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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Horry County farmers, congressman urging governor to change position on flood assistance for farmers

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article56139325.html#storylink=cpy>

Charles D. Perry

January usually means blowtorches, wrenches and grease for Ronald Rabon. It's the month the 60-year-old Aynor farmer pulls his tractors and cotton picker into a red metal workshop for their pre-season tuneups. But this winter the equipment sits beneath a storage shed.

Note: That's another challenge. Gov. Nikki Haley has said she doesn't want to accept federal assistance for a specific industry. "What this comes down to is, I'm not going to choose one industry over the other," she said recently.

Note: But Haley has said farmers already have a federally-subsidized insurance program and shouldn't receive special treatment. "I don't know what more money to ask for because doing that would be going to taxpayers to say, 'Give them money because they're farmers,'" she said. "And that's not my role as governor. So I am not comfortable doing that. What we did do is say we're going to treat everybody exactly the same and that's what we did."

WBTW: Congressman Tom Rice meets with farmers over flood relief

<http://wbtw.com/2016/01/22/congressman-tom-rice-meets-with-farmers-over-flood-relief/>

Brennan McDavid

Camouflage and baseball hats filled Horry County Council's chambers Friday morning. The agriculture business is still recovering from the flood in October. Congressman Tom Rice met with dozens of farmers to discuss federal funding. "The cotton and inability to harvest peanuts has really devastated the farm economy in South Carolina," said sixth generation farmer Keith Allen.

Greenville News: Ice creates power struggle across Upstate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/01/22/ice-creates-power-struggle-across-upstate/79163776/>

Eric Connor, Anna Lee

With wet snow and ice expected to fall steadily Friday night and into Saturday, Upstate utility providers deployed resources from across the state to keep power on — though by the time darkness began to fall, more than 25,000 customers were without power.

Note: It's still possible that Gov. Nikki Haley could declare a state of emergency, Becker said, though local public safety agencies have so far been able to handle the conditions.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Senate roads 'working group' frustrates legislators

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160122/PC1603/160129726>

Cynthia Roldan

A state Senate working group that is expected to propose a new plan for fixing South Carolina roads is also highlighting just how much the issue has divided lawmakers. When the session started two weeks ago, a group of eight lawmakers gathered as a "working group," at the suggestion of Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence.

The State: Tight three-way race so far for SC Supreme Court justice seat

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article56203735.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

A race in the S.C. General Assembly for the vacant seat on the state Supreme Court has turned into a quiet battle among three judges as they and their supporters try to round up the 85-vote majority needed to win. "I don't think anybody has it in the bag," said Rep. Eddie Tallon, R-Spartanburg. "I haven't committed yet."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: All we are saying is win our wars

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160123/PC16/160129783>

Frank Wooten

'Give peace a chance' or "Peace through strength"? The first line, from John Lennon, sounds appealing. But the second, from Ronald Reagan, is a much sounder notion. Like it or not, the enduring reality of individual — and collective — human nature feeds our nasty habit of waging war.

Post and Courier: Jeb Bush is best choice for commander in chief

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160123/PC1002/160129716>

Senator Lindsey Graham

With ISIS on the rise and radical Islamic terrorism threatening our homeland, America needs a strong and steady leader in the White House. I believe every American voter has an obligation to pick a commander in chief worthy of the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform and someone with the experience, judgment and temperament to keep our nation safe.

Post and Courier: Gun issue makes Clinton best choice for president

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160123/PC1002/160129714>

Joseph P. Riley

We recently had a future president in the Charleston area. Candidates on both sides of the aisle descended to our city to debate the issues. Unfortunately, far too few of the candidates understand that gun violence is increasingly becoming a national crisis that demands our willingness to come together to act.

Post and Courier: Putin's poisonous record

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160123/PC1002/160129717>

Editorial

An official British inquiry has concluded that Russian President Vladimir Putin "probably" ordered the radioactive poisoning and lingering death of a former Russian agent in London in November 2006. If true, the grotesque murder was apparently designed to send a message to Mr. Putin's opponents.

South Carolina News:

The State: Winter weather skirts Columbia, snow and ice hammer Upstate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article56194205.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Forecasters expected a dusting of snow overnight Friday and into Saturday morning in the Columbia area, but any snow that might stick is expected to melt by the afternoon with temperatures rising to near 40 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

Post and Courier: South Carolina particularly vulnerable to manufacturing hiccups

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160122/PC05/160129738>

David Wren

U.S. manufacturing is in an extended slump, and that could hurt South Carolina more than the nation as a whole, one of the state's leading economists told area business leaders Friday. "If you are in manufacturing . . . things don't look as good now as they did a year ago," said Bruce Yandle, dean emeritus of Clemson University's business school.

Greenville News: South Carolina moped deaths jumped in 2015

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/01/22/south-carolina-moped-deaths-jumped-2015/79161152/>

Tim Smith

For 55 people, close calls turned deadly last year in South Carolina moped accidents. According to the state Office of Highway Safety, the 55 deaths are up from 35 in 2014, a 57 percent increase. That compares to about a 16 percent increase in traffic deaths overall near the end of 2015.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Roads still hazardous in the Upstate

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160123/ARTICLES/160129868/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Roads-still-hazardous-in-the-Upstate>

The South Carolina Department of Transportation released a statement at 6 a.m. Saturday stating: "Greenville, Pickens, and Spartanburg county roads are reported as covered with snow and ice." SCDOT "will continue to plow and treat roads as needed, with the interstates being the first priority."

National News:

Politico: State Department asks for deadline extension on Hillary Clinton emails

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/01/state-department-asks-for-deadline-extension-on-hillary-clinton-emails-218126#ixzz3y56Qpw6E>

Rachael Bade, Josh Gerstein

The State Department is asking a federal judge for a one-month extension to finish releasing the final batch of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's emails, a State official confirmed Friday. The Department asked for more time to comply with a court order mandating the monthly release of Clinton's 30,000 work emails that followed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

Associated Press: Clinton, Sanders shadowing each other across Iowa

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_DEM_2016_IOWA_NHOL-?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-01-23-03-18-27

Julie Pace, Catherine Lucey

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are shadowing each other across eastern Iowa, eager to carve out any advantage in a race that's deadlocked with just over a week until the state's lead-off caucuses. The candidates' overlapping campaign schedules underscore the close eye the rivals are keeping on each other.

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