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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Gov. Nikki Haley says India interested in tourism, Clemson

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/19/gov-nikki-haley-says-india-interested-tourism-clemson/19298161/>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley said today her trade mission trip to India has been “very productive” and that she sees an opportunity for university exchanges, including with Clemson. Speaking from Mumbai, on the second day of her stay in that Indian city, Haley said there were several areas of interest by Indians in Clemson.

Note: “Interest in Clemson was definitely in the automotive research side and then also in the agricultural side, not to mention engineering,” she said. Haley said Indians also are interested in the University of South Carolina and its lauded international business program.

Note: “It was hard for me to anticipate exactly how it would go, but it really has been amazing how many people know about our progress in South Carolina and know about our story. We have been very well received. They are very interested. They want to know more.”

SCRN: Governor talks about “emotional” visit to India, says jobs will be coming

<http://www.southcarolinaradionetwork.com/2014/11/19/governor-talks-about-emotional-visit-to-india-says-jobs-will-be-coming/>

Matt Long

Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday that she believes her trip to India will eventually lead to job announcements in South Carolina. The governor was born in Bamberg, South Carolina, although her parents Ajit and Raj Randhawa emigrated to the U.S. from India in the early 1960s. It was the first time Haley had been to her parent’s home country since she was two years old.

Note: “Anytime we do an economic development trip, you’re starting relationships and starting conversations,” Haley told reporters during a conference call from Mumbai. “Without question, I know that... we will be closing (on) jobs over the next several months.”

Note: “To come here, it really was emotional and overwhelming to now put the real picture to those stories that they told me about (India),” she said. “Whenever you think about where your parents grew up and all that they sacrificed and gave up to come to America to have a better life for their kids... they left their home. They left all that they know for the great opportunities of America.”

The State: Gov. Haley hopes India trip brings jobs, tourists to SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/19/3823272/gov-haley-hopes-india-trip-brings.html>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley is hopeful her 10-day trip to India, the world’s second-most populous nation, will bring jobs and tourists to South Carolina. The Republican governor said she is working on wooing pharmaceutical and agriculture firms and manufacturers that see opportunities to invest in the United States.

Note: “Without question, I know that we will be closing jobs over the next several months,” Haley said Wednesday, speaking by phone from Mumbai. “This is, certainly, a trip where I know we’re going to produce.”

Note: “We’re trying to turn them to South Carolina, and they like what they hearing,” said Haley, who declined to identify specific industrial prospects. “You will see some delegations coming from India to South Carolina to not only see what we’re doing on the business side ... but also on the tourism side.”

Associated Press: Haley confident trip to India will produce jobs

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

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday that her trip to India has been personally emotional and highly productive

for South Carolina. She said she's confident her trip will lead to job announcements over the next several months and bring Indian tourists here. The state's 10-day economic development trip concludes Friday.

Note: "This is a country that's waiting to explode and I wanted South Carolina to be on the front end," she told reporters via teleconference from India's capital city of Mumbai.

Note: "All I really had were memories of my parents and stories they told, and the image I created in my head," said the 42-year-old governor, who was born and raised in rural Bamberg. "It was really emotional and overwhelming to now put the real picture to those stories they told me about."

DNA India: Day after Fadnavis' 'Make in Maharashtra', Nikki Haley pitches for 'Make in South Carolina'
<http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report-day-after-fadnavis-make-in-maharashtra-nikki-haley-pitches-for-make-in-south-carolina-2036685>

Kanchan Srivastava

The young governor who has been able to turn around her state within four years of her tenure by dynamism and pro-industry policies sought to woo the India industrialists in an event organised by the All India Association of Industries at World Trade Centre by showcasing her state's policies which included availability of land, low-taxes, lesser regulations, no-labour unions, tailor-made skilled workforce and many others -- all in front of the Maharashtra's industry minister Prakash Mehta.

Note: "We have all the big industries in south Carolina -- from plane to BMW to tyre to carbon fibre -- as we have created an atmosphere for businesses to grow. We are the best state in the US to do business with and invest in, not New Jersey or any other state. All industry leaders in my state have my number," says Haley who is on 10-day trip to India along with her Army officer husband and a huge business delegation which is exploring the sectors for mutual collaboration.

