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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**WACH:** Top candy and nut manufacturer creating 225 jobs in Sumter County

<http://wach.com/news/local/top-candy-and-nut-manufacturer-creating-225-jobs-in-sumter-county>

A major candy and nut manufacturer has announced they are bringing new operations to Sumter County. Mount Franklin Foods of El Paso, Texas will be investing \$10 million in their new facility at the Live Oak Industrial Park and will bring an expected 225 jobs starting at the beginning of 2017. "We couldn't be more excited that Mount Franklin Foods has chosen to build its newest manufacturing facility in Sumter County. The 225 new jobs this \$10 million investment means for our people will make a real difference in the lives of South Carolinians, and we look forward to watching the newest member of the South Carolina family grow and thrive in Sumter for a very long time," said Gov. Nikki Haley. The company is the largest high-quality candy and nut manufacturer in North American.

**Post and Courier:** Gov. Haley calls Trump's notion that election is rigged 'irresponsible'

[http://www.postandcourier.com/news/gov-haley-calls-trump-s-notion-that-election-is-rigged/article\\_2f840da8-96db-11e6-8a35-5be4d5a30201.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/news/gov-haley-calls-trump-s-notion-that-election-is-rigged/article_2f840da8-96db-11e6-8a35-5be4d5a30201.html)

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump won't promise to accept the results of an election he says could be "rigged" in Democrat Hillary Clinton's favor. The statement at Wednesday night's final presidential debate sparked some combination of disagreement and straight-up rebuke from both sides of the aisle in South Carolina. "This election is not rigged, and it's irresponsible to say that it is," said Gov. Nikki Haley in a statement provided to The Post and Courier on Thursday. "Faith in the democratic process is one of America's greatest strengths, and it's more important than the outcome of any election." Haley was until recently taking a hiatus from commenting, directly or through spokespeople, on the latest incendiary remark from the GOP presidential nominee with whom she has repeatedly clashed in the public arena. She gave no indication, however, that she had changed her mind about voting for him in less than three weeks.

**Associated Press:** Online eye exam company sues South Carolina over ban

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

A company that provides prescriptions for glasses and contacts using online exams is challenging a South Carolina law banning the practice. The lawsuit filed Thursday in Columbia calls the law passed in May over Gov. Nikki Haley's veto "economic protectionism." Chicago-based Opternative alleges the law puts industry profits over patients. It cites Haley's veto, which accused eye care professionals of wanting to "block new technologies that expand low-cost access to vision corrective services." Opternative is suing the state Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, which reports to Haley. Legislators who backed the bill accused Haley of putting competition above quality health care. Opternative co-founder Aaron Dallek says the company operates in 39 states. It started in South Carolina last summer but ended the service when the law took effect.

**Associated Press:** Haley wants Richland Rec records before deciding board fate

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

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of the board for negligence for backing former director James Brown III. Brown resigned after he was indicted on a misconduct in office charge. Prosecutors say Brown tried to coerce female employees to have sex with him. Haley wants a December report commissioners were given on harassment complaints against Brown, records about the hiring of relatives of Brown and commissioners, complaints of harassment. She says she will then decide what to do with the commissioners.

**The State:** SC governor requests documents from embattled Recreation Commission

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article109244682.html>

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley on Wednesday asked the embattled Richland County Recreation Commission's board members for documents that could verify whether she has cause to remove some of them from office. In a letter to the board, the Republican governor acknowledged S.C. state law gives her the power to remove county officers she deems "guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetency, absenteeism, conflicts of interest, misconduct, persistent neglect of duty in office, or incapacity." She also noted 10 of 17 members of the Richland County legislative delegation have asked her to remove five members of the commission's board. Legislators have accused those board members of engaging in nepotism, ignoring complaints of sexual harassment and a hostile work environment, approving irresponsible pay for former commission director James Brown III and incurring excessive litigation costs, among other grievances. Haley said she met with the county delegation on Oct. 3 and 4. Then, on Oct. 18 she received a letter from the five board members addressing the allegations, Haley said. Haley has asked the delegation for more information that could inform her next move, including...

**NOTE:** "We appreciate the governor's due diligence and her understanding of the serious and complicated nature of this issue," said state Sen. Joel Lourie, D-Richland, one of the lawmakers who has asked for Haley's help removing the board members. "Her request is reasonable and we hope the commission will respond with the appropriate information so that Gov. Haley can make a decision and this matter can be resolved."

**WIS:** Haley seeks further information in Richland County Rec. Commission case

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33430176/haley-seeks-further-information-in-richland-county-rec-commission-case>

Gov. Nikki Haley is seeking further information before she makes a decision on what should be done with five Richland County Recreation Commission board members that lawmakers suggest should be removed. In a letter to the commission, Haley said she wants to see a copy of the internal sexual harassment investigation against former Commission Executive Director James Brown, III, any complaints lobbed against Brown, a record of his \$151,800 contract, and further examples of alleged nepotism at the commission. Haley said she has been asked to help in this case because state law has created a "vacuum of accountability." "Current law authorizes the Delegation to nominate Commissioners, but the Delegation does not have the authority to remove Commissioners," the letter said. "Accordingly, I have asked the Delegation to pass legislation that adds removal authority where appropriate to cure these types of instances moving forward at the local level."

