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Hurricane Matthew:

Associated Press: Bahamas next up for Matthew after destructive path in Haiti

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David McFadden

Hurricane Matthew churned toward the Bahamas early Wednesday with a spreading mix of high winds, heavy rains and a dangerous storm surge, leaving widespread damage and human suffering behind in Haiti's poor, rural southwestern peninsula. At least 11 deaths had been blamed on the powerful storm during its weeklong march across the Caribbean, five of them in Haiti. But with a key bridge washed out, roads impassable and phone communications down, the western tip of Haiti was isolated and there was no word on dead and injured. Forecasters said the high winds, pounding rains and storm surge were already beginning to have an impact in the southern Bahamas as the powerful Category 3 hurricane left Haiti and eastern Cuba behind and marched toward the island chain over open waters Wednesday. A day earlier, Matthew swept across a remote area of Haiti with 145 mph winds, and government leaders said they weren't close to fully gauging the impact in the vulnerable, flood-prone country where less powerful storms have killed thousands.

Associated Press : Officials worried about complacency as Matthew nears Florida

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Terry Spencer and Jennifer Kay

Hurricane Matthew's slog toward the East Coast has government officials worried about complacency, especially in South Florida, which hasn't seen a major hurricane in 11 years. South Carolina's governor said she would issue an evacuation order Wednesday so that 1 million people would have time to leave the coast, and residents up and down the Eastern seaboard flocked to hardware stores, grocery aisles and gas stations to prepare for the powerful storm. A dangerous Category 3 storm with sustained winds of 125 mph, Matthew was bearing down on the southern Bahamas early Wednesday amid forecasters' predictions it would be very near Florida's Atlantic coast by Thursday evening. Already the hurricane was spreading high winds, heavy rain and a dangerous storm surge ahead of it on its approach to the Bahamas, forecasters said. The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Matthew — recently a Category 4 storm and at one brief point a fierce Category 5 — will remain a powerful storm at least through Thursday night. It added that while maximum winds decreased slightly in recent hours, the fluctuation in intensity was expected and some slight strengthening is forecast in coming days.

Associated Press: Many teams keeping a close eye on Hurricane Matthew

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SC State Wire

Teams across the southeastern portion of the U.S. were keeping a close eye Tuesday on the progress of Hurricane Matthew, which forecasters say could have a major impact on no fewer than four states by later this week. Storm shutters were being drawn shut across windows at the University

of Miami, where the 10th-ranked Hurricanes were preparing for their annual rivalry game with No. 23 Florida State on Saturday. A hurricane watch was already posted for parts of Florida, while the southernmost portions of the state were under a tropical storm watch. "I don't know what we'll do, to be honest with you," Miami coach Mark Richt said. "Just keep everybody safe, first. We'll do the best we can." Miami was preparing for several contingencies, including potentially using the bubble at the Miami Dolphins' facility if inclement weather keeps the Hurricanes off their own practice field later this week.

Associated Press: East Coast preps for Hurricane Matthew evacuations, damage

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SC State Wire

South Carolina's governor said she would issue an evacuation order Wednesday so that 1 million people would have time to leave the coast ahead of Hurricane Matthew, and residents up and down the Eastern seaboard entered better-safe-than-sorry mode, flocking to hardware stores, grocery aisles and gas stations to prepare for the powerful storm. Matthew was on track to rake Florida before spinning up the East Coast. The Category 4 storm packing winds of 145 mph pummeled parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic on Tuesday and is expected to head north over Cuba and the Bahamas before nearing the Florida coast by Thursday. At least nine people in the Caribbean have died. The National Hurricane Center in Miami issued a hurricane watch for a 260-mile stretch from Golden Beach near Fort Lauderdale to the Daytona Beach area, meaning hurricane force winds of 74 mph or higher could occur within two days.

Associated Press : Airlines begin to offer travel waivers for Hurricane Matthew

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SC State Wire

Airlines are canceling some flights to the Caribbean and even the mainland U.S. as Hurricane Matthew is expected to spin toward Florida later this week. By late Tuesday, American Airlines had canceled about 120 flights through Saturday, a spokesman said. Nearly half were departures from Miami, mostly to Caribbean destinations. Delta Air Lines planned to check the latest storm-tracking model on Wednesday before deciding whether to scrap any Florida flights, according to an airline spokesman. Many U.S. airlines are letting passengers change travel plans without penalty if their trip might be affected by the hurricane, which pounded Haiti on Tuesday and caused flooding that was blamed for several deaths.

Associated Press: The Latest: South Carolina governor plans evacuation order

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SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is about to make a final decision on evacuation orders. Haley said Tuesday afternoon she planned to order the evacuation of 1 million people along the coast ahead of Hurricane Matthew so those leaving can do so safely. Haley expects to announce her decision at 9 a. m. Wednesday based on the latest information about the storm. The latest projected path of the storm Wednesday morning had moved a bit farther away from the coast. The governor said an evacuation order would take effect at 3 p.m. Wednesday. State officials say lanes on major evacuation routes will be reversed so that all lanes head west. It would be the first major evacuation since Hurricane Floyd in 1999, when the governor at the time didn't reverse the lanes and traffic clogged.

Associated Press: The Latest: Universities and school close for hurricane

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SC State Wire

Several South Carolina colleges and universities are canceling classes as Hurricane Matthew threatens. Charleston Southern University, the College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina University and the University of South Carolina have all decided to close for the rest of this week. Several of those schools are in or near areas where Gov. Nikki Haley has said she will likely order evacuations starting 3 p.m. Wednesday. Schools and government officers in the southern and eastern half of the state are also closing for the rest of the week to be used as evacuation shelters and to get traffic off the roads.

Associated Press: Hurricane could put a hit on South Carolina-Georgia game

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SC State Wire

With Hurricane Matthew approaching, the South Carolina-Georgia football game is still on for Saturday night, even though Gov. Nikki Haley says she "can't imagine" the game being played as scheduled. South Carolina administrators said Tuesday they were consulting with the Southeastern Conference, the National Weather Service and local authorities. Matthew is a Category 4 storm with winds up to 145 mph. It is on track to hit South Carolina and potentially disrupt the game at Williams-Brice Stadium. The storm was about 1,000 miles from Charleston on Tuesday. But forecasters predict the hurricane will move near or along South Carolina's coast late Friday into early Saturday as a Category 2 storm. Charleston Southern, located about 20 miles from the coast, canceled several sporting events the rest of the week, including a FCS game Saturday against Albany State. The school had pushed the game up to Thursday night before deciding to postpone it. If South Carolina's game is changed or delayed, it would be the second straight season that weather has altered the Gamecocks' football season. Last year's deadly flooding after a weekend of unprecedented rain led the university to move a home game with LSU to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in part because many of the state troopers and safety officials necessary to hold a home football game were taking part in cleanup and recovery duties.

Associated Press : The Latest: Drivers line up for gas on South Carolina coast

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SC State Wire

Motorists are rushing to fill up their tanks in coastal South Carolina in advance of Hurricane Matthew. During rush hour Tuesday, long lines formed at gas stations in Charleston and in suburban Mount Pleasant, snarling traffic as lines snaked out of gas stations and into travel lanes. At one gas station in Mount Pleasant, the line reached about a quarter mile down the street. Gov. Nikki Haley has said that, if the track of Matthew does not change by Wednesday, she will issue an evacuation order to get 1 million people away from the coast. Meanwhile, the U.S. Coast Guard announced that while the Port of Charleston remains open, large ocean-going vessels should be making plans to leave the port.

Associated Press: SC preaches preparation with Hurricane Matthew days away

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Jeffrey Collins

Emergency officials along South Carolina's coast are reminding residents of evacuation routes and telling them to begin to think about how they can protect their property and lives from Hurricane Matthew. The storm was about 1,000 miles from Charleston on Tuesday, But forecasters predict the hurricane will move near or along South Carolina's coast late Friday into early Saturday as a category 2 storm. State emergency management officials and county leaders are on heightened alert. No

evacuations have been ordered, but Gov. Nikki Haley plans a news conference Tuesday afternoon to detail South Carolina's preparations. The state Climatology Office says a hurricane has not made landfall in South Carolina since Gaston moved ashore north of Charleston in August 2004.

Weather Channel: South Carolina To Evacuate Coast as Hurricane Matthew Threatens U.S.; Florida Gov. Rick Scott Activates National Guard

<https://weather.com/news/news/hurricane-matthew-us>

Pan Wright and Sean Breslin

As Hurricane Matthew churns through the Greater Antilles, authorities in several Southeastern states are preparing for the worst, and one state is getting ready to evacuate the coast. Emergencies have been declared in three states – all of Florida and South Carolina, as well as eastern and central North Carolina and southeastern Georgia. In all four states, the decision was made because governors wanted to make resources available for what's quickly becoming a large-scale preparation. In a Tuesday afternoon press conference, Gov. Nikki Haley said a complete evacuation of the state's coast will take place on Wednesday – 1.1 million people in all. "Our goal is to make sure you get 100 miles away from the coast," Haley said. After a state of emergency was declared, Haley's evacuation order will also close all schools and government offices in the counties that'll be cleared out before Matthew arrives. On Monday, Hilton Head Island suspended work on a \$21 million dollar project to dredge sand from the ocean and rebuild the beach on the resort island on the state's southern tip until the storm passes, according to the Associated Press.

USA Today: Florida, Carolinas brace for fury of Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2016/10/04/hurricane-matthew-shifts-closer-florida-late-monday-forecast/91515650/>

John Bacon

Bottled water flew off supermarket shelves along Florida's Atlantic Coast and South Carolina prepared to evacuate more than 1 million people as the nation girded for Hurricane Matthew, the most powerful storm to smash through the region in almost a decade. If the predictions of one top weather model are accurate, Hurricane Matthew would be "a disaster for the east coast of Florida from about West Palm Beach north up Interstate 95 to Jacksonville," WeatherBell meteorologist Ryan Maue tweeted Tuesday afternoon. A hurricane watch was issued Tuesday for parts of Florida as Matthew roared through the Caribbean, pounding tiny Haiti with heavy rain and powerful winds and tides. Hurricane-strength winds could reach Florida midday Thursday, and the storm could linger there into Friday, National Hurricane Center spokesman Dennis Feltgen said. Florida Gov. Rick Scott warned residents to prepare for power outages and evacuations. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley ordered evacuations of some coastal communities. The numbers had not been determined, but state emergency management officials said the total could exceed 1 million. "This is not something that we want to play with," Haley said. "The worst-case scenario is that you get stuck on the coast and have no place to go."

ABC News: South Carolina Begins Evacuation of Coastal Areas as Hurricane Matthew Heads North From Haiti

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/hurricane-matthew-lashes-haiti-targets-cuba-us/story?id=42548901>

Michael Edison Hayden

Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Haiti this morning, lashing the western shores of the country with 145 mph winds and causing thousands of Haitians to seek emergency shelter. The hurricane has weakened a little, and as of Tuesday at 5 p.m., has maximum sustained winds near 140 mph and is

moving north at about 9 mph. Forecasters predict it could reach the United States and brush Florida by Thursday morning. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency today and has begun medical evacuations for residents living along the coast. She said that all coastal communities in South Carolina — about 1.1 million people — will be asked to evacuate tomorrow. Schools and government offices will be closed tomorrow in South Carolina, and Haley recommended that residents move at least 100 miles from the coast.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley declares state of emergency, prepares for evacuations ahead of Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009779/gov-haley-declares-state-of-emergency-prepares-for-evacuations-ahead-of-hurricane-matthew>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Tuesday morning and announced school closings for the eastern half of the state ahead of planned evacuations as forecasts show the state will soon be feeling the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Haley expects lane reversals to go into place and evacuations to happen at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Haley spoke with other state officials at the state Emergency Operations Center in Columbia. "A lot of the coast is exposed," Haley said, regarding coastal evacuations. "Right now it's the responsible thing to do. I want people to be prepared. "Schools and county governments will be closed the rest of the week in the following counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter and Williamsburg. The closings are to assist in evacuation of 1.1 million people from the coast and to prepare schools for emergency shelters.

