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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley: State needs to get rid of its 'money pits'

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Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday the state needs to sell its "money pits," starting with eight properties that include the state Education Department's administration building. Selling those properties identified so far would enable taxpayers to avoid spending \$30 million on maintenance and other expenses over five years, according to a report by a real estate firm hired to assess the state's inventory.

Note: "We don't need to own this much space," she said. "I want this property out the door." Haley said it's also a quality-of-life issue. Employees can't love their jobs if they go to offices that haven't been updated in decades, stink and may even be making them sick, she said.

Post and Courier: State looking to save millions by selling real estate, consolidating offices

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151209/PC1603/151209358>

Maya T. Prabhu

The state Department of Administration and the CBRE real estate firm identified eight properties that could be sold immediately, including buildings housing the state Department of Education, the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services and the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The state estimates making \$5.3 million from the sale of those three buildings.

Note: "If you look at these facilities, we are spending so much money to stay in them that it would cost us a lot less, the quality would be a lot better if we went with something more efficient," Haley said.

Note: Haley presented a three-part plan that combined would save the state \$30.4 million worth of repairs, \$35.3 million annually in operating expenses and \$32.4 million over 30 years through reducing the square footage used for offices.

Greenville News: Governor wants to sell some of state's 7,800 buildings

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/12/09/governor-wants-sell-some-states-7800-buildings/77050946/>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley wants to sell some of the state's 7,800 buildings and be more efficient in how it uses office space, moves she said could save taxpayers millions of dollars each year. Haley on Wednesday announced the results of an assessment of state properties, concluding the state owns too much and is wasting space.

Note: "We've got a lot of money pits in South Carolina," she said, "money pits our taxpayers don't need to be spending on. Instead of sitting there and owning these money pits, we need to get rid of them and let somebody else do something better with them."

Note: "It looks old and it smells old," Haley said. "Everything about it is just not good. Everybody should love their job. How can you love your job when it looks like it is just decades old and it doesn't smell good and you wonder if you are allergic to something? That is not how government should run."

Charlotte Business Journal: 'We're better than this:' How the flag came down in South Carolina

http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/queen_city_agenda/2015/12/were-better-than-this-how-the-flag-came-down-in.html

Erik Spanberg

Two months ago, much of this city was under water and residents struggled to carry out the routines of daily life. For many, taking a shower or turning a faucet tap and expecting clean water became impossible. Recovery continues from rains and storms described as once-in-a-thousand-years events. To date, damages total \$870 million.

Note: Haley, by all accounts, rose to the occasion after the Charleston massacre and again during the

floods. Most notable was her decision to lead a charge to remove the Confederate flag from the state capitol after decades of debate and resentment.

Area Development: Boise Cascade Company Expands Its Chester, South Carolina, Manufacturing Plant
<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/12-9-2015/boise-cascade-company-expansion-chester-south-carolina456787.shtml>

Boise Cascade Company, one of the largest producers of plywood and engineered wood products in North America and a leading U.S. wholesale distributor of building products, is expanding its existing operations located at 1445 Lancaster Highway in Chester, South Carolina.

Note: "We have so many great corporate citizens, like Boise Cascade, that are the driving force behind our economic development momentum, because they prove to the world that there is no better place to be doing business each time they decide to expand in our state. We look forward to seeing the positive impact that this new \$23.5 million investment, and the 52 new jobs it will create, will have in Chester County," said Governor Nikki Haley.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Trump leads in new SC poll that also shows support for tracking Muslims

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC1603/151219969>

Schuyler Kropf

Donald Trump continues to lead the GOP field in South Carolina, a new poll out this morning shows, with evidence growing his supporters strongly back his call for closely monitoring Muslims in America. The latest survey by Winthrop University in Rock Hill shows Trump supporters are more likely to favor conducting surveillance of Muslim mosques - at 80 percent, and also in creating a database of all Muslims in the U.S., which is supported by 72 percent of the Trump-aligned Republicans.