**WACH:** Haley wants records before deciding fate of Richland Recreation board

<http://wach.com/news/local/haley-requests-more-information-into-richland-co-rec-commission>

Nikki Haley is getting involved and requesting more information into the Richland County Recreation Board. Gov. Haley sent a letter to the commissioners asking for several pieces of information including: the report from the December 9, 2015 investigation into claims of sexual harassment against former Executive Director James Brown, paperwork for hiring policies, raises given to Brown and his family members that work at the commission, a copy of Brown's contract supporting his raise, written complaints against Brown made by former and current employees.

**WOLO:** Governor Haley asks Richland County Rec Commissioners for Reports on Allegations Against Former Director

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/10/19/governor-haley-asks-richland-county-rec-commissioners->

[reports-allegations-former-director/](#)

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**WLTX:** Governor Asking for Answers from Recreation Commission

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/governor-asking-for-answers-from-recreation-commission/338518811>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley is asking for more information from the Richland County Recreation Commission as she considers a request to remove several of them from their jobs. Haley sent a letter to all seven members of the commission Thursday, asking for additional documentation about how they handle harassment claims, potential nepotism, and allegations of intimidation. Several weeks ago, a group of senators and state representatives from Richland County asked Haley to remove five of the commissioners. The lawmakers said the commissioners ignored complaints made against the agency involving sexual harassment, didn't stop the hiring of relatives of employees, failed to prevent the creation of a hostile work environment, and didn't properly oversee the agency. Those same lawmakers--and others who don't agree that the commissioners should be removed--are responsible for appointing the commissioners to their jobs. However, state law does not allow them to remove a commissioner, even if they've engaged in misconduct.

**Associated Press:** Emergency officials poised for 'ShakeOut' earthquake drill

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

South Carolina Emergency Management officials want folks to "Drop, cover and hold on!" as part of an earthquake drill across the southeastern United States. Derrec Becker of the state emergency office is reminding residents that 10:20 a.m. Thursday is the time when many NOAA-tone weather alert radio and broadcast outlets will mark the "ShakeOut" drill. Gov. Nikki Haley has proclaimed this week Earthquake Awareness Week, highlighting the 130th anniversary of the 1886 earthquake in Summerville and Charleston, a 7.3 magnitude quake. It was the largest earthquake every recorded along the eastern seaboard. It devastated the region. South Carolina experiences about 10 to 20 earthquakes a year, according to geologists with the College of Charleston. For more information, go to: <http://scearthquakes.cofc.edu/>

**Times and Democrat:** Earthquake preparedness now on agenda

[http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/earthquake-preparedness-now-on-agenda/article\\_09edf0cd-1fd2-54bb-9c16-f3cf343c5a26.html](http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/earthquake-preparedness-now-on-agenda/article_09edf0cd-1fd2-54bb-9c16-f3cf343c5a26.html)

South Carolina has had enough of natural disasters. Flooding in 2015. Hurricane Matthew in 2016. But there is good reason to take serious note of another potential threat. Gov. Nikki Haley has proclaimed Earthquake Awareness Week for Oct. 16-22. The S.C. Emergency Management Division encourages everyone to take the opportunity to learn about the state's seismic fault system and how best to prepare for earthquakes. The theme for this year is "AFTERSHOCK:130," which will highlight the 130th anniversary of the 1886 Summerville/Charleston earthquake. A key component of the week of preparedness is the Great Southeast ShakeOut on Thursday at 10:20 a.m. As of Tuesday morning, more than 257,000 people in South Carolina had signed up for the Great Southeast ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on Oct. 20. Similar to other emergency preparedness drills sponsored by SCEMD, the signal to begin the drill will be broadcast at 10:20 a.m. on NOAA tone-alert weather radio and broadcast media.

**Hurricane Matthew:**

Associated Press: Bank of America helping SC recover from historic flooding

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2CZSwkCg](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2CZSwkCg)

Employees from a major financial institution are still helping with South Carolina's efforts to recover from historic flooding last fall. On Thursday, the bank is presenting checks totaling \$125,000 to United Way of the Midlands, Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity and Home Works of America. In all, Bank of America says it has given \$400,000 toward response and recovery from last year's the storm. Bank of America is also hosting an employee volunteer event with those organizations, working to repair siding on a flood damaged home. This event is part of the "Blitz Build Week" where community members join in recovery projects to commemorate the flood anniversary. The bank says it gives its employees paid time off for volunteerism to demonstrate their commitment to local communities.

Associated Press: PGA Tour course hit by storm in South Carolina to reopen

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

Harbour Town Golf Links, site of the PGA Tour's RBC Heritage, will reopen next month after its brush with Hurricane Matthew two weeks ago. Officials at The Sea Pines Resort say crews are working to get Harbour Town and two other of its golf courses back up and running. The storm knocked down some trees, but did minimal damage to Harbour Town or its playing surfaces. The course's clubhouse and its Inn & Club Harbour Town hotel alongside the architect Pete Dye's layout have resumed business. The resort officials say the RBC Heritage, scheduled for April, won't be affected by the storm. The tournament is scheduled for Harbour Town through 2023.

