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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WCIV: Gov. Nikki Haley praises student who pushed for better relationship with police

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30664751/gov-nikki-haley-praises-lowcountry-student-who-used-his-voice-to-make-sc-better>

Andy Paras

St. George Middle School student De'Shaun Booker saw a problem in his community and, instead of complaining about it, he did something about it. The seventh grader wrote a letter to Gov. Nikki Haley in April suggesting the state do something to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement officers and youth in the community.

Note: On Thursday Haley, surrounded by law enforcement officers, visited Booker's school and introduced Booker as her "newest best friend." She also introduced new programs -- Lunch Buddies and Donuts with Officers -- that were a direct result of the letter.

Note: "De'Shaun did something that a lot of adults don't always realize," Haley said while Booker stood next to her wearing an honorary Highway Patrol uniform. "De'Shaun didn't complain about it, he did something about it. He saw a wrong and -- instead of going and complaining to everybody, which is a waste of energy - he wrote me a letter.

WCBD: Gov. Haley in Lowcountry, Honors Student Who Wants "Respect For Law Enforcement"

<http://counton2.com/2015/12/03/gov-haley-in-lowcountry-honors-student-who-wants-respect-for-law-enforcement/>

Megan Dice

Governor Haley making a stop in the Lowcountry today, for one middle school student who has inspired the program "Doughnuts for Cops." His name is De'Shaun Booker. Booker has something to tell the community about respecting law enforcement in light of recent events and he took his concerns all the way to the Governor's office.

Note: He wrote Governor Haley and she called him. Gov. Nikki Haley, "There was passion in it, and we just have to remember that when children use the power of their voice... the most important thing we can do is listen what he wanted was to bring the community together.. to understand that law enforcement.. they are not mean guys and that they need respect. just like we want respect."

WCIV: Haley on mass shootings: 'We don't want to live in fear'

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30663272/haley-on-mass-shootings-we-dont-want-to-live-in-fear>

The mass shooting in California has the attention of Gov. Nikki Haley, who discussed the deadly attack and how it brought back bad memories of what happened in Charleston nearly six months ago. Meeting with State Troopers at St. George Middle School in Dorchester County, Haley thanked them for taking part in a lunch program involving students.

WCIV: Vice President Biden, others honor Mayor Riley at grand tribute

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30665048/vice-president-biden-others-honor-mayor-riley-at-grand-tribute>

Not even Vice President Joe Biden could out-shine Mayor Joe Riley on his home turf. "My name is Joe Biden and I've been working for Joe Riley for a hell of a long time," Joe Biden said to begin his remarks Thursday night. Biden paid tribute to Riley as part of the Post and Courier's star-studded evening for the outgoing mayor.

Note: Surrounded by family, the mayor listened to his friends' praise, including a letter from President Barack Obama and remarks by Gov. Nikki Haley, S.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean Toal and Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott.

Note: "I have always appreciated the dignity and respect with which you led but nothing will top the time I spent with you this last summer, as we had to go through not only the Walter Scott shooting, but the Mother

Emanuel tragedy," Haley said.

S.C. Political News:

Rock Hill Herald: Carson in Rock Hill: Candidate says what the faithful want to hear

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article47652220.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

Ben Carson never raised his voice in an arena built for loud shouts – and the five people in Section 101, Row E, seats 1 through 5, loved him for the gentleness. In this row of seats – some of the best in the house – sat the people Carson needs to win over if he is going to win in South Carolina's primary Feb. 20.

Sun News: Kasich to discuss Constitution, Supreme Court, at presidential campaign event in Myrtle Beach

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article47590350.html#storylink=cpy>

Audrey Hudson

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson will moderate a presidential forum featuring Ohio Gov. John Kasich next week that will focus on future Supreme Court nominees, protecting the Constitution and the rule of law. The Conservative Leadership Project event will be at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Crown Reef Resort and Conference Center in Myrtle Beach.

S.C. General Assembly News:

The State: Flood, refugees, Charleston shooting focus of proposed SC legislation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article47839305.html>

Jamie Self

Immigration and the Syrian refugee crisis, violence in churches and schools, and the historic flood that hit South Carolina in October are topics driving the legislative agendas of some S.C. lawmakers. State House and Senate members got an early start this week on filing legislation for the upcoming legislative session, which begins Jan. 12. Several proposals are responses to challenges South Carolina has faced this year.

Associated Press: DOT trucks could be billboards under advertising proposal

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

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina Department of Transportation trucks could soon look like billboards as the agency seeks to raise money by selling advertising. DOT officials asked a House panel Thursday for permission to sell ads on the agency's property, including its buildings, trucks and website. The agency has no estimates yet for the potential revenue.

Anderson Independent: Bill would list infractions linked to fraternities and sororities

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/bill-would-list-infractions-linked-to-fraternities-and-sororities-260402a6-b794-65dc-e053-0100007fb7-360517701.html>

Kirk Brown

Responding to the death of Clemson University student Tucker Hipps, an Upstate legislator called Thursday for creating an online database listing arrests, investigations and violations linked to fraternities and sororities.

