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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Gov. Haley honored with Chamber's public servant award
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OT7EMFRa

South Carolina's business community has honored Gov. Nikki Haley with one of its top awards for her leadership of the state during a particularly difficult year. The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce on Thursday gave Haley its Public Servant of the Year award at an annual conference on Hilton Head Island.

Note: Haley said she appreciates the honor but was just doing her job as the state's top official. Haley told reporters after a convention luncheon that she still isn't ready to put a price tag on the costs of the flooding.

Associated Press: State agency issuing more fines against abortion clinics
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oPAdi7cY

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina's public health agency could fine three abortion clinics and two waste disposal companies nearly \$51,000 for violations concerning the disposal of fetuses. The proposed fines range from \$2,200 to \$21,150 for violating state disposal regulations, Department of Health and Environmental Control Director Catherine Heigel told a House panel Thursday.

Note: They are the latest fines stemming from an investigation requested by Gov. Nikki Haley in August. The request followed the release of secretly taped videos showing Planned Parenthood officials in other states discussing the collection of fetal organs for research.

S.C. Flood Recovery News:

The State: Flood spawns lawsuits filed against dam owners, insurance companies, SC E & G and Lexington County

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article44440407.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Four lawsuits were filed Thursday morning in state civil court at the Richland County clerk of court's office alleging negligence by organizations that controlled dams and drainage during the great rains of October greatly damaged the plaintiffs' homes and, in one case, a business.

Florence Morning News: FEMA officials to hold availability at Lighthouse Ministries in Florence

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_6d9a06d6-8978-11e5-bb2f-6b9d9d6b5e54.html

Joshua Lloyd

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be in Florence Friday morning to answer questions about flood damage from last month's "1000 year flood." Officials will be available for personal meetings with those impacted by flooding from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lighthouse Ministries located at 201 E. Elm Street in Florence.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Rubio's low-budget campaign looks to ramp up as voting nears

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=j3ZGdqfq

Julie Pace, Seanna Adcox

For months, Marco Rubio's campaign team in South Carolina operated out of a staffer's garage, plotting strategy for the first-in-the-South primary from freshly painted yard sale furniture and tiny classroom desks. The shoestring budget setup was a point of pride for the Republican presidential candidate's team. Now, with Rubio enjoying a burst of momentum as the early voting contests edge closer, the Florida senator's campaign is moving beyond its lean and mean roots.

Island Packet: Marco Rubio defends immigration proposals at Hilton Head campaign stop
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/article44448579.html>

Zach Murdock

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio defended his proposal to combat illegal immigration and his support of a 2013 immigration reform bill during his first presidential campaign stop on Hilton Head Island on Thursday morning. Instead of mass-deportation plans or walls the length of the border with Mexico, lawmakers must first prove they can enforce existing immigration codes, the Florida Republican told hundreds of members of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting.

Associated Press: Rubio: Reform of nation's guest worker program needed
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=22UCEnLs

Presidential contender Sen. Marco Rubio says reforms are necessary to make the country's guest worker program more productive and successful. The Florida senator took his message Thursday to a meeting of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

Post and Courier: Leon Stavrinakis and John Tecklenburg face each other in radio debate
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151112/PC16/151119803>

Diane Knich

Mayoral hopefuls Thursday debated growth, traffic, I-526 and more debates. Businessman John Tecklenburg and state Rep. Leon Stavrinakis, candidates in the Nov. 17 Charleston mayoral runoff, answered questions from TMA Morning Show host Charlie James and listeners who called in with concerns.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

TIME: Searching for Signs of a Change in Charleston
<http://time.com/4109768/searching-for-signs-of-a-change-in-charleston/>

John Huey

I was out of town when news of the massacre back home at Mother Emanuel reached me. Mass shootings happen so often that I can barely absorb them—What campus? Where? No, that was Monday's shooting—so mostly I let them pass me by, like shaking off a nightmare. Mother Emanuel was different.

Note: Governor Nikki Haley demanded that the Confederate battle flag—the overtly chosen symbol of the perpetrator—be removed from the grounds of the state capitol in Columbia. Long overdue, but as symbols go, no small thing.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Emanuel AME considering donation to survivors of church massacre
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151112/PC16/151119779>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Emanuel AME leaders are considering sharing with survivors donations made to the church after a June 17 mass shooting left nine people dead and five members to live with the violent killings they witnessed. The church sent out a press release Thursday saying it is considering "a possible donation to the survivors" made with money designated to the church itself.

The State: Volunteers continue sorting mementos after church shooting
<http://www.thestate.com/latest-news/article44459256.html>

Bruce Smith

Five months after nine black parishioners were gunned down at a Charleston church, volunteers continue the laborious job of sorting and cataloguing thousands of letters, mementos and gifts that poured in after the tragedy. For weeks following the June 17 shootings, the sidewalk in front of Emanuel AME Church was a shrine with flowers, cards, balloons and candles.

Post and Courier: Federal hearings for Dylann Roof, friend scheduled for coming weeks
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151112/PC16/151119794>

Andrew Knapp

Attorneys will discuss the status of the federal criminal case against Dylann Roof and a friend of his during separate hearings in the coming weeks, court paperwork stated. Roof is charged with 33 federal counts after the FBI said he fatally shot nine parishioners June 17 at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church

because they were black.

Associated Press: Judge sets hearings for defendants in SC church shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Ih0G4oeG

A federal judge has set hearings in the cases of the two men facing various charges in the shooting of nine parishioners at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel meets Friday with attorneys representing 21-year-old Joey Meek to discuss the status of his case. Prosecutors allege Meek lied and failed to report all he knew about Dylann Roof's plans for the church shooting.

Local News:

Greenville News: WYNIT moving headquarters, 111 jobs to downtown Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2015/11/12/wynit-moving-headquarters-111-jobs-downtown-greenville/75651034/>

Amanda Coyne

WYNIT Distribution is moving its international headquarters to Greenville's One building from North Syracuse, New York in a move that will make it one of the largest companies headquartered downtown. The technology distributor will occupy more than 57,000 square in the One building, beginning in the spring. All 36 employees from the company's Piedmont satellite office and some from offices in North Syracuse and Eden Prairie, Minnesota will be moved to the new downtown site.

Florence Morning News: Roche seeks buyer for plant, 270 jobs in limbo

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_6478ba0a-8961-11e5-b260-1ff5dabfe3c0.html

Joe Perry

Pharmaceutical manufacturer Roche Carolina Inc. announced Thursday a restructuring that could result in the loss of 270 jobs at its Florence facility as the Switzerland-based concern seeks a buyer for the plant. A divestment of its Florence site along with three in Europe is possible, but no employees have been laid off as of today, said Phil Adamson, who took over as head of the site in August.

Associated Press: Former SC lawmaker Viers appeals federal prison sentence

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jBxv0PBQ

Former South Carolina state Rep. Thad Viers is appealing his 3-year federal prison sentence for money laundering. Court documents show that Viers' attorneys filed the appeal this week. The former representative from Horry County pleaded guilty in April to helping a construction company owner hide assets from an insurance company looking to collect after the company failed to fulfill a state contract to pave part of Interstate 95.

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