The State: Less than 100 SC roads still closed by Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article109386552.html>

Nearly 81 percent of the S.C. roads closed because of Hurricane Matthew have reopened, Transportation Officials said Thursday. On Thursday there were 92 roads and bridges closed because of the storm, down from 481 roads and bridges closed at the peak 10 days ago. "We've become experts in dealing with disaster," said Transportation Commission head Mike Wooten, who represents areas hard-hit by the storm, including parts of Florence, Dillon, Horry and Marion counties. Wooten cited the 2014 ice storm and 2015 historic flooding as preparation for Transportation crews reopening roads quickly. About a third of the remaining closed roads are expected to be reopened by Thanksgiving, said roads chief Christy Hall. Another third will be opened after Thanksgiving, she said. Transportation crews have not been able to assess the final third because some are still under water, she said. Hall anticipated having a cost estimate of damages to roads and bridges within the next month.

**Post and Courier:** FEMA approves four additional S.C. counties for Hurricane Matthew assistance

[http://www.postandcourier.com/news/fema-approves-four-additional-s-c-counties-for-hurricane-matthew/article\\_94ee7814-9649-11e6-a248-cbd7efd63a31.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/news/fema-approves-four-additional-s-c-counties-for-hurricane-matthew/article_94ee7814-9649-11e6-a248-cbd7efd63a31.html)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved four additional South Carolina counties for individual assistance related to Hurricane Matthew. Residents of Clarendon, Calhoun, Horry and Marlboro counties will be able to apply to FEMA for assistance, such as money for temporary rentals or essential home repairs, and low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, among other programs. Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg counties were previously approved for the individual assistance program. Those who want to apply for the assistance can register at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing should call 800-462-7585. Anyone who uses a video relay service can call 800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

**Post and Courier:** Hurricane debris pickup ongoing, could take another month

[http://www.postandcourier.com/charleston\\_sc/hurricane-debris-pickup-ongoing-could-take-another-month/article\\_c9b082d2-9643-11e6-b2a6-5744b62cb88b.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/charleston_sc/hurricane-debris-pickup-ongoing-could-take-another-month/article_c9b082d2-9643-11e6-b2a6-5744b62cb88b.html)



Hurricane Matthew is long gone, but its trail of debris left in the Lowcountry could linger on the curbs for another few weeks - possibly more than a month in some areas - even as cleanup crews work overtime. Frank Carson, operations manager of Charleston County Public Works, explained that communities all along the East Coast are relying on contractors to get debris picked up quickly, which has created a shortage of manpower. He said the county's contractor, AshBritt Inc., has removed about 10 percent of the debris from the streets so far, and he expects the process to stretch into mid-December. "It's been slower than we expected, mostly because of the resources available to come remove the debris and haul it," he said. "A lot of the debris contractors rely on the same subcontractors, and rather than a direct hit in one location, they're distributed all along the East Coast."

**Post and Courier:** Folly, Myrtle Beach want help from Army Corps with Matthew erosion  
[http://www.postandcourier.com/news/folly-myrtle-beach-want-help-from-army-corps-with-matthew/article\\_98f1bad2-960a-11e6-ac2d-eb0304319c72.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/news/folly-myrtle-beach-want-help-from-army-corps-with-matthew/article_98f1bad2-960a-11e6-ac2d-eb0304319c72.html)

Some South Carolina beach communities are reaching out to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for quicker help with erosion problems that intensified because of Hurricane Matthew. They want renourishment schedules moved up because of the one-two punch of Hurricane Joaquin last October and Matthew this month. At Folly Beach, where the situation is described as critical, more than half of the \$30 million beach renourishment project completed three years ago is gone, officials said. "We are estimating that 75 percent has been lost since project completion. Survey data should confirm this number," said Nicole Elko, a coastal scientist and town consultant. The Folly renourishment pumped 1.7 million cubic yards of sand onto 5 miles of beach. It was designed to last for six years, Elko said.

**Island Packet:** 'The luck of the draw': Residents reflect on Hurricane Matthew's uneven damage  
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109344787.html>

Hurricane Matthew caused widespread damage in coastal communities in Beaufort County, but the places where the storm hit hardest baffled some residents. In Forest Beach, near the Atlantic Ocean, homes were largely unscathed. About five miles inland from Hilton Head Island, select neighborhoods in Bluffton were blasted. For some in Beaufort County, a sense of normalcy may be starting to return while others continue to grapple with damage to their homes or apartments a week and a half after Hurricane Matthew's landfall.

**Island Packet:** Who gets post-Matthew money — and how much?  
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109240327.html>

The good news: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering assistance grants to residents of Beaufort County in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. The bad news: If you're already insured, you're more likely to have a denial letter sent your way. FEMA is upfront that individual grants are "not designed get you back to where you were before the storm," but to ensure a safe and sanitary living space, spokesman Victor Inge said. Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the extent of storm damage. In 2015, FEMA gave almost \$90 million in individual grants to South Carolinians, FEMA data shows. The average housing award was roughly \$3,150. The average grant for other needs was just under \$1,600. More than 100,000 people statewide applied last year, but FEMA did not immediately provide the number of applicants who were rejected.

**Sun News:** Elevated risks of bacteria, toxins lurk in flooded Waccamaw  
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article109214732.html>

The Waccamaw River reached record-shattering heights as it crested at 17.9 feet Monday, breaking the 17.8 feet level set in 1928, but with the rising waters also come more bacteria and possible toxins collected from farms, yards, and industrial sites, pulled in from riverbank properties and runoff. While gauges along the river aren't currently revealing that high levels of bacteria, such as e. coli, are present in heavy volumes, Waccamaw Riverkeeper Emma Boyer said it's best for the public to forgo their typical recreational activities along the water because of the potential risks. "We don't really

expect to see spikes in the bacteria levels right now because we have so much water,” said Boyer. “We know there is bacteria in the river right now. It’s washing off the land from pet waste and farm waste and yards ... We know the bacteria is there, but with all of the water in the system the tests don’t pick up on it.”

