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Governor Nikki Haley News:

New York Times: Republicans Tread Carefully in Criticism of Confederate Flag

http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/06/22/us/politics/republicans-tread-carefully-in-criticism-of-confederate-flag.html?referrer=&_r=0

Jonathan Martin

The massacre of nine African-Americans in a storied Charleston church last week, which thrust the issues of race relations and gun rights into the center of the 2016 presidential campaign, has now added another familiar, divisive question to the emerging contest for the Republican nomination: what to do with the Confederate battle flag that flies on the grounds of the South Carolina Capitol.

Note: Unless Gov. Nikki R. Haley calls the Legislature back into a special session, the state will most likely take up the issue when the next session begins in January — shortly before South Carolina's presidential primary.

Post and Courier: Emanuel AME Church reopens with display of faith, hope and unity

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150621/PC16/150629865>

Adam Parker

In a remarkable display of joy, sorrow and trust, worshippers at Emanuel AME Church on Sunday morning honored slain parishioners by celebrating the power of faith and community. It was the first service in the church since authorities said Dylann Roof, 21, an avowed white supremacist, gunned down nine people gathered for Bible study on Wednesday, including Mother Emanuel's lead pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney.

Note: The first pew was occupied by Gov. Nikki Haley and her family, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey, Charleston Mayor Joe Riley and City Councilman William Dudley Gregorie, a member of Mother Emanuel, California Congresswoman Maxine Waters and others showing support for Mother Emanuel.

USA Today: Emanuel AME Church holds first service since killings

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/21/mother-emanuel-church-services/29065125/>

Yamiche Alcindor, John Bacon

An iconic black church held an emotionally charged service Sunday as its members, the city and the nation continued a painful healing process four days after a white gunman's rampage left nine worshippers dead. Church bells tolled across the city at 10 a.m. in memory of the victims of Dylann Roof, who opened fire Wednesday night on a Bible study group at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Note: On a sunny, steamy Sunday, his church's service drew a packed house that featured government and community leaders from across the state, including Gov. Nikki Haley and her family.

New York Times: Charleston church reopens after massacre, and a city mourns

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/nation-world/national/article25106728.html>

Richard Fausset, John Eligon

This city, famous for its many houses of worship, awoke Sunday with a collective plan to mourn and pray and honor the nine black churchgoers killed here in what authorities said was a racist attack by a white gunman. Worship normally contained within church walls spilled into the streets.

Note: The crowd included Gov. Nikki R. Haley and the conservative presidential hopeful Rick Santorum, who sat toward the back of the sanctuary next to DeRay McKesson, the liberal activist.

The State: SC budget to include \$800 bonus for state employees, money for roads

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article25117654.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

S.C. employees who make less than \$100,000 a year will receive a one-time \$800 bonus, once the state's \$7 billion state budget takes effect, likely July 1. The six-member S.C. budget conference committee met near 3:30 a.m. Sunday to decide state spending after meeting behind-the-scenes for at least 15 hours Saturday to finalize negotiations.

Note: Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has advocated for borrowing \$123 million to pay for incentives, but critics have said that borrowing plan will unnecessarily cost \$87 million in interest.

Note: Once lawmakers pass a budget this week, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has five days, excluding Sunday, to veto their spending proposals.

Emanuel AME Church Shooting News:

Associated Press: Solidarity in Charleston before church victims' funerals

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gf5iLk5Y

Phillip Lucas, Jonathan Drew

A week of funerals lie ahead for victims of the Charleston church massacre that killed nine people, reopened old racial wounds and evoked memories of past episodes of violence against black churches. Bells tolled across the city Sunday as thousands linked up on a towering bridge and a historic sanctuary reopened in displays of unity.

Post and Courier: Thousands gather for Bridge to Peace event: 'We will rise above the hate'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150621/PC16/150629842>

Melissa Boughton

"Charleston strong" wasn't just a phrase Sunday night. The city has been praised for its response to a shooting that left nine dead Wednesday night in Emanuel AME Church, but a walk Sunday night across the Arthur Ravenel Bridge put residents' solidarity into perspective.

CBS News: Tim Scott: South Carolina shooter has "brought our community together"

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/charleston-shooting-tim-scott-south-carolina-shooter-brought-our-community-together/>

Rebecca Kaplan

The man who allegedly shot nine people at a historic black church in Charleston last week in the hopes of fomenting a race war has ultimately brought the community closer together, Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, said Sunday.

