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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Post: The 5 governors who made the most news in 2015, ranked
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2015/12/30/the-5-governors-who-made-the-most-news-in-2015-ranked/>

Amber Phillips

#1 From her first foray onto the national stage when she won a crowded election to become South Carolina's first female and minority governor in 2010, the Republican Party has touted Haley as a rising star.

Note: But it was the way Haley forcefully put herself at the front of the charge to end displays of the Confederate flag on public property that won her the most praise. As presidential candidates appeared to hem and haw, Haley called for the state legislature to remove the flag from statehouse grounds — something it did shortly after.

Note: "I knew that it was giving a lot of people a pass to do what was right," she told The Washington Post's Abby Phillip.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Trump responds to Hillary Clinton: 'Nobody respects women more than Donald Trump'
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151230/PC1603/151239953>

Schuyler Kropf

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump defended bringing former President Bill Clinton's past into the 2016 race, saying Democratic rival Hillary Clinton had attacked him as the sexist one in the field. "We had to respond to Hillary," he told a cheering crowd of more than 2,500 crammed inside a Westin resort ballroom Wednesday.

Island Packet: Trump blasts Hillary Clinton, Jeb Bush at Hilton Head rally
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/election/article52116610.html#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

Donald Trump took big swings at Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush throughout an hourlong, boisterous speech on Hilton Head Island on Wednesday morning. Almost 2,500 people crammed shoulder-to-shoulder into the Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa's grand ballroom -- a record crowd for the space, according to hotel officials -- to hear the leading Republican presidential candidate.

Associated Press: GOP's Donald Trump calls Bill Clinton a 'great abuser'
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FKyx4Ucu

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is calling former President Bill Clinton "one of the great abusers of the world." During a rally Wednesday in South Carolina, Trump continued his criticism of the husband of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Gowdy's endorsement of Rubio may attract undecided voters
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20151229/ARTICLES/151229780/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Gowdy-s-endorsement-of-Rubio-may-attract-undecided-voters&tc=ar>

Chris Lavender

Views are mixed on what impact South Carolina Rep. Trey Gowdy's endorsement of Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio will have on the race. Gowdy endorsed Rubio during a campaign stop Tuesday in Clinton, Iowa. It wasn't the first campaign stop where Gowdy expressed his support for the Florida senator.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Greenville News: Opposition grows to proposed coal ash dump in Pickens County

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2015/12/28/pickens-county-council-consider-resolution-proposed-coal-ash-dump/77970592/>

Ron Barnett

Residents and the Pickens County Legislative Delegation are voicing opposition to a plan to bring thousands of tons of coal ash to a dump near Liberty and the County Council put a resolution on the issue on the agenda for its meeting Monday. The Pickens County Legislative Delegation sent a letter to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control opposing the dumping of coal ash at a site near Liberty, state Sen. Larry Martin said.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Emanuel AME responds to lawsuit over handling of donations

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151230/PC16/151239960>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Attorneys for Emanuel AME Church have responded to a lawsuit filed by a shooting victim's husband seeking an accounting of millions of dollars in donations that poured into the church after a June massacre left nine worshippers dead.

Greenville News: Flash flood warning issued, Swamp Rabbit Trail closed

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/12/30/flood-advisory-issued-part-swamp-rabbit-trail-closed/78067638/>

Anna Lee, Michael Burns

A flash flood warning is in effect for most of the Upstate until 3:15 p.m. Wednesday. At 9:10 a.m., the National Weather Service in Greer said rain gauges indicated that 1 to 2 inches of rain had fallen over the warned area.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Flash flood watch issued for Spartanburg, Greenville, Cherokee counties

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20151230/ARTICLES/151239995/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Flash-flood-watch-issued-for-Spartanburg-Greenville-Cherokee-counties&tc=ar>

Spartanburg County has seen between a half an inch and an inch of rainfall over the past hour, said Jeffrey Taylor, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport in Greer.

Rock Hill Herald: Flash flood warning issued for York County; streets flooding in Chester, Lancaster

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article52254790.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

York County is under a flash flood warning until 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. The National Weather Service in Greenville-Spartanburg issued the warning Wednesday morning for portions of York County, as well as Mecklenburg County in North Carolina.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Lost and found: Police reporting missing persons quicker with rise of social media

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151230/PC16/151239958>

Dave Munday

With the rise of social media, citizens are seeing more missing person notices from police, sometimes within a few hours of when the person was last seen. Contrary to popular belief, there's no waiting period for reporting a person as missing.

Greenville News: Pickens County tags 66 roads for repaving

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2015/12/30/pickens-county-tags-66-roads-repaving/78074784/>

Ron Barnett

Pickens County is looking to repave between 20-25 miles of county roads during the first half of 2016, according to Public Works Director Gerald Wilson. A list of 66 roads has been submitted to County Council's Public Service Committee for review, with consideration by the full council expected in February, Wilson said.

National News:

Associated Press: Clinton calls ISIS killings of Christians, Yazidis 'genocide'

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151230/AIK0104/151239971/clinton-calls-isis-killings-of-christians-yazidis-x2018-genocide-x2019>

Kathleen Ronayne

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton says she now believes the Islamic State group's persecution of Christians, the Yazidi minority and other religious and ethnic minorities in the Middle East should be defined as "genocide." Her declaration came Tuesday night in response to a voter at a town hall in New Hampshire, her last campaign event of 2015.

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