**Sun News:** Flooded Socastee resident: ‘I’m afraid it’s gonna happen again’

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article109275947.html>

Clelia Turbeville’s flooded Socastee house was filled with a pungent aroma. “The sewer,” she said. “It’s backed up. The lift station is right up here, and it went out.” This is Turbeville’s third trip back to the house since the flood. She was there to pick up a few things for her mother, who lives in a house directly behind Turbeville’s. “It really hasn’t hit me yet,” she said. “Now when I came in here the other day by myself, I said ‘Oh my God.’ But when I seen some stuff that I was able to save, I said ‘Well at least I’ve got something.’” In Turbeville’s kitchen, her laptop and printer set on the countertop. Clothes and boxes were piled on tables and on her bed. A white Teddy bear floated in her hallway. “Lovely, ain’t it?” she said, standing knee-deep in the brown water that filled her house. “As far as I’m concerned, all my furniture in my house, it’s going. I’m not keeping none of it.” Turbeville said she would have to throw away anything in the water. “Everything’s done” she said. “All the bathrooms, vanity, and probably my stove because I’m gonna be afraid to use it.”

**Morning News:** Florence announces #NextPhaseFlorence recovery effort

[http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane\\_matthew/article\\_062a799c-96d6-11e6-9510-8ba2e7efd8e4.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane_matthew/article_062a799c-96d6-11e6-9510-8ba2e7efd8e4.html)

The City of Florence Thursday announced the plan of action for the next phase of the clean-up of from the impact of Hurricane Matthew. “Our top priority is to ensure that the needs of our residents and businesses are being addressed timely. It is also important for our residents to know what the city can and cannot assist them with. We hope that the next phase of our disaster relief plan will provide clarification and much needed resources to the people of Florence,” said Drew Griffin, Florence city manager, in a release issued Thursday morning. Toward that end Griffin said the city would provide weekly updates Wednesday mornings on its Website at [www.cityofflorence.com/nextphaseflorence.aspx](http://www.cityofflorence.com/nextphaseflorence.aspx). “Hurricane Matthew had a major impact on our city. I am proud of our amazing city staff that has worked around the clock to help our citizens. This next phase will take our communication and our outpouring of information to the next level,” said Florence Mayor Stephen Wukela through the release.

**Morning News:** US DOT gives SC \$1 million for emergency road, bridge repairs -- more to come

[http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane\\_matthew/article\\_cde05174-96d0-11e6-92c9-7b21e5fff368.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane_matthew/article_cde05174-96d0-11e6-92c9-7b21e5fff368.html)

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx Thursday announced the immediate availability of \$1 million in Emergency Relief (ER) funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to help begin road and bridge repairs damaged by Hurricane Matthew in South Carolina. “Hurricane Matthew caused significant damage to South Carolina’s roadways and bridges, creating serious challenges for the local residents and taking a toll on the economy,” said Secretary Foxx. “We’re doing everything we can to support the state and local response to this disaster, and are working to restore emergency access and begin the most critical repairs.” Hurricane Matthew skirted the coast of South Carolina earlier in October causing hurricane and tropical storm-force winds, heavy rain and flooding along the coast and far inland. North Carolina floodwaters are expected to cause rivers in South Carolina to overflow and result in additional flooding in the Palmetto State later this week. Damage to transportation infrastructure is already widespread in 13 counties in South Carolina.

**Morning News:** Assessment: \$52 million damage done to Florence County private property

[http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane\\_matthew/article\\_32cb2c60-9615-11e6-b34a-cf92e0d91b69.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane_matthew/article_32cb2c60-9615-11e6-b34a-cf92e0d91b69.html)

Following a three day damage assessment for Florence County last week, the assessments revealed total dollar damage in Florence County to private property, businesses, churches and government facilities at

\$52,481,667. This number was generated by our damage assessment teams that consist of officials from the Florence County Building and Planning, Tax Assessors Office, GIS and Emergency Management. Teams identified 59 homes which were destroyed, 133 with major damage and 2,014 with minor damage. The teams also identified 32 businesses which were destroyed, 24 with major damage and 214 with minor damage. On Monday, October 17, Florence County was one of the 15 counties approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Individual Assistance. This means Florence County residence seeking assistance to include: money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary homes, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help survivors recover from the effects of the disaster can apply with FEMA for assistance.

Morning News: Community emergency team paid off county when storm hit

[http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article\\_ae27b876-9654-11e6-afb7-3f9f04981049.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_ae27b876-9654-11e6-afb7-3f9f04981049.html)

In the aftermath of the 2015 floods, Florence County Emergency Management officials saw the need for volunteers to answer phones in the emergency operations center and, in doing so, free the professional staff to respond to the disaster. "We were taxed answering questions for the public and doing our jobs at the same time," said Andrew Golden, Florence County Emergency Management Division spokesman. At the time of the 2015 floods there was already in place a plan to conduct a class to train a Community Emergency Response Team, and that class really paid off for the county during Hurricane Matthew. "When Hurricane Matthew came through, we had done one class for CERT, back in April, and we had from that class nine people join our team," Golden said. "Those nine individuals have since started monthly meetings. We get together and discuss ways to improve the team, ways we can use the team when there's not an emergency." During this storm, we activated the team. We had several members come here to our emergency operations center and answer phones for us. They did a fantastic job. We saw how helpful they were to us."