Press Trust of India: Will focus on building ties with India: Nikki Haley

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/45217230.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Indian-origin Governor of the US state of South Carolina, Nikki Haley today said she is very optimistic about India and will focus on building ties between the two countries.

Note: "We are very optimistic about where India is going and believe that the world is looking at the country enthusiastically. We see a lot of opportunity to do business in India and also Indian entrepreneurs can benefit by investing in South Carolina. We will focus on trying to find ways to build ties between the two nations," Haley told reporters on the sidelines of a CII conference on 'Women in Leadership' here.

The State: SC counties oppose taking local roads from state

http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/18/3820995_sc-counties-oppose-taking-local.html?rh=1

Cassie Cope

County officials on Tuesday told an S.C. House committee they oppose taking responsibility for fixing and maintaining up to half of the state roads. Those county officials did not offer another proposal to fix the state's crumbling roads to lawmakers, who are working to come up with a plan by January.

Note: Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has said she will release her road-repair plan in January. Haley has said she would veto any increase to the state's 16.75-cent-a-gallon gas tax, which has not increased since 1987.

Associated Press: SC Ethics Commission wants more watchdog staff

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=o0EsJayA

The State Ethics Commission is seeking more help in its job overseeing most of the state's elected officials. The State newspaper reports (<http://bit.ly/1Am8QvA>) Thursday that the commission in its 2014-15 fiscal year budget request is asking for more staff members to help with auditing the financial disclosures that every public official and candidate files regularly.

Note: During a meeting Wednesday, the commission also elected Greenville real estate attorney Jim Warren as its new chairman. Former chairman James Burns is Gov. Nikki Haley's incoming chief of staff.

Post and Courier: Charleston maritime agency lines up \$15.4M sale of Port Royal terminal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC05/141119301>

John McDermott

The small group of Port Royal citizens who drove to Charleston Wednesday erupted in applause when they heard the news. The board members of the State Ports Authority joined them and put their hands together as well. It's not quite a done deal, but it was close enough.

Note: Three attempts have fallen through since 2006. Gov. Nikki Haley signed legislation this year requiring the SPA to sell the property by July 2015.

The State: Sierra Club seeks millions more for gold mine cleanup

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/20/3823670/sierra-club-seeks-millions-more.html>

Sammy Fretwell

The state Sierra Club took legal action Wednesday to force stricter controls on the largest gold mine ever proposed for South Carolina, saying the industrial-scale operation could leave the public on the hook for a pollution cleanup long after the mine shuts down.

Note: Until recently, Romarco had encountered little opposition to its plan to expand the Haile Gold mine. Job-starved Lancaster County residents said the mine could ease the economic burden left years ago by the closure of textile mills. Haley, whose jobs-first agenda helped win her re-election recently, championed the project in a glowing news release this month.

Winthrop Poll News:

Post and Courier: Winthrop poll: South Carolina needs to do more to stop domestic violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC16/141119266>

Doug Pardue, Jeremy Borden

Nearly two-thirds of South Carolinians believe state government fails to do enough to stem domestic violence, which claimed nearly 400 lives in the state during the last 10 years, a Winthrop Poll released Wednesday shows.

Note: U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, Gov. Nikki Haley and the state Legislature also benefited from some post-election optimism. More than half, 53 percent, approve of Haley's job performance, 45 percent approve of the Legislature, and about 50 percent approve of Graham.

Florence Morning News: Concern about SC economy wanes a little, Winthrop poll says

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/article_f2ecc58c-7059-11e4-9e5c-73664fdacc1f.html

Gavin Jackson

Even with lower gas prices compared to this time last year, an increasingly optimistic view of the economy and fewer job worries, South Carolinians are not planning to spend more money this holiday shopping season, according to a new Winthrop University poll released Wednesday.

Note: Approval numbers were up for recently re-elected officials Gov. Nikki Haley (53 percent), Sen. Lindsey Graham (50 percent), Sen. Tim Scott (58 percent) and the Legislature (45 percent). Scott's approval rating spiked from 36 percent in April.

