

**From:** Symmes, Brian <BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov>  
**To:**  
**Date:** 11/26/2015 8:55:22 AM  
**Subject:** Thanksgiving Clips – Thursday, November 26, 2015

---

## Thanksgiving Clips – Thursday, November 26, 2015

### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**McClatchy DC:** Coastal cities rising up against Atlantic offshore drilling plans

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/nation-world/national/article46505960.html>

Sean Cockerham

As the Obama administration prepares to open the Atlantic Ocean to oil and gas drilling for the first time in decades, the coast is in rebellion. More than 70 cities and counties in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida have passed resolutions opposing oil exploration or drilling off their coasts, pushing the president to reverse course and keep drilling rigs from the Eastern seaboard.

**Note:** All four U.S. senators from North and South Carolina support drilling, though, as does South Carolina Republican Gov. Nikki Haley.

**Note:** “Governor Haley believes offshore exploration should be done in a way that protects, and never compromises, our environment, our ports and tourism industry,” said Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams. “But as she has worked with members of the congressional delegation and the General Assembly on this critical economic development issue, she’s also been clear: Exploring offshore for energy is critical to our future because it means jobs, energy independence from other countries and security for our state.”

**India Abroad:** The rising star and the falling star

[http://www.indiaabroad-digital.com/indiaabroad/20151127?](http://www.indiaabroad-digital.com/indiaabroad/20151127?pm=1&u1=texterity&linkImageSrc=/indiaabroad/20151127/data/imgpages/tn/0013_fjvddt.gif&pg=13#pg13)

[pm=1&u1=texterity&linkImageSrc=/indiaabroad/20151127/data/imgpages/tn/0013\\_fjvddt.gif&pg=13#pg13](http://www.indiaabroad-digital.com/indiaabroad/20151127?pm=1&u1=texterity&linkImageSrc=/indiaabroad/20151127/data/imgpages/tn/0013_fjvddt.gif&pg=13#pg13)

Why, when they are ideologically similar, has Nikki Haley come to represent the New South, and Bobby Jindal the tired old baggage of the Old South?

**Colleton Today:** Port agreement will have future benefits for county

[http://www.colletontoday.com/news/port-agreement-will-have-future-benefits-for-county-news-the/article\\_6c422084-92ce-11e5-93c6-3b8944f13772.html](http://www.colletontoday.com/news/port-agreement-will-have-future-benefits-for-county-news-the/article_6c422084-92ce-11e5-93c6-3b8944f13772.html)

George Salsberry

An agreement between the Georgia and South Carolina Port Authorities signed last week is another step on the lengthy path to developing the long-discussed Jasper Ocean Terminal. Colleton County Economic Development Director Heyward Horton is happy to see the port plans progressing, but does not see it being a factor in the county’s bid to attract new businesses any time soon.

**Note:** “Whether we’re celebrating another business expansion or record-breaking year for exports, South Carolina’s economy is on the move thanks to a world class ports system that drives our economic development engine,” said South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley.

### S.C. Political News:

**Associated Press:** Rubio: Obama administration continues to leave US less s

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MchA9sue](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MchA9sue)

Meg Kinnard

Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio says the Obama administration is making the United States less safe instead of more secure. Traveling with his wife and children, Rubio told supporters on Wednesday the U.S. must confront groups like the Islamic State directly and build a coalition of support.

**Post and Courier:** Marco Rubio in Mount Pleasant, calls on voters to pick a president who is ready for a challenge

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151125/PC1603/151129536>

Cynthia Roldan

Republican presidential hopeful Marco Rubio stopped by the Lowcountry on Wednesday to present his

vision for the future of the country. About 100 people crammed onto the deck of the Water's Edge restaurant in Mount Pleasant to listen to Florida's junior senator. Though Rubio did not present or pitch any new ideas, it was an opportunity for those in attendance to hear them in person.

**WCIV:** GOP contender Rubio prepares Thanksgiving meals before Charleston campaign speech  
<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30607296/gop-contender-rubio-prepares-thanksgiving-meals-before-charleston-campaign-speech>

A top tier presidential candidate spent his day in the Lowcountry to visit with church volunteers preparing Thanksgiving meals for people in need before continuing his campaign. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio spent the day in Mount Pleasant with political colleague from South Carolina, Sen. Tim Scott.

