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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: As victims honored, lawmakers concede domestic violence isn't top priority
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Gavin Jackson, Maya T. Prabhu

Lawmakers aren't optimistic there will be any follow-up next year after last session's bruising battle to pass domestic violence reforms, including a partial gun ban, despite assuring victims and advocates that was just a start. The acknowledgement came on the same day as the annual Silent Witness ceremony on the Statehouse steps where victims' relatives honor and remember the past year's casualties of domestic violence as they have for 17 previous years.

Note: The S.C. Domestic Violence Task Force, created by Gov. Nikki Haley in January, is expected to provide additional recommendations to tackle domestic violence later this year. The diverse task force of some 65 state, local and nonprofit agencies developed 19 statewide recommendations and 10 local actions in August.

Anderson Independent: Zachary Hammond's parents ask governor to watch video

http://www.independentmail.com/news/zachary-hammonds-parents-ask-governor-to-watch-video_95020099

Mike Ellis

Paul Hammond, his voice steely with determination, said he wants a captain and the chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division to sit with him and watch the 20 seconds of video showing his 19-year-old son Zachary Hammond being fatally shot by a Seneca police officer.

Note: Eric Bland, an attorney for Paul and Angie Hammond, said the couple also is demanding to hear from Gov. Nikki Haley, who has not spoken publicly about the shooting since voicing support of the prosecutor months ago.

Florence Morning News: Violence Prevention program celebrates 20 years in Florence

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_f50da37a-7e83-11e5-99f8-cb62f86b7fd2.html

Deborah Swearingen

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of its Alternatives to Violence program, the Pee Dee Coalition hosted a luncheon Thursday at the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center. Community members congregated, ate and listened to keynote speaker Glenn Smith, the watchdog and public service editor at the Post and Courier in Charleston.

Note: Thursday's luncheon also included a report from Sheriff Kenney Boone, a member of Gov. Nikki Haley's domestic violence task force.

WSPA: Planned Politics? Inside South Carolina's Abortion Clinic Inspections

<http://wspa.com/2015/10/29/planned-politics-inside-south-carolinas-abortion-clinic-inspections/>

Gordon Dill

A series of new inspections, conducted by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, found violations at all three of the state's abortion clinics. Governor Nikki Haley requested the review after the release of viral videos posted on YouTube by a pro-life Center for Medical Progress.

Note: "What I wanted to find out is if we were seeing those kinds of things at Planned Parenthood. I owed it to the citizens of South Carolina to check to make sure that wasn't going to happen," Haley said.

Note: Asked about the very different results achieved by inspections after her letter, Governor Haley noted a change in management at DHEC. "Keep in mind there's a different director. So what I wanted was to make sure they were inspected properly, so they went through and were very thorough and some things they found were fine and some were really wrong and so our job is to make sure they gave us a full report of that they found," Haley said.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: State Rep. Jenny Horne will challenge Mark Sanford for congressional seat, spokesman says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC1603/151029225>

Schuyler Kropf

State Rep. Jenny Horne, who received national attention this summer for her anti-Confederate flag speech, will formally announce next week she's running for Congress, challenging incumbent Republican Mark Sanford in the coastal 1st Congressional District. Horne, an attorney who has represented Summerville as a Republican in the Legislature since 2008, said Thursday she won't be discussing a possible bid for Congress until next week.

Note: Sanford, the state's former governor, has represented the 1st District seat since 2013. He returned to Congress that year after winning a heated, multi-candidate Republican primary after then-incumbent Tim Scott was picked by Gov. Nikki Haley to fill a U.S. Senate seat vacancy.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Hillary Clinton in Charleston, Paul Ryan begins to lead the House

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151030/PC1603/151039979>

Maya T. Prabhu

With a fresh endorsement from several chairmen of the S.C. Legislative Black Caucus, Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton will be in town tonight to serve as the keynote speaker for the Charleston branch NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. Twelve members of the caucus released statements Thursday endorsing the former secretary of state, including Sen. John Matthews Jr., D-Orangeburg, Rep. Carl Anderson, D-Georgetown, and Rep. David Mack, D-Charleston.