The State: Winthrop Poll: S.C. residents more optimistic about economy

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/19/3821828/winthrop-poll-sc-residents-support.html>

Jamie Self

Heading into the holidays, South Carolina residents are more optimistic about the economy than they were in April or a year ago, according to a new Winthrop Poll released Wednesday. Nearly 57 percent of the 852 S.C. adults surveyed between Nov. 9-16 said they would spend about the same as they did last year. One in 6 said they would spend more while only 1 in 4 said they would spend less.

S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News:

Associated Press: 1st gay marriage licenses issued in South Carolina

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

Bruce Smith

A judge issued the first gay marriage licenses and a couple was married in South Carolina on Wednesday, even as the state attorney general asked the U.S. Supreme Court to step in and block the unions. Judge Irvin Condon's office issued six licenses in the first 90 minutes the Charleston County Probate Court office was open and one of the couples, Kristin Anderson and Kayla Bennett, exchanged vows outside the office.

Greenville News: Gay couples wait out legal debate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/19/charleston-judge-issues-licenses-gay-couples/19267469/>

Lyn Riddle

Not much happened for months while everyone waited to see what the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals would do in a case from Virginia. This summer, the court ruled such laws violate the U.S. Constitution, and in October, the U.S. Supreme Court elected not to weigh it, effectively agreeing.

The State: First same-sex marriage licenses issued in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/19/3822878/sc-supreme-court-rules-it-is-okay.html>

John Monk

The S.C. Supreme Court issued an order Wednesday allowing the state's probate judges to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Minutes after the state Supreme Court's order around 4 p.m., Richland County Probate Judge Amy McCulloch issued two marriage licenses to Columbia same-sex couples.

WCSC: SC Supreme Court ruling: "This completely changes the ball game of family law in SC"

<http://www.live5news.com/story/27433789/sc-supreme-court-ruling-this-completely-changes-the-ball-game-of-family-law-in-sc>

Sujata Jain

Probate judges across South Carolina are now required by law to issue same-sex marriage licenses after the state Supreme Court lifted an injunction Wednesday. On Thursday, county courthouses across the state are expected to be busy as some same-sex couples will pick up their licenses and others will apply.

Note: He says it is a complex issue because insurance companies are regulated by a state insurance department, which is under the direction of Governor Nikki Haley's administration.

Rock Hill Herald: York, Chester, Lancaster counties to accept same-sex marriage applications Thursday

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/19/6544852/area-probate-courts-no-decision.html>

Andrew Dys, Bristow Marchant

Probate courts in York, Chester and Lancaster counties are poised to start accepting applications and issuing same-sex marriage licenses as early as 8 a.m. Thursday, probate judges said Wednesday afternoon, after federal court rulings made same-sex marriage legal as of noon Thursday.

Sun News: Horry, Georgetown counties to issue same-sex marriage licenses Thursday amid state battle

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/19/4616487_horry-county-waits-to-issue-same.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Jason M. Rodriguez

Horry County plans to issue same-sex marriage licenses at noon Thursday amid S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's plea with the U.S. Supreme Court to block a Court of Appeals' ruling that allows it. Georgetown County Probate Judge Waldo Maring said late Wednesday he planned to wait on instructions from a "higher authority."

Post and Courier: First gay couples pick up marriage licenses in S.C., then put on hold again

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC16/141119300>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Two lesbian couples made South Carolina history in record-breaking chill Wednesday when one picked up the state's first same-sex marriage license and another was the first to exchange vows outside the Charleston County Courthouse. Then the legal frenzy that has characterized the past six weeks continued in earnest.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Charlotte Observer: Vigilance critical on job incentives

http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/11/19/5327764/vigilance-critical-on-job-incentives.html#.VG3lgvnF_4Y

Editorial

Chances are good that the next automaker to come along dangling plans for a new factory will get a wallet-popping incentives offer from North Carolina. Will there be enough high-quality jobs and investment to justify that outlay? That remains to be seen – and N.C. lawmakers need to make sure they're watching. Closely.

Note: (S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley couldn't have helped the mood this summer with her victory lap through Chester and York counties, where she announced at least 3,900 new jobs for her state – including a couple thousand from defecting Charlotte companies).

