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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WCIV: Poll: Trump still leads GOP in SC, Gov. Haley's support still high

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30718950/poll-trump-still-leads-gop-in-sc-gov-haleys-support-still-high>

Nearly a quarter of Republican voters in South Carolina favor real estate magnate and current GOP frontrunner Donald Trump, according to the most recent Winthrop University poll released Thursday.

Seventeen percent are unsure of who they will vote for in the coming presidential primary on Feb. 20.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley's support was also high -- 81 percent -- among likely GOP voters. "While some had speculated that Governor Haley's stand on the Confederate Flag this summer might hurt her with the Republican base, her approval of the S.C. GOP core -- likely Republican voters -- is as strong, or stronger, than ever," Huffmon said.

Times and Democrat: Trump unlikely to gain more ground in S.C.

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/trump-unlikely-to-gain-more-ground-in-s-c/article_ec89c04b-3cd9-531b-ad2c-4c23786ddf37.html

Donald Trump likes to talk about polls. He got new ammunition on Thursday with the latest Winthrop Poll focused on the GOP presidential primary. But the news is not all good for the presumed GOP frontrunner.

Haley's numbers high: The new Winthrop Poll shows Gov. Nikki Haley's approval rating among GOP voters at 81 percent overall and 84 percent among Tea Party supporters. "While some had speculated that Gov. Haley's stand on the Confederate Flag this summer might hurt her with the Republican base, her approval of the S.C. GOP core -- likely Republican voters -- is as strong, or stronger, than ever," Winthrop Poll Director Dr. Scott Huffmon said.

Sun News: Sanford, others in Congress seek halt in search for offshore oil, gas

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article49150115.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

U.S. Rep Mark Sanford and nearly three dozen fellow House members increased pressure Thursday to curtail the search for oil and gas off the Atlantic coast because of environmental and economic concerns.

Note: Haley press secretary Chaney Adams said the governor doesn't want exploration to occur in a way that hurts the environment or the tourism industry. But Haley believes that "exploring offshore for energy is critical to our future because it means jobs, energy independence from other countries and security for our state."

Area Development: SAGE Automotive Interiors Expands Greenville County, South Carolina, Operations

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/12-10-2015/sage-automotive-interiors-expansion-greenville-county-south-carolina23893.shtml>

SAGE Automotive Interiors, a firm that develops and manufactures innovative automotive seating material and headliners, is investing \$5 million to expand its existing operations in Greenville County. The company operates both a manufacturing plant and a headquarters facility in Marietta, South Carolina.

Note: "SAGE Automotive Interiors is one of our fantastic corporate citizens that has shown the world that South Carolina is a state where businesses thrive. We're excited to celebrate SAGE's second expansion in our state in only a year because, with each expansion, the 900 South Carolinians who work there, as well as our entire state, see that SAGE is committed to them and to building on this momentum," said Governor Nikki Haley.

WCNC: SC Governor to trim state property footprint

<http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/politics/2015/12/10/sc-governor-to-trim-state-property-footprint/77123112/>

It's a tax payer's worst nightmare: millions of dollars going to waste under the state's watch. South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley announced this week the Palmetto State needs to get out of the real estate business

and reduce its number of properties dramatically.

Note: Governor Haley ordered a property study to be done back in 2013, and the findings could save the state upwards of \$60 million. "No one could tell me what we owned," said Gov. Haley, referring to when she took office.

Note: "Is it functional? Are we using it properly? Are we in buildings that cost us more to live in them than to even be using them at all? Should we be using our space better? Everything about this screams for improvement," said Haley.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Index-Journal: Local lawmakers hear Lander strategies

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Local-lawmakers-hear-Lander-strategies>

Lander University President Richard Cosentino hosted a breakfast meeting with eight members of the Lakelands region Senate and House delegation Dec. 3, and outlined the university's plans for the future, including increasing enrollment and target areas for its long-range strategic plan.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Call to track Muslims boosts Trump's S.C. support among GOP base, worries party

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

Schuyler Kropf

Donald Trump's incendiary call to monitor Muslims in mosques and elsewhere has increased his support among South Carolina Republican voters. But it's making the S.C. Republican Party and civil libertarians nervous.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Down the VA rabbit hole

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC1002/151219916>

Editorial

The most recent chapter came Wednesday as a top VA official defended the agency's decision to give a slap on the wrist to two senior executives who received \$400,000 in reimbursements as they moved to less demanding jobs after reportedly forcing the previous occupants to take other VA positions elsewhere. The matter was uncovered by the agency's inspector general.