Florence Morning News: Bernie Sanders to open campaign office in Florence

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_d72cdf96-7e75-11e5-9692-0f23c2d297e7.html

Deborah Swearingen

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign will celebrate the opening of its first Florence office Thursday evening with a potluck dinner. The event will begin at 6 p.m. at 2047 W. Evans St. in Florence, the site of the new field office. Christopher Covert, the campaign's South Carolina director, said he is excited about the office opening and sees it as a sign of the state's growing support for the senator.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Police officers using excessive force hurt community - and other cops

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151030/PC16/151039998>

Brian Hicks

It hasn't been the best week for South Carolina law enforcement, not from a public relations standpoint. Two videos surfaced that appear to show extremely excessive uses of force by two different law enforcement personnel - both of them against kids.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Associated Press: US Rep. Jim Clyburn, wife making announcement at SC State

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Kc6fh4PG

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, the first black lawmaker to serve in Congress from South Carolina since Reconstruction, is scheduled to make an announcement at South Carolina State University. Clyburn and his wife, both 1961 graduates of the Orangeburg university, are making an announcement on Friday.

WLTX: U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, wife making announcement at SC State Friday

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/10/30/us-rep-jim-clyburn-wife-making-announcement-sc-state-friday/74856728/>

Roshanda Pratt

U.S. Representative Jim Clyburn and his wife are scheduled to make an announcement Friday at South Carolina State University. Clyburn and his wife, both graduated from the Orangeburg University in 1961. According to the school the announcement on campus will demonstrate the couple's longstanding commitment to their alma mater.

McClatchy DC: Think Gowdy had a bad day questioning Clinton? Think again

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article41854596.html>

Vera Bergengruen

When Rep. Trey Gowdy visibly struggled to answer whether any new information had been uncovered by his Benghazi committee's 11-hour grilling of Hillary Rodham Clinton last week, things looked bad. Visibly tired, he seemed to draw a blank and shrugged.

South Carolina News:

The State: Student arrested during Spring Valley incident says she told classmates to video

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article41810298.html#storylink=cpy>

Glen Luke Flanagan

When school resource officer Ben Fields entered the classroom at Spring Valley High School on Monday morning, student Niya Kenny says she knew something was going to happen. "Initially, when they said an SRO was coming – we have two – I didn't know which one was coming," Kenny told The State newspaper Thursday.

Associated Press: Experts discuss how to handle defiant high school students

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=smRq3grB

Meg Kinnard

How should adults respond when a teenager defies her teacher? Disturbing videos showing a school resource officer flipping a girl from her desk and tossing her across the floor this week raised tough questions.

Post and Courier: Police continue to cite 'privacy' in withholding Emanuel shooting details

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC16/151029250>

Jennifer Berry Hawes, Doug Pardue

Charleston police released heavily redacted crime-scene and investigative documents on Thursday in the case against Dylann Roof, citing the department's ongoing investigation and a need to protect the privacy of the victims' families and survivors.

Post and Courier: Caller's identification of suspected killer leads to arrest

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC16/151029214>

Jennifer Berry Hawes, Doug Pardue

Nine hours after a killer ended his shooting rampage at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church, police got their first tip on the identity of the likely killer, investigative documents released Thursday show. At 6:20 the morning after the massacre, a man telephoned the police call center saying he was "positive the subject was someone he knew and had recently spent time 'hanging out with' named 'Dylann' " in a Lexington neighborhood called Ridgcrest.

Associated Press: Pharrell Williams to perform with Emanuel AME Gospel Choir

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

Pop superstar Pharrell Williams is scheduled to perform with the Emanuel AME Gospel Choir at the church's service Sunday. Multiple media outlets reported that Williams' appearance is part of a program on race relations being produced by A+E Networks and iHeartMedia. Williams plans to speak with community leaders and others affected by the June 17 shooting at the church.

Greenville News: Tri-County Tech a 'critical' part of state's success, secretary of commerce says

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/29/tri-county-tech-critical-part-states-success-secretary-commerce-says/74795606/>

Ron Barnett

Tri-County Technical College has been a key player in South Carolina's transformation from a textiles, tobacco and tourism economy to an advanced manufacturing, automotive and aerospace economy, ever since BMW came to the Upstate more than 20 years ago and sparked a culture change, the state's Secretary of Commerce said Thursday.

Local News:

The State: Community, law enforcement confront felons about gun violence in Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article41688057.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Community members and police confronted criminal troublemakers Thursday to tell them they are sick of gun violence in north Columbia. Roughly 150 people, some under the instruction of parole or probation officers, packed into the Eau Claire Print Building in north Columbia for an initiative aimed at deterring violence in north Columbia.

Rock Hill Herald: Chester County schools combat bullying with early intervention

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article41885085.html>

Anna Douglas

When state education department officials asked parents this year to list their main concerns for their children, bullying – not surprisingly – emerged as a top issue to address, Chester County school district officials say.

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