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Governor Nikki Haley News:

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South Carolina is another no-brainer. She's the whole package. Gives @nikkihaley a shout-out. #MissAmerica

NewsBusters: 'Miss America' Puts Spotlight on Liberal Media Bias

<http://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/culture/alexa-moutevelis-coombs/2016/09/12/miss-america-puts-spotlight-liberal-media-bias>

Alexa Moutevelis Coombs

Who would have thought it would be the 2017 Miss America Competition that would force ABC to talk about liberal media bias? Of course, it took the liberal media freaking out that Hillary wasn't handled with kid gloves by Today show host Matt Lauer at MSNBC/NBC's Commander in Chief Forum last week for this to become an issue raised during the pageant. Meanwhile, the Media Research Center has been documenting liberal bias in the media for decades and continues to hold the media accountable with Tell The Truth 2016. Singer Ciara asked Miss Maryland, Hannah Brewer, about liberal media bias in light of Lauer's forum.

NOTE: BONUS: The contestants were able to do a brief introduction while the top 15 finalists were introduced. Two of the women took the time to talk about their female heroes. Miss Texas, Caroline Carothers, said she was excited for the opportunity to vote for Hillary, while Miss South Carolina, Rachel Wyatt, said she admires her state's Republican governor, Nikki Haley. Hillary's camp must have been ticked that she was not the only female politician praised.

Aiken Standard: Lakeside Baptist recognizes first responders with 911 Honor Service

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160911/160919912/lakeside-baptist-recognizes-first-responders-with-911-honor-service>

Dede Biles

Fire trucks, police cars and other emergency vehicles filled the parking lot at Lakeside Baptist Church on Sunday. After two helicopters landed on the lawn, children hopped into them eagerly to sit for a while and pose for photos. Ace and Titus, who are tracking dogs for the Aiken County Sheriff's Office, stood or sat quietly while members of Lakeside's congregation and visitors petted them. Then, around 10:45 a.m., hundreds of people crowded into the church's sanctuary for the 911 Honor Service, which recognized and thanked first responders who serve Aiken County and the surrounding area. It also was a time to think about the terrorist attacks of 9/11 on their 15th anniversary. Many of those killed were emergency workers in New York City.

NOTE: South Carolina Sen. Shane Massey, R-Edgefield, read a letter from Gov. Nikki Haley and he also offered a prayer.

"We thank you for the first responders who we honor here today," Massey said. "These are men and women who run toward the danger when all the rest of us are running away from it. They risk their

lives to keep us safe and to maintain order, and we are very proud of them. Lord, we ask that you put your loving arms around them, bless them and keep them safe. Let them know how very grateful we are that they have chosen to answer the call."

The State: Buzz Bites: Haley to be honored, presidential candidate list grows

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article101154682.html>

Avery G. Wilks

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley will receive a big hat tip for her efforts in recruiting businesses to the Palmetto State. The Columbia World Affairs Council will honor the Lexington Republican with the 2016 Global Vision Award at a Nov. 30 black-tie gala. The council's chairman, former Columbia mayor and Democrat Bob Coble, heaped praise on Haley, calling her an "outstanding leader in connecting South Carolina to the global economy. Her record for recruiting investment into South Carolina from the world is second to none."

SC Political News:

Associated Press: Bill would make site where Civil War began a national park

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

Bruce Smith

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, the first black U.S. senator from the deep South since Reconstruction, is proposing that the site where the Civil War began be raised in status to that of a national park. The Republican lawmaker has introduced a bill creating the Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park as the nation's 60th national park and second in South Carolina. Fort Sumter, on Charleston Harbor, was bombarded by Confederate guns on April 12, 1861, in a fight that started four years of civil war. Moultrie, located on nearby Sullivan's Island, is where American patriots turned back a British fleet trying to capture Charleston days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Both forts are part of the Fort Sumter National Monument, one of 84 national monuments among 413 sites administered by the National Park Service.

The State: Gowdy agrees to 4th District forum, even if Scott can't come

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article101155082.html#storylink=cpy>

Avery G. Wilks

The 4th District forum is back on at Furman University, rescued after an impasse between the candidates over including U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy's congressional bestie, Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott. Democratic challenger Chris Fedalei originally wanted a one-on-one event with the Spartanburg Republican. However, Gowdy, by all accounts, wanted Scott and his Democratic opponent, North Charleston pastor Thomas Dixon, on the stage too. Danielle Vinson, the Furman University political scientist organizing the event, said she thought the candidates had reached a compromise: 40 minutes of one-on-one for each race and then a 20-minute, four-candidate discussion. But Vinson, suffering from middleman frustration and a shrinking October calendar, "pulled the plug" earlier this month when – she and Fedalei's campaign said – Gowdy's office wanted to return to the four-candidate format for the entire event.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: Greenville prison authorities lock inmates in prison cells

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VHmPA3Zm

SC State Wire

Prisoners at a maximum security prison in South Carolina are being confined around the clock as a precaution after a group of inmates initially refused to return to their cells. The Greenville News reports (<http://grnol.co/2cM1oCy>) that the prison-wide lockdown at Perry Correctional Institution in Pelzer was triggered when some inmates resisted being confined to their cells Friday evening. State Sen. Karl Allen says the lockdown was expected to last until Sunday. The Senate corrections committee member says the inmates knew that after returning to their cells they would be confined there until Saturday morning. Staff shortages at Perry Correctional mean inmates are regularly locked in their cells for long stretches. The lockdowns prompted an April riot in which an officer was beaten and taken hostage by inmates.