Greenville News: Trump continues lead in new poll of SC Republicans

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/12/10/trump-continues-sc-lead-new-poll/77082426/>

Rudolph Bell

Donald Trump remains the favorite presidential candidate of South Carolina Republicans in the latest poll from Winthrop University. Twenty-four percent of 828 likely Republican voters surveyed by Winthrop between Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 said they would vote for the New York real estate mogul.

WCSC: Winthrop Poll: Likely Republican voters in South Carolina back Donald Trump

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30713034/winthrop-poll-likely-republican-voters-in-south-carolina-largely-back-donald-trump>

Suzelle Santos

A new poll suggests 24 percent of South Carolina's likely Republican voters will back real estate tycoon Donald Trump in the state's Republican Primary on Feb. 20. The poll was completed on Monday, the same day Trump made his controversial stand about enacting a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on."

Fox Business: Fox News Poll: Trump Most Electable in South Carolina Primary Race

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/business-leaders/2015/12/09/fox-news-poll-trump-most-electable-in-south-carolina-primary-race/>

Elizabeth Chmurak

Even in a swirl of controversy over plans to bar Muslims from the United States, Donald Trump remains untouchable as the frontrunner for the GOP nomination in South Carolina. According to a Fox News poll released Wednesday, Trump leads with 35% support from Republican primary voters in the Palmetto State.

WSPA: Poll: SC Republican Voters Support Donald Trump

<http://wspa.com/2015/12/10/poll-sc-republican-voters-support-donald-trump/>

Ron Norman

Winthrop University recently surveyed 828 South Carolina likely republican voters by phone between Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 to ask them who they would vote for in the upcoming presidential election. According to the Winthrop poll, 24% of likely republican voters are leaning toward voting for real estate tycoon Donald Trump.

Bloomberg: Trump Holds Lead Over Carson, Cruz, Rubio in S.C. GOP Race: Fox

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/trackers/2015-12-09/trump-holds-lead-over-carson-cruz-rubio-in-s-c-gop->

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Businessman Donald Trump is backed by 35% of Republican presidential primary voters in South Carolina, followed by Ben Carson with 15% and Sens. Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio with 14% each, according to Fox News poll.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Greenville News: Senator seeks ban on some types of assault weapons in SC

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/12/09/senator-seeks-ban-some-types-assault-weapons-sc/76997842/>

Tim Smith

Darrell Golden likes assault weapons so much he not only sells them at his Greer store, he also owns one. As rifles go, the owner of the South Carolina Gun Company said, the AR-15-style guns are lightweight, offer little recoil and are economical to shoot.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: New Sickle Cell Disease Committee holds first meeting today

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC1603/151219970>

Maya T. Prabhu

A temporary Sickle Cell Disease Committee will meet in Columbia for the first time today to study services and resources available to children with the disease, which disproportionately affects black people. The committee was created earlier this year and is tasked with establishing partnerships between a statewide network of service providers for adults with sickle cell anemia and institutions as well as communities.

Note: The committee is tasked with reporting all findings to the General Assembly and Gov. Nikki Haley in June 2016. It will meet 11 a.m. at the Gressette Senate Building in Columbia.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: The still stumbling Secret Service

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC1002/151219975>

Editorial

A bipartisan congressional report rightly calls for restoring funding levels for the Secret Service so it can recruit qualified applicants and rebuild a shrinking staff. But budget relief alone will not restore the agency to health. For that, new leadership could be necessary, even though the Secret Service has had three different directors in as many years.

Post and Courier: Flag display needs moderating

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC1002/151219976>

Editorial

When the Confederate battle flag was taken down from the Statehouse grounds this summer, it was to be “transported to the Confederate Relic Room for appropriate display.” Most would agree that it should be treated with respect, as a symbol of not just the Confederacy but the state’s long and emotional debate attendant to its removal.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Commerce chief to be recognized for South Carolina’s manufacturing renaissance

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151209/PC05/151209364>

David Wren

With South Carolina’s manufacturing sector far outpacing the rest of the Southeast, state Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt will receive a top award Thursday from the South Carolina Manufacturers’ Alliance for his work to help fuel that growth.