Post and Courier : Evacuation order expected Wednesday, 1.1 million to leave

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009789/evacuation-order-expected-wednesday-11-million-to-leave>

Bo Petersen

Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency on Tuesday afternoon. She called for residents in coastal communities to begin evacuating as early as Wednesday afternoon and said Interstate 26 lane reversals are expected to be put in place. "You are going to see National Guardsmen and law enforcement at all points as you make your evacuation through that process. It's not going to be a fast evacuation. What we ask is that you be patient, and understand it could take several hours," Haley said. "If you can leave early, do that. The goal is always not to all leave at once." The evacuation was not an order, but an order was expected to be issued by 3 p.m. Wednesday. If one is ordered, law enforcement will monitor route intersections and if gridlock occurs, would force drivers to follow evacuation routes, said Cathy Haynes, chief of operations for Charleston County Emergency Management.

Post and Courier: Matthew will be S.C.'s first real test of I-26 lane reversal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009774/matthew-will-be-scs-first-real-test-of-i-26-lane-reversal>

Robert Behre

This week's evacuation from Hurricane Matthew will be the first real-life test of South Carolina's plan to reverse the eastbound lane on Interstate 26 to speed traffic to Columbia. The lane reversal will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday, as state leaders urged residents along the coast to evacuate. The lane-reversal plan was devised after Hurricane Floyd threatened Charleston in 1999 before veering north and largely sparing the area. That storm was remembered more for epic congestion along the



interstate than actual damage to the coast: Thousands of frustrated motorists had stories of needing as much as 12 hours to make a trip that normally takes 90 minutes. Gov. Nikki Haley discussed the state's storm and evacuation plans this afternoon, as local emergency officials prepared for an evacuation of at least some coastal areas. Haley said the state would begin medical evacuations at 3 p.m. today, and coastal communities would be urged to begin evacuating Wednesday. The state has more than 1,000 state troopers and state and local law enforcement officers to help, as well as comfort stations along the way. She urged residents to fill up with gas, get their possessions together and remain on their evacuation route until they are 100 miles from the coast.

Post and Courier: Governor 'can't imagine' game between Gamecocks, Georgia will take place as scheduled

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009765/governor-cant-imagine-game-between-gamecocks-georgia-will-take-place-as-scheduled>

David Caraviello

South Carolina's game against Georgia remains slated for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium, but Gov. Nikki Haley isn't so sure it will kick off as scheduled — not with the threat of Hurricane Matthew looming offshore. "That's a decision based on the schools, but as of now I can't imagine that happening," Haley told reporters Tuesday at S.C. Emergency Management Division headquarters in West Columbia, during an update on the state's preparations for the storm. "But certainly, we're going to continue to watch this. Look, I would love nothing more than to see this suddenly take a right-hand turn and go out to sea. But as it looks right now, we're looking at Friday night into Saturday afternoon being pretty brutal." Matthew lashed the Caribbean on Tuesday with 145 mph winds, and forecast tracks project the storm to be on or near the South Carolina coast by Saturday morning. Haley declared a state of emergency Tuesday, and on Wednesday plans to begin the process of evacuating residents from coastal communities. Matthew could strike South Carolina as a Category 2 or 3 storm, Haley added. Category 3 storms are considered major hurricanes and can pack winds of up to 129 mph.

Post and Courier: Port of Charleston alters schedule with Hurricane Matthew threatening coast

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009750/port-of-charleston-alters-schedule-with-hurricane-matthew-threatening-coast>

David Wren

The State Ports Authority will restrict cargo shipments on Wednesday and then close its container terminals for the rest of the week starting Thursday as Hurricane Matthew threatens the Carolinas coast. Meanwhile, Carnival's Ecstasy cruise ship remains on schedule to bring passengers on a current cruise back to Charleston on Saturday. The Ecstasy is scheduled to depart Charleston for another excursion to the Bahamas later that afternoon. That could change depending on Matthew's track. "We are continuing to watch the storm very closely and are fully cognizant of its projected path and potential impact to homeport operations in Charleston," said Carnival spokeswoman Jennifer de la Cruz. Ecstasy passengers this week were re-routed from the Bahamas to Cozumel, Mexico, because of the hurricane. Those passengers were offered \$50 in onboard credit and 25 percent off a future cruise.

Island Packet : SC coast called to evacuate for Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article105841982.html>

Mandy Matney

Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Tuesday and called for an evacuation for all coastal communities in South Carolina, including Beaufort and Jasper counties, in preparation for Hurricane

Matthew. The governor said highway lane reversals will begin as early as 3 p.m. Wednesday, including U.S. 278 and Highway 21. Meteorologists warn of major impacts from Hurricane Matthew as the massive storm is expected to approach the East Coast later this week. The storm is expected to be a Category 2 or 3 hurricane as it approaches the South Carolina coast between Friday night and Saturday morning, Gov. Haley said in a Tuesday news conference. The state is preparing for 5- to 7-foot storm surges and up to 100 mph winds, Haley said. State emergency management officials predict 1.1 million people will have to evacuate for the storm. Matthew made landfall in Haiti on Tuesday as a Category 4 hurricane, with maximum winds of 145 mph and heavy rains as it barreled through the Caribbean. At least nine deaths were blamed on the storm as of Tuesday evening, according to The Associated Press. Thousands have been forced from their homes.

Island Packet: Emergency officials: For best results, leave ahead of ordered evacuations

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article105879972.html>

Stephen Fastenau

Beaufort County residents should leave now for the most flexibility ahead of ordered evacuations for Hurricane Matthew, county emergency officials said Tuesday. For those who choose not to evacuate, take proper caution and you're on your own, they added. Coastal schools will be closed the remainder of the week and communities along the coast will begin evacuating Wednesday, Gov. Nikki Haley said. Once evacuations begin, drivers will have to go where law enforcement directs them, Beaufort County officials cautioned. Those skeptical of leaving should be willing to live without water and power, said Lt. Col. Neil Baxley, Beaufort County Emergency Management commander. "Prepare to endure or get out of the way of this major hurricane," said Baxley, who recommended the Beaufort County Emergency Management phone application for updates and evacuation routes.

Sun News: Hurricane Matthew could be a Category 3 storm when it impacts the area; track shifts westward

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article105811296.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

The latest forecast shows Hurricane Matthew nudging closer to South Carolina's coast as it approaches the Grand Strand later this week; and a possibility exists that the storm could hit the area as a powerful Category 3 storm, forecasters said. "It could possibly be near our coast as a category 3 in some of the more worse case scenarios that are out there," said Steve Pfaff, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C. during a Tuesday morning conference call. Although initial reports said that the storm would likely be a strong Category 2 when it neared the area, Pfaff said that the possibility of it retaining more strength is possible, but also said hurricane intensity is very difficult to forecast and preparing for a storm degree higher than 2 isn't a bad idea just in case. One thing is certain though, and that's that the potential of impacts from Matthew are increasing for the Carolinas. "It is plausible that high wind, surge, and flood impacts could occur at the end of the week as Matthew makes its closest approach to the area. Impacts would be greatest on Saturday given the current forecast," Pfaff said in a threat assessment Tuesday morning.

Sun News: States of Emergency declared, evacuations set to begin ahead of Matthew

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article105904892.html>

Emily Weaver

Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Tuesday and said that evacuations in coastal communities will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday - at least two days before Hurricane Matthew is predicted to hit the Carolinas. Evacuations for people residing in Horry County between U.S. 17 Business/Kings Highway and the Atlantic Ocean (Evacuation Zone A) will begin at 3 p.m.

Government offices and schools will be closed beginning Wednesday and lane reversals will be put into place on major routes to aid the evacuation. The National Weather Service announced in its 6:15 p.m. advisory there only are minor changes in Hurricane Matthew's trajectory and its potential impact for the coasts of South Carolina and North Carolina. Impacts from the storm, the NWS said, would begin Friday and persist into Saturday before improving Sunday.

Sun News: Evacuations in coastal communities set to begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article105904892.html>

Emily Weaver

Gov. Nikki Haley announced at a press conference Tuesday that evacuations in coastal communities will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Government offices and schools will be closed beginning Wednesday and lane reversals will be put into place on major routes to aid the evacuation. Haley said evacuations will start Wednesday, two days before Hurricane Matthew is expected to hit, in order to facilitate the safe evacuation of an estimated 1 million people. When asked if the evacuations will be mandatory, Haley said, "We don't do voluntary and mandatory anymore. An evacuation is an evacuation." "If you can leave sooner, leave," she said, adding that people should also make sure they have a full tank of gas before they hit the road. Haley said she verbally declared a state of emergency for the state of South Carolina at 7:30 a.m. and has worked Tuesday to make that declaration official.

Times and Democrat: Counties prepare to accept evacuees

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/counties-prepare-to-accept-evacuees/article\\_eee99c1e-6678-5913-a059-9b392ab3565d.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/counties-prepare-to-accept-evacuees/article_eee99c1e-6678-5913-a059-9b392ab3565d.html)

Gene Zaleski

Local emergency management officials spent Tuesday checking equipment and planning as Hurricane Matthew churned closer. "We are monitoring the system very closely," Orangeburg County Emergency Services Director Billy Staley said Tuesday evening. "The track has continued to shift to the west and we are anticipating subtle shifts of the track over the next couple of days. We are geared up for the response," he said. County officials spent most of Tuesday planning to support the anticipated evacuation of the coast. Gov. Nikki Haley could decide to evacuate an estimated 1.1 million on Wednesday. The Orangeburg County Emergency Operations Center moved to OPGON 3 on Tuesday evening. OPGON 3 indicates a disaster or emergency situation is likely or imminent. County offices will be closed from 12:30 p.m. tomorrow thru Saturday, Oct. 8, with supporting personnel reporting as needed. The monster hurricane is forecast to track along the South Carolina coast Friday into Saturday.

Aiken Standard: Hurricane Matthew evacuation shuts down Savannah River Site to all non-essential personnel

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161004/161009833/hurricane-matthew-evacuation-shuts-down-savannah-river-site-to-all-non-essential-personnel->

Thomas Gardiner

Savannah River Site will be closed for the rest of the week, according to internal notifications sent to employees Tuesday afternoon. According to the notification, "SRS will be closed to non-essential personnel beginning Wednesday, October 5, through Friday, October 7. The notification said the closure was due to the coming influx of Hurricane Matthew evacuees. Those fleeing the hurricane are expected to arrive in the Aiken area beginning Wednesday, and travel routes are expected to create heavy traffic congestion around the site.