Post and Courier: Cadet photo sends a sad signal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151211/PC1002/151219915>

Editorial

Old racial wounds have been tragically reopened on more than one occasion this year in the Charleston area. By and large, local residents have responded with commendable calls for peace and cooperation. But for all the good intentions and good-faith efforts to build a more racially unified Charleston, serious work remains.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Post and Courier: More than 30 members of Congress join Sanford in opposing offshore testing, drilling

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC16/151219933>

Bo Petersen

More than 30 members of Congress have joined U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford's in calling on federal regulators to halt the approval process for oil and natural gas testing and drilling offshore. Twenty-five Democrats and eight Republicans, led by Sanford, R-S.C., and Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., signed a letter to Abigail Ross Hopper, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management director.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Citadel confirms suspensions after cadets filmed in white hoods

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC16/151219964>

Adam Parker, Deanna Pan

At least eight Citadel cadets were suspended after photos of them appeared on social media wearing

costumes resembling Ku Klux Klan hoods. The school's president, retired Lt. Gen. John Rosa, called the images "offensive and disturbing." It shows an upper-class cadet in front of seven cadets wearing all-white clothing and with pillowcases over their heads.

Post and Courier: State's 47th police shooting sets record amid calls to review use of deadly force

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC16/151219967>

Tony Bartelme

A deadly exchange of gunfire Thursday morning in Greenville County marked the 47th police shooting in South Carolina this year, a new record that experts and lawmakers say should trigger a hard look at how officers use and misuse deadly force.

Note: One effort to re-examine police training and tactics is underway. In the wake of the Scott shooting, Gov. Nikki Haley in July issued an executive order to create a 10-person commission to study training, tactics and other policing issues.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: BMW supplier to expand, add 25 jobs in Duncan

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20151210/ARTICLES/151219987/1083/ARTICLES?Title=BMW-supplier-to-expand-add-25-jobs-in-Duncan>

A BMW supplier will expand its North American headquarters in Duncan and create 25 jobs. Germany-based Röchling Automotive Group announced Thursday it will invest \$5.8 million to increase production capacity at the Röchling Automotive USA plant at 245 Parkway East in the Hillside Industrial Park.

Post and Courier: Saferack announces \$20M expansion of Andrews facility

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151210/PC05/151219939>

David Wren

Andrews-based SafeRack, which makes loading rack and safety access products, is planning a \$20 million expansion of its Georgetown County site over the next 18 months that will bring 100 new jobs to the area. A division of the SixAxis holding company, SafeRack is led by co-founders Rob Honeycutt and Fred Harmon.

Greenville News: SC health improves, but state still near bottom of the list

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/12/09/sc-health-improves-but-state-still-near-bottom-list/77047200/>

Liv Osby

South Carolina's health has improved in several key measures since last year, but it still ranks 40th nationally, a new report from the Commonwealth Fund finds. Along with most other states, the Palmetto State made more advances in health care than declines in the nonprofit group's annual scorecard.

Local News:

Associated Press: Sheriff: Deputies shoot man threatening to throw brick

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=V1Khgnjj

Authorities say a man was shot by a deputy in South Carolina after he threatened to throw a brick. Anderson County Sheriff spokeswoman Lt. Sheila Cole told news outlets that deputies were called to a home in Anderson because a son was attacking his father. Cole says when deputies arrived around 9 p.m. Thursday, the son came out from behind cars holding a brick.

Greenville News: Nearly 2K Christmas 'Angels' await adoption

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/12/10/salvation-army-christmas-angels-await-adoption/77097300/>

Angelia Davis

Rows of boxes representing families in need of help with Christmas gifts stand empty inside the TD Convention Center. They're empty or incomplete because the Salvation Army needs more gifts to fill them.

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