Greenville News : Greenville County prison on lockdown

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/09/10/greenville-county-prison-lockdown/90193006/>

Anna Lee

A maximum security prison in southern Greenville County remained under lockdown Saturday after a group of inmates refused to return to their cells Friday night. The incident at Perry Correctional Institution in Pelzer triggered a prison-wide lockdown that will likely last until Sunday, said state Sen. Karl Allen of Greenville. Allen, a member of the Senate Corrections and Penology Committee, said officers had regained control of the dorm Saturday and that all inmates were back in their cells. The lockdown was a "precautionary measure," said Dexter Lee, spokesman for the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Due to staff shortages, lockdowns have been a constant at the facility, with inmates being confined to their cells from 6 p.m. until morning. "These guys — as I best understand — didn't want to be locked down," Allen said. "They knew that if they went back in, they would be locked down until the next day." Lockdowns interrupt prison programs, including visitation, and are dreaded by inmates.

Associated Press : SC changing rules on residential psychiatric care for kids

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kZkL9lrR

SC State Wire

South Carolina's health agency is updating a regulation governing psychiatric institutions for children for the first time in more than two decades. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2cnQ01x>) that the state Department of Health and Environmental Control will hold a meeting Tuesday in Columbia to address the changes for residential treatment facilities. The changes include a requirement for care centers to complete a child's initial assessment and treatment plan before entering, or within three days of their arrival. Care centers also must report "accidents and incidents" to the state and provide juvenile patients with an education that meets federal and state standards. A federal report showed South Carolina was placing its youngest foster children in psychiatric institutions at a much higher rate than any other state.

Post and Courier: DHEC changes regulation governing residential treatment facilities for kids

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160910/160919943/dhec-changes-regulation-governing-residential-treatment-facilities-for-kids>

Lauren Sausser

A regulation governing psychiatric institutions for children in South Carolina has been updated for the first time in more than two decades. The changes include requirements to: Report "accidents and incidents" to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Complete a child's initial

assessment and treatment plan prior to their placement or within 72 hours of their arrival. Provide patients an education that meets federal and state standards. DHEC officials will hold a meeting to address changes to the residential treatment facility regulation Tuesday in Columbia. A federal report spanning 2010 to 2013 shows South Carolina places its youngest foster children in such "institutions" at a much higher rate than any other state in the country, even though best practices dictate that kids, even those with challenging psychological problems, should preferably be raised by their own families, by relatives or in foster homes. The Post and Courier explored the state's use of group homes and institutions for children in the 2015 investigation "Warehousing our Children."

Post and Courier: Charleston ports agency awards grants to 49 charitable groups

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160911/160919960/charleston-ports-agency-awards-grants-to-49-charitable-groups>

Dozens of South Carolina charitable organizations will receive grants totaling \$85,000 from a program operated by the State Ports Authority, the maritime agency announced. The grants are given to organizations that have a positive impact on at least one of four categories: maritime commerce; economic development; environmental awareness; and community outreach. Grants of \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 will be given to 49 groups. This year's total is the most funding ever awarded under the SPA's Community Giving Program. "The port's mission extends well beyond our gates," Jim Newsome, the SPA's president and CEO, said in a statement. "As we grow in our role as an economic development engine for the state, so does our commitment to be a strong community partner and neighbor. The organizations selected to receive grant funds will support critical programs and initiatives across the state." Recipients of \$5,000 grants include...

SC Law Enforcement News:

The Herald: Rock Hill concerned black leader: 'Legacy should be results, not existence'

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article101316792.html>

David Thackham

Brad Rawlinson has heard you, loud and clear. He's heard the criticism, the taunts, the sarcasm, the anger, the (occasional) praise and the (varied) insults. He's not frustrated or angry. If anything, it just makes him sad. "You can't actually have a real conversation about real issues without getting to these guttural, dark, deep places," said the Rock Hill lawyer. "Maybe that's a part of this, that I'm pulling back the blanket." Over the past two months, Rawlinson has become the de facto leader and spokesperson of the activist group, The Concerned Black Citizens of the City of Rock Hill. The group, spurred by the recent national shooting deaths by police of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, has become the topic of both support and scorn across South Carolina. What began as a short march to deliver a list of 10 demands calling for greater accountability from the Rock Hill Police Department has since sparked a series of pointed discussions on race, law enforcement and the black community. After spending years operating in both major political parties, Rawlinson has seen how slow change can come from the inside. Politically correct words and closed-door conversations can only go so far, he said. Sometimes, the lawyer said, only marches and pointed letters can make people sit up and take notice.