Aiken Standard: Gov. Haley urges evacuation as Hurricane Matthew approaches



<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161005/161009822/gov-haley-urges-evacuation-as-hurricane-matthew-approaches>

Dede Biles

Wind and rain from Hurricane Matthew are expected in Aiken County later this week, but the biggest impact could come from a huge influx of people seeking refuge from the storm. S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Tuesday and called for the evacuation of coastal communities. She also ordered school districts and county and state government offices to close in 25 counties, including Aiken and Barnwell, starting today. Aiken County Administrator Clay Killian, however, questioned that decision. "Right now, Aiken County Government offices are open tomorrow," he said Tuesday night. "We understand that there have been some discussions with the governor about the ambiguity in her order that didn't include municipal governments in the same counties. We understand she is going to issue a clarification in the morning. We will wait and see what that clarification is and then act accordingly." There won't be any classes at public schools in Aiken County through Friday.

The State: Gov. Nikki Haley: Coastal evacuations, school closings start Wednesday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article105907557.html>

Jamie Self and Cassie Cope

With Hurricane Matthew bearing down on the Atlantic coast, S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Tuesday and called for the evacuation of coastal counties and closure of school and government offices starting Wednesday. Haley urged residents evacuating coastal communities to get at least 100 miles away from the coast and make sure to fill up on gasoline. If the hurricane stays its current course, it could be a category 2 or 3 hurricane by the weekend with storm surges of five to seven feet, she said. The evacuation will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday for Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Horry and Georgetown. However, officials will reevaluate the storm and evacuation plans Wednesday morning, Haley said. The governor and state officials will hold a news conference at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Haley asked residents to be patient and understand that the evacuation could take several hours. Officials urged S.C. residents to visit the Emergency Management Division's website to check their evacuation status and recommended routes. "You don't want to be caught in this," Haley said, adding that buses will be moving people out of Charleston who do not have transportation.

The State: DOT provides details on hurricane evacuation lane reversals

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/article105986547.html>

Gary Ward

The South Carolina Department of Transportation is planning to start lane reversals on major highways Wednesday for coastal areas being evacuated due to Hurricane Matthew. Lane reversals are planned from roads heading out of Charleston to start at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Interstate 26 eastbound will be reversed starting at 3 p.m., with traffic heading away from the coast until the intersection of I-26 and I-77 in Columbia, said Derrec Becker with the S.C. Emergency Management Division. That means commuters in Columbia will not be able to travel I-26 eastbound out of Columbia. However, interstates will be functioning normally northwest of Columbia, Becker said. Here is a list of reversals provided by SCDOT Tuesday night...

The State: Hurricane Matthew threatens SC coast, according to latest tracking map

<http://www.thestate.com/news/weather/article106032877.html>

Jeff Kidd

The tracking map released by the National Hurricane Center at 11 p.m. Tuesday projects Hurricane

Matthew to be positioned due south of Savannah, Ga., and Beaufort County, S.C., by 8 p.m. Friday and to a spot off the South Carolina-North Carolina coast about 8 p.m. Saturday. As of 11 p.m. Tuesday, the storm was off the southeast tip of Cuba, moving north at about 8 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 130 mph, according to the Hurricane Center.

The State: Report: Atlanta likely destination if USC-Georgia is moved

<http://www.thestate.com/sports/college/university-of-south-carolina/usc-football/article106017977.html>

The Georgia Dome in Atlanta would be the probable destination of South Carolina's game against Georgia on Saturday, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported, should the contest be moved because of impending impacts from Hurricane Matthew. The AJC's Chip Towers published a report Tuesday evening that suggests USC-Georgia could be played at the Georgia Dome at 8 p.m. Saturday. The game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia. "All indications are they're not going to play this game in South Carolina, folks," Towers said in his report. "That said, the Gamecocks desperately want to keep it there." USC moved a home game against LSU in 2015 to Baton Rouge, La., after flooding devastated parts of the state, including Columbia. South Carolina hasn't played in Atlanta since the 2010 season, when the Gamecocks played there twice: once for the SEC championship and again in the Chick-fil-A Bowl. A decision regarding the game will be made later this week in consultation with state and local officials, USC said earlier Tuesday.

Greenville News: 1.1 million South Carolinians could be evacuated

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/10/03/carolinas-bracing-hurricane-matthew/91480320/>

Elizabeth LaFleur and Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley announced plans to evacuate more than 1 million residents from the coastal areas of South Carolina beginning Wednesday afternoon in advance of Hurricane Matthew's projected arrival in the state's waters this weekend. The massive evacuation and the lane reversals on Interstate 26 are set to begin at 3 pm Wednesday but Haley said the time could be delayed as conditions warrant. The Carolinas are bracing for a possible direct hit from Matthew, which carried 140 mph winds Tuesday as it tore through the Caribbean heading for the Bahamas and a possible track into South or North Carolina, according to the National Hurricane Center. At least seven people died from the storm as of Tuesday, according to the Associated Press. "I would love nothing more than to see this just suddenly take a right hand turn and head back out to sea, but as of right now, we're looking at Friday night into Saturday being pretty brutal," Haley told reporters at the state Emergency Management Division's operations center.

Greenville News: Haley: "As of now, I can't imagine (the game) happening."

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/sports/college/usc/2016/10/04/haley-now-cant-imagine-game-happening/91563706/>

Tim Smith

While South Carolina and the Southeastern Conference are monitoring Hurricane Matthew, Gov. Nikki Haley doesn't believe Saturday's game between USC and Georgia at Williams-Brice Stadium will take place as planned. "It's a complete decision based on the schools," said Haley during a news conference. "As of now, I can't imagine (the game) happening. Certainly, we're going to continue to monitor this." The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be televised on the SEC Network. There are plans to reverse the lanes on the interstate highways coming from the coast Wednesday at 3 p.m. as an evacuation order has been issued for coastal residents at the same time. Schools across the Midlands and Lowcountry are being closed on Wednesday, along with government offices. South Carolina and the Southeastern Conference office issued a statement saying they are monitoring the

situation.

Greenville News: Video: Gov. Haley addresses media on Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/10/04/watch-live-gov-haley-addresses-media-hurricanematthew/91554292/>

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Gov. Nikki Haley addressed the media regarding Hurricane Matthew from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division.

Greenville News: Matthew shifts east as evacuations begin

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/10/05/matthew-shifts-east-evacuations-begin/91597356/>

Elizabeth LaFleur

Hurricane Matthew's latest projected track from the National Hurricane Center shows a large shift to the east, which could be good news for the Carolinas, but South Carolina isn't out of the woods yet. Much of the coastal area is expected to get large amounts of rain and wind from the storm and landfall along the coast is not out of the question. The now-Category 3 storm is blamed for the deaths of at least seven people in the Caribbean. Schools in 45 districts across the Midlands and Lowcountry are closed Wednesday as evacuations begin for 1.1 million residents in or near the path of the storm. Lane reversals will begin Wednesday at 3 p.m. on I-26 and several other highways heading out of the Lowcountry. The Upstate is not included in the cone of the storm's projected path, though the Upstate will, no doubt, be affected by evacuation efforts. Greenville County school buses were sent to assist with evacuations. Some evacuees will be transported to temporary shelters in Greenville County, including the TD Convention Center. Some schools may also be used as shelters. If that is necessary, GCS said school cancellations will be considered.

Independent Mail: Medshore may send 60 to hurricane

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/10/04/medshore-may-send-60-hurricane/91571030/>

Mike Ellis

Dozens of Medshore Ambulance Service employees are getting ready to go to coastal South Carolina to support local emergency responders as Hurricane Matthew is expected to hit the state. Medshore owner Greg Shore said 60 employees and 30 ambulances are being prepared with supplies so his employees don't further strain resources on the coast. He said the team of disaster experts had been expecting to leave at 6 a.m. but they were put on standby and now expect to leave later in the morning Wednesday. More than 1 million South Carolina residents may be evacuated as lane reversals on Interstate 26 are set to begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday, but Gov. Nikki Haley said the time could be delayed as conditions warrant. The Carolinas are bracing for a possible direct hit from Matthew, which carried 140 mph winds Tuesday as it tore through the Caribbean heading for the Bahamas and a possible track into South Carolina or North Carolina, according to the National Hurricane Center. At least seven people died from the storm as of Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

WIS: State of emergency declared, coastal evacuations to begin ahead of Matthew

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33313874/state-of-emergency-declared-coastal-evacuations-to-begin-ahead-of-matthew>

Ashleigh Holland

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency and called for coastal evacuations

ahead of what could be a dangerous hurricane making landfall on the coast of South Carolina early Saturday morning. Surrounded by officials with the state Emergency Management Division, Haley said she declared a state of emergency at 7:30 a.m. due to the state needing to move 1.1 million people off the coast and 100 miles inland. "It's not going to be a fast evacuation. It could take up to several hours," Haley said. "If you can leave early, do that. The goal is to not leave all at once." Haley said coastal evacuations will begin Wednesday at 3 p.m. "We don't do voluntary or mandatory anymore, an evacuation is an evacuation," Haley said. Haley said they've been preparing for a storm surge, high winds, and plenty of rain.

WACH: Haley issues State of Emergency ahead of Hurricane Matthew

<http://wach.com/news/local/haley-issues-state-of-emergency-ahead-of-hurricane-matthew>

Matthew Stevens

Governor Nikki Haley announced Tuesday that she has issued a State of Emergency for South Carolina ahead of Hurricane Matthew. Governor Haley said that medical evacuations for the coast will start Tuesday night and all evacuations for coastal residents will go into effect Wednesday at 3pm. "If you can leave early do that, we don't want everyone to leave at once," said Haley. All residents will be taken 100 miles from the coast. The governor noted that roughly 1.1 million people will be evacuated. The governor said that all schools and government agencies across the coast will be closed tomorrow, along with schools and agencies in the Midlands. The following counties' schools will be closed starting tomorrow... Hurricane Matthew is currently a Category 4 and the governor has been informed it will be between a category 2 and 3 when it does hit SC, with winds expected to reach as high as 100 miles per hour. "The main thing is we've been through winter storms, 1,000 year flood; get all of the paper work that is important to you, know where you are going," pointed out Haley.

WACH: Price Gouging statute in effect as SC is in State of Emergency

<http://wach.com/news/local/price-gouging-statute-in-effect-as-sc-is-in-state-of-emergency>

Matthew Stevens

SC Attorney General Alan Wilson has announced that the state's price gouging statute is in effect. The statute was initiated after Gov. Haley announced a State of Emergency for SC ahead of Hurricane Matthew. Our state is still recovering from the catastrophic damage caused by the floods in 2015, and as we have witnessed before, we will see many neighbors helping each other during this delicate time. However, we may also see some looking to unfairly take advantage of the situation through price gouging of food, gasoline, lodging, water and any other commodities as defined by the statute. Pursuant to state law, price gouging constitutes a criminal violation and an unfair trade practice," said Wilson. He added if you feel you are being victimized, to email document to [pricegouging@scag.gov](mailto:pricegouging@scag.gov) or tweet at @SCPriceGouging or call 803-737-953. The statute will remain in effect for the next 15 days and anyone is found in violation will face a \$1,000 fine and or 30 days in jail.