WMBF: Horry, Marlboro counties now available for individual FEMA assistance

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33430932/horry-marlboro-counties-now-available-for-individual-fema-assistance>

The Federal Emergency Management Agency approved four additional counties for individual assistance in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. According to a press release, those counties approved are Horry, Marlboro, Clarendon and Calhoun counties. Assistance can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary homes, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help survivors recover from the effects of the disaster, the release stated. Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg counties were previously designated for individual assistance.

WMBF: Homeowner shoots at intruder after staying behind during hurricane

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33431133/homeowner-shoots-at-intruder-after-staying-behind-during-hurricane>

Hurricane Matthew created the perfect storm for one would-be burglar, or so the suspect thought. That was before the Myrtle Beach homeowner woke up and discovered the prowler. "It was a strong guy, a big guy," said Ben Hough as he looked at his broken door. "I wouldn't have been able to kick that out." The night Matthew hit, Hough's wife and grandchildren weren't home, leaving him alone and asleep. The family cars were not in the driveway, the power was out and the house was seemingly empty. Then, a man took a rock and started smashing the glass out of his side door. Hough woke up immediately, listening to every step the intruder took over the broken glass. "I knew pretty much where he was," Hough said. The homeowner waited for the prowler at the top of the stairs while he made his way into the home. "He came across my dining room and to the foot of my stairway. I had a revolver and fired at him twice," Hough said.

WMBF: Forestbrook family hit by flood sees water finally receding

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33431661/forestbrook-family-hit-by-flood-sees-water-finally-receding>

Water still surrounds houses along the Intracoastal Waterway, including many on streets off Forestbrook Road. Horry County Emergency Management Director Randy Webster said the county won't know any details about how many houses the Intracoastal Waterway has affected until the water goes down and assessments

can be done. Ken Roensch, who lives on Roberta Lane, said it looks like the water has started to recede. He said the water missed the interior of his house by 18 inches. He measured the flooding outside of his house at its peak Sunday at about four feet. "We knew it was going to get close, but we were happy it wasn't going to get inside the house," he said. Roensch's granddaughter's outside art studio wasn't spared though. It has about a foot of water inside of it. "It's a little bit stressful and the money that has to go back into repairing what has been damaged may be a little bit, but I believe we can get through it and it'll be fixed very soon," said Cambrea Christopher, who studies digital arts at Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

WMBF: Garden City Beach locals remain strong in faith during Matthew recovery

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33429834/garden-city-beach-locals-remain-strong-in-faith-during-matthew-recovery>

Hurricane Matthew damaged many oceanfront properties; the South Strand was hit particularly hard. Now one local church group is left picking up the pieces. "My wife said she wanted to go sit out in the beach so she wanted me to check it out to see if it was legal yet. It is legal...if there was a beach." said Steve Feyer. Feyer says he doesn't even recognize the community he's called home for the last 18 years. "This is a real mess," he said. "The sand is piled up there's no access to most parts to get to the beach." As people continue to clean up the mess left by Matthew, one group is still being forced to wait. "All of our dorms on our Marsh side are in three feet of water," said Casey Clark. "Our homes - of course we lost the roof off of that one. Everything, our whole campus, our chapel, everything was flooded - three feet." Clark works at the Garden City Chapel, a year round church camp where groups from all denominations can come and worship. However, due the storm, the high tide and the marsh behind them, their campus is now under water.

WPDE: FEMA Individual Assistance approved for residents of over 20 counties across S.C.

<http://wpde.com/news/local/public-and-individual-fema-assistance-approved-for-residents-of-5-local-counties>

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Wednesday approved four more counties for Individual Assistance for survivors who sustained losses from Hurricane Matthew, including Horry and Marlboro counties locally. According to a press release from Governor Nikki Haley, assistance for approved counties can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary homes, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help survivors recover from the disaster.

WPDE: 3,000 tons of debris put into Horry County landfill since storm, and pick up continues

<http://wpde.com/news/local/3000-tons-of-debris-put-into-horry-county-landfill-since-storm-pick-up-continues>

Hurricane Matthew is long gone, but Wednesday homeowners and crews were still dealing with the mess and damage the storm left behind. Many people across the area who are back home after the storm are dealing with a lot of debris. And so are the employees with the Horry County Solid Waste Authority. Piles of yard debris line the roads in Horry County. If you live on a county road, you are asked to make a nice, big pile for pick up or you can drag it down to the dump yourself. Fallen trees, tree limbs, and yard debris are all headed off to the dump. "I've been putting this stuff in the trunk of the car or I have a barrel here, a plastic barrel, and filling the plastic barrel and putting it in the back seat," Charlie Cidorowich, who was bringing debris to the dump on Wednesday, said. It was his fourth trip to the recycle center. He doesn't have a truck, so everything was getting shoved into the trunk of his small car.