SC Remembers 9/11:

The State: 'We're all in this thing together': 9/11 victims honored in Midlands

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article101278127.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Within sight of two beams salvaged from the World Trade Center after 9/11, Midlands residents, first responders and military members gathered Sunday to mourn the lives lost 15 years ago – as well as those who have died in public service since the attacks. Amid the colors of flags, the sounds of bagpipes and the powerful hum of a helicopter flyover, a crowd gathered at the S.C. Midlands Historic 9/11 First Responders and Military Service Remembrance Memorial. The memorial, made of granite and the salvaged beams, went up in 2011 and has been the site of an annual memorial service ever since. The keynote speakers were Columbia Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins and Columbia Police Chief Skip Holbrook, representing first responders, and Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson of Fort Jackson, representing the armed forces. "Although that day is a great day of despair, it is also one that really speaks highly of who we are as a people," Johnson said.

Aiken Standard : Security tightens for air travelers post 9/11

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160911/160919914/security-tightens-for-air-travelers-post-911>

Christina Cleveland

Since 9/11, air travel has experienced major changes and security has tightened 15 years following the terrorist attacks. One of the most notable differences at airports is the creation and implementation of the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA, said Capt. Steve Johnson, airport security coordinator at Augusta Regional Airport. TSA was established in 2001 after Congress passed the Aviation and Transportation Security Act. According to the TSA website, its vision is to provide transportation security as a "high performing counterterrorism organization." However, TSA has not gone without its share of criticism over the years for issues that include training, reported long lines and screening measures. Diane Johnston, director of marketing at Augusta Regional Airport, advises people to be aware of what they are packing when they fly and reminded people those with TSA are working to keep people safe. "Understand from just a humanities point of view, the TSA folks are people, as well, and they are just trying to do their job and keep you and the rest of us safe," she said. "When they have to take extra steps, it's not that they're targeting you, they're just trying to do their jobs."

Independent Mail: Walking to remember

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/09/11/walking-remember/90232344/>

Kirk Brown

Standing before hundreds of people Sunday, Belton firefighter Daren Vaughn recounted the heroism of New York City firefighter Orio Palmer on the fateful day when planes slammed into the twin towers at the World Trade Center. "Once the plane hit the south tower, he went to the south tower," Vaughn said. "Orio Palmer was the only fireman to make it to the impact zone on the south tower." Palmer, a married father of three, was among 343 firefighters who died on 9/11. Vaughn said the firefighters and others gathered Sunday at Anderson County's Rock Springs fire station can appreciate the dedication of those who lost their lives. "This group here, we understand sacrifice," he said. Moments later, Vaughn and the rest of the group at the fire station headed out on a 2.5-mile walk along Belton Highway. When they arrived at the Belton Fire Department about 90 minutes later, each person rang a large bell to honor the fallen 9/11 firefighters. Sunday's event marked the second consecutive year that the 9/11 Walk to Remember has been held in Belton.

Island Packet: First responders remember 9/11 attacks when 'everything changed'

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article101232452.html>

Joan McDonough

Dozens of Lowcountry locals and visitors gathered together on Sunday morning to remember those who died 15 years ago in the 9/11 attacks. Retired first responders from the New York City Fire

Department and Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue, along with various first responders from across the country, were present at the charter boat docks beside Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks on Hilton Head Island for a memorial ceremony and wreath presentation. Prayers were said for the victims' families, and there were musical performances of "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless America" to honor those who died. "Personally, it's so important to me because we were there when everything went to pieces ... when those monster(-sized) buildings came down," said Jack McDonnell, a retired FDNY battalion chief. "a tragedy like this should never be overlooked, forgotten or taken for granted."

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg honors lives lost in 9/11 attacks

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20160911/spartanburg-honors-lives-lost-in-911-attacks?rssfeed=true>

Chris Lavender

Spartanburg County residents united Sunday at Barnet Park to recognize the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on America and paid tribute to the lives lost. Betty Stacey of Chesnee was among the hundreds of local residents who attended the event. She wore a necklace showing the World Trade Center before it was destroyed by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001 when they flew commercial jets into the North and South Towers. The necklace serves as a reminder of America's resolve in times of tragedy, she said. She's worn the necklace every year since the tragedy. "It still seems so fresh in my mind," Stacey said. "I still don't know why someone would want to try and destroy America." The event included a wreath laying ceremony, a helicopter flyover after the singing of the national anthem and patriotic music. Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright reflected on the anniversary. "Those men and women gave the ultimate sacrifice so we could live in freedom," Wright said.

Greenville News : Firefighters, families honor 9/11 victims

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/11/firefighters-families-honor-911-victims-greenville-sc/90228746/>

Romando Dixon

Fifteen years ago, Jennifer Jerina was eight months pregnant, about to bring a baby boy into the world. She was going to the doctor for a checkup and her husband was in Manassas, Virginia, on the day of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. She remembers watching the first tower of the World Trade Center smoking and going down and learning that the Pentagon was attacked. She was worried her husband may have been near the Pentagon and she couldn't get a hold of him. She was watching TV and couldn't believe what was happening. "I prayed so much for our country and families that lost their loved ones," Jerina said. Fifteen years later, she was at Bob Jones University with her 14-year-old son, Reed, who was wearing an American-flag themed tie. The university featured a wall with the names of those who died in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. She and others paid their respects and took pictures of the memorial Sunday. Jerina and many others took their children to services and memorials to commemorate the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks.

