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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Post: Time for GOP panic? Establishment worried Carson or Trump might win.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/time-for-gop-panic-establishment-worried-carson-and-trump-might-win/2015/11/12/38ea88a6-895b-11e5-be8b-1ae2e4f50f76_story.html

Philip Rucker, Robert Costa

Less than three months before the kickoff Iowa caucuses, there is growing anxiety bordering on panic among Republican elites about the dominance and durability of Donald Trump and Ben Carson and widespread bewilderment over how to defeat them.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, herself an outsider who rode the tea party wave into office five years ago, explained the phenomenon. “You have a lot of people who were told that if we got a majority in the House and a majority in the Senate, then life was gonna be great,” she said in an interview Thursday. “What you’re seeing is that people are angry. Where’s the change? Why aren’t there bills on the president’s desk every day for him to veto? They’re saying, ‘Look, what you said would happen didn’t happen, so we’re going to go with anyone who hasn’t been elected.’”

Post and Courier: State Christmas tree arrives Monday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151113/PC1603/151119677>

Gavin Jackson

It’s going to begin to look a lot like Christmas at the Statehouse on Monday when the state’s Christmas tree arrives on the grounds. For the tenth year, Bruce Vollnogle, owner of TimberTech in Greer, will deliver the 35-foot white fir from Pinetum Christmas Tree Farm in Swanton, Md., to the Statehouse. It’s expected to arrive at 9 a.m.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley will light the tree during a ceremony the evening of Nov. 30.

S.C. Political News:

The State: GOP presidential hopeful Carson faces questions about Trump, Syria in Greenville

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article44767956.html>

Jamie Self

Asked to respond to Trump – who, campaigning this week, compared Carson’s claims of a violent youth to the pathology of a child molester and called Iowans stupid if they believe Carson’s version of his past – Carson only characterized the billionaire businessman’s attacks as excessive.

Associated Press: A third of SC superdelegates voice support for Clinton

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

Meg Kinnard

Hillary Clinton has public support from a third of South Carolina’s Democratic superdelegates, according to a survey by The Associated Press. The survey conducted earlier this month, found that two of the state’s six superdelegates have pledged their support to Clinton. She is seeking the party’s nomination over U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley.

S.C. Flood Recovery News:

Post and Courier: Flood aid deadlines approach

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151112/PC1603/151119736>

Gavin Jackson

Deadlines are approaching and in some cases have passed for South Carolinians in need of aid after last month’s historic flooding. S.C. Emergency Management Division officials said residents affected by flooding

in the 24 counties under a presidential disaster declaration have until Dec. 4 to register for individual assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Charleston trial likely for Dylann Roof friend Joey Meek

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151113/PC16/151119711>

Dave Munday

The trial for the friend of Dylann Roof accused of not reporting his plot to kill black church members is likely to be held in Charleston, a judge told attorneys at a hearing Friday morning. Joey Meek, 21, of the Red Bank area near Columbia, is accused of not warning authorities of Roof's plan for the mass shooting at Emanuel AME Church and of later lying to agents about what he knew.

Post and Courier: Citadel alumni campaign to remove Confederate Naval Jack from Summerall Chapel

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151113/PC20/151119680>

Jeff Hartsell

When Morris Robinson attended The Citadel, he was noted for at least two things - his performance on the football field, and his performances of "Oh Holy Night" at Summerall Chapel. "Every week, the gospel choir would go into that chapel and sing," Robinson said. "We'd hold hands, have a prayer and sing gospel music all night.

Associated Press: Judge delays trial for friend of church shooting defendant

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

Bruce Smith

A federal judge has delayed the trial for a defendant accused of not telling everything he knew about the plans of a man charged with shooting nine black parishioners at a Charleston church. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel agreed Friday to postpone the trial of 21-year-old Joey Meek until at least March. No trial date was set.

Associated Press: Some SC State workers not turning in accreditation paperwork

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=s5XOWyXi

The school has been on probation since the summer of 2014 because of financial problems, and in June, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools voted to keep the university on probation instead of removing the accreditation entirely, which likely would have forced South Carolina's only public historically black college to close.

Local News:

Anderson Independent: Michelin extends option on Oconee County project

http://www.independentmail.com/news/michelin-extends-option-on-oconee-county-project_60354736

Ray Chandler

Michelin has requested an extra two months to decide whether to locate a multimillion dollar distribution center in Oconee County. The company's option on a site in the Golden Corner Commerce Park, off S.C. 59 at Fair Play, has been extended until the end of February, Richard Blackwell, Oconee County's economic development director, said Thursday.

Island Packet: School board member calls for review of Jeff Moss' actions

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article44265111.html>

Rebecca Lurye

One Beaufort County school board member said she is planning to ask for a review of recent actions by Superintendent Jeff Moss, who altered the district's nepotism rule and approved his wife's hire at the start of the school year.

National News:

Associated Press: McConnell may put immigration on agenda amid GOP fight

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

Erica Werner

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has informed Democrats he may schedule a vote next week on a

hard-line immigration bill pushed by Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, a GOP candidate for president. The move could bring debate over immigration to the Senate floor just as it flares on the presidential campaign trail.

Associated Press: Carson promises to release documents on China, Syria
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DxuUcFUT

Bill Barrow

Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson is promising to release documents he says will prove his claim that China is involved in Syria's civil war. The Obama administration and foreign policy experts maintain that there is no evidence for Carson's statement.

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