WLTX: Gov. Haley Orders Coast Evacuation, Declares State of Emergency

<http://www.wltx.com/weather/forecast/tracking-the-tropics/gov-haley-orders-coast-evacuation-declares-state-of-emergency/328935898>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has ordered an evacuation of many coastal communities and cancelled school in over half of the state in advance of Hurricane Matthew. An estimated 1.1 million could have to leave their homes, Haley said. "With winds this high and surge this high, this is not something we want to play with," Haley said. "I don't want to sit there and talk about fatalities. Our goal is to save anybody we can." Haley said the medical evacuations began Tuesday, and general evacuations are set to start at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Schools and government offices in the Lowcountry

are also closed. Lane reversals will also begin at that time. (You can see a list of evacuation zones at the bottom of this article) The zones affected are as follows...

#### WOLO: Governor Orders Coastal Evacuations Wednesday

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/10/04/governor-orders-coastal-evacuations-wednesday/>

Governor Nikki Haley has ordered Coastal evacuations, starting Wednesday for all coastal communities ahead of Hurricane Mathew. Governor Haley says the expected evacuation time is set for 3pm, but that will be reevaluated Wednesday morning. Haley says evacuations are starting tomorrow to ensure safety. Lane Reversals will be activated along I-26 Wednesday at 3pm according to officials.

#### WBTW: Gov. Haley scheduled to hold Hurricane Matthew press conference at 9am

<http://wbtw.com/2016/10/04/sc-governor-to-hold-press-conference-on-hurricane-matthew/>

Kendall McGee

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says she plans to issue an evacuation order Wednesday ahead of Hurricane Matthew so that 1 million people can safely and comfortably leave the coast. Haley is expected to hold a press conference Wednesday at 9 a.m. to provide an update to South Carolina citizens. Haley said at a Tuesday news conference that she will finalize the order Wednesday morning, unless there is a major shift in the storm's track. Haley says she expects the evacuation to begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Schools in Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg counties will be closed tomorrow, the governor said. The governor advises the people of South Carolina to fill their cars up with gas and get at least 100 miles away from the coast. State officials say lanes on major evacuation routes will be reversed. It would be the first major evacuation since Hurricane Floyd in 1999, when the governor at the time didn't reverse the lanes and Interstate 26 became backed up for hours and traffic was at a standstill. A two-hour drive from Charleston to Columbia turned into a 24-hour nightmare.

#### WCSC: Residents encounter lines at gas stations, empty shelves as Matthew approaches

<http://www.live5news.com/story/33318169/residents-encounter-lines-at-gas-stations-empty-shelves-as-matthew-approaches>

Gas stations and grocery stores throughout the Lowcountry were packed Tuesday after Gov. Nikki Haley's announcement of a state of emergency and a call for coastal evacuations ahead of what could be a dangerous hurricane for South Carolina. Viewers reported long lines at gas stations in North Charleston, Mount Pleasant, West Ashley and Summerville Tuesday afternoon and evening. By Tuesday night, residents were trying to locate a gas station that still had gas. A viewer who was looking for gas said there were long lines at the Pilot Truck Stop on North Rhett and Remount. Drivers who waited in line at the Blue Water gas station in Mount Pleasant eventually gave up after learning there was no gas left. Many viewers also took pictures of empty water and bread shelves at local grocery stores. "No water at Target in Mount Pleasant and numerous gas stations out of gas," Live 5 Joey Sovine reported Tuesday evening. "It's good to see that everyone seems to be taking this seriously."

#### WCSC: SANDBAGS: The Lowcountry braces for Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.live5news.com/story/33319786/sandbags-the-lowcountry-braces-for-hurricane-matthew>

Several city and county governments are providing sandbags as Matthew continues its trek north. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Tuesday afternoon, calling for coastal evacuations ahead of the dangerous hurricane possibly making landfall on the coast of South Carolina later this week. Potential effects for the Lowcountry include hurricane force winds on the



coast, heavy surf and beach erosion, storm surges of three to five feet and four to eight inches of rainfall. Power outages are also expected as early as Friday afternoon. As of early Wednesday morning, here's what some Lowcountry city and county officials are saying about sandbags you may want to protect your home with...

WPDE: Gov. Haley says Horry and Georgetown County residents in Zone A should prepare to evacuate

<http://wpde.com/news/local/governor-nikki-haley-holding-hurricane-matthew-news-conference-at-3-pm>

Governor Nikki Haley says residents in Hurricane Evacuation Zone A in Horry and Georgetown counties should make preparations to begin evacuating at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5., in advance of Hurricane Matthew, according to a news release. The governor will update residents about preparations for Hurricane Matthew, and the need for evacuation of coastal areas, during a news conference at 9 a.m. on Wednesday. But, the release said, residents in Zone A in Horry County and Georgetown County "should make preparations for a potential evacuation beginning at 3 p.m." The governor also declared a State of Emergency at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, activating 1,800 National Guard troops, in advance of the hurricane. The governor also said more information about shelters and lane reversals will be released on Wednesday. There are specific evacuation routes for people across Horry County, [click here](#) for those routes. The governor also said all public schools in Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion and Marlboro counties will be closed starting Wednesday through the rest of the week.

WMBF: Haley: Coastal schools closed beginning Wed., prepare for evacuations

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33315605/haley-coastal-schools-closed-beginning-wednesday-evacuations-set-to-begin>

Ian Cross and Brad Dickerson

All coastal communities will potentially be evacuated starting Wednesday, and all coastal schools will be closed starting Wednesday due to Hurricane Matthew, Governor Nikki Haley announced Tuesday. While Gov. Haley stated at a news conference Tuesday that evacuations are ordered for all coastal communities beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday, later, a news release from the Governor's office stated that residents should prepare for a potential evacuation of the coast in advance of Hurricane Matthew. In Horry and Georgetown counties, residents in zone A should make preparations for a potential evacuation beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The South Carolina Emergency Management Department has an interactive map of evacuation zones [here: http://scemd.org/knowyourzone](http://scemd.org/knowyourzone). A state of emergency was declared at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Gov. Haley said, ahead of Hurricane Matthew, which is expected to hit the Grand Strand area early Saturday morning, according to the latest forecasts.

WMBF: State releases full list of school closings for Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33315746/state-releases-full-list-of-school-closings-for-hurricane-matthew>

The state Department of Education has released a full list of school districts that will be closed Wednesday through Friday ahead of Hurricane Matthew. This list includes all districts in our viewing area, including all Horry, Georgetown, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg county schools. The full list is below...

WCIV: Schools closed, evacuations to be ordered for coastal communities

<http://abcnews4.com/news/local/watch-live-governor-haley-to-discuss-hurricane-matthew>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley held a press conference Tuesday afternoon in which she discussed Hurricane Matthew and declared a State of Emergency for the state. The governor said she would have evacuations, starting Wednesday for all coastal communities. All coastal school districts have also been closed. Highway lane reversals are expected to begin at 3 p.m. "You don't want to get caught in this," Gov. Haley said. The governor stressed the evacuation order be followed. She said the state no longer uses the term "voluntary" when speaking of evacuations. "I would ask everybody to not take this lightly," Haley said. "...I don't want to have to sit there and talk about any fatalities."

WSPA: Gov. Haley to hold 9AM news conference to discuss Matthew

<http://wspa.com/2016/10/05/gov-haley-to-hold-9am-news-conference-to-discuss-matthew/>

Governor Nikki Haley will update everyone on Hurricane Matthew's potential impact to the state. The news conference will be held at 9 a.m. in Columbia at the South Carolina Emergency Operations Center. We will livestream the conference here. During a press conference on Tuesday, Governor Nikki Haley announced that they will be evacuating all coastal communities in anticipation for Hurricane Matthew. Closings and Evacuations South Carolina Hurricane Matthew Map of closings/evacuations (From: SC Dept. of Education) Governor Haley stated that they will be closing all schools along the coast as well to use them for shelters. The counties under evacuation are Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, and Jasper Counties. Schools will be closed in all of those counties in addition to Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Hampton, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

Medical Evacuations have already begun for all coastal communities. Starting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, lane reversals will begin on I-26 and other routes leading out of the coastal communities.

WSPA: Coastal communities to evacuate for Hurricane Matthew

<http://wspa.com/2016/10/04/coastal-communities-to-evacuate-for-hurricane-matthew/>

Brianna Smith

During a press conference on Tuesday, Governor Nikki Haley announced that they will be evacuating all coastal communities in anticipation for Hurricane Matthew. Governor Haley stated that they will be closing all schools along the coast as well to use them for shelters. The counties under evacuation are Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, and Jasper Counties. Schools will be closed in all of those counties in addition to Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg. Medical Evacuations have already begun for all coastal communities. Starting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, lane reversals will begin on I-26 and other routes leading out of the coastal communities. 3,700 law enforcement are headed to those communities to assist with the evacuations and National Guard helicopters from Tennessee and Kentucky are on standby.

WYFF4: Evacuation of 1.1 million people likely, Gov. Nikki Haley says

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/gov-haley-evacuation-of-1-1-million-people-likely/41952226>

Carla Field

Gov. Nikki Haley held a news conference Tuesday afternoon to discuss Hurricane Matthew's potential impact on the state and impending evacuations. The news conference was at 3 p.m. the South Carolina Emergency Operations Center in West Columbia. Haley said schools in the southern and eastern counties of South Carolina will be closed starting Wednesday. Government offices in those counties will be closed as well, she said. "It's amazing that it's a year from when we had the thousand-year flood," she said. Haley said a state of emergency was declared at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

She said 1,800 National Guard members have been brought in to help. She said the Department of Health and Environmental Control will be helping with medical evacuations.

Fox Carolina: Greenville Co. Schools send buses to help coastal evacuations; no buses to run Wednesday

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33316250/greenville-co-schools-send-280-buses-to-help-coastal-evacuations>

Amanda Shaw

Greenville County Schools said no buses will run on Wednesday as 280 will be sent with drivers to the South Carolina coast. On Tuesday Governor Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency due to Hurricane Matthew's approach, which is projected to impact the coasts of North and South Carolina. She also urged the evacuation of 1.1 million residents from the S.C. coast. Lane reversals are expected at 3 p.m. on Wednesday on Interstate 26 eastbound to expedite traffic into Columbia. Haley requested buses from Greenville County Schools assist with evacuations. After finishing their routes on Tuesday, bus drivers will head to the coast to help with the plan. The district said no buses will run. Students who are coded bus riders but can't find alternative transportation will be excused on Wednesday. All other students will be marked absent if they aren't in class.

The Flood: One Year Later:

The State: 'Another day without him': Richland's 9 flood victims honored, remembered

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article106005432.html>

Sarah Ellis

Tuesday was one more day without Sampson Pringle for those who loved him. Aneesah Smith awoke sharply at 6 a.m., precisely a year since the last time she spoke to Pringle, her fiancé, before he was swept away by floodwaters on Decker Boulevard. Throughout the day on the first anniversary of his death, Smith paused and remembered how that day unfolded. But mostly, the thought on her mind was, "It's just another day without him," she said. Pringle was one of nine people who died in Richland County when historic floods struck the region Oct. 4 and 5, 2015. They, along with emergency personnel who responded in the days during and after the disaster, were honored with a memorial plaque dedicated by Richland County Council on Tuesday. The one-year anniversary of the floods also marked one more day without Robert Allawos, Timothy Gibson, Melissa Hall, Alexandria Holmes, Bob McCarty, Ricky McDonald, Richard Milroy and Bob Vance, whose family members joined Pringle's to accept plaques in memory of their lost loved ones.