The State: While too young to remember 9/11, new soldiers vow to help prevent another attack

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/military/article101144327.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

U.S. Army Pfc. Jamie Udet of Myrtle Beach was born just across the river from Manhattan in New Jersey and was three years old when two hijacked planes struck the twin towers of the World Trade Center. On this 15th anniversary of 9/11, Udet and the vast majority of other new soldiers of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, who on Thursday graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, have little or no first-hand recollection of the nation's deadliest terrorist attack. "I remember the anniversaries and talking to my mother about it when we would travel back to New Jersey and

New York," the 18-year-old said. "But it wasn't why I joined the Army."The attacks on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon and the forced crash of American Airlines Flight 77 in Pennsylvania killed 2,996 people and injured more than 6,000 others.

Aiken Standard: Aiken resident, in NYC on 9/11, remembers tragedy 15 years later

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160910/160919967/aiken-resident-in-nyc-on-911-remembers-tragedy-15-years-later->

Christina Cleveland

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Liam McGinley was taking his coffee break around 9:40 a.m. in 10 Exchange Place Centre in Jersey City, New Jersey, a 30-story office building over the Hudson River. McGinley, now retired in Aiken, was a building engineer and had a view of the World Trade Center, which Exchange Place was located directly across from. The vantage point also provided him a panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline, he said he feels lucky to have viewed the 16 years he worked there. The parking garage at Exchange Place holds about 500 cars and was always filled. Many people would park in the building, take the elevator down to the lobby, get on the path train and to go to the World Trade Center, McGinley said. He doesn't remember 9/11 feeling any more unusual than the day before. It was a clear, sunny morning. There were no clouds or rain.

Aiken Standard : Aiken County, city law enforcement remember where they were on 9/11

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160910/160919957/aiken-county-city-law-enforcement-remember-where-they-were-on-911>

Tripp Girardeau

This week, several area law enforcement members took a moment to remember where they were Sept. 11, 2001, and consider how things have changed 15 years later. Lt. Karl Odenthal, with the Aiken Department of Public Safety, was already a lieutenant on 9/11. "I remember going to headquarters and the news was on the television in the day room," Odenthal said. "The first plane had already struck the first tower and then I watched as the second plane hit. That was just like, 'Wow!'" After 9/11, Odenthal said he can remember people gaining a better sense of spirituality, as well. "People were more likely to pray for someone else," he said. "More people also started to tell officers that they were doing a good job."

Greenville News : Millennials remember how Sept. 11 changed the world

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/09/10/millennials-remember-how-sept-11-changed-world/89741784/>

Elizabeth LaFleur

Sept. 11, 2001 was a typical morning for Jordana Megonigal. She was 21 and working for an international sporting goods manufacturer in Greenville. It was her first job out of college and she was still trying to get used to life on her own. Shortly after she began her work, a client from Canada called and asked "what's going on down there?" Megonigal was confused. Her office was a large room with many desks, but no televisions. She'd heard murmurs across the office, but didn't yet know the topic was an attack that would change the world forever. Reh Harvey was a 10 year old in a classroom in the Lowcountry. He remembers his principal coming into the class and whispering something to his teacher. It was the day he learned the word "terrorist". It's been 15 years since the Sept. 11 attacks killed almost 3,000 people and injured 6,000. For a generation of now young adults, it was a coming of age moment, one that changed the world they'd grow into over the next decade and a half. The Greenville News sat down with six millennials who were at various stages of growing up when the attacks occurred.

Island Packet: He spent 17 years in the Pentagon — and moved next door just months before 9/11

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article100860622.html#storylink=cpy>

Kelly Meyerhoffer

His life is defined by a series of almos^ts. Wayne Clements almost stayed in Indiana for graduate school. But he heard his name was next on the list to be drafted, so he joined the Air Force instead. He was almost in a plane crash during his 20-year career in the Air Force. A heavy snowstorm caused the plane to roll, but the pilot was able to right it. He almost went to Vietnam, even volunteered to go. But the military sent him to California instead to get a master's degree in engineering management. Here's Wayne Clements' biggest almost...

Island Packet : Remembering 9/11 for yourself; interpreting it for your children

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article100926487.html>

Wade Livingston

When the planes crashed into the towers, it had been six days since Paula Tilley had given birth. She was on maternity leave — “in mommy mode” — at her home in Vernon, N.J., about an hour from New York City. Her 7-year-old daughter was at school, and as Tilley learned more about the terrorist attacks, she wondered if she should pick her up. She called the school and learned it was on lockdown — blinds drawn, doors shut. Her friend came over. They watched TV. She fed her newborn. She talked to her soon-to-be brother-in-law, who had to walk across the Brooklyn Bridge to get out of the city. Then, they lost cellphone service. Tilley, who's lived on Hilton Head Island for the past decade, cried and prayed that day as millions of Americans did.

