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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Church resumes Bible study as slain pastor's body returned
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=W3D3mwRs

Jesse J. Holland

The site of a massacre a week ago, the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church is being reclaimed by parishioners who are pledging to remember the loved ones they lost in a shooting rampage while carrying on the work of the beloved pastor who was slain beside them.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley started the groundswell against Confederate icons Monday by successfully calling on South Carolina lawmakers to debate taking down the Confederate battle flag flying in front of the Statehouse.

Associated Press: Walker: Haley asked that he not talk about Confederate flag
http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/walker-haley-asked-that-he-not-talk-about-confederate-flag/2015/06/24/e97347ca-1ab7-11e5-bed8-1093ee58dad0_story.html

Scott Bauer

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker said Wednesday he didn't initially offer his opinion on whether the Confederate flag should be taken down from the Capitol grounds in South Carolina because Gov. Nikki Haley asked him to hold off speaking about it. Haley's spokeswoman Chaney Adams confirmed the two Republicans spoke on Saturday, but did not say that Haley asked Walker not to comment.

The State: Haley: Fate of Confederate flag license plates up to lawmakers
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article25409218.html>

Andrew Shain

S.C. lawmakers can decide what to do about a state specialty vehicle license plate that contains the Confederate flag next year, Gov. Nikki Haley's office said Wednesday. Haley wants the General Assembly to focus first on moving the controversial Civil War banner from the State House grounds.

Note: "They are welcome to take that up next year if they so choose," Haley press secretary Chaney Adams said. "But, right now, the governor is focused on healing the families and the state, and believes the Legislature should focus on removing the flag from the capitol grounds."

S.C. Confederate Flag News:

Rock Hill Herald: Congressman Mulvaney speaks out on Confederate flag
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article25462573.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney said it took last week's mass shooting in Charleston for him to appreciate the range of meanings the Confederate flag holds for different people. The Indian Land Republican this week discussed the growing calls for removing the flag from the Statehouse grounds in Columbia.

Note: Mulvaney said he had been asked by Gov. Nikki Haley's staff to go to Columbia on Monday for a discussion of "great importance to the state."

Associated Press: College of Charleston board supports removing flag
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YadVeAhx

College of Charleston board members have adopted a resolution in support of removing the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse grounds. The Post and Courier (<http://bit.ly/1Hfs5f0>) reports the board adopted the resolution Wednesday. The school is just blocks from Emanuel AME Church, where nine black parishioners were killed last week, including one of the college's own.

Associated Press: US Capitol's Confederate statues prompt renewed debate
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZRJN3Zhk

Erica Werner

Alexander H. Stephens, onetime vice president of the Confederacy, sits memorialized in stone, right leg crossed over left, staring sternly into the distance as summer-clad tourists mill about him in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall. Solemn and cold, he looks like he could sit there for eternity.

Mother Emanuel Church News:

Post and Courier: Thousands pay respects to slain pastor lying in state under Capitol dome

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150624/PC16/150629673>

Andrew Knapp, Cynthia Roldan

Thousands of mourners on Wednesday streamed past the open casket of Clementa Pinckney, the esteemed pastor and state senator who lay in state under the Capitol dome a week after he and eight others were slain at a historic black Charleston church.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley watched as nine state troopers in wide-brimmed hats hoisted the casket and carried Pinckney into the Capitol as the crowd outside sang "We Shall Overcome."

Note: Their calls have been joined by a growing number of state officials, including Haley, businesses and civil rights activists. A photo on a website linked to the accused killer, Dylann Roof of Eastover, shows him holding a Confederate flag.

Greenville News: Thousands pay respects to Sen. Clementa Pinckney

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/06/24/senator-clementa-pinckney-viewing/29238417/>

Tim Smith

They came from across the state, holding umbrellas and fans, dressed in church clothes or more casual wear, waiting in line for hours in steamy heat to pay their last respects to Sen. Clementa Pinckney. The 41-year-old pastor and senator, who was among nine people shot to death at his black historic church in Charleston a week ago, lay in state in the capitol rotunda Wednesday afternoon, an honor last bestowed on the late Gov. Carroll Campbell in 2005.

