and South Carolina said that bringing detainees to their areas "will create imminent danger" and make "targets" out of the communities where they are placed.

Note: Governors have also made their own pleas to the Obama administration. Earlier this year, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback wrote to Defense Secretary Ash Carter that they would not "be part of any illegal and ill-advised action by this Administration, especially when that action relates to importing terrorists into our states," and threatened to sue if necessary.

The State: Paris attacks could reshape U.S., S.C. presidential politics
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45304551.html>
Jamie Self

Terrorist attacks that killed 129 people in Paris on Friday are driving the presidential debate, at least temporarily, political experts say. Those attacks – claimed by Islamic State, a terrorist organization that S.C. residents cited in March as a top problem facing the nation – could thrust foreign policy and immigration to the top of the presidential debate.

Note: A group of governors, including Gov. Nikki Haley, Tuesday joined Republican presidential candidates in calling on the U.S. Department of State not to resettle Syrian refugees in their states.

MSNBC: States refusing Syrian refugees are OK with lots of other safety risks
<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/five-major-safety-concerns-states-refusing-syrian-refugees>
Emma Margolin

In response to concerns that one of the terrorists responsible for last week's deadly attacks on Paris came to France by way of Greece – the same journey undertaken by hundreds of thousands of Middle Eastern migrants in the past year – 31 governors have so far said they would oppose, refuse or suspend the resettlement of Syrian refugees.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley signed a law in June implementing tougher penalties for domestic abuse, among other provisions. The new law carries up to 90 days in jail for the first offense.

S.C. General Assembly News:

The State: DHEC leader says dams should be inspected more often
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45348126.html>
Cassie Cope

The leader of the environmental agency that regulates dams said that high hazard dams that could cause loss of life downstream if they broke should be inspected by the agency annually. "We need to lay eyes on those C1 dams every year," said Catherine Heigel, director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Jeb Bush exhorts U.S. to lead fight against ISIS in Citadel speech
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151118/PC1603/151119296>
Schuyler Kropf

Republican presidential hopeful Jeb Bush said the United States should not delay in leading a global coalition to take out ISIS "with overwhelming force," telling 400 cadets at The Citadel "this is the war of our time." "While air power is essential, it alone cannot bring the results we seek," Bush said Wednesday inside a crowded auditorium less than a week after the deadly ISIS-led attack on Paris.

Associated Press: Bush calls for US ground forces to fight Islamic State

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lcW57qX7

Thomas Beaumont

Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush on Wednesday called for the U.S. to send more troops to the Middle East to fight the Islamic State group. "This is the war of our time," the former Florida governor said at the Citadel five days after Islamic State militants attacked Paris and killed at least 129 people.

Post and Courier: Clean energy group poll has it Trump-Carson in S.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151118/PC1603/151119301>

Schuyler Kropf

A new South Carolina poll by a conservative-leaning clean energy group follows other polling in the state that puts Donald Trump first on the Republican side, followed closely by Ben Carson. The Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions survey shows that 27 percent of South Carolinians are undecided ahead of the Feb. 27 primary.

Post and Courier: Charleston's mayor-elect looks back - and forward

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151118/PC16/151119258>

Diane Knich, Robert Behre

Charleston mayor-elect John Tecklenburg attributed his unofficial 15-point win Tuesday to many things, including last-minute attacks against him by state Rep. Leon Stavrinakis and some high-profile endorsements. "I think it backfired," Tecklenburg said Wednesday.

Washington Post: Lindsey Graham wants war on the Islamic State — with no limits

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2015/11/18/lindsey-graham-wants-war-on-the-islamic-state-with-no-limits/>

David Weigel

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) is readying an authorization of military force against the Islamic State that would allow the United States to attack the militant group's allies anywhere, and with no timetables. "ISIL is a more credible threat to our homeland than al-Qaeda," Graham said in an interview, referring to the Islamic State by one of its other names.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Three top state prosecutors: Transferring Gitmo detainees to mainland illegal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151118/PC1603/151119274>

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S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson has joined the top prosecutors from Kansas and Colorado in telling the White House that any attempt to relocate terror detainees from Guantanamo Bay to their states would be illegal. In a letter to President Barack Obama, the three referred to U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch's testimony this week confirming that federal law does not allow transfer of detainees to the U.S. mainland.

Associated Press: Ethics panel drops allegations against attorney general

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

Seanna Adcox

The State Ethics Commission has dropped allegations that Attorney General Alan Wilson took eight donations exceeding the legal limit during his re-election campaign. South Carolina's top prosecutor was accused of violating the ethics law by taking donations above the \$3,500-per-election-cycle limit.

The State: SC Ethics Commission drops case against Attorney General Wilson

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45367383.html>

Jamie Self

At its Wednesday meeting in Columbia, the commission voted unanimously not to take any further action against Wilson who, the commissioners noted, took swift steps to correct the campaign finance errors before any complaint was filed against him.

Greenville News: New plan to cut smoking includes \$1 tobacco tax increase

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/11/17/new-plan-cut-smoking-includes-1-tobacco-tax-increase/75923690/>

Liv Osby

The South Carolina Tobacco-Free Collaborative has issued a new plan to cut rates of smoking in the Palmetto State that includes increasing the cigarette tax by \$1. The plan comes as the country marks the Great American Smokeout on Thursday.

Associated Press: Report: Ports contribute almost \$14B to Midlands economy

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=D79AXHJK

Figures compiled for the South Carolina Ports Authority show ports mean almost \$14 billion and support one in every 12 jobs in the Midlands. The numbers released during Wednesday's meeting of the authority board in Lexington show that there are 48,000 jobs in industries dependent on the ports in the 16-county Midlands area.

Associated Press: South Carolina to reduce income tax withholdings

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RxC7jILC

South Carolina is planning to leave money in the paychecks of workers, but as part of the trade-off, will reduce the amount of state income tax refunds people receive each spring. The state's tax agency, starting on Jan. 1, 2017, will reduce the amount of money withheld for state income taxes, The State newspaper reported (<http://bit.ly/1OeTeih>).

Local News:

Post and Courier: Zucker family donates \$5M for new ideas Institute at MUSC

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151118/PC16/151119282>

Lauren Sausser

Anita Zucker and her son Jonathan Zucker donated \$5 million to fund an idea incubator at the Medical University of South Carolina. The Zucker Institute of Applied Neurosciences at MUSC will allow doctors, nurses, students and staff to pitch ideas for new drugs or medical devices. The institute will vet their proposals and see some of them through the complex process from idea to operating room.

Associated Press: Company that makes generator enclosures creating 50 jobs

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=O0Iz2nEN

A Florida company that makes enclosures for generators that are designed to withstand hurricanes is expanding in South Carolina, investing \$2.3 million and creating almost 50 jobs. Advanced Manufacturing & Power Systems, based in Deland, Florida, announced Wednesday that it will open the new plant in leased space in Abbeville.

Greenville News: Nissan North America chief visits Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/11/17/nissan-has-prospered-us-investment-exec-says/75928156/>

Rudolph Bell

When New York billionaire and GOP White House hopeful Donald Trump visited the TD Convention Center in August, he noted with disapproval that he had seen "millions" of cars arriving from Japan on a boat in Los Angeles and vowed to "bring back jobs from Japan."

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