Aiken Standard: Invest budget surplus into education system

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141120/AIK0201/141129998/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

The \$300 million extra in state revenue projected by state economists this year needs to go directly toward

properly funding education in our state. It should be evident to lawmakers that we need to appropriate greater dollars toward schools in South Carolina. A recent S.C. Supreme Court ruling made clear that our state is failing to provide the “minimally adequate education,” which is stipulated in our constitution.

The State: Hard truths, daunting challenges in SC school equity decision

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/19/3822736/scope-hard-truths-daunting-challenges.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

Chief Justice Jean Toal laid out a convincing argument in last week’s landmark S.C. Supreme Court opinion that we are not providing children in poor school districts with a “minimally adequate education,” and she was aggressive in pushing back against key points in the dissent.

Rock Hill Herald: Panel’s road plan falls way short

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/19/6546819/panels-road-plan-falls-way-short.html?sp=/100/105/>

Editorial

Unfortunately, that’s about all a newly appointed special S.C. House committee, headed by Rep. Gary Simrill, R-Rock Hill, could come up with as an answer to the pressing need to pay for repairs and upkeep of thousands of miles of deteriorating state roads. The centerpiece of the plan was a proposal to give roughly half of the state-owned roads to counties, and let them figure out how to fix them.

Island Packet: Exit strategy needed to get district out of ACE

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/19/3440683/exit-strategy-needed-to-get-district.html?sp=/99/342/>

Editorial

The Beaufort County school board should stay the course and bow out of its longstanding partnership with the Jasper County School District running a joint vocational high school, the Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence.

Post and Courier: A demand for appropriate design

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141120/PC1002/141129972>

Editorial

Preservationists, neighbors, Clemson alumni and even state elected officials have turned the tables on the university and become the teachers. Their lesson? The ultra-modern building it planned for the corner of George and Meeting streets would have been unpopular, inappropriate for its surroundings and, finally, unwelcome.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Michelin making airless tires at its 10th SC plant

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fn6ykwAw

Seanna Adcox

Michelin’s 10th plant in South Carolina, opening Thursday, will produce the company’s innovative airless radial tire and develop the concept’s future generations, company officials told The Associated Press in advance of a news conference. Commercial production of the Tweel, named to reflect the tire and wheel combination, comes nearly 10 years after Michelin introduced it as a concept at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Rock Hill Herald: Local officials ambivalent about taking on state roads

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/19/6547329/area-officials-ambivalent-about.html>

Bristow Marchant

For South Carolina, which, despite its small size, maintains the fourth largest state road network in the country, shedding responsibility for some of the smaller roads would free the Department of Transportation to focus on the state’s major arteries and thoroughfares. But to county leaders maintaining those roads would mean taking on a mandate the state should be funding.

Post and Courier: Mary Tinkler sworn in as new District 114 representative

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC1603/141119288>

Robert Behre

Mary Tinkler was sworn in as the new state representative in District 114 Tuesday night, even though the S. C. Supreme Court could decide that her Nov. 4 election must be voided and redone with a new Republican candidate.

Note: Tinkler said she plans to learn and develop relationships with other lawmakers before the General Assembly convenes in January. She said she will participate in the Dec. 2 and 3 organization sessions and will meet with Gov. Nikki Haley on Dec. 10.

The State: Seven SC charities make "Angels" list

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/19/3823270/seven-sc-charities-make-angels.html>

Bertram Rantin

Seven South Carolina charities are among 10 "Angels" in the Secretary of State's 2014 Scrooges and Angels list announced Wednesday. The "Angels" were selected by review of financial reports that are submitted to Secretary of State Mark Hammond's office as well as by nominations from the public.

The State: Decision delayed on teen's Stand Your Ground defense

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/19/3823660/decision-delayed-on-teens-stand.html>

John Monk

State Circuit Judge Thomas Russo indicated Wednesday he won't have a quick ruling on whether a Lexington High School graduate can claim a Stand Your Ground defense in last February's fatal stabbing of a Dutch Fork High School junior after a basketball game.