The State: Public pays respects to slain Sen. Clementa Pinckney

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/article25403107.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Clementa Pinckney will never know how much he meant. Thousands – some strangers, some dear friends and colleagues – came to the State House Wednesday to pay respects to the slain state senator, his open casket placed in the State House a week after he was shot and killed, with eight others, while leading a Bible study at his Charleston church.

Note: There, Gov. Nikki Haley, and state Senate and House members waited to receive Pinckney.

WYFF: Both SC senators discuss mass murder on Senate floor

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/both-south-carolina-senators-discuss-mass-murder-on-senate-floor/33765134>

Aly Myles

It was an emotional day in Columbia as both Republican senators discuss the Charleston church shooting. Sen. Tim Scott was overcome with emotion Wednesday night discussing his conversation with one of the victim's sons. Sen. Lindsey Graham spoke in awe of the victims' families ability to forgive accused killer, Dylann Roof.

Associated Press: First 2 funerals for Charleston church slaying victims set

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BkorR5fj

Family and friends are gathering for the first two funerals for victims of a church shooting in Charleston. The funeral for Ethel Lance is scheduled for Thursday morning, while the funeral for Sharonda Coleman-Singleton will be held in the afternoon. Both services are taking place at churches in North Charleston.

Post and Courier: Ex-FBI profiler has clues to prevent the next mass murder

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150624/PC16/150629614>

Tony Bartelme

Mass killers often have a lethal cocktail of narcissism, paranoia and the need to "collect wounds" — traits that Dylann Roof appears to share, a former FBI profiler says. Joe Navarro, a noted expert on body

language and counter-terrorism, also says that if people learn more about certain behavioral cues, they might be able to prevent future killings.

Post and Courier: S.C. Supreme Court replaces Charleston County Chief Magistrate Gosnell

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150624/PC16/150629644>

Melissa Boughton

The chief magistrate widely criticized for soliciting sympathy for the family of a man accused of fatally shooting nine people during a Bible study last week has been replaced, according to a Wednesday order from the S.C. Supreme Court. The order states that Charleston County Magistrate Ellen Steinberg is appointed chief judge for administrative purposes of the summary courts for Charleston County.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Aiken Standard: Rep. Corley: Compromise is needed on flag

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150624/AIK0101/150629677/1004>

Rob Novit

Earlier this week, S.C. Rep. Chris Corley offered a flat “no” when asked if would support removing Confederate flag from the capitol grounds in the wake of tragedy. CNN has aired a 24-second video in which Corley brushed off a reporter from that network. However, on Wednesday, his demeanor was more tempered during a phone interview with the Aiken Standard as he discussed his stance.

Greenville News: Pickens County lawmakers on hot seat in Confederate flag debate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2015/06/24/pickens-county-lawmakers-hot-seat-confederate-flag-debate/29237687/>

Ron Barnett

The Confederate flag controversy has unfurled with a passion in Pickens County, a stronghold of pro-flag sentiment, putting legislators who have spoken out in favor of removing the Civil War banner from the Statehouse grounds on the hot seat.

Aiken Standard: Area legislators share thoughts on Confederate flag votes

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150625/AIK0101/150629681/1004/area-legislators-share-thoughts-on-confederate-flag-votes>

Rob Novit

On his website this week, S.C. Sen. Shane Massey, R-Edgefield, described how he has heard from hundreds of “well-meaning and sincere” South Carolinians who defend the Confederate battle flag and want it to remain in front of the Statehouse.

Note: In an email, Taylor said his “undecided” response doesn’t put that answer in context. He said he respects the views of Gov. Nikki Haley and the strong views of many on the battle flag.