Sun News: Fifteen years after 9/11 terror attacks Americans remember sacrifices

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article100830647.html>

Angela Nicholas

Fifteen years after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that brought down the World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York and altered America's feeling of security forever, retired firefighter David Turner still hides his face in his hands when remembering certain details of the aftermath. For him, the attacks were very personal. Fifteen of his brothers from Battalion 9, Engine 54, Ladder 4, in Manhattan lost their lives responding to the World Trade Center catastrophe. The attacks that began that morning with four fully fueled commercial airplanes hijacked by 19 Islamic extremists from a group called al-Qaeda ended with almost 3,000 deaths and hundreds of injuries. Two planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, both bound for Los Angeles, crashed into the World Trade Center twin towers causing them to fail and crumble to the ground. The fire and building failure killed anyone who had not been evacuated as well as those NYPD officers, NYFD firefighters and Port Authority officers that immediately responded.

The Herald: 'Make it personal': Teaching 9/11 to students as fewer remember it

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article101104642.html#storylink=cpy>

Teddy Kulmala

Joey Moore remembers the knock on the door that interrupted his class one Tuesday morning in September, 15 years ago. The U.S. history teacher at York Comprehensive High School had a classroom full of freshmen at York Junior High School at the time, when a teacher across the hall told him to turn on his television. “Something's going on in New York,” he recalled her saying, “something about a plane and the World Trade Center.” Moore said he turned on the classroom TV, and he and his class watched as the events of Sept. 11, 2001, unfolded. While they were watching a live newscast of the crash that had just happened at the North Tower of the World Trade Center, a plane crashed into the South Tower. “Every jaw dropped,” he said. “We're trying to process — did we just

see what we thought we saw?" Tracy Warren, another U.S. history teacher at York, was teaching seventh grade at the time. She remembers trying to hold it together to still answer her students' questions as they watched the horror unfold on TV.

Morning News : Florence motorcade, ceremony pay tribute to 9/11 victims

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_c5ebb368-77aa-11e6-b636-23b8159278f7.html

Megan May

Hundreds of people participated Saturday in a motorcade and ceremony honoring victims and emergency personnel who died in the September 11 attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania 15 years ago. A patriot ride including police, fire trucks, emergency vehicles, motorcycles and a helicopter overhead went from Darlington Highway to the Florence Veterans Park. Retired Army Col. Barry Wingard, Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone and Ryan Watkins, director of Florence County EMS, spoke on behalf of law enforcement, fire services and emergency personnel. "We remember those who have gone before us and paid the ultimate sacrifice and the innocent victims who lost their lives that day," Boone said. "We honor those who still have a heavy task at hand, we will never forget. To see the tragedy that our country had to deal with is unthinkable. I didn't know their names, never heard their words. Even though I never met you, you're all our heroes. To all the emergency personnel we send you our love and our blessings."

Aiken Standard: Ceremony at Fort Gordon remembers 9/11

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160909/160909501/ceremony-at-fort-gordon-remembers-911>

Bill Bengtson

Moments of silence were punctuated with cannon fire at Fort Gordon on Friday morning, amid the Army post's annual remembrance of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Firemen, law enforcement officers and other emergency responders, as well as Fort Gordon's top leaders, were among those participating in the ceremony that took place a few yards from Signal Towers, one of the post's most prominent landmarks. The U.S. flag at the ceremony site was lowered to half-staff to recognize the occasion. The morning's arrangements included having emergency vehicles positioned at all of Fort Gordon's gates and at several prominent intersections, and a cannon team fired its initial shot at 8:46 a.m., coinciding with the flag being lowered and sirens sounding for one minute to mark the first strike against the World Trade Center. Taps followed.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Scoppe: Of course they shouldn't be prosecuted, but not for this reason

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article100933152.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

IT WOULD BE EASY to see 5th Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson's handling of the Spring Valley High School mess as politically calculated: By dropping the charges against the student who refused to give up her cell phone and leave the classroom and against the student who videoed the episode and encouraged others to do likewise, he could mollify voters who saw this as a disturbing example of the criminalization of school discipline. He also could mollify voters who saw Ben Fields as a scapegoat by declining to bring charges against the then-Richland County sheriff's deputy, who was fired but not criminally charged after he tossed the student out of her desk and slid her across the floor. And in fact, the time he took to reach those decisions — more than 10 months after the Oct. 26 episode — lends credence to the idea that this was a political rather than legal decision.

The State: Victims of domestic violence need our help

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article100878872.html>

Opinion: Jessica Grant

Emma and Eric were in a relationship just more than six months when he started to accuse her of cheating, call her all day demanding to know exactly where she was and show up at her place of work demanding to see her. He started telling her she spent too much time with her family and that she needed to spend more time at home. Just after they got engaged, Emma had to work late unexpectedly, and her cell phone died, but when she got home, Eric didn't believe her. He became irate and hit her. He apologized after he cooled down and promised it would never happen again. By now Emma was isolated from her family, so she didn't feel like she had anyone to talk to, and as much as she wanted to get away from him, she stayed. The abuse escalated. Emma hid this from her family, friends and co-workers. Emma decided one day that she could no longer live like this, and she told Eric she was leaving him. She tried to file for a protection order, but there was a fee, and Eric had frozen the accounts, which were all in his name. Emma had left in a hurry and didn't have any cash. She didn't want her family to know what she was going through, so she looked for a shelter for battered women, but they were all full. Emma is not an actual person, but I know her. As a social worker, I have encountered her too many times. She is a symbol for the victims of domestic violence who need to be empowered, who need the help of attorneys and the caring citizens in the community to help escape these abusive relationships. Emma doesn't represent just women but men too, not just heterosexuals but also victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Clemson student finishes second in Miss America

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/11/clemson-student-finishes-second-miss-america/90250246/>

Romando Dixon

A Clemson University student finished as first runner-up Sunday night in the Miss America pageant. Rachel Wyatt, the reigning Miss South Carolina, finished second to Arkansas' Savvy Shields. Wyatt will earn an additional \$25,000 scholarship and would step into Shields' shoes if, for any reason, Shields was unable to fulfill her duties. Wyatt already won a \$30,000 scholarship when she was named Miss South Carolina.