The State: 'Mother Emanuel' grieves lives lost in church shooting, but 'not broken'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/article25121485.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

"Mother Emanuel" is "not broken by any means" – they're "standing taller." That's the hopeful message of a minister during the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church's first worship service Sunday, four days after a gunman shot and killed six women and three men during a Bible study in the building.

Note: The packed service included Gov. Nikki Haley and her family, who sat in the front row with U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-SC, Charleston Mayor Joe Riley and North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey.

Associated Press: Attacked in places most sacred, congregations struggle on

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

Adam Geller

The blast, powered by at least 40 sticks of dynamite, ripped into the stillness before dawn. A few more hours and Sunday school classrooms at The Temple on Atlanta's Peachtree Street would have been filled with 600 children. The synagogue was spared blood, but the explosion on that morning in 1958 rocked a Jewish congregation whose backing of the civil rights movement had long sown fears of retaliation.

Post and Courier: Confederate flag controversy dominates Sunday talk shows, North Charleston officials to call for its removal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150621/PC16/150629851/confederate-flag-controversy-dominates-sunday-talk-shows>

Schuyler Kropf

North Charleston city officials are expected to hold a news conference Monday calling for the Confederate flag's removal from Statehouse grounds. Other local leaders also might take part in the event at Park Circle.

The action comes a day after the flag and the killing of nine church members in Charleston dominated the Sunday political shows.

CNN: Republicans take a pass on Confederate flag

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/21/politics/republicans-confederate-flag-charleston-shootings/>

Theodore Schleifer

Republicans on Sunday demurred when asked whether South Carolina should remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the state capitol, attempting to avoid a potential landmine in the first-in-the-south presidential contest.

McClatchy: S.C. lawmakers, GOP presidential hopefuls split over Confederate flag

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2015/06/21/270707/sc-lawmakers-gop-presidential.html>

William Douglas, David Lightman

South Carolina's leading federal lawmakers and the 2016 Republican presidential field are split over what to do about the Confederate flag that flies on the statehouse grounds. Questions about the flag have resurfaced in the wake of what law enforcement officials are calling the racially-motivated murders of nine people in Charleston.

Associated Press: White supremacist donated to GOP presidential candidates

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gcbT974b

The leader of a white supremacist group cited by Charleston church murder suspect Dylann Roof made \$65,000 in donations to Republicans, including several to Republican presidential candidates, The Guardian newspaper reported Sunday night.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Greenville News: Existing laws wouldn't have stopped Dylann Roof's gun purchase

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/06/19/gun-laws-dylann-roof/29016743/>

Nathaniel Cary

When police arrested Charleston church massacre suspect Dylann Storm Roof in his car in Shelby, North Carolina, last week they found a handgun — presumably the weapon used to shoot and kill nine worshippers gathered inside the historic Emanuel AME Church. Nothing would have prevented Roof from buying or owning it, despite a pending drug charge, according to federal gun laws.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Index-Journal: Haley changes rule on making charges

<http://indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/Haley-changes-rule-on-making-charges>

Editorial

There's little room for argument that attracting Volvo to South Carolina isn't a huge boon for our state. The automaker will invest \$500 million in its factory, employ 2,000 people over the next decade and 4,000 by 2030 and generate a projected economic impact of about \$4.8 billion annually. However, Gov. Nikki Haley's insistence on swiping \$123 million onto the state's credit card to bring them here is a double edged sword.

Post and Courier: Emanuel: 'God with us'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150621/PC1002/150629855>

Editorial

Over its long, difficult and yet triumphant history, Emanuel AME Church has inspired people to remember "God with us" — a translation of the name Emanuel. God was with the church and its members during years of racial oppression and strife. God was with them after the 1886 earthquake leveled the wooden church building, which was replaced by the present masonry structure.

South Carolina News:

The State: Energy company continues fight for petroleum pipeline through SC, Georgia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article24809977.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

A U.S. energy corporation is challenging a decision that threatens to stop the company's planned \$1 billion petroleum pipeline through Georgia and South Carolina. Kinder Morgan Inc., as expected, appealed

Wednesday the Georgia Department of Transportation ruling against the pipeline, arguing that the May 18 decision was unfair, poorly considered and illegal.

Post and Courier: South Carolina, Georgia agree to fund Jasper port project for next fiscal year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150622/PC05/150629940>

It seems fitting to mark a watershed moment for a big maritime project. In the case of the proposed Jasper Ocean Terminal, the approval of a new budget was cause to celebrate. At a meeting last week, the S.C. State Ports Authority and the Georgia Ports Authority agreed to contribute \$1.25 million apiece to fund the fiscal 2016 spending plan for the long-planned Jasper County shipping terminal.

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