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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: With Confederate flag gone, King Day rally shifts focus

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=X9zcfUPt

Jeffrey Collins

For the first time in 17 years, civil rights leaders gathered Monday at the South Carolina Statehouse to pay homage to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. without the Confederate flag casting a long shadow over them. The banner was taken down over the summer after police said a young white man who had posed for photos with a rebel flag shot nine black church members to death during a Bible study in Charleston.

Note: After the massacre at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley reversed course and made it a priority for lawmakers to pass legislation to remove the flag.

Note: Only Clinton dealt directly with the flag. She credited Haley and the Republicans with working with the NAACP after the church shooting and choosing King's legacy over hatred.

The State: MORNING BUZZ: Busy week under the S.C. State House dome

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article55374370.html>

Cassie Cope

Senators on the Judiciary Committee will at 3 p.m. consider a proposal that would kill some 200 pending class action lawsuits against 211 S.C. car dealers. The proposal is sponsored by Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin, R-Pickens.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley unveiled her spending priorities last week, suggesting \$345 million should be spent to repair the state's roads.

Note: On Wednesday, Haley will deliver her State of the State address. The Republican governor has been in the spotlight since last week after she gave the GOP response to the State of the Union.

New York Times: Nikki Haley's State of the Union Response Sours Tea Party Voters' Mood

<http://www.nytimes.com/politics/first-draft/2016/01/19/nikki-haleys-state-of-the-union-response-soured-tea-party-voters-mood/>

Alan Rappeport

It has been almost a week since Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina suggested in a State of the Union response that her fellow Republicans dial down their anger. For Tea Party activists in her state, the advice has served only to frustrate them further. At the South Carolina Tea Party Coalition Convention that concluded on Monday, conservatives were excited to hear from Republican presidential candidates such as Donald. J. Trump, Senator Ted Cruz of Texas and Mike Huckabee.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Seneca Journal: Legislators reflect on busy first week, look ahead to coming week

<https://upstatetoday.com/2016/01/legislators-reflect-on-busy-first-week-look-ahead-to-coming-week/>

Greg Oliver

With the exception of moped legislation that passed the South Carolina House of Representatives, members of the South Carolina General Assembly representing Oconee and Pickens counties said last week's 2016 opening week produced little fanfare.

Note: Alexander said this week will also feature the annual State of the State address Wednesday night by Gov. Nikki Haley.

Aiken Standard: Lawmaker decries uranium travel to Savannah River Site

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160118/AIK0101/160119426/lawmaker-decries-uranium-travel-to-savannah-river-site>

Derrek Asberry

A New York congressman has continued advocating against the Savannah River Site receiving a liquid form of highly-enriched uranium from Canada after the Department of Energy concluded transferring the material would be a “low risk” venture. Rep. Brian Higgins, a Democrat, spoke Jan. 7 on the House floor where he spoke about the dangers of shipping the material, or HEU.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Political opponents, not ‘enemies’

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160119/PC1002/160119332>

Editorial

Expressing vehement disdain for the political opposition’s policy ideas is an American tradition that can help illuminate voters’ choices. But while accusing the other side of bad judgment is fair game, accusing it of bad motives is dangerously divisive. The latter charge has proliferated over the last two decades, feeding bitter partisanship and undermining the chances of practical compromises in the halls of power.

Note: And yes, candidates on all sides should watch their political language. They should heed S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley’s wise warning, in her GOP response to President Barack Obama’s final State of the Union address last week, against following “the angriest voices.”

Aiken Standard: What to expect from the 2016 legislative session

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160119/AIK0201/160119596/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

If attending this year’s legislative workshop in Columbia was supposed to result in the media assuring South Carolinians’ that the 2016 legislative session would somehow be vastly different and far better than 2015, then it failed. For some years now, media are invited to the nearly all-day workshop that precedes the kickoff of the new session.

Times and Democrat: ‘Establishment’ could get boost in S.C. primaries

http://thetandd.com/news/establishment-could-get-boost-in-s-c-primaries/article_4059425c-9e7a-525d-bf08-9acadf14284b.html

Editorial

South Carolina’s political primaries are shaping up as the make-or-break contests that officials with both the Democratic and Republican parties had hoped. And they could be the tale of the tape for the “establishment” candidates. Sunday night’s Democratic debate left little doubt that presumed frontrunner and nominee-in-waiting Hillary Clinton is taking no chances in the Palmetto State.

Note: And S.C. politicians can play a key role. Gov. Nikki Haley signaled in her national address following Obama’s State of the Union that the party does not need extremism. That rules out support for Trump or Rubio.

The State: Key to improving poor schools: a good teacher in every classroom

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article54959315.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

AFTER 10 MONTHS of work, testimony from 29 experts over four public hearings, a dozen other meetings, 130 recommendations reviewed and 121 of them adopted, the House’s Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force came to this conclusion: It’s all about the teachers.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: King Day celebration no longer in shadow of Confederate flag

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160118/PC1603/160119323>

Gavin Jackson

For the first time in 17 years, the divisive Confederate battle flag cast no shadow over the thousands gathered at the Statehouse Monday to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in a moving tribute that included the three Democratic presidential candidates.

The State: Presidential politics, education drive King Day rally

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article55329075.html>

Jamie Self, Cassie Cope

Democratic presidential candidates and a focus on education drew throngs to a cold but clear King Day at

the Dome Monday in Columbia, the first rally since the Confederate flag was removed from the State House grounds. Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton noted the occasion was momentous.

Greenville News: Greenville event honors Martin Luther King Jr., Emanuel 9

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/01/18/greenville-event-honors-martin-luther-king-jr-emanuel-9/78966830/>

Romando Dixon

King and other civil rights leaders had outlined plans for sit-in demonstrations at lunch counters and movie theaters in Charleston. King wanted to know how potential protesters would respond if they were spit at, cursed or slapped, Coakley-Guyton said. She was part of a group that staged a sit-in at a theater on King Street in downtown Charleston.

Local News:

Aiken Standard: S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson to speak in Aiken on Thursday about human trafficking

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160118/AIK0101/160119436/sc-attorney-general-alan-wilson-to-speak-in-aiken-on-thursday-about-human-trafficking>

Trip Girardeau

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson will speak about the fight against human trafficking at the Aiken Republican Club's 2016 kick-off luncheon meeting this Thursday at Newberry Hall. January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Associated Press: Charleston homeless advocates look to tiny house as model

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9Hb2TY4m

The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/1nucjVg>) reports a dedication for the first tiny house was held Monday afternoon at a construction site on a city-owned lot, but the unfinished structure will have to be moved off the lot Tuesday because it isn't compatible with neighborhood regulations.

National News:

Washington Post: Obama struggling with immigration rules and cruelties of deportation

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/obama-struggling-with-immigration-rules-and-cruelties-of-deportation/2016/01/18/5c2d4258-bba7-11e5-b682-4bb4dd403c7d_story.html

David Nakamura

The Obama White House is working frantically to quell the political outrage among immigration rights advocates and Latino leaders who say they feel betrayed by a recent series of deportation raids launched by the administration, mostly against women and children from Central America.

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