WBTW: Mayor, FEMA, SCDNR address town of Nichols on flooding

<http://wbtw.com/2016/10/19/mayor-fema-scdnr-address-town-of-nichols-on-flooding/>

Officials with the town of Nichols joined together Wednesday evening for a town hall meeting. The meeting took place at the National Guard Armory on Gilchrist Road in Mullins. That site is currently a shelter for many displaced from the town of Nichols by the floodwaters after Hurricane Matthew. The purpose of the meeting was to update residents on the flooding situation in Nichols, as well as let folks know about any progress made on recovery for the town. Townspeople were given the floor to ask questions of representatives from FEMA as well as South Carolina Emergency Management. Most of the questions and answers had to do with how storm victims can apply for aid as well as what to do if they're denied for FEMA assistance. Nichols Mayor Lawson



Battle opened the meeting by letting his people know they would have all the resources necessary to survive this tragedy.

WBTW: Hotel at Springmaid Pier partially reopens, clean-up still underway

<http://wbtw.com/2016/10/20/hotel-at-springmaid-pier-partially-reopens-clean-up-still-underway/>

Area beaches took a hard hit during Hurricane Matthew, huge piles of debris were left behind after the storm swept most of the Springmaid Pier into the sea. The Hilton Doubtree, which owns Springmaid Pier, had been closed since evacuation orders were first issued nearly two weeks ago, but were able to partially reopen one of the towers Wednesday afternoon. The hotel suffered water damage during the storm and has been using hot blowers to dry out; but the damage at the resort was minor compared to the nearby pier. Springmaid Pier was the longest over-water pier in South Carolina, now only about 100 feet remain of the 1,068 foot structure. There's no decision yet on whether to tear it down and start over, or build on to what's left.

WBTW: City of Florence approves emergency ordinance to address debris, water bills

<http://wbtw.com/2016/10/20/city-of-florence-approves-emergency-ordinance-to-address-debris-and-water-bills/>

The City of Florence is working with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to recover from Hurricane Matthew. The city passed an Emergency Ordinance that will allow them to speed up the cleanup process. While following FEMA guidelines, the city plans to start the process of finding a contractor to help clean up debris from Hurricane Matthew. The Emergency Ordinance passed by City Council requires the city to hire a contractor to properly dispose of down trees and branches. City officials say Hurricane Matthew created about four years of debris, which is too much for the city to dispose of in a timely manner. Now, the city asks for residents to be patient and work with crews as they try to clean up the massive amount of debris. Drew Griffin the Florence City Manager said "One of the most important components is residents getting that debris to the right of way. The Public Assistant program authorized through FEMA does not allow the city to enter private property."

Townsville, SC Shooting:

Independent Mail: Hall family to pursue 'Jacob's law' for officers in schools

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/20/hall-family-pursue-jacobs-law-officers-schools/92462702/>

The family of Jacob Hall, the 6-year-old who was fatally wounded in the Townville Elementary School shooting, will be pursuing a state law in his honor, his aunt told the Independent Mail on Thursday. Rebecca Hunnicutt said her family will push for the establishment of "Jacob's Law," which would require that armed officers be placed in all South Carolina schools. "There needs (to be) a minimum number of armed officers per a certain number of students in our schools," Hunnicutt said. "Our kids need to be protected. They need to be safe. We need to make it mandatory. We can't bring Jacob back, but there is a world of children left to protect. Jacob's death cannot be in vain." It's not yet clear if the Hall family is working with a specific legislator on the issue. The cost of such a proposal and who would pay for the officers are unknown. In Anderson County, school resource officers are already stationed at all middle and high schools.

Associated Press: South Carolina names interchange for school shooting victim

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uGoD1qPq](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uGoD1qPq)

South Carolina transportation officials have agreed to name an exit on Interstate 85 nearest to Townville Elementary School after a 6-year-old who died in a shooting in September. The Department of Transportation voted Thursday to put signs up at I-85 and state Highway 24, calling it the "Jacob L. Hall Memorial Interchange." Authorities say the boy was shot and killed on Sept. 28 on the playground of his school by a 14-year-old boy who had just killed his father. The teen is charged with murder. The resolution for renaming the interchange calls Jacob a child that taught those around him to love, laugh and smile, and that his death should be a somber reminder how senseless acts affect whole communities.

Independent Mail: UPDATE: Road to be named for Townville's Jacob Hall

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/10/20/road-named-townvilles-jacob-hall/92453582/>

A state highway panel voted Thursday morning to name a road in honor of Jacob Hall, the 6-year-old mortally wounded last month in a shooting at Townville Elementary School. The intersection of Interstate 85 and S.C. 24 in Anderson County will be called the Jacob L. Hall Memorial Interchange. Rebecca Hunnicutt, Jacob's aunt, said her family was surprised and honored to learn about the measure. "They took our boy's name and are going to make sure it lives on forever," she said. "People are going to remember Jacob, and not just for this tragedy, but for the light that his life brought into the world. We are so honored that our state sees Jacob as a hero." The South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission approved the measure unanimously at a meeting in Columbia. The resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ben Davis, who represents Anderson County and several others in the Upstate on the state highway panel. "The DOT joins the rest of the state in our sadness over this tragic event," Davis said in an interview. "My hope is that by bringing this forward, it will be one small step to help heal the community."

