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Governor Nikki Haley News:

McClatchy DC: Wilson asks budget panel to prioritize Fort Jackson, Savannah River Site
<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article58156768.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Congress' support for the Army's Fort Jackson training center and the Savannah River nuclear site is not just crucial for South Carolina but also a matter of national security, Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., told the House Budget Committee on Wednesday.

Note: Last week Gov. Nikki Haley threatened to sue the Department of Energy for the agency's failure to meet a Jan. 1 deadline, asking the state's attorney general (Wilson's son, Alan Wilson) to take legal steps and collect a \$1 million daily fine.

WCSC: Live 5 News Investigates: Inside the Charleston church shooting

<http://www.live5news.com/story/31132005/live-5-news-investigates-inside-the-charleston-church-shooting>

"Seventy-seven shots. I was just waiting on my turn." With so many stories about the Emanuel 9, the nine parishioners of Mother Emanuel AME church who were gunned down after a Bible study last summer, it may be easy to forget there were survivors of the shooting.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley referred to the women in her State of the State address last month. Sanders and Sheppard were among the guests attending the speech.

Note: "Just as the nine we lost inform my belief that angels must exist in Heaven, these two women, and the precious little one who was with them that night, are proof that we have angels living here on Earth," Haley said.

WCBD: Company Investing \$1.15 Million To Establish Its First U.S. Facility in Colleton County

<http://counton2.com/2016/02/03/company-investing-1-15-million-to-establish-its-first-u-s-facility-in-colleton-county/>

Shawn Cabbegestalk

BUSCOT LLC, an Italy-based producer of specialty bearings, is establishing manufacturing operations in Colleton County. The \$1.15 million investment in the project is expected to create 10 new jobs over the next five years.

Note: "We're excited to welcome BUSCOT to the South Carolina family, and we're proud the company's first U.S. facility will call Walterboro home," said Gov. Nikki Haley. When Team South Carolina works together, companies like BUSCOT take notice – and that keeps us motivated to keep the momentum going," Haley added.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Appeals court's chief judge is newest Supreme Court justice

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

Seanna Adcox

The chief judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals is the newest justice on the state Supreme Court. In a joint session, legislators elected Judge John Few on Wednesday to fill the vacancy left by December's retirement of Chief Justice Jean Toal. "It's a big moment," Few, of Greenville, said after the vote, adding he felt "relief, excitement."

The State: John Few elected as new S.C. Supreme Court associate justice

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article58133508.html>

John Monk

In a hard-fought race that was a nail-biter until the final minutes, John Few, of Greenville, edged out Bruce

Williams, of Columbia, Wednesday for a seat on the five-member S.C. Supreme Court. The vote was 92-73 in favor of Few. Some lawmakers who voted for Few said they did so because they perceived he was the more conservative of the two.

Greenville News: Greenville's John Few elected to state Supreme Court

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/02/03/greenvilles-john-few-elected-state-supreme-court/79743968/>

Tim Smith

John Few of Greenville, the chief judge of the state Court of Appeals, was elected to the state Supreme Court on Wednesday. This was Few's third attempt to get on the state's high court. Lawmakers, at a joint assembly, elected Few 92-73 over Appeals Court Judge H. Bruce Williams of Columbia.

Post and Courier: Plastic bag ban sought for Charleston; House bill would deny new bans

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC16/160209764>

Bo Petersen

A handful of community activists are quietly pushing to ban the use of plastic bags in Charleston, as Isle of Palms did last year. Meanwhile, a high-profile state legislator has co-sponsored a bill to deny local bans. The bill, now in the House Judiciary Committee, would give only the General Assembly the authority to regulate the use of "a bag, cup, package, container, bottle, or other packaging" used to carry purchases.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: \$4.2B in industrial investment recruited in SC in 2015

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Ao9qIMmn

More than \$4.2 billion in business investment was recruited in South Carolina during 2015 - investment expected to create more than 17,000 jobs. The South Carolina Department of Commerce announced Wednesday that 150 capital investment projects were recruited across the state. The numbers include both new plants locating in the state and the expansion of existing facilities.

Post and Courier: After finding evidence on Taser, Michael Slager's defense team wants more time for tests

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC16/160209784>

Andrew Knapp

Attorneys for the former North Charleston police officer who shot Walter Scott said Wednesday that an expert had found new evidence on the Taser that has become a focal point for the defense. There is no telling, though, what the fibers discovered on Michael Slager's stun gun might mean.

Associated Press: Georgia Ports Authority's top executive to step down

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC05/160209770>

Russ Bynum

The chief executive of the Georgia Ports Authority said Wednesday that he plans to step down this summer after leading the state agency during six years of explosive growth at the seaports of Savannah and Brunswick. Curtis J. Foltz, the port authority's executive director, announced his decision during a specially called meeting of the agency's governing board.

Rock Hill Herald: Parole denied: York teen who plotted to join ISIS, kill soldiers won't go free

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article58152363.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

Parole has been denied to the York teen who police say tried to join ISIS and plotted to massacre American soldiers. The S.C. Board of Juvenile Parole made the decision Wednesday, two days after the teen had his first parole hearing after pleading guilty in April to gun possession.

Post and Courier: Federal judge agrees to trial delay for Dylann Roof friend Joey Meek

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC16/160209777>

Andrew Knapp

A judge on Wednesday agreed to postpone the trial date for Joey Meek, the friend of Dylann Roof's accused of not warning authorities of the June attack on Emanuel AME Church. An attorney had asked earlier in the week for the postponement of Meek's March 1 jury selection because the defense team needed more time to review evidence received from prosecutors.

Local News:

Post and Courier: North Charleston office project could yield more than 500 jobs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC05/160209776>

John McDermott

A Texas real estate developer has filed plans to build an office building in North Charleston for a unidentified company that's looking to bring more than 500 jobs to the region. Dallas-based KDC is seeking permits on behalf of a previously disclosed economic development prospect code-named "Project Phoenix."

The State: Tornado warning for Columbia area ends; Flash-flood warnings still in effect for Richland County

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article58171798.html#storylink=cpy>

The tornado warning for the Columbia area has ended but a flash flood warning will remain in effect until 4:30 p.m., National Weather Service officials said. Those in the Columbia, Forest Acres, Dentsville, Arcadia Lakes and Five Points areas could experience some flooding due to heavy rainfall.

WIS: Concerned parents force Kershaw County board to table plans for school consolidation

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31125106/concerned-parents-force-kershaw-county-board-to-table-plans-for-school-consolidation>

Chad Mills

On the basketball court at Mount Pisgah Elementary, parents cheered as speakers scored points against the Kershaw County School Board of Trustees in a loud, sometimes unruly, battle on the hardwood. One by one, parents took the microphone to tell Superintendent Dr. Frank Morgan and the board they don't want to see the school along with nearby Bethune Elementary close and consolidate elsewhere.

National News:

Associated Press: Ryan calls for unity, less anger from his fractious GOP

http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/89ae8247abe8493fae24405546e9a1aa/Article_2016-02-03-US-House-Republicans-Ryan/id-3644c1b8641d418e922ebf528da8dbda

Alan Fram

House Speaker Paul Ryan called on Republicans Wednesday to stop fighting angrily among themselves and not to be distracted by guns or other "hot-button" issues that President Barack Obama raises this election year. "We can't fall into the progressives' trap of acting like angry reactionaries," Ryan, R-Wis., said at a Heritage Action for America policy meeting.

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