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Governor Nikki Haley, United Nations News:

NBC News: Trump's Domestic Agenda Will be in This Week's Senate Spotlight

<http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/trump-s-domestic-agenda-will-be-week-s-senate-spotlight-n707576>

Alexandra Jaffe

Donald Trump's domestic agenda will be under scrutiny even before he's inaugurated as president later this week as eight of his cabinet nominees visit Capitol Hill for their scheduled confirmation hearings.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley — Ambassador to the United Nations: Haley is generally well-liked and expected to win confirmation to the post. But a rocky hearing for Trump's Secretary of State nominee, Rex Tillerson, last week, as well as Trump's persistent breaks with foreign policy orthodoxy in an interview with foreign media this weekend, put her in a tough spot for her confirmation hearing Wednesday.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Forbes: Indian Americans Are Achieving Unprecedented Success in Public Service

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/ronakdesai/2017/01/16/indian-americans-are-achieving-unprecedented-success-in-public-service/#39cb5bac6d56>

Ronak D. Desai

The Indian American community is experiencing unprecedented political success. During last year's elections, four of its members – Ro Khanna (D-CA), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) and Kamala Harris (D-CA) – were elected to the United States Congress, while a fifth, Representative Ami Bera (D-CA), won re-election to a third term.

Note: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley (R-SC) has been tapped to become the first ever Indian American U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations while Indiana native Seema Verma has been nominated by the president-elect to run the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

S.C. Political News:

The State: Trump painted SC a deeper shade of red

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article126850429.html#storylink=cpy>

Avery G. Wilks, Cassie Cope

Thanks to Donald Trump, South Carolina is more Republican red today than when Democrat Barack Obama took office eight years ago. Trump's win in South Carolina was not a surprise. A Democratic presidential candidate has not carried South Carolina since Georgian Jimmy Carter in 1976, and polls predicted Trump would win the Palmetto State handily.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Too many S.C. 2016 road deaths

http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/too-many-s-c-road-deaths/article_99b20caa-d6a7-11e6-9915-0b979e08caea.html

Editorial

At least 975 families in South Carolina mourned the loss of a loved one to an accident on South Carolina roads last year, including 106 in the tri-county area, according to data released last week by the S.C. Department of Public Safety. That total represents a four-person decrease in statewide victims over the previous year, when South Carolina was the fourth-deadliest state for road accidents, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Times and Democrat: Roads plan is needed in S.C. now

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/roads-plan-is-needed-in-s-c-now/article_354144a1-a59f-507e-abfa-88095b994e95.html

Editorial

South Carolina lawmakers favoring an increase in the gasoline tax as a way to fund road and bridge repairs can point to another source of support. There may not be a better time for states to increase gas taxes to help pay for infrastructure improvements, Michael Hicks, an economist at Ball State University in Indiana, states in a new policy brief, "Gasoline Taxes: Some History and Analysis Introduction."

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Post and Courier: Sen. Tim Scott joins Vice President-elect Mike Pence at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/sen-tim-scott-joins-vice-president-elect-mike-pence-at/article_004bc7e0-dc0b-11e6-ac36-dfc7f57054e8.html

Emma Duma

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., honored Martin Luther King Jr. with Vice President-elect Mike Pence on Monday, the federal holiday to commemorate the civil rights leader's life and work. Scott, the Senate's only black Republican, joined Pence and his wife in laying a wreath at the King memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

South Carolina News:

The State: SC hasn't reached 'promised land' of race relations, community leaders say

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article126807089.html#storylink=cpy>

Avery G. Wilks

Race relations in South Carolina have improved but still need work, Columbia Urban League president J.T. McLawhorn said Monday. "We haven't reached the mountaintop," McLawhorn told several hundred community leaders gathered at Brookland Baptist Church for the 19th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Breakfast.

Note: One sign of progress in South Carolina, McLawhorn said, was a photograph taken by a staffer for Gov. Nikki Haley in July 2015 during the controversy over whether to remove the Confederate flag from S.C. State House grounds.

The State: On King Day, Trump hangs over SC State House rally

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article126845014.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

This year's King Day at the Dome rally was missing the presidential candidates who took to the steps of the S.C. State House a year ago. However, the winner of November's presidential election had a steady presence at Monday's rally.

Local News:

WIS: Area leaders call on public to live the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

<http://www.wistv.com/story/34272874/area-leaders-call-on-public-to-live-the-legacy-of-dr-martin-luther-king-jr>

Mike DeSumma

Nearly 49 years after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. the work continues to move his message forward in the hearts and minds of many. Community leaders were among those who packed into the M.L.K. Community Center off of Greene Street for an afternoon ceremony on Monday. Before that crowds gathered in Five Points as a wreath was placed at the M.L.K marker.

Florence Morning News: Hartsville residents honor King's legacy

http://www.scnow.com/messenger/news/article_2cc51580-dc3b-11e6-9ee4-dffedfff549.html

Jim Faile

Citizens of Hartsville came together Monday at Jerusalem Baptist Church to honor the legacy of slain civil rights leader the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service was sponsored by People to People of Hartsville.

National News:

Associated Press: Trump tries to calm tensions after Lewis squabble

<https://apnews.com/63a3e65fcfa34cee8ef8521204c3cbbd>

Jonathan Lemire

Donald Trump spoke of national unity to a son of Martin Luther King Jr., seeking to ease friction over the president-elect's squabble with Rep. John Lewis, a protege of the slain civil rights leader. "He said that he is going to represent all Americans. He said that over and over again," Martin Luther King III told reporters in the lobby of Trump Tower Monday after a nearly hour-long meeting. "I believe that's his intent."