### General Assembly News:

**Associated Press:** Fondling claim hits SC state Senate race weeks before vote

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9UCf0xO1](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9UCf0xO1)

State police are investigating allegations that a state Senate candidate started an "inappropriate relationship" with a 16-year-old girl nearly 25 years ago, when he was a high school teacher in his 20s and she was his student. Mike Fanning's fellow Democrats call the claim, made in the final stretch of the campaign, politically motivated. Fanning, 49, of Great Falls, is being investigated by the State Law Enforcement Division at the request of the Hampton County Sheriff's Office, where his former student filed the complaint on Sept. 29. SLED took the case on Oct. 3, according to the department's spokesman, Thom Berry. The sheriff's report, obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request, says the alleged "inappropriate relationship" that began in 1993 involved "fondling - forcible." It did not provide more details. Fanning, a former high school teacher in Estill and Columbia, did not respond to a request for comment. But Sen. Gerald Malloy, an attorney, said Fanning "categorically denies the allegations." "The timing is suspect. The information is suspect. This is politically motivated. There's no other conclusion to reach," said Malloy, D-Hartsville.

### SC Agency News:

**Associated Press:** Agency says it erred in requiring husband's OK for abortion

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

A South Carolina agency said Wednesday it erred in suggesting married women get their husband's permission to get an abortion. That is among proposed changes to abortion clinic regulations that the state's health agency put out last month for public comment, following a unanimous vote by the agency's board. Abortion rights advocates called them extreme and politically driven. "Many of these proposed changes are medically unnecessary, unconstitutional and clearly designed to further impede a woman's ability to make the deeply personal decision to seek safe, legal abortion," Planned Parenthood regional spokeswoman Vicki Ringer said in a statement. "Simply put, the regulations are based in politics, not medicine." The agency then issued an oops. It was a mistake to suggest a married woman, if living with her husband, get his signed consent to have an abortion at a clinic. State law requires a husband's consent in the third trimester, but such abortions can occur only in hospitals, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control said in a statement.

**NOTE:** Last spring, Gov. Nikki Haley signed a law banning most abortions at 20 weeks beyond fertilization.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. considers requiring husband's signature for an abortion

<http://www.postandcourier.com/politics/s-c-considers-requiring-husband-s-signature-for-an->

[abortion/article\\_d6ba7178-9624-11e6-bb8f-affe628ce6d9.html](http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article_d6ba7178-9624-11e6-bb8f-affe628ce6d9.html)

State health officials are considering requiring married women who live with their husbands to get signed consent from him before she can get an abortion. The recommendation is one of several included in a list of changes to the way the states regulates those who provide the procedure. Abortion rights advocates have called the suggested requirement unconstitutional. The changes are being deliberated by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The Post and Courier is awaiting a comment from DHEC officials.

"Restrictions like requiring husband's consent, admitting privileges, denying minors' judicial bypass and mandating surgical-facility requirements, are all blatantly unconstitutional," Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Vicki Ringer said in a statement. "These restrictions among others — such as mandatory (sexually transmitted infection) testing no matter the woman's circumstances — are intended to shame women and put barriers in their way of seeking constitutionally protected medical care. Simply put, the regulations are based in politics, not medicine."

NOTE: This spring, the Legislature passed a bill that bans abortions at 20 weeks of pregnancy. The legislation, which Gov. Nikki Haley signed May 25, makes it illegal for a pregnant female to get an abortion once her pregnancy reaches 20 weeks with no exceptions for rape or incest.

The State: Proposal requiring husband's consent for an abortion was an 'error,' SC regulators say

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article109245232.html>

A proposal requiring a husband to give his signed consent before his wife could get an abortion was issued in error, S.C. regulators said Wednesday. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control included the proposal as part of its 70-plus-page update to abortion-clinic regulations. The public has until 5 p.m. on Oct. 24 to respond to the proposals, which must be approved by the General Assembly to take effect. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, an abortion-rights advocacy group, seized on the proposed change Wednesday. The proposal is "blatantly unconstitutional," Vicki Ringer, the group's S.C. director of public affairs, said in a statement, adding the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Pennsylvania law requiring a married woman to sign a statement saying she had notified her spouse of her plan to get an abortion.

## SC Delegation News:

**McClatchy DC:** Clinton camp buzzing about Gowdy before Benghazi hearing

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/article109144447.html>

Long before Hillary Clinton and U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy became linked by the tragic events in Benghazi, the Democratic presidential nominee's inner circle was warning her about Gowdy's incoming class of congressional Republicans. A November 2010 email, hacked from longtime Clinton confidante John Podesta and released by WikiLeaks, offers thoughts by a collection of left-leaning folks about 100 incoming Republican members of Congress, including Spartanburg's Gowdy, described as "a snapshot of the GOP Class of 2010's extremism." The email, sent by Josh Dorner, communications director for Progressive Media, addresses U.S. Reps. Tim Scott, Jeff Duncan and Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina, in addition to Gowdy. In general, the email report states, "These GOPers ... are united by their adherence to the extreme wing of conservative ideology. ... (T)he incoming GOP freshman class is rife with legislators who not only oppose climate change legislation, but deny that man-made global warming even exists. They are pushing not just to end birthright citizenship, but also demand that the United States reduce the number of legal immigrants."

## SC Political News:

**Associated Press:** South Carolina GOP, Democratic chairs discuss 2016 campaigns

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4zSzqL5D](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4zSzqL5D)

The leaders of the South Carolina Republican and Democratic parties are discussing the impact the 2016 presidential race between candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton may have on politics in the state. Jaime Harrison of the state Democratic Party and Matt Moore of the state GOP are talking Thursday at the University of South Carolina School of Law from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. It takes place the day after the final presidential candidate debate and

in advance of the Nov. 8 general election. Dean Charles Bierbauer of the College of Information and Communications is moderating the event, which will include a question and answer session with members of the university's political science faculty and the audience.