Local News:

Greenville News: Clemson campus police investigate sexual assault

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/11/clemson-campus-police-investigate-sexual-assault/90231274/>

Romando Dixon

The Clemson University Police Department is investigating a sexual assault, according to an alert sent out by the university. An unknown white male in his early 20s forced a female into his four-door SUV in the area of Sikes Hall and sexually assaulted her at an unknown location. "Please use caution," the alert, posted at 1:58 a.m. Sunday, said. No other information was immediately available.

Associated Press : Spartanburg sheriff's deputies search lake for suspect

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=41GDO5QV

SC State Wire

Spartanburg County sheriff's deputies are looking for an assault suspect who fell into Apalache (AP-

ah-lach-EE) Lake near Greer.Sheriff's Lt. Kevin Bobo told local media that deputies were called to a home around 1 a.m. Saturday about a fight.Bobo said deputies found a man who said he had gotten into a fight with another man who ran into the woods behind the house. Deputies found the suspect in the lake on what Bobo called a makeshift boat or floating dock."Bobo said the suspect jumped into the water and went under the surface a short time later.The sheriff's dive team and the Department of Natural Resources and the Tyger River Fire Department were called to help look for the suspect. Deputies planned to resume the search Monday morning.

Associated Press: Dying SC man names woman next door as firing fatal shot

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SC State Wire

A South Carolina woman is facing a murder charge after police say her neighbor named her as the shooter while on his death bed.The Pickens County Sheriff's Office says 57-year-old Rebecca Barten Smoak of Easley was arrested Saturday. She was arrested hours after law officers were called to the slain man's home.The Pickens County Coroner's office says 58-year-old James Kenneth Brazeal died from a gunshot to the chest.Authorities say Brazeal and Smoak were neighbors.Deputies say Smoak was found unconscious at her home when they arrived to arrest her Saturday evening. A shotgun was recovered from her residence.

Associated Press : 2 firefighters hospitalized after fighting house fire

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SC State Wire

Two firefighters are recovering after sustaining injuries while fighting a structure fire in Anderson County.Anderson County Assistant Fire Chief Brain Moon tells local media that one firefighter was treated for burns and the other for chest pains at a hospital in Anderson. They are expected to be OK. Moon says four fire stations received a call Sunday night about a house fire in Honea Path. The house was engulfed when responders arrived, but no one was inside.Firefighters extinguished the fire within 30 minutes.The house was vacant and was in the process of being sold. Officials are investigating the fire's cause.

Associated Press : Blood center copes with severe shortage of platelet supply

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SC State Wire

The supply of a vital blood product that's used by cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy has dwindled severely, according to officials at an Augusta-based blood center.Disruptions from Tropical Storm Hermine and the Labor Day holiday weekend contributed to the shortage of platelets, Shepeard Community Blood Center employees said."We didn't have platelet products and we were just really struggling," said Pamela Rascon, the blood center's director of community resources. "It was very, very serious. Zero platelets on the shelf."There was a high demand for the blood products in early September, and some people didn't show up for appointments to donate, Rascon told The Augusta Chronicle (<http://bit.ly/2cjrDSv>). "We tried every blood center in our region, in our area, our sister blood centers," she said. "Nobody would let go of anything because they were in the same situation."

Post and Courier : Charleston group that works with special-needs adults seeks help

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160911/160919988/charleston-group-that-works-with-special-needs-adults-seeks-help>

Gregory Yee

For the past two years, a small nonprofit has been quietly helping Charleston's adults with special needs. The organization, called HEART, meets every Tuesday and Thursday at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church on Moultrie Street where they hold art classes for members, who also go on three monthly nature excursions. HEART works with adults, age 21 and over, who have special needs. Today, the group is at a crossroads as it tries to plan for the future while balancing ongoing expenses after a sudden organizational change. In July, HEART, which stands for Holistic Education and Art Recreation Therapy, was forced to reorganize in order to come into compliance with state laws that govern organizations that provide service to people with special needs, said Farrah Hoffmire, the group's founder. Part of the reorganization meant cutting services, such as a micro-business and employment program, that generated some money.