Aiken Standard: Aiken County Emergency Management looks back at October 2015 flood

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161005/161009823/aiken-county-emergency-management-looks-back-at-october-2015-flood->

Christina Cleveland

Looking back at last October's historic rainfall, Aiken County Emergency Management Director Paul Matthews said officials were as prepared as they could be for the event, which resulted in the heaviest flooding South Carolina has seen. Parts of South Carolina are still in recovery from the major rainfall that lasted through Oct. 1 and Oct. 5 of last year. Parts of Aiken County saw up to 20 inches of rain. Emergency management's role in such an event involves following the life cycle of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. "You're as prepared as you're going to be. You know it's going to be a flooding event," Matthews said. "You don't know which dams may breach; you don't know what roadways may flood out." There's a lot of variables that go into that. You prepare as much as you can, then you become reactionary, so you're having to react to where a specific event is."

WPDE: South Carolina's Historic Flood One Year Later - Interview with Governor Nikki Haley  
<http://wpde.com/news/local/south-carolinas-history-flood-one-year-later-interview-with-governor-nikki-haley>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley sat down with our Tim McGinnis to talk about her thoughts on and memories from the historic flooding that devastated the state in October of 2015. She discussed how state officials began to prepare, what her first thoughts were as she saw the flooding in Columbia, the stories that stick out to her during the recovery efforts, and what she would like South Carolinians to know about being prepared for events like this. You can watch the interview as it aired during our special segment marking one year since the historic event in the player above.

WMBF: On one-year anniversary of October floods, recovery continues along Black Creek  
<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33317372/on-one-year-anniversary-of-october-floods-recovery-continues-along-black-creek>

Audrey Biesk

It has been one year since the historic October floods that swept through the Pee Dee and many people are still hurting. One family that lives along Black Creek is looking back on what they went through. Mary Batchelor and her husband, William, recalled the moments as they both gazed out at the creek flowing in their backyard. "One year ago, where we are sitting right now, we'd be sitting in water," Batchelor said. "You could actually park our boat on our back porch. That's a lot of water. It's just a hard time having to put up with that." It was a long journey the Batchelor family went through, one that cost around \$150,000. However, the emotional damage they both agree won't ever go away. "You always have a bad feeling inside your stomach all the time," Batchelor said. "Yeah. we've lost this, we've lost that. We're OK, we can always replace everything else." Which is exactly what they were forced to do. The two had to live out of their garage for nearly five months while contractors were renovating the entire house.

WLTX: Governor Haley Reflects on Anniversary of Flood  
<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/flood-recovery/governor-haley-reflects-on-floods-anniversary/328769382>

It's been one year since "The Thousand Year Flood" and Governor Haley says there's still work to be done to recover from the disaster. In an interview with News 19's J.R. Berry, Haley said South Carolina's infrastructure, already damaged from two winter storms, took a huge hit from the October flood. The Governor also talks about what went through her mind when she woke up that Sunday morning to see nearly two feet of rain on the ground. Haley says while the flood waters destroyed homes, businesses and roads, it didn't destroy the spirit of South Carolinians who worked together to get through the tough days and weeks that followed.

WLTX: Flood Anniversary Brings Churches and City Together for Service of Remembrance and Hope  
<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/flood-anniversary-brings-churches-and-city-together-for-service-of-remembrance-and-hope/329091536>

On this one year anniversary of the October floods, 10 different churches and synagogues came together in forest acres for a service of remembrance and hope at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Paul Wollner helped organize the services of remembrance and hope along with the city and other clergy. He tells News 19, "This community persevered through a very difficult time because of the cohesiveness; neighbor helping neighbor and that is rooted both in scripture and our every day lives." The City of Forest Acres motto might be "A City Apart," but community members came together to recover from the devastating 1,000 year flood and in the recovery in the year since then. But

forever tied to the devastation caused by the flood is another loss, the death of Forest Acres Police Officer, Greg Alia, whose funeral was held on October third as the rains began to fall. Mayor Frank Brunson spoke to those who gathered saying both were heart breaking for his city. Brunson says, "We know that there are 10 to 15% of people affected by the flood, businesses and homes, that have not gotten back into their homes yet and some of the may not."

WOLO: Governor Haley Reflects on Flood with Ben Hoover

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/10/02/governor-haley-reflects-flood-ben-hoover/>

24 inches of rain in 24 hours, and it all started on a Sunday. Memories of October 4th last year are still heavy on the minds of those who survived the great South Carolina Flood. Ben Hoover sat down with Governor Nikki Haley, who played an integral role in guiding the state through one of its worst natural disasters. Governor Haley remembers quite vividly the challenging task of getting help to those trapped by the water, keeping families updated with critical information and making sure South Carolina stayed strong.

WIS: WATCH LIVE: Restoring Hope: The SC Floods One Year Later

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33315801/watch-live-restoring-hope-the-sc-floods-one-year-later>

WIS: Emergency responders, SC National Guard heroes of 2015 historic flood

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33312130/sc-national-guard-heroes-of-2015-historic-flood>

Michael Higdon

If it weren't for the dedication of emergency personnel during the flood of 2015, the number of deaths in South Carolina would have been higher than 19. "This street here was all flooded. All the houses right here were flooded. There were spots that the water was 8, 10 feet deep," said Lexington County Fire Services firefighter Chris Jackson. In the Coldstream neighborhood, Jackson said it was unlike anything he had ever seen. "I mean the water was obviously yea high if not more, and saw people hanging out of their second-story windows...You never think it's going to happen in your backyard, you always think it's going to happen somewhere else...and to see all of that happening in your own backyard, a place where you grew up and you call home. It was unreal. It was incredible." The sights, from any vantage point, overwhelming.

WACH: The power of social media during a thousand year flood

<http://wach.com/news/local/the-power-of-social-media-after-the-storm>

Janet Parker

When record rainfall poured into the Midlands on October 4, 2015, many grabbed their cell phones to capture what was happening around them. "Talking about the devastation that they were seeing, the built environment, streams being flooded, lakes being drowned because of all of the damage that was happening but then also structural damage that was happening to houses and buildings around. Brie Turner-McGrievy and other researchers from the University of South Carolina have spent the past year compiling data on the value social media, particularly Twitter, brought to many areas of recovery. "It really allowed for rapid response," says Turner-McGrievy, "and it was really important for people who's houses had been flooded, the water receded, now all of a sudden they needed to get that drywall out of their house, quickly."

WACH: City of Columbia chronicles historic floods one year ago

<http://wach.com/news/local/city-of-columbia-chronicles-historic-floods-one-year-ago>

Matthew Stevens

The City of Columbia has released a documentary chronicling last year's historic floods. "Then Came



the Rain..The Road to Recovery from 1,000 Year Flood details the heavy rainfall and the following response. The film will be available online through October 31.Also Tuesday, Mayor Steve Benjamin released a message on the anniversary of the floods.In part it read, "And we saw this first-hand last year as so many of you quickly responded with grace, kindness and compassion for one another. First responder were at their fines. Communities were brought together, and neighbors helped neighbors-strangers helped strangers. The flood brought out the best in us."

Townville, SC Shooting:

Associated Press: Superhero funeral to honor 6-year-old fatally shot at school

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=D8SwHYvV](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=D8SwHYvV)

Seanna Adcox

A 6-year-old boy who died after a teen gunman opened fire at a South Carolina elementary school will be remembered Wednesday as a superhero.Jacob Hall's family has encouraged people to dress as superheroes to celebrate what he enjoyed."We want to honor Jacob, celebrate Jacob, in a way he would love," his great-aunt, Rebecca Hunnicutt, told the Anderson Independent-Mail (<http://bit.ly/2dPTSqO>).His funeral comes a week after authorities say a 14-year-old boy killed his own father before driving a pickup to Townville Elementary School and crashing into a playground fence. Jacob, a classmate and a first-grade teacher were struck by bullets as they left for recess. That student and teacher were treated and released from a hospital later that day.A bullet struck Jacob in a main artery in his thigh, and he was airlifted to a Greenville hospital, where he died Saturday.

Associated Press: Batman, balloons and Ninja turtles at 6-year-old boy's wake

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SC State Wire

Townpeople and classmates filled a church Tuesday evening to say goodbye to a 6-year-old boy who died in a school shooting, filing past a casket adorned with large photos, balloons and a life-size figure of one of his favorite superheroes, Batman.Authorities say a teen shot at a back door of the Townville Elementary school last Wednesday as a class left for recess, hitting Jacob, a classmate and a first-grade teacher. The teacher, shot in the shoulder, and the student, shot in the foot, were treated at hospitals and released the day of the shooting. Jacob died on Saturday.News that a third student had been injured came Monday night in a news release issued by Solicitor Chrissy Adams. That student, who was on the playground during the shooting, did not need medical attention, Anderson County Sheriff's Lt. Sheila Cole said Tuesday. Because of the student's injuries, however, Adams lodged another charge of attempted murder against the teen, who is 14.

Associated Press: The Latest: Visitors wear superhero gear to remember boy

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SC State Wire

People are gathering to remember a 6-year-old boy fatally shot when a teenager opened fire at a South Carolina elementary school.Local media outlets show people wearing superhero costumes and shirts at Jacob Hall's visitation Tuesday evening.Jacob, a classmate and a teacher were shot last Wednesday as they left for recess. Authorities say the suspect, a 14-year-old boy, had shot his father to death before driving to Townville Elementary. The other student and teacher were treated and released from a hospital that day.Jacob's family has encouraged supporters to attend his visitation and funeral Wednesday in costume to celebrate his life. Jacob is dressed as Batman, a favorite of his.Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle stickers decorate his blue casket, and "God's Super Hero" is written inside.

Greenville News: Schools showing support for Jacob Hall

Schools showing support for Jacob Hall

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/10/04/schools-showing-support-jacob-hall/91538362/>

Elizabeth LaFleur

Schools around the Upstate are showing their support for Jacob Hall, a 6-year-old victim in last week's Townville Elementary shooting. Hall died over the weekend from injuries sustained in that shooting. His family noted his love of superheroes and invited the public to attend his visitation tonight in superhero garb. That visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville. Thousands of children across the Upstate are honoring his memory today and tomorrow by wearing superhero clothing to school.

Independent Mail: At Jacob Hall's visitation: 'He was a great friend'

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/10/04/remembering-jacob-visitation-begins-townville/91555098/>

Jacob Hall's love, of superheroes, friends and family, was the theme underlining the visitation in his honor Tuesday evening at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville. Aaron Alexander, a schoolmate of Jacob's who was on the playground when he was shot, said, "He was a great friend." One of Jacob's aunts, 12-year-old Starr Henderson, said he used to pick flowers and give them to her. Kimberly Collins cradled daughter Megan as they waited to see the Halls. "I told her Jacob will watch over her on the playground from now on," Collins said. Jacob, 6, died Saturday after being shot, along with another child and a teacher, Wednesday at Townville Elementary School. Visitation will last until 9 p.m. tonight and Jacob's funeral is 11 a.m. Wednesday, also at Oakdale Baptist.

Independent Mail : Superheroes in Townville honor 'heart of an angel'

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/10/04/remembering-jacob-visitation-begins-townville/91555098/>

Nikie Mayo and Kirk Brown

Superheroes abounded Tuesday night at Oakdale Baptist Church, all honoring little Jacob Hall. Superman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman and Captain America came. At least a dozen children gasped and giggled when a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle sauntered into the sanctuary. In many ways, the atmosphere was reminiscent of a child's party. If only that were the case. Jacob, 6, was among those shot Sept. 28 near the playground at Townville Elementary School. He died of his injuries Saturday. The superheroes who showed up Tuesday night were among more than 1,000 people who paid respects to a boy gone too soon. Seven-year-old Aaron Alexander was on the playground when the shooting mortally wounded Jacob. "When I started running, he got shot," Aaron said outside the church Tuesday night. "He was a great friend." Jacob's casket was blue and covered with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle decals. His body was dressed in a tiny Batman costume because the Caped Crusader was one of his favorites. Photos of him flanked the casket, and also appeared on two large screens in the sanctuary.

