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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WHNS: Gov. Haley asks for 'love and prayers' for family of fallen SC officer

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/30163612/gov-haley-asks-for-love-and-prayers-for-family-of-fallen-sc-officer#ixzz3nLrXcqbo>

Dal Kalsi

Governor Nikki Haley and family have asked “that everyone lift up the family of Officer Greg Alia with love and prayers during this difficult time,” according to a spokesperson for the governor’s office. Haley will also request flags to be flown at half-staff on the day of Alia’s funeral. A date for the funeral has not yet been announced.

Associated Press: Board could approve state's 4th review of Planned Parenthood

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sEmC0UMT

Seanna Adcox

The Legislative Audit Council could launch the state's fourth investigation into Planned Parenthood. The governing board of the Legislature's investigative agency will decide Thursday whether to approve audit requests submitted two months ago by House and Senate Republicans. It's the board's first meeting since receiving the letters signed by dozens of legislators.

Note: Weeks later, Gov. Nikki Haley asked South Carolina's public health agency to investigate the state's abortion clinics. Attorney General Alan Wilson then announced he's looking into Medicaid payments for abortion.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley suspends Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet after misconduct indictment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151001/PC16/151009949>

Andrew Knapp

Chris Nisbet, the Dorchester County coroner for the past two decades, was suspended from office Thursday after he was indicted on a misconduct charge for his actions in a racially charged confrontation with a black neighbor. An executive order by Gov. Nikki Haley stated that a grand jury had charged Nisbet "for willingly and unlawfully breaching his duty of accountability to the public" and "for misusing his office to effect an unlawful arrest of a private citizen."

WCIV: Gov. Nikki suspends Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet following indictment

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30165051/gov-nikki-suspends-dorchester-county-coroner-chris-nisbet-following-indictment>

Gov. Nikki Haley has suspended Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet after he was indicted Thursday on a misconduct in office charge following an armed confrontation with his neighbor. The indictment alleges Nisbet breached his duty for "misusing his office to effect an unlawful arrest on a private citizen against the peace and dignity of this State.

WCBD: SC Governor suspends Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet

<http://counton2.com/2015/10/01/sc-governor-suspends-dorchester-county-coroner-chris-nisbet/>

Governor Nikki Haley has suspended Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet after his indictment Thursday on a misconduct in office charge. 47-year-old Christopher David Nisbet of Summerville, SC was charged with Misconduct in Office which carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison.

S.C. Political News:

Florence Morning News: Graham talks national security, government funding at Florence Chamber

luncheon

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_e0e55d58-686b-11e5-8633-4f7641315db0.html

Joshua Lloyd

During a stop along his campaign trail Thursday, South Carolina Republican senator and 2016 presidential candidate Lindsey Graham spoke to members of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce about national security, government funding and economic growth in his home state.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

USA Today: Trey Gowdy defends Benghazi panel as non-political

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/01/trey-gowdy-defends-benghazi-panel-non-partisan/73141044/>

Mary Troyan

South Carolina GOP Rep. Trey Gowdy, who has insisted for months that his panel's investigation into the 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi is non-political, was forced to play defense once again after House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., praised the probe for hurting Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Feds still undecided on seeking death penalty in Emanuel AME Church shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151001/PC16/151009966>

Andrew Knapp, Christina Elmore

A decision on pursuing Dylann Roof's execution on federal charges will be made by the U.S. Attorney General's Office, prosecutors said Thursday during a hearing in U.S. District Court. It remains unclear, however, when U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch will make that call, Assistant U.S. Attorney Julius Richardson said, adding it "requires input from an array of people."

Associated Press: The Latest on rainstorm: 1 dies in South Carolina flooding

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=S8Dgq0Wf

The latest on drenching storms threatening the East Coast. All times local:

Associated Press: Lt. Gov. McMaster kicks off effort to help seniors with pets

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0xD0WMP

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster talks frequently about how much he loves his dog, and now he's working to make sure South Carolina's seniors have the resources needed to care for their furry friends. On Thursday, the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging is kicking off Boots' Tail-Wagging Buddies.

Anderson Independent: Attorney: Disabilities agency board broke the law

http://www.independentmail.com/news/attorney-disabilities-agency-board-broke-the-law_89852241

Nikie Mayo

The panel overseeing the troubled Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board broke the law when it refused to disclose actions taken about the agency's key executives, Jay Bender, an attorney who specializes in South Carolina's open records and open meetings laws, said Wednesday.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Harrell says he won't immediately pay ethics order

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151001/PC1603/151009939>

Schuyler Kropf

Former House Speaker Bobby Harrell doesn't plan to immediately pay \$113,475 that a state ethics panel says he owes, but there's little lawmakers can do about it for now. The House Ethics Committee sent Harrell a letter dated Sept. 1 giving their former colleague 30 days to pay back money he used from his campaign fund to cover legal expenses defending himself against ethics charges that eventually cost him his legislative seat.

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