**Anderson Independent:** Former Anderson official may run for S.C. House seat  
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/former-anderson-official-may-run-sc-house-seat-25622446-7faf-717c-e053-0100007fe2f5-353887331.html>

Kirk Brown

Willie Day, a former city of Anderson official, may challenge state Rep. Anne Thayer in June's Republican primary. Day, who retired earlier this year as the city's neighborhood and transit director, said Wednesday that he is exploring running for the seat that Thayer has held since 2011.

### **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** Send ground troops to defeat ISIS  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151126/PC1002/151129514>

Fritz Hollings

President Obama said last week in Turkey that "ground troops against ISIS would be a mistake." We've got to make a mistake. We can't continue to fiddle-faddle saying it's "their war." With the war in Iraq, we tried to merge three religions into a democracy and it didn't work.

**Greenville News:** Give thanks today for rich blessings  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2015/11/26/give-thanks-today-rich-blessings/75290602/>

Editorial

Thanksgiving should encourage use to pause, reflect and say "thank you" — for the blessing of family as we gather with loved ones we have not seen in a long time; for the freedoms we enjoy in America; for the wealth that we have. For others, it is a day to help those who have much less to be thankful for.

**Aiken Standard:** Today, we give thanks  
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151126/AIK0201/151129582/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

On this most American of holidays, we gather with friends and family today to share food and fellowship. Most importantly, as the name of the day suggests, we give thanks for all the blessings we have received as individuals and as a nation. Far more than just the turkey and the pumpkin pie, Thanksgiving is a celebration of the American spirit and a recognition of the blessings we find about us.

**Island Packet:** Public funds wasted in project missteps  
<http://www.islandpacket.com/opinion/editorials/article45829435.html>

Editorial

Just two things are clear about the S.C. 170 widening project that finished more than a year later than anticipated and cost almost \$1.7 million more than estimated. First, there is plenty of blame to go around. Beaufort County, contractors Cleland Site Prep and Thomas and Hutton, and the S.C. Department of Transportation all managed to mess up some aspect of the project.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Emanuel AME Church to give \$1.5 million to relatives and survivors of mass shooting  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151125/PC16/151129521>

Adam Parker

Families of the nine people killed at Emanuel AME Church and the five survivors will share \$1.5 million of the \$3.4 million donated to the church in the wake of the June 17 massacre. The church will keep the

remaining \$1.9 million, according to a news release Wednesday.

**Post and Courier:** Supreme Court ruling freezes plans for Captain Sam's Spit

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151125/PC16/151129529>

Prentiss Findlay

The state Supreme Court has ruled in favor of environmentalists who oppose a developer's plan for residential construction on Captain Sam's Spit. However, both sides said the fight over the future of 150 acres of dunes on the western edge of Kiawah Island is not over. "This is one more step in what has been a long legal process," said Bill Hindman, spokesman for Kiawah Partners.

**Greenville News:** Doing his part in Afghanistan, Marine proud to be a Clemson Tiger

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/11/26/doing-his-part-afghanistan-marine-proud-clemson-tiger/76269574/>

Ron Barnett

Syria and Iraq may be a mess, but things are going well in Afghanistan, according to Capt. Trey Kennedy. And on this Thanksgiving Day, there's plenty to be thankful for, whether you're eating turkey in Kabul or back home in Upstate South Carolina, the Wren High School and Clemson University graduate says.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. wild turkey population continues to decline

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151125/PC05/151129530>

Gavin Jackson

A law passed this year in South Carolina will give wild turkeys a leg up next year as concerned wildlife officials and hunters say low reproduction rates are leading to harvest declines. An October report by deer and wild turkey program coordinator Charles Ruth, with the state Department of Natural Resources, found the spring season harvest was down 6 percent from last year to 15,200 and 40 percent from the 2002 record-high season.

#### **Local News:**

**Island Packet:** Beaufort County superintendent Jeff Moss gets high marks in school board evaluation; wife's hiring left out

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article46420930.html#storylink=cpy>

Erin Heffernan

The Beaufort County school board gave superintendent Jeff Moss a positive performance review Tuesday and announced it would not review his decision to alter the district's nepotism rule and approve the hiring of his wife.

Brian Symmes

Cell: 803-673-9437

Office: 803-734-0304