Independent Mail : In death, Jacob Hall's reach grows

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/04/jacob-hall-saved-townville-every-night/91533280/>

Nikie Mayo

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moment's notice and become Superman. Jacob wore glasses himself, so Clark Kent was one his favorite ordinary guys-turned-superheroes, his great aunt, Rebecca Hunnicutt, said. Jacob could give a crash course on Batman at a moment's notice. And he knew the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles as though they were his friends, especially after the characters showed up at one of his birthday parties. He even invented Cat Boy, his imagined alter ego. "That's who saved the town every night when Jacob went to bed," said Jacob's uncle, Johnny Bridges.

Independent Mail: Jacob Hall 'saved Townville' every night

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Independent Mail: District 4 plans therapy dogs, counseling for first day

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/04/district-4-plans-therapy-dogs-counseling-first-day/91540294/>

Frances Parrish

The physical marks left on Townville Elementary School by teen shooter Jesse Osborne last week have been erased. Anderson School District 4 Superintendent Joanne Avery and staff members spent Sunday cleaning classrooms and washing students' lunchboxes that were abandoned when they were evacuated the school last Wednesday afternoon. They hung up backpacks in the classroom and put desks back in order. Parts of the school were repainted, and landscaping was fixed. The playground fence, dented by the truck that Osborne drove to the school, was repaired. The school is ready for students to return on Thursday. But the community's emotional scars from the shooting will take more time to heal. Avery is asking that all schools in Pendleton-based District 4 participate Wednesday in superhero day in honor of Jacob Hall, who died from injuries he sustained in the shooting.

Independent Mail: Townville school shooting fuels security debate

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/03/townville-school-shooting-fuels-security-debate/91474800/>

Kirk Brown

When a 14-year-old opened fire last week at Townville Elementary School, a national debate was brought closer to home for many Upstate residents: What can be done to make schools safer? Two approaches are generating the most discussion. One is costly and the other is controversial. And some question whether anything could have averted the playground shooting that caused the death of 6-year-old Jacob Hall and wounded a teacher and at least one other student. Placing armed school resource officers in all of Anderson County's elementary schools is an option that will be discussed in coming months, said Joey Nimmer, administrator of the Anderson County Board of Education. The board oversees the budgets for each of the county's five school districts. Another option is proposed

by Chad McBride, who is preparing to take over as Anderson County's sheriff in January, and others. He said teachers and other school employees should be allowed to carry firearms.

WYFF4: Upstate school hosting 'Patriotic Heroes Night' following kneeling controversy

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/upstate-school-hosting-patriotic-heroes-night-following-kneeling-controversy/41953428>

Aly Myles

Westside High School will host "Patriotic Heroes Night" Thursday. Police officers, firefighters and military personnel are encouraged to attend the girls' volleyball games for free and stand with them during the anthem. Students who wear red, white, or blue and bring their student ID will only have to pay \$1 for admission. This just days after a photo went viral of the majority of the team kneeling during the national anthem. Westside Assistant Principal Rayvan Teague said the team came up with the idea after having a conversation following the game. "I think in some regards they were actually confused what they were kneeling for. I think they're all patriotic young ladies. They stand up every day to pledge the flag so I think after the conversation, they understood and they wanted to make sure the community understood exactly where they stand on this issue," Teague said.

WSPA: TV "Batman" reaches out to Jacob Hall's family on social media

<http://wspa.com/2016/10/04/tv-batman-reaches-out-to-jacob-halls-family-on-social-media/>

Fred Cunningham

The star of the 1960's television version of Batman reached out on social media to the family of Jacob Hall following the child's death after a shooting in Townville. Adam West – who portrayed Batman on the ABC series from 1966-1968 – made posts on Twitter and Facebook. West wrote, "to Jacob's parents: I was so moved by your story. I'm praying for you to have strength. I loved Jacob, too." Jacob loved superheroes and his family has asked people attending his funeral on Wednesday to dress as their favorite character. His funeral will be held Wednesday starting at 11:00 a.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville. Hill died Saturday from injuries he received after being shot in the leg outside Townville Elementary School. The bullet hit a major artery and led to a large amount of blood loss. A 14-year-old boy is being held on murder charges in the death of Jacob and the suspect's father who was killed shortly before the school shooting on September 28.

WSPA: Local law enforcement honor Jacob Hall by dressing like superheroes

<http://wspa.com/2016/10/04/local-law-enforcement-honor-jacob-hall-by-dressing-like-superheroes/>

Bailey Bumgarner

Upstate law enforcement officers are showing off their superhero clothing in honor of Jacob Hall. Jacob died Saturday after a shooting at Townville Elementary in Anderson Co. last week. His mother asked the community to show their support this week by wearing superhero outfits because that is what Jacob loved best.

Fox Carolina : Hundreds gather at superhero visitation for Jacob Hall

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33316987/hundreds-gather-at-superhero-visitation-for-jacob-hall>

Sierra Hancock

Community members near and far gathered together wearing superhero T-shirts and costumes to honor the life of a fallen child "superhero" - Jacob Hall. The sanctuary at Oakdale Baptist Church filled with hundreds of community members and their superhero memorabilia on Tuesday for Jacob Hall's visitation. Festive balloons, life-size superhero statues and paintings of Jacob as the hero his parents said he was, littered the sanctuary, gym and overflow room at the church as the community dressed as superheroes gathered to express support for the Hall family. "I don't want suits and ties and all that,

" Jacob's mother said. "There will be a lot of children there and I don't want it to be scary for them. Jacob will be dressed in his superhero costume." Jacob passed away on Saturday, Oct 1 after being shot by a teen at Townville Elementary school last week. The 6-year-old sustained a major brain injury due to the amount of blood loss he suffered. He was placed on life support and never regained consciousness since he was hospitalized, per the family.

Fox Carolina: Batman shows support for family of Jacob Hall

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33308811/batman-shows-support-for-family-of-jacob-hall>

Sierra Hancock

People from all over the Upstate are dressing up as superheroes in honor of Jacob Hall and even the original superhero himself is showing his support. Adam West, the actor most well-known for his role as Batman in the classic television series, wrote a special note to Jacob's parents on his Facebook Page. The post says: "To Jacob's parents: I was so moved by your story and what you are doing with your son. Sending my heartfelt best wishes and praying for you to have strength. I loved Jacob, too." Jacob's parents said he loved superheroes and at his funeral on Wednesday he will be dressed in his superhero costume. His parents are encouraging others to dress as superheroes as well. "I don't want suits and ties and all that," Jacob's mother said. "There will be a lot of children there and I don't want it to be scary for them. Jacob will be dressed in his superhero costume."

Charlotte Protest Shooting:

Associated Press: Experts point to brain injury in N Carolina police shooting

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SC State Wire

Keith Lamont Scott was a different person after suffering a traumatic brain injury in a motorcycle accident last year. Friends say his medications made him zone out, slurring his words and forgetting what he was saying in the middle of a conversation. "You could look at him and tell something was wrong," said Dana Chapman, a former neighbor. "You could walk up to him, you didn't have to speak. You could look at him and tell there was a problem." Scott was killed on Sept. 20 by a Charlotte police officer, prompting days of protests that included another man's shooting death one riotous night. Snippets of body camera and dash-cam recordings released by the police department show Scott slowly backing out of an SUV. Police say he refused commands to put down a gun. Scott's final moments also were recorded by his wife, Rakeyia, in a video shared widely on social media. She can be heard shouting to police that her husband "doesn't have a gun, he has a TBI." She pleads with the officers not to shoot before a burst of gunfire can be heard.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Judge trying to avoid family stress in church shooting trial

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SC State Wire

The federal judge in the trial of Dylann Roof in the Charleston church shootings says he wants to avoid undue stress on the victims' families. During a hearing in chambers last Friday, U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel discussed court plans to recess during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. An attorney representing families of the victims said some plan to be out of town during that time. Gergel assured him the trial would break and said there's plenty of stress and tragedy in the case without lawyers and the court adding to it. A transcript was released Monday. Jury selection continues in November. The 22-year-old Roof faces the death penalty if convicted on federal



charges in the shooting deaths of nine people at Emanuel AME Church in June, 2015.

The Emmanuel Nine:

Associated Press : Relatives of shooting victims call for tougher gun laws

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cmZ1hrG2](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cmZ1hrG2)

SC State Wire

Dozens of people, including relatives of victims of recent South Carolina shootings, are calling on lawmakers to pass tougher gun laws in South Carolina. More than 100 people turned out Monday in Charleston for a hearing held by a state Senate subcommittee. Among those attending were Jullian Hollingsworth, whose sister-in-law was the teacher wounded in the Townville Elementary School shooting. The Rev. Sharon Risher, who lost three family members in last year's Emanuel AME shootings, also attended. About 70 people spoke in favor of tougher laws, including closing the Charleston loophole allowing three business days to vet gun buyers through background checks before a gun sale can proceed by default. About 10 people wanted fewer gun restrictions, including eliminating gun-free zones and allowing teachers to carry guns to schools.

The State: 'Thoughts and prayers do not legislate. ... We have failed miserably'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article105677691.html>

Cynthia Roldan

As night fell over the Holy City Monday, S.C. legislators listened to gun-reform advocates retell the story of how an avowed white supremacist took nine lives less than a mile away at Emanuel AME Church. Among them was the Rev. Sharon Risher, daughter of Ethel Lance, one of nine churchgoers killed on June 17, 2015, at the church, allegedly by Dylann Roof, a Columbia man and an avowed white supremacist. Unlike speakers who spoke before her, Risher called on the legislators to feel what she did, calling reform of the state's gun laws an "emotional issue" that is also a "human issue." "I need you to know that (reform) ... is the beginning to an end of having not one more daughter, mother, child, grandchildren lose someone in a church," Risher said. "I beg you, senators, with everything I have in my heart, to help the survivors of the Emanuel Nine and the citizens here in South Carolina know that we have someone in the Senate working for us." Risher was addressing a panel of state senators holding the second of four hearings scheduled across South Carolina to explore what changes — if any — should be made to the state's gun laws. Monday's hearing was held at the College of Charleston's Stern Student Center.

Post and Courier: Family members of victims of gun violence tell senators to strengthen state's gun laws

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161003/161009791/family-members-of-victims-of-gun-violence-tell-senators-to-strengthen-states-gun-laws>

Maya T. Prabhu

Brought together by the grief of violence, Jillian Hollingsworth and the Rev. Sharon Risher exchanged a long embrace during a Senate hearing to gather testimony from those seeking changes to the state's gun laws. Both women have family members who have been hurt or killed due to gun violence and both asked lawmakers during a hearing Monday at the College of Charleston to do something about it. Hollingsworth, a North Charleston resident whose sister-in-law, teacher Meghan Hollingsworth, was injured at the shooting at Townville Elementary School last week, said the lives of her family have forever been changed. "When, or if, she returns to her public school classroom in South Carolina, one of her students will not be at his desk," she said. "Six-year-old Jacob Hall lost his life as a result of this senseless act." Risher, who lost three family members in the Emanuel AME

Church shooting last year, said she wanted the senators to get emotional about what happened in Charleston.

