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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Emerson Rose Act may have contributed to drop in infant deaths

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151122/PC16/151129937>

Lauren Sausser

Years before her name was attached to a life-saving law, Emerson Rose Smith was born in Charleston with a heart defect her little body couldn't handle. She lived at the Medical University of South Carolina that summer in 2011, hooked up to machines, fighting for life. Emerson's parents, Susan and Jason Smith, spent more than two months at MUSC with the baby.

**Note:** The Emerson Rose Act, signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley on June 13, 2013, requires all hospitals to screen newborns for heart defects before they go home. Emerson's parents pushed the General Assembly to pass the law after her death. Legislators approved it unanimously.

**Greenville News:** Rally against ISIS draws crowd in downtown Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/11/22/greenville-muslims-isis-refugees/76222014/>

Romando Dixon

Ali Alkelani stood on the curb of Main Street near East Coffee Street, helping hold up a sign that said, "Muslims Against Isis." He said he and other Muslims have found that people are tying them to ISIS in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in Paris.

**Note:** Governor Nikki Haley, in a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry, questioned the ability of federal agents to thoroughly vet Syrian refugees and asked that no Syrians be sent to South Carolina.

### S.C. General Assembly News:

**Aiken Standard:** Aiken lawmakers talk best use of \$1.2B in extra funding

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151122/AIK0101/151129834/1002/AIK01/aiken-lawmakers-talk-best-use-of-12b-in-extra-funding>

Derrek Asberry

The extra \$1.2 billion expected to be in the state's general fund next fiscal year should be divided among several agencies with a portion also stored away for a rainy day, said legislators from the Aiken County delegation. Lawmakers were notified about a week ago that the general fund will include \$7.7 billion, including the additional \$1.2 billion.

**Note:** A highly-debated, potential solution would be to raise the state gas tax – a move that has been denounced by Gov. Nikki Haley and other members of the Republican Party.

### S.C. Political News:

**Sun News:** Trump event moved to bigger venue to meet high attendance demand

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article45740295.html>

Presidential hopeful Donald Trump will be visiting Myrtle Beach Tuesday night, and the event has moved from Broadway at the Beach to the Myrtle Beach Convention Center to make more space due to an overwhelming demand. The presidential rally will now be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, with doors opening at 4 p.m., at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center at 2101 North Oak St.

**Rock Hill Herald:** GOP presidential contenders Jeb Bush, Ben Carson to visit Rock Hill

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article45903785.html>

Bristow Marchant

Two presidential contenders are returning to Rock Hill on either side of Thanksgiving, as South Carolina's primary calendar begins to overlap with the holiday season. On Tuesday, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush will

hold a town hall at 6:15 p.m. in the Magnolia Room, 4017 Laurel Creek Drive.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** 2017 paychecks to shrink less

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151123/PC1002/151129794>

Editorial

This time the tax collector really is bringing good news. South Carolina will reduce the amount it withholds from residents' paychecks. Many people have had the same experience: At tax time, they owe more federal income taxes, but get refunds from the state. The refunds are nice, but they also represent taxpayers' money that South Carolina has been enjoying interest-free.

**Post and Courier:** A positive defense for voters

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151123/PC1002/151129793>

Editorial

Negative campaigning doesn't always produce positive results for its practitioners. And John Tecklenburg's assessment that "general negativity" against him by Leon Stavrinakis "backfired" in Tuesday's Charleston mayoral runoff appears valid. After all, Mr. Tecklenburg, after edging Mr. Stavrinakis by 37-36 percent on Nov. 3, rolled to a 15-point victory on Tuesday.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Newsome: Port of Charleston's import glut a short-term issue

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151122/PC05/151129939>

David Wren

Imports have been on the rise at the Port of Charleston, with cargo coming into the U.S. far outpacing goods leaving the country in recent months, new statistics show. "It's absolutely opposite of what we think the long-term trend is going to be, which is further growth in manufacturing and further growth of exports," said Jim Newsome, president and CEO of the State Ports Authority.

**Associated Press:** Rally against ISIS draws crowd in downtown Greenville

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Cx3K04WM](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Cx3K04WM)

An upstate Islamic group has taken to the streets of Greenville to condemn the attacks on Paris. Multiple media outlets report "Muslims Against ISIS" rallied Sunday from One City Plaza. The Islamic Society of Greenville says they were joined by people who aren't of Muslim faith but who stand with them. The group says they criticize any attack made by terror groups.

**Post and Courier:** Grapevine: BP to keep Charleston chemical plant, sell Alabama site

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151123/PC05/151129865>

BP didn't leave itself much choice after it decided to jettison one of its U.S. petrochemical plants: Alabama or South Carolina. Palmetto State officials would say it chose wisely. The British-owned energy giant said last week it is seeking a buyer for its 400-worker Decatur, Ala., manufacturing site.

**Associated Press:** 1 killed; 2 hurt in North Charleston drive-by shooting

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pcOOoUm](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pcOOoUm)

One person has died and two others were hurt in a drive-by shooting in North Charleston. Police told local media outlets that officers were called around 2 a.m. Sunday by a report that two vehicles were on a city street, with those inside shooting at each other.

## **Local News:**

**Post and Courier:** Mayor Joe Riley won't slow down until he passes the baton to Tecklenburg

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151122/PC16/151129872>

Diane Knich

Last January, Charleston Mayor Joe Riley laid out some goals for his final year in office — an ambitious agenda that he admitted could extend beyond his time in City Hall. Among his goals were continuing his fundraising efforts for the International African American Museum, bringing more development to West Ashley, completing the Gaillard Center, developing a plan for the city's burgeoning entertainment districts, and pushing for the completion of Interstate 526.

**Post and Courier:** Dorchester County blames state for tax hike

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151123/PC16/151129862>

David Slade

The state has been shorting counties and cities on a pool of money known as the Local Government Fund since 2008. During the recession, the state shored up its own budget by giving counties and cities less funding than the law calls for, and the gaps have been getting larger even as the economy improves.

**Aiken Standard:** Aiken County tests out new DSS centralized computer system

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151122/AIK0101/151129833/aiken-county-tests-out-new-dss-centralized-computer-system>

Tripp Girardeau

Aiken County is lined up to be one of three counties that will get to test out a new centralized computer system the S.C. Department of Social Services is working to complete that will enable them to track down deadbeat parents throughout the state.

## **National News:**

**Washington Post:** In Paris' wake, a changed presidential contest – and electorate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/election/Candidate-match/article45980320.html>

David Weigel

One week after the terrorist attacks in Paris, Diane Lochocki drove with her boyfriend from New York to New Hampshire's state house. Ben Carson was filing for the presidential primary, and Lochocki, 78, wanted to see him. It was time for a new president, one who actually took the threat of radical Islam seriously.

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