Index-Journal: Abbeville reps say nay to flag debate

<http://indexjournal.com/news/Abbeville-reps-say-nay-to-flag-debate>

Colin Riddle

Resulting from a unique effort of unwavering unity, South Carolina residents, and many others on the national stage, are wanting to see a gesture from the state government by lowering what many see as a symbol of hatred in response to the nine killings in Charleston last week by a Confederate sympathizer and self-proclaimed instigator of a race war.

Note: State Reps. Craig Gagnon and Mike Gambrell, who represent Abbeville County, were two of the 10 votes Tuesday opposed to opening up debate to remove the flag, which is officially the Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Associated Press: Legislature passes budget giving counties \$216M for roads

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=alrmX0ZZ

Seanna Adcox

A budget that distributes \$216 million to counties for road repair and provides \$70 million toward infrastructure promised to Volvo was approved Tuesday by the South Carolina Legislature. The budget package, which allocates more than \$7 billion in state tax revenues, also sets aside \$50 million to be used later in a plan to borrow \$500 million for large highway projects.

Note: The spending plan was sent Tuesday to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. She has until late Monday to issue line-item vetoes, meaning the budget will become law just in time for the fiscal year's July 1 start.

Aiken Standard: South Carolina budget, spending bills reach Gov. Haley's desk

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150624/AIK0101/150629679>

Derrek Asberry

Vetoes to long-awaited state spending bills that fund roads, higher-education needs and other state programs will likely come from Gov. Nikki Haley since the governor has a line-item veto authority. Still, the General Assembly is content with getting the main budget, a surplus bill and the capital reserve bill to Haley's desk Tuesday for a potential signature.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Clementa C. Pinckney

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC1002/150629611>

Editorial

State Sen. Clementa C. Pinckney's life and work, as much as his tragic death, explains why President Barack Obama will speak at his funeral Friday. And why Mrs. Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will also be in attendance. The pastor of Emanuel AME Church as well as a senator, he repeatedly stressed that "I see my public life as an extension of my ministry."

Aiken Standard: Praise budget deal, not the dysfunction

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150625/AIK0201/150629713/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

Attention was rightfully taken away from regular business in the General Assembly last week after a special legislative session was marred with a tragic note, but there still remains the need to have a state budget signed, sealed and delivered by lawmakers.

Note: Lawmakers are now waiting for S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley to consider any vetoes she may have related to the budget.

Note: Haley has already indicated that the legislature's decision concerning this surplus is "precedent-setting" as the economy improves and officials foresee more surpluses in the years to come.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Analysts: New Boeing CEO's stance on labor issues may have an impact on North Charleston plant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150624/PC16/150629628>

David Wren

Dennis Muilenburg, who takes over as Boeing Co.'s new CEO on July 1, is promising little change from the path predecessor Jim McNerney set. But analysts say his stance toward labor relations will play a key role in whether, and how fast, North Charleston's Dreamliner production facility expands in coming years.

National News:

Associated Press: GOP-led Congress prepared to let Export-Import Bank expire

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150624/PC05/150629633>

Erica Werner

Congressional Republicans are poised to deal a sharp blow to their traditional allies in the business community by allowing the federal Export-Import Bank to go out of business at the end of the month. But it may only be temporary. The 81-year-old bank is a little-known federal agency created during the Depression that makes and guarantees loans to help overseas buyers purchase U.S. products, from airplanes to bridges to baby clothes.

New York Times: Ex-Advisers Warn Obama That Iran Nuclear Deal 'May Fall Short' of Standards

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/25/world/middleeast/former-advisers-caution-obama-on-iran-nuclear-talks.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&_r=0

David E. Sanger

Five former members of President Obama's inner circle of Iran advisers have written an open letter expressing concern that a pending accord to stem Iran's nuclear program "may fall short of meeting the administration's own standard of a 'good' agreement" and laying out a series of minimum requirements that Iran must agree to in coming days for them to support a final deal.

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