Post and Courier: Cyclist who survived crash on Legare Bridge hopes county will move forward with bike lane

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160911/160919954/cyclist-who-survived-crash-on-legare-bridge-hopes-county-will-move-forward-with-bike-lane>

Two mornings after Charleston City Council once again voted in favor of a plan to convert a lane on the northbound U.S. Highway 17 bridge over the Ashley River to a protected bike and pedestrian lane, news hit the airwaves that a cyclist had been hit on the bridge. That cyclist, 22-year-old Devario Reid Deterville, is still recovering from injuries he suffered after a car crashed into him as the sun was rising on the morning of July 21. After visiting a friend who worked the night shift at the Waffle House, he was returning to his America Street home via the left hand lane of the T. Allen Legare Bridge. That's when a car changed lanes and struck him at a relatively high speed. Deterville survived the impact and is grateful for all the people, including medical personnel, who stopped on the bridge to help him. "I could have died," says Deterville, a native Charlestonian who graduated from the Academic Magnet High School and is now taking a break from his studies at the College of Charleston.

Post and Courier: Mechanical bull: German auto parts maker opening Charleston plant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919935/mechanical-bull-german-auto-parts-maker-opening-charleston-plant>

German auto parts supplier Stoba tipped its hand in February that it's looking for a manufacturing site in the Charleston area. On Tuesday, Stoba — identified by Berkeley County economic development officials as "Project Bull" — will make its arrival official with a ceremony at 2301 Charleston Regional Parkway. The company plans to make components for diesel-fuel injection systems at the Charleston site, which will employ about 60 people. One of Stoba's top customers is another German company — the Robert Bosch LLC plant a few miles away in North Charleston. Berkeley County spokesman Michael Mule declined to identify the company behind "Project Bull," but Stoba blew its own cover in February when it placed several help-wanted advertisements on the state's ReadySC training program website. The company at that time was looking to hire machine operators, machine setters and quality inspectors and packers, with eight to 12 weeks of on-the-job training at its German factory.

The State: Cayce restoring boat landing on Congaree River <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article101262122.html>

Tim Flach

Cayce officials are preparing to rebuild a boat landing on the Congaree River destroyed in last fall's flood. Fishing and floating trip guides are happy that their long wait for the project is nearing an end. "It's way overdue," said Kevin Geddings, owner of Adventure Carolina headquartered in the

Lexington County city. Until this reconstruction project, the most recent renovations to the landing were in 1993 by state natural resources officials to encourage outdoor recreation in the Midlands. It's the only landing along the riverfront in the city of nearly 13,000 residents. The 23-year-old landing off Old State Road was closed after its dock was damaged in floods that followed record rain in October. Its loss created congestion at another landing on the Richland County side of the river, fishing and floating trip guide Jason Bennett of Irmo said. "That makes things a little more inconvenient," he said.

Post and Courier : Folly Beach riding wave of Charleston tourism press

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160911/160919994/folly-beach-riding-wave-of-charleston-tourism-press>

The "Edge of America" is riding the wave of Charleston's recognition as a top tourist destination. Traffic on the website follybeach.com, spiked after Travel + Leisure named Charleston "World's Best City" in July, according to spokesman Robert Hart. "In fact, data shows that the day of the award and the day following broke web traffic records for Folly Beach," Hart said. Vacation rental requests are up 15 percent over this time last year, said Blake Bookstaff, the website's director. Charleston's tourism industry includes adjacent municipalities, according to the Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau. Area beaches are a big draw for visitors. Folly Beach, the Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island and Kiawah Island all have public beaches, as well as shops and restaurants that cater to visitors. "There's little doubt Folly Beach sees the benefit from Charleston's press," Hart said.

Associated Press : Charleston teens create clothing line designed by algorithms

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Thad Moore

Four years ago, Hunter Heidenreich was interested in computer programming and art, so he started writing code that used algebra and trigonometry to draw patterns. Basic algorithms, he realized, could produce interesting designs, colorful combinations of arcs and asymptotes - curving graph lines - you might expect from a graphing calculator gone haywire. But Heidenreich shelved the files. A freshman in high school, he didn't have much use for them. Four years later, he's found one. The Charleston 18-year-old and three friends started to make T-shirts and socks with the designs under the moniker ByteCode Designs, pitching their wares as "fashion for the digital native." "People who have grown up with technology in the palm of their hand. People who see these pixel patterns, and they're like, 'Whoa. I don't know what's going on, but I like that,'" Heidenreich said.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Pneumonia diagnosis fuels questions about Clinton's health

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d1c7fef46174d7193f7b6d2d5ec24d1>

Lisa Lerer and Julie Pace

For weeks, Hillary Clinton dismissed questions about her health as little more than a conspiracy theory, part of a "wacky strategy" cooked up by rival Donald Trump as he embraced an "alternative reality." Those concerns are now unavoidable, made real by Clinton's abrupt departure Sunday from a 9/11 anniversary ceremony and a video showing the Democratic nominee staggering and eventually slumping forward before being held up by three people as she was helped into a van. The damage was compounded by the nearly eight hours of silence from Clinton and her team about the health scare, as well as the Sunday evening disclosure she had been diagnosed on Friday with pneumonia. Clinton's doctor said the 68-year-old former secretary of state "became overheated and dehydrated" at the 9/11 ceremony at ground zero. After an exam at her home in suburban New York, said Dr. Lisa R. Bardack, Clinton "is now rehydrated and recovering nicely."