Associated Press: Republican sends Confederate Christmas card to colleagues

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=txPtala2

Jeffrey Collins

A South Carolina lawmaker sent out a Christmas card featuring a photo of the Confederate flag that was removed this year from the Statehouse to his Republican colleagues, suggesting they use the holiday to "ask for forgiveness of all your sins such as betrayal." Rep. Chris Corley said the card was a political statement to his fellow Republicans meant as a joke in his smart-aleck style.

Post and Courier: Lawmaker sends Christmas card telling colleagues to repent for removing rebel flag

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151203/PC1603/151209811>

Cynthia Roldan

A state lawmaker who opposed removing the Confederate battle flag from Statehouse grounds earlier this year sent his colleagues a Christmas card featuring a picture of the rebel banner and advising them to ask

forgiveness for their betrayal.

Note: Corley was among the staunchest defenders of keeping the flag on Statehouse grounds after Gov. Nikki Haley and black and white state lawmakers acknowledged the national outcry over flying what some consider a symbol of racism and slavery and joined the call to move it to a museum.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Pull the trigger on gun checks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151204/PC1002/151209796>

Editorial

The tone in President Barack Obama's voice was one of resignation as he spoke Thursday morning about the mass shooting that killed 14 and wounded more than 20 people in San Bernardino, Calif., the day before. Resignation is a feeling that too many of us have when it comes to the epidemic of gun violence in the United States. It's tragic. It's horrific.

Post and Courier: Congress must show war resolve

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151204/PC1002/151209797>

Editorial

The war against Islamic State is intensifying. Britain has joined the bombing campaign and President Obama has authorized Special Forces missions in Iraq and Syria targeting Islamic State leaders. But U.S. involvement in the war, which is critical to its success, has yet to be authorized by Congress. It is time to fix that.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Gun debate continues locally in wake of San Bernardino shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151203/PC1603/151209774>

Jennifer Berry Hawes, Christina Elmore, Gavin Jackson

As she watched news break about 14 dead in the San Bernardino shooting, Felicia Sanders' body ached with the faltering voice of a father whose daughter had texted him while hiding from the gunmen: "Pray for us. I am locked in an office." She cried for the newest members of the tragic tribe of families who have lost loved ones in the nation's ever-mounting toll of mass shootings.

The State: Transportation commission approves step toward Interstate 73

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article47851305.html>

Cassie Cope, Sammy Fretwell

The S.C. Department of Transportation Commission revived efforts Thursday to build Interstate 73, a controversial freeway long sought as a way to bring tourists to the Grand Strand. The commission approved a new plan that members hope will appease environmental concerns about the project. The plan calls for preserving Gunter's Island in Horry County in exchange for wetlands that would be destroyed during construction of the interstate.

Associated Press: Defense wants more evidence in fatal police shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tDZhP6Tn

Bruce Smith

Attorneys for a former police officer charged in the shooting death of an unarmed black motorist are seeking more evidence, including just what a state investigator posted on Facebook that led to his firing. A hearing is scheduled for Friday in the case of former North Charleston officer Michael Slager, who's charged with murder in the April shooting of Walter Scott in an incident captured on cellphone video.

Associated Press: Biden: Joe Riley led with conscience of saint, heart of lion

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jiOjm1kV

Bruce Smith

Vice President Joe Biden praised longtime Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. on Thursday, saying he has led his historic city for four decades with the conscience of a saint and the heart of a lion. The vice president, a longtime friend who met the mayor shortly after Riley took office, spoke at a gala in Riley's honor.

Post and Courier: Vice President Joe Biden praises Joe Riley at Thursday bash

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151203/PC1603/151209773>

Schuyler Kropf

The night drew together two average guys named Joe, both headed for retirement. Joe Biden, the vice president with a year left in office, paid tribute to Joe Riley, the soon-to-be departing mayor of Charleston, during a packed celebration marking the near end of Riley's 40 years at the helm.

The State: SC inmate death under investigation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article47810280.html>

Rachel Myers Lowe

An inmate of the South Carolina Department of Corrections died Wednesday at Palmetto Health Richland hospital, Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said in a news release. Donnell L. Candya, 21, died from head injuries "not due to a fall," Watts said after conducting an autopsy Thursday.

Local News:

Associated Press: Gun violence topic of forum at site of Charleston shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BS9cVUyN

Experts from across the country are gathering at the Charleston church where nine people were shot and killed earlier this year to discuss ways to reduce gun violence. Friday's forum at Emanuel AME Church is sponsored by the College of Charleston.

Index-Journal: John de la Howe cuts cost per student by half

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/John-de-la-Howe-cuts-cost-per-student-by-half>

Ariel Gilreath

Nearly two years after John de la Howe received criticism following a report from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Danny Webb said the school has cut its cost per student down by about half. John de la Howe is one of five schools in South Carolina serving students in grades 6-12 with emotional and behavioral issues.

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