Note: Hitt was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley in 2011 to help lead the state’s economy out of a nearly decade-long manufacturing slump that lasted through the Great Recession, a time in which South Carolina lost about 140,000 manufacturing jobs.

Greenville News: Spearman: New federal education law will help S.C.

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2015/12/09/spearman-new-federal-education-law-help-sc/77047646/?from=global&sessionKey=vTmUyTrYqSDVf1gStBWh2Sx2F4Z5oGJM8i-18x2dx2FRjpxxFtXGbuonV6iKWHWjQx3Dx3DOFtYDuAVcSYo0jPxxr39VTQx3Dx3D->

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Nathaniel Cary

The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly passed the rewrite of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act on Wednesday, sending the overhaul of the law that replaces No Child Left Behind to President Obama's desk, where he has indicated he will sign it into law.

WLTx: Displaced Family Moves into Donated, Furnished Home

<http://www.wltx.com/story/life/2015/12/09/donated-home/77067558/>

Colby Gallagher

Life is a series of peaks and valleys. Right now, Theresa Anderson and her family are on top of the world. "It's like building blocks, Lego blocks, it's just wonderful to be able to see where we were and where we are now," said Anderson. Where they were was a ruined mobile home, damaged by the flood. Then, a crowded hotel room.

Post and Courier: South Carolina maintains low ranking on healthiest states list

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC16/151219990>

Lauren Sausser

South Carolina has landed on the wrong end of another list this year. The United Health Foundation released the 2015 America's Health Rankings on Thursday. South Carolina ranked 42nd in the United States — the same spot it held in 2014.

Anderson Independent: New filing in Tucker Hipps lawsuit

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/new-filing-in-tucker-hipps-lawsuit-267f72c8-9719-71a2-e053-0100007f1e41-361346791.html>

Mike Ellis

The new documents were filed in a pair of lawsuits, each seeking in excess of \$25 million each from Clemson University, the local and national branches of Sigma Phi Epsilon and three fraternity members: Thomas Carter King, Campbell T. Starr and Samuel Quillen Carney.

Associated Press: Death sought for South Carolina dad in killing of 5 kids

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8OlubGXE

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against a South Carolina father accused of strangling four of his children and beating a fifth to death last year at their home. Local news outlets report that Solicitor Donnie Myers served notice of his decision during a hearing Wednesday for Timothy Ray Jones Jr.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Under Joe Riley, tourism in Charleston grew — and largely by design

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151208/PC2119/151209487>

Robert Behre

When Joe Riley first was elected mayor in 1975, Charleston's tourism scene was sleepy but showing signs of stirring. In the following four decades, it not only woke up but moved up as the city created new attractions and hubs of activity ever farther up the historic peninsula.

WACH: Pelion family severely impacted by historic flood gets new home

<http://wach.com/news/local/pelion-family-severely-impacted-by-historic-flood-gets-new-home>

Shelli Adamczyk

A Pelion family is getting a new home thanks to the help of an entire community. Since October's historic flooding Teresa Anderson, her five kids and their dog, Baby, have been living in a small hotel room. The roof of their mobile home collapsed during October's storm. "The ceilings caved in my son's the boys bedroom, which they lost everything."

National News:

Associated Press: Trump's knack for controversy drowning out his rivals

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bXMT7j9Y

Thomas Beaumont, Julie Bykowicz

Even campaigning half as much as his rivals, Donald Trump is drowning them out in an echo chamber of insults and charged pronouncements that have taken over the presidential campaign. Frustrated GOP candidates trekking across Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina are struggling to be heard.

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