Post and Courier: ABA committee recommends Charleston School of Law sale to InfiLaw move forward

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC16/141119290>

Diane Knich

A key American Bar Association committee has recommended that Charleston School of Law be allowed to sell the school to the for-profit InfiLaw System. But students, alumni and faculty members who are opposed to the sale remain unbowed.

Post and Courier: Prosecutor challenges ex-Eutawville police chief's self-defense claim in 2011 shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC16/141119289>

Glenn Smith

Prosecutors are fighting former Eutawville Police Chief Richard Combs' claim of immunity in a fatal shooting in 2011, arguing that his actions didn't meet the self-defense standard under South Carolina's "Stand Your Ground" law.

Local News:

Island Packet: Bennett prepares to chart governing course on Hilton Head

http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/19/3441665_bennett-prepares-to-chart-governing.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1

Dan Burley

Weeks before his landslide victory in Tuesday's runoff election, David Bennett spoke as if he were already mayor of Hilton Head Island. The Planning Commission chairman, who defeated incumbent Drew Laughlin, used phrases such as a "new vision" and "proactive planning" when talking about ways to change town government and the future of the island.

Rock Hill Herald: Chester leaders urge action to curb gang violence

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/19/6547173/5th-man-charged-in-chester-councilmans.html>

Andrew Dys

Deputies charged a fifth man Wednesday in connection with the drive-by shooting of Chester City Councilman Odell Williams, saying the arrest likely wraps up the case that has shaken Chester to its core as police and the community push back against gang threats and violence.

Greenville News: A.R. Lewis Elementary to pilot after-school reading program with help from All In Foundation

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2014/11/19/ar-lewis-elementary-pilot-school-reading-program-help-dabos-foundation/19271093/>

Ron Barnett

They don't call students at A.R. Lewis Elementary School the Superstars for nothing. The school has been chosen to pilot an after-school reading program by the Inspiring the American Dream Foundation through a \$10,000 grant from Clemson football coach Dabo Swinney's All In Team Foundation.

Aiken Standard: Aiken County School District earns five-year accreditation

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141119/AIK0101/141119289/1004>

Larry Wood

The Aiken County Public School District has been accredited for another five years, receiving an above-average rating from the eight-member team that performed the external review during an on-site visit Monday through Wednesday. The School District earned an overall index of educational quality of 298.78 from AdvancED, the accrediting organization.

Florence Morning News: Darlington County Council considers prison farm's fate

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_bebd2224-6f97-11e4-850f-3b74a3bb81db.html

Jim Faile

The Darlington County Council gave the go-ahead for the interim county administrator to move forward with several budget adjustments and other items. One action under the adjustments centered on drawing up a cost-and-benefit analysis for the future of the county's prison farm.

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill company makes tech magazine's Top 100 list

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/19/6547083_rock-hill-firm-joins-rd-elite.html?rh=1

Don Worthington

The list of 2014 winners includes the Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore and Oak Ridge national labs, companies such as Alcoa, Daimler AG, Dow Chemical, Texas Instruments and Toyota, and scientists from NASA and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

National News:

New York Times: Immigration Has Republican Governors Seething and Facing Practical Challenges

http://mobile.nytimes.com/2014/11/20/us/politics/-2014-11-20-us-republican-governors-seethe-over-obamas-immigration-move.html?_r=2&referrer

Michael Barbaro

The new legal protections that the president is poised to bestow on five million illegal immigrants Thursday will immediately thrust the issue back to the states, forcing dozens of governors who vigorously oppose the move to contemplate a raft of vexing new legal questions of their own, like whether to issue driver's licenses or grant in-state college tuition to such people.

Associated Press: Obama's immigration actions do have limits

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_IMMIGRATION?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_IMMIGRATION?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-11-20-03-21-10)

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Jim Kuhnhenn, Erica Werner

As broadly as President Barack Obama may push the limits of his authority to shield from deportation millions of immigrants illegally in the United States, the fate of millions more will still be left unresolved. Obama is preparing to flex his executive powers Thursday, using an 8 p.m. EST address to announce that he is sidestepping Congress and ordering his own federal action on immigration.

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