The State: Emanuel Nine, plus survivors and church, honored in SC African-American History Calendar

<http://www.thestate.com/living/article105787291.html>

This year's South Carolina African-American History Calendar, being formally unveiled Tuesday, is dedicated to the Emanuel Nine and survivors, along with historic Emanuel AME Church's past and future. The annual calendar, first launched in 1989, is sponsored by AT&T. It was originally created as a teaching tool to record overlooked and forgotten history for the state Department of Education but has evolved into an African-American history hall of fame. It has since emerged as a global resource for recognizing the achievements of African-Americans with South Carolina ties. The web site – [www.SCAfricanAmerican.com](http://www.SCAfricanAmerican.com) – also includes information on past honorees, as well as resources for educators and links to other materials related to South Carolina's African American history. Among the nine people killed last summer during an evening Bible Study were pastors, a librarian, teachers, activists, an Army veteran, a musician, parents, a state senator and servants of God. Here, edited for space, are the calendar entries.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Vermont Press Bureau: Haley cancels Vermont visit, former Massachusetts Gov. Swift to fill in  
<http://www.vermontpressbureau.com/2016/10/04/haley-cancels-vermont-visit-former-massachusetts-gov-swift-to-fill-in/>

Neal P. Goswami

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has canceled her scheduled Wednesday appearance at a Vermont Republican Party fundraiser as Hurricane Matthew steams toward the U.S. and threatens her state's coastline. Haley was slated to serve as the key attraction at the party's Hilton Hotel fundraiser, which was supposed to feature a "roundtable" and private reception with Haley for sponsors before the dinner. A dinner ticket to the event will cost \$75, according to the Vermont GOP's website. The top level sponsorship for the fundraiser costs \$4,000 and includes two tickets to the roundtable, four tickets to the reception with Haley and four reserved seating dinner tickets. Lesser sponsorships will cost \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500. Vermont Republican Party Executive Director Jeffrey Bartley said former Massachusetts Gov. Jane Swift will replace Haley as the event's keynote speaker. He said the party reached out to her after finding out Monday night that Haley would be unable to attend. "[Republican lieutenant governor nominee] Randy Brock actually had a relationship with her. She's now a Vermont resident. We reached out to her and she said she'd actually do it," Bartley said.

General Assembly News:

The State: Solicitor Donnie Myers found guilty of DUI, gets fine instead of jail  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article105867587.html>

Cliff Leblanc

Longtime prosecutor Donnie Myers is guilty of drunken driving, Lexington County jurors decided Tuesday in the very courthouse where Myers won scores of professional triumphs. Magistrate James Paslay fined the state's longest-serving prosecutor \$1,017 rather than impose a 30-day jail sentence, which is the maximum the law allows for the misdemeanor offense. It is Myers' first DUI conviction, though it's his third alcohol-related charge in the past 11 years. The five-man, one-woman jury took less than 30 minutes to reach a decision that Myers, 71, was impaired from drinking when he drove

his silver 2007 Lexus into a utility pole on the way to his Lake Murray home on Feb. 22. Jurors voted to believe Highway Patrol Cpl. Robert Rowe even though Rowe did not see the collision at Beech Creek and Old Chapin roads near the retiring prosecutor's home. The jury also believed the patrol even though the judge earlier in the day threw out the Breathalyzer test that found Myers had a 0.09 blood-alcohol reading. State law sets 0.08 as the level at which a driver can be considered impaired.

#### SC Agency News:

Aiken Standard: Family of girls out of Murphy Village say both are 'safe,' not missing

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161004/161009825/family-of-girls-out-of-murphy-village-say-both-are-x2018safex2019-not-missing->

Mayaan Schechter

The Aiken County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in locating two juveniles missing from the Murphy Village community in Aiken County. Investigators began a joint investigation with the S.C. Department of Social Services on Sept. 9 into the wellbeing of Josie and Saylor Mulholland, according to a news release provided by Capt. Eric Abdullah with the Aiken County Sheriff's Office. The children are considered wards of the State, according to the release. Josie, 15, is described as 5 feet tall, 100 pounds with brown hair. Saylor is 11 months old. Josie Mulholland is Saylor's mother, and the Sheriff's Office said she could be using the last name O'Hara, the release said. Last month, DSS took custody of six young girls from the Murphy Village area due to reports of sexual abuse. One child has since been returned to her family.

The State: 'Malfunction Junction' fix could mean S.C. buys part, or all, of 2,500 properties

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article106012397.html>

As many as 2,500 parcels could be affected by improvements suggested by state transportation officials Tuesday to reduce congestion at the intersection of I-20, I-26 and I-126. The impact on each piece of property could range from the state acquiring a few feet of land to actually demolishing structures. Alternatives to fixing what's there include building a connector road to the north between Harbison and Blythewood or building higher – elevating and stacking on and off ramps. Some drivers are happy with many of the ideas displayed, a list that will be whittled down to a few finalists by summer. "I like that they're looking at it different ways," Joyce Morrow of West Columbia said. "There are a lot of people working on this project to get it done right." Transportation officials have spent the past year considering various proposals, with a goal of starting construction in 2019. If the Department of Transportation decides improving existing intersections and widening roads is the way to go, the bulk of the properties affected will be along Broad River and St. Andrews roads. Those two commercial thoroughfares parallel either side of I-26 in the heart of the busy corridor.

#### SC Political News:

The State: Who won the VP debate? 2 political scientists give their take

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article106030317.html>

The State asked two political scientists from the Carolinas for their assessment of Tuesday's vice-presidential debate between Republican Mike Pence and Democrat Tim Kaine. Here's what Catawba College's Michael Bitzer and the College of Charleston's Jordan Ragusa said... Bitzer: "I'm not sure either really won the debate, but both Kaine and Pence came out as the typical attack dogs that many folks thought that both vice presidential candidates would (be). Many thought both Kaine and Pence would be more focused on substance, but they both really came out swinging at each other and their presidential candidates."

Ragusa: "Neither won. It was fought to a draw with neither candidate landing any knockout punches. While Kaine did an effective job keeping the focus on Donald Trump, Pence came off as the calm and collected running mate."

Post and Courier: Tim Scott gets starring role in VP debate — for a moment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009719/tim-scott-gets-starring-role-in-vp-debate--for-a-moment>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott's series of emotional speeches on race relations and law enforcement in American became the subject of brief discussion during the vice presidential debate Tuesday evening. Elaine Quijano, a CBS News anchor and debate moderator, asked Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana and Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia — the vice presidential nominees on the Republican and Democratic tickets, respectively — what they would say to Scott, a South Carolina Republican and one of only two black lawmakers serving in the Senate, in response to his remarks that he's experienced "anger, frustration, sadness and the humiliation that comes with feeling like you are being targeted for nothing more than just being yourself." Scott delivered three speeches on the Senate floor this past summer in response to the spate of shootings by police officers of young black men. In those speeches, he shared his own experiences being targeted by police officers in North Charleston and Washington, D.C., based on the color of his skin. Quijano didn't get the depth of responses she was after.

The State: Green Party's Stein taps into progressives' anger in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article105978367.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein found Columbia's angry progressives Tuesday and had a field day. The presidential long-shot repeatedly railed against GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton, urging a crowd of roughly 100 at the Lourie Center in downtown Columbia to start a political revolution by voting third party. "We are unstoppable, and the future is changing before our very eyes," Stein said to the crowd, which applauded intermittently. "I can't thank you enough for just being the amazing change agents that you are." Virtually everyone in the room raised their hands when asked if they originally had supported U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who also promised a political revolution, in his bid for the Democratic nomination. Fewer than half did so when asked if they were Green Party members. Far fewer responded when asked if they watched the first presidential debate last week.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: The board that didn't want to be recorded — and shouldn't exist

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article105892107.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

ONE OF THE very few benefits of putting part-time commissioners in charge of state agencies is that we get to watch the decision-making process — and participate in it, even. Or that's supposed to be one of the benefits. Unfortunately, as the part-time commissioners in charge of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs have been demonstrating, there can be a significant gulf between what's supposed to happen and what does happen. This summer, the board voted to prohibit board members and staff from recording its meetings. Not executive sessions — which seem more often than not in our state to be illegal to start with — but public meetings. The meetings that you and I and anyone else can attend ... and record. We've seen boards try to pull this sort of stunt before, usually

local school boards. But this time Sen. John Scott asked the attorney general's office for an official opinion on the policy. As in: Can this possibly be legal when we have a state law that says "All or any part of a meeting of a public body may be recorded by any person in attendance ..., provided that in so recording there is no active interference with the conduct of the meeting"?

South Carolina News:

The State: California protesters target South Carolina plastic bag company

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article105945877.html>

Sammy Fretwell

A South Carolina plastic bag manufacturer is being targeted by West Coast environmentalists over the company's efforts to keep the bags legal in California. Protesters from the San Francisco-area are expected to demonstrate Wednesday morning at the Novolex Corp. headquarters in Hartsville. They are upset with the company's push to prevent a state plastic bag ban from taking effect in California. Environmentalists said they will unfurl a large banner blasting Novolex for its involvement in California. Novolex, praised by South Carolina lawmakers as a good corporate citizen, employs more than 6,000 people at about 40 sites in North America. It markets an array of products including plastic bags like those used by shoppers in grocery stores. A major division is Hilex Poly. Spokespeople for several California green groups, which say plastic bags litter the landscape and hurt wildlife, said people should know how a Palmetto State company is impacting California politics.

Post and Courier: Obamacare customers in South Carolina face fewer choices, higher prices next year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009782/obamacare-customers-in-south-carolina-face-fewer-choices-higher-prices-next-year>

Lauren Sausser

Prices for Obamacare plans will skyrocket in South Carolina next year, and only one company will sell them, the state Department of Insurance announced Tuesday. Following the departure of Aetna and United Healthcare, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina remains the last option for Affordable Care Act customers in this state. Even BlueChoice, a popular subsidiary of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, will be eliminated in 2017 as the insurer attempts to save money by pursuing a "one-company approach." At least four other states will be left with just one Obamacare insurer next year. "I think consumers, from a national perspective, need to be alert that the overall architecture of this market is spiraling in the wrong direction," said Jim Ritchie, executive director of the S.C. Alliance of Health Plans and a former Republican state lawmaker. More than 200,000 Obamacare shoppers in South Carolina face fewer choices for coverage next year. They should also expect sticker prices for their premiums to increase an average 27 percent.

Local News:

The Herald: A day about murder in York County and SC: Every victim is a silent witness

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article105876137.html>

Andrew Dys

On a day about murder in South Carolina, LaDaniel Reid was up in York County. Because Reid is a defendant charged with murder. Nobody was up for Marshall Faile, 77, a York County murder victim, who was stabbed to death in July. The state attorney general honored victims of domestic violence killings in a Silent Witness ceremony in Columbia outside the Statehouse. The state again, in 2015, ranked the worst in America for domestic killings. All murders are brutal. Yet all murders are not the



same. Take two in Rock Hill. LaDaniel Reid, 27, has been in the York County jail since late July. Police had looked for him for months after Antravious White, 21, was killed in a shootout in November in a house on Rock Hill's Scoggins Street. In previous court hearings for many other people charged in the killing, prosecutors said that a group from Charlotte came to Rock Hill in a scam over credit cards. The stolen cards were illegal. The selling of them was illegal. The shooting, after the meeting between the two gangs that left White dead and others injured, by any measure was illegal.