Associated Press: The Latest: Trump says he'll release new health information

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8ea77543e6fc47feab6f3dbcec549019>

Donald Trump says he's planning to release detailed health information from a new physical exam in the coming days. The Republican nominee told "Fox and Friends" that he had a physical examination last week. He said he expects a report this week and he'll "be releasing very, very specific numbers." He said: "Hopefully they're going to be good. I think they're going to be good. I feel great." The announcement comes after rival Hillary Clinton became ill at a 9/11 anniversary ceremony in Manhattan Sunday and was captured stumbling by amateur video. Trump's move is likely to increase pressure on Clinton to release more information about her health. Clinton has so far released more details about her health than Trump.

Associated Press: New Miss America has advice for Trump, Clinton: 'Compromise'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c4dad81a1bd34173b84f3937eb7a0b02>

Wayne Parry

Savvy Shields had only been Miss America for less than an hour, but she already had a clear vision of what she hopes America will look like at the end of her term next year. "I hope that at the end of my year, we're starting to reward politicians for compromise," she said. Shields, who represented Arkansas in the pageant, won the crown Sunday night in Atlantic City. She was asked during her onstage interview what she thought of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton; she answered that while both Clinton and Republican Donald Trump have done a good job thus far, "they also need to watch what they're doing." Meeting reporters after the pageant, Shields elaborated. "What I want both candidates to focus on is compromise," she said. "Our country was founded on compromise. We're in a state now where both parties just seem to be yelling at one another."

National News:

Associated Press: Obama, Hill leaders meet ahead of federal funding deadline

<http://bigstory.ap.org/909d1a3246df4f4db1d0cf207c26ca5a>

Erica Werner

President Barack Obama is meeting with the top four leaders of Congress ahead of a month's-end deadline to fund the government or face a shutdown, and with money all but gone to address the worsening Zika crisis. The White House meeting Monday afternoon is likely to focus on an emerging legislative compromise to address both issues. Long-sought provisions to provide money to deal with Zika look likely to be added to a must-pass spending bill to fund the government through Dec. 9. Conservative opposition remains but negotiators worked through the weekend on the details. The Zika money has stalled since Obama first requested \$1.9 billion in February, but congressional Republican leaders seem likely to jettison provisions opposed by Democrats restricting any of the money from going to affiliates of Planned Parenthood in Puerto Rico. It comes as government scientists step up their warnings about the spread of the virus, which can cause devastating birth defects. More than 670 pregnant women in the states and Washington, D.C., have the virus, leading to the birth of at least 17 babies with microcephaly so far.

World News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Assad says he'll retake ground from 'terrorists'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/14451faae2e44336b30321da4654f674>

Syrian President Bashar Assad says his government is determined to "reclaim every area from the

terrorists, and to rebuild" the country. His remarks came just hours ahead of the start of a cease-fire brokered by the United States and Russia. Assad spoke to the state news agency SANA on the streets of Daraya, a Damascus suburb that surrendered to government authority last month. He says: "We call on all Syrians to turn toward reconciliation." Earlier in Daraya, Assad joined the prayers for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha in a rare public appearance that sent a strong message to his opponents. SANA says no civilians were present in the suburb, once home to nearly a quarter million people, after the last of them were evacuated as part of the surrender agreement.

Associated Press: Russia-US-brokered Syria cease-fire to start at sunset

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a885ff763848444986b50b4d0a6dd6cd/obama-consulting-turkish-british-leaders-islamic-state>

Philip Issa

A cease-fire brokered by the United States and Russia is set to begin at sunset on Monday in Syria amid mixed messages of commitment from various rebel factions but with verbal backing by President Bashar Assad's government. In a stark message to opponents, Assad made a rare public appearance Monday by attending prayers for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha at a mosque in the Damascus suburb of Daraya. The suburb, previously held by the rebels, surrendered last month and reverted to Damascus' control after four years of government siege. The cease-fire deal, hammered out between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Geneva on Saturday, allows the Syrian government to continue to strike at the Islamic State group and al-Qaida-linked militants with the Jabhat Fatah al-Sham group, earlier known as the Nusra Front, until the U.S. and Russia take over the task in one week's time.

Associated Press: Seoul says North Korea capable of next nuclear test anytime

<http://bigstory.ap.org/93cf9047b0d042a2b328e28b1ef5e806>

Hyung-Jin Kim

North Korea is capable of detonating another nuclear device at its main atomic test site any time it chooses, Seoul officials said Monday, as the United States reportedly planned to send two nuclear-capable supersonic bombers to the South in a show of force against Pyongyang. The speculation came three days after the North conducted its fifth atomic bomb explosion. Friday's test was the North's most powerful test to date, and its claim to have used "standardized" warheads has sparked worries it was making headway in its push to develop small and sophisticated warheads to be topped on missiles. After the test, the North's nuclear weapons institute said it will take unspecified measures to further boost its nuclear capability, which analysts said hinted at a possible sixth nuclear test. South Korea's Defense Ministry spokesman Moon Sang Gyun said Monday that South Korea and U.S. intelligence authorities believe North Korea has the ability to detonate another atomic device anytime at one of its tunnels at its main Punggye-ri nuclear test site, where the five previous atomic explosions took place.

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