The State: 'I'd prefer to go back to war,' Columbia veteran says of escaping domestic violence

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article105866022.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

A solemn crowd gathered at the State House on Tuesday to mourn the 47 lives lost to domestic violence last year – four of those in Lexington County and three in Richland. Though South Carolina no longer leads the nation as the deadliest state for domestic violence, it still ranks fifth on the list. At the 19th annual Silent Witness ceremony, Attorney General Alan Wilson said that's not good enough. "While the trajectory is going in the right direction ... we have so much more work to be done," Wilson said. At the ceremony, organizers placed silhouettes on the State House steps representing the victims – 35 red ones for the women, 12 blue for the men and one purple silhouette representing unknown victims. For Haseenah Hamin of Columbia, whose sister was among those killed in 2015, the ceremony was a chance to be with others who understand the pain of losing a loved one.

Post and Courier: Ceremony honors 47 domestic violence victims

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009766/ceremony-honors-47-domestic-violence-victims>

Eva Moore

The 47 people killed by their spouses, partners and exes in South Carolina in 2015 were honored Tuesday at a somber memorial on the south steps of the South Carolina Statehouse. At the 19th annual Silent Witness Ceremony, S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson read the names of the 35 women and 12 men killed, and a brief description of each slaying. Survivors, law enforcement officers and other volunteers held life-size cutouts — red for women, blue for men — representing each victim. A purple cutout stood in for the unknown victims of domestic violence. South Carolina ranks fifth in the nation in the rate of women killed by men, according to data released in September by the Violence Policy Center. That ranking uses data from 2014, the most recent year for which complete data are available.

Aiken Standard: Four domestic violence victims from Aiken County remembered at Silent Witness Ceremony

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161004/161009845/four-domestic-violence-victims-from-aiken-county-remembered-at-silent-witness-ceremony->

Tripp Girardeau

Hundreds gathered Tuesday morning on the south steps of the S.C. Statehouse to remember the lives lost in 2015 due to domestic violence. The 19th annual Silent Witness Ceremony, held by Attorney General Alan Wilson, honored the 47 South Carolinians killed by their partners in 2015. There were 35 female victims, 12 male victims and one unknown represented. Wilson read aloud each name as friends, relatives and advocates held up life-sized silhouettes representing each person killed. A bell rang after each name was read. "Every year I stand up here and I say that I hope this is our last ceremony, even though I know that is not the case," Wilson said. "I look forward to the day that we no longer need this event." Wilson went on to express his regret that South Carolina is still among the top five in the rate of men who kill women. South Carolina was ranked No. 5 in the nation

this year, which Wilson said is a step “in the right direction” from the previous year when the state was ranked first.

The State: Angry clash between Lexington, Dutch Fork students preceded fatal stabbing

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article105867677.html>

John Monk

A police video of murder defendant Kierin Dennis denying that he stabbed a Dutch Fork High School senior during a confrontation in a Lexington eatery parking lot took center stage Tuesday morning at Dennis’s trial. The trial will continue Wednesday through midday, as attorneys and state Circuit Judge Eugene Griffith, along with county officials and Lexington Sheriff Jay Koon, agreed to press on since Hurricane Matthew is still at least four days from hitting South Carolina. On the second day of the Dennis trial, prosecutors played a video made in the hours after Da’Von Capers, 18, was fatally stabbed on the night of Feb. 17, 2014. Capers was stabbed in the parking lot of the Cook Out in Lexington, where students from Dutch Fork, as well as Lexington High, had gone after a game between the longtime rival schools.

The State: Richland votes to buy body cameras, hold retreat out of town – again

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article106007677.html>

Sarah Ellis

Funding for body-worn cameras for 350 Richland County sheriff’s deputies got tentative approval from Richland County Council on Tuesday – but not without questions being raised. Sheriff Leon Lott asked council to grant his department \$646,428 – a lowered cost than was earlier brought to council – for the first-year purchase of body cameras, along with accompanying equipment and data storage technology. He’s also asked council to provide \$105,000 to help pay the salaries of two employees to manage the data captured by the cameras. The state has given the county \$132,000 in one-time funding to go toward purchasing the body cameras. Council gave a tentative OK to those requests, along with the request for \$418,000 each of the next four years to maintain the body camera program, even though those figures were significantly higher than estimates made by county administration staff. Interim county administrator Gerald Seals told council that his staff had estimated the cost at around \$400,000 annually to fund the body camera purchase.

Post and Courier: Recordings show Summey playing both sides on I-526

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161004/161009735/recordings-show-summey-playing-both-sides-on-i-526>

Diane Knich

Charleston County Council Chairman Elliott Summey presents himself as the public champion of the Interstate 526 extension. But he has met quietly with opposition groups for more than a year, working to shut it down. In recordings obtained by The Post and Courier of meetings between Summey, leaders from the Coastal Conservation League and members of the grassroots group Nix526, Summey makes clear he has been opposed to the highway extension across Johns and James islands for at least six years. But he wanted the \$420 million in state money set aside for it to come to Charleston County for other projects on Johns Island and in West Ashley and North Charleston. If he didn’t publicly support I-526, he would lose leverage in negotiations for those dollars, he said. The opponents, including Robin Welch from Nix526 who released the tapes, agreed to support Summey by promoting alternatives to the extension, such as an overpass at U.S. Highway 17 and Main Road, that would make traffic flow better — projects they already had gotten behind.

Herald-Journal: GSP to create its own fixed-base operator

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161004/gsp-to-create-its-own-fixed-base-operator?rssfeed=true>

Bob Montgomery

Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport is getting a new fixed-base operator. On Jan. 1, Cerulean Aviation takes over from Stevens Aviation, the only fixed-based operator GSP has ever had since it opened in 1962. "We think it's game-changing news not only for this airport, but game-changing for the region," said Minor Shaw, chairwoman of the GSP Airport Commission. The fixed-base operator is located on GSP's 3,500-acre property, away from the main terminal that most travelers are familiar with. It has its own runway, which is used for commercial, business and corporate travelers. It also provides fuel for all aircraft at GSP, as well as maintenance, said airport vice president and COO Kevin Howell. The news was announced at a press conference at GSP Tuesday evening. "It's another major milestone in the evolution of GSP," said airport President and CEO David Edwards.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Pence calm and steady, but dodges in defending Trump

<http://bigstory.ap.org/da3123bddd0481fb024d5ed1e337708>

Julie Pace and Catherine Lucey

Republican Mike Pence was calm and steady in the face of Democrat Tim Kaine's fiery and frequent challenges. But when it came to defending Donald Trump, Pence dodged, sidestepped or was silent about some of his running mate's most provocative words. Kaine aggressively pressured Pence to vouch for Trump throughout the 90-minute debate, often citing the brash businessman's own words. Pence defended Trump's tax history, but maneuvered around criticism of Trump's demeaning comments about women, his public doubting of President Barack Obama's citizenship and broader questions about temperament. "I can't imagine how Governor Pence can defend the insult-driven, me-first style of Donald Trump," said Kaine, the Virginia senator and Hillary Clinton's No. 2. The usually easygoing Kaine went on the attack from the start and seemed determined to make the debate a referendum on whether Trump has the disposition for the Oval Office. He slammed Trump for having called women pigs and slobs, and condemned the GOP nominee's praise of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

National News:

Associated Press: Video of Los Angeles police shooting shows suspect with gun

<http://bigstory.ap.org/021550e5262846059e65aeedc3ce26be>

Amanda Lee Myers and Christopher Weber

Video released Tuesday shows a black man killed by Los Angeles police was armed just before he was shot dead but the footage failed to capture him when officers say he twice turned toward them holding the loaded semi-automatic handgun. The video shows the man identified by police as 18-year-old Carnell Snell crouching behind an SUV parked at a strip mall and pulling a handgun from the waistband of his sweatpants. Snell then tucks the gun back into his waistband and runs around the corner of a strip mall as officers chase him. All then disappear from view because they were no longer within the range of the surveillance camera. Snell's shooting Saturday came amid heightened tensions over police actions involving black people and other minorities across the country. Snell was the third black man in five days killed in confrontations with Southern California police.

Associated Press: Trial in Georgia boy's hot car death enters third day

<http://bigstory.ap.org/84dc8aff5f314409919163838de7ed5d>

Testimony is scheduled to resume in the trial of a Georgia man charged with murder after his toddler

son died inside a hot SUV. The trial of Justin Ross Harris enters its third day Wednesday in coastal Brunswick, where the case was moved 275 miles from the Atlanta suburbs because of pretrial publicity. Prosecutors say Harris intentionally killed his 22-month-old son, Cooper, by leaving the child for seven hours in a vehicle parked outside the father's Cobb County workplace. Harris' defense lawyer Maddox Kilgore told the jury in his opening statement Tuesday that Harris is certainly responsible for his son's death, but insisted it was an accident and Harris committed no crime. The trial of Harris, who moved to Georgia from Alabama in 2012, is expected to last several weeks.

World News:

Associated Press: The Latest: UN releases images of damage in Syria's Aleppo

<http://bigstory.ap.org/89510182bb754c12a5f9a7f6df766fb2>

The U.N. has released satellite images showing most recent destruction of Syria's embattled northern city of Aleppo. Officials with the U.N.'s satellite imagery program say new pictures from rebel-held parts of Aleppo show "an awful lot of new damage" — presumably by airstrikes. Lars Bromley of UNOSAT says the commercial images from Digital Globe, obtained by the U.N. agency through an arrangement with the U.S. State Department, show mostly "formerly blasted and blown-up areas" during Syria's 5-1/2-year war "experiencing a great deal of additional damage." He told reporters on Wednesday in Geneva: "To a certain extent you're looking at rubble being pushed around." The images mostly show before-and-after pictures from mid to late September showing destruction of buildings, including homes, after the breakdown of a short-lived U.S. and Russia-brokered cease-fire. One image, dated Saturday, shows the damage to a school or athletic facility in Aleppo's Owaija district.

Associated Press: Kerry holds up Afghan deal with warlord as model for Taliban

<http://bigstory.ap.org/855cfc4ab90b4bad82ed6b8ac9a4548e>

Bradley Klapper

Afghanistan's recent peace deal with a notorious warlord could be a model for reconciliation with the Taliban, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Wednesday, imploring the country's former leaders to lay down their arms so U.S.-led military forces can leave. Speaking at an international conference on Afghanistan, Kerry said the Kabul government's agreement last week with Gulbuddin Hekmatyar requires his commanders to cease violence, cut ties with terrorist groups and accept the Afghan constitution's rights for women and minorities. In return, Hekmatyar, a man once dubbed the "Butcher of Kabul," can rejoin Afghan society. The Sept. 29 peace treaty was Afghanistan's first since the Taliban's overthrow in 2001. Hekmatyar is believed to have killed thousands of Afghans in sustained rocket attacks on the Afghan capital during civil war in the 1990s. The U.S. declared him a "global terrorist" in 2003. The U.N. blacklisted him the same year. Both are considering lifting sanctions. "The message from every person here today to the Taliban would be: Take note," Kerry said at a conference that included dozens of top diplomats from more than 70 countries, hailing Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and his rival, Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, for "being willing to take this risk."

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