**WIS:** Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster's support for Donald Trump is unwavering, he says

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33438588/lt-gov-henry-mcmasters-support-for-donald-trump-is-unwavering-he-says>

As people weigh in on how their candidate of choice came out of Wednesday night's final presidential debate, South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster says his support of businessman Donald Trump is unwavering. McMaster, a Republican, of course, says Trump won over former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and believes Trump did enough to overcome his widening deficit in the polls. But, McMaster believes the media misinterprets Trump's point not to reveal if he will accept the election results, saying he thinks Trump will wait to make that decision once votes are certified and no fraud is determined. Others, like Sen. Lindsey Graham, tweeted Wednesday night that it's a disservice to the Republican Party and the country when Trump calls the election rigged. McMaster sees it differently. "Is rigged may be a pretty good word for that," McMaster said. "I don't think that he means that all over the country, all the election officials are going to try to throw the election. I don't think anybody is saying that. But there are a lot of things happening this time that I have never seen before and it mainly stems from the widespread opposition."

**WIS:** Lindsey Graham: Suggesting election is 'rigged' does US a 'great disservice'

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33435249/lindsey-graham-suggesting-election-is-rigged-does-us-a-great-disservice>

South Carolina senior Sen. Lindsey Graham says any notion that the presidential election is "rigged" accomplishes nothing but "doing the [Republican] party and the country a great disservice." Graham tweeted out a statement during Wednesday night's final presidential debate after Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump suggested he would not accept the results of Nov. 8's election. "I will tell you at the time. I'll keep you in suspense," Trump said. Graham has been one of Trump's biggest critics in the Republican Party, never delivering an endorsement to the businessman even after he outright won the GOP nomination. Graham continued that criticism in his statement. "If he loses, it will not be because the system is 'rigged' but because he failed as a candidate," Graham said.

### **Savannah River Site/MOX News:**

**Aiken Standard:** MOX, plutonium disposition featured in science magazine

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161019/161019485/mox-plutonium-disposition-featured-in-science-magazine>

Times of uncertainty can brood heavy tensions and Russia's suspension of the plutonium management and disposition agreement has created uncertainty for the future of American plutonium and for the beleaguered MOX project. The Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility is under construction and under scrutiny at South Carolina's Savannah River Site near Aiken. The political grinder and international concerns with the MOX project catapulted the Aiken facility into the workings of Popular Science magazine, a 144-year-old national publication. The article titled, "What Do You Do With 34 Metric Tons Of Weapons-Grade Plutonium?" honed in on international nonproliferation concerns but also examined proposed alternatives to the MOX facility. Mixed oxide fuel is a product of processes that blend uranium with plutonium to create fuel that can be used in commercial nuclear generators to supply the electricity grid. The MOX project at SRS is being constructed to do just that.

### **Opinion/Editorial:**

**The State:** Richland recreation director's departure is a good start ... but only a start

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scopepe/article109230097.html>



LET'S IMAGINE that James Brown III didn't voluntarily retire as director of the Richland County Recreation Commission. Let's imagine that the five commissioners who have stood by him for these long months finally told him he could either "retire" or be fired after his indictment last week on a misconduct in office charge and his subsequent arrest on a charge of intimidating a witness. Granted, that's not easy to imagine, since Mr. Brown's protectors and enablers stood by him through lawsuits alleging bribery and sexually predatory behavior and through that \$35,000 taxpayer-paid investigation that they still won't let the public see. But it's not uncommon in government or business for employers to give problem employees the option of resigning rather than being fired. So if the five Brown-supporting commissioners did finally decide that Mr. Brown had to go, just as Gov. Nikki Haley was considering a strong case for removing them from office, well ... that's good. But it's not good enough. Gov. Haley still needs to remove Chairwoman Marie Green and Commissioners Barbara Mickens, Weston Furgess, George Martin and Joseph Weeks. Because even if they were to tell us that they gave Mr. Brown an ultimatum, it wouldn't outweigh what they have done and left undone up until now. (And no, not seeking reappointment next year is not enough.)

## **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** Outlook bright for fall colors in South Carolina

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

The outlook is still bright for fall colors in South Carolina, despite the recent stretch of warm weather. The Herald-Journal of Spartanburg reported (<http://bit.ly/2eIPxLS>) that experts at Clemson University say despite the warm weather and drought, fall colors should still be strong. Clemson forest ecologist Donald Hagan said a moderate drought can be a good thing for fall colors. Hagan said a little stress from drought conditions can result in earlier fall colors. It also produces a range of colors to appear in the same places at the same time.

**Associated Press:** Gunmaker to create 75 new jobs outside Savannah

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=G9Q1y2iU](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=G9Q1y2iU)

A Georgia firearms maker is planning to expand its Savannah-area operations and create about 75 jobs. Gov. Nathan Deal's office said in a news release Wednesday that Daniel Defense is set to spend \$29.5 million to expand its Bryan County headquarters and consolidate its Ridgeland, South Carolina operations. Officials say the newly created jobs will involve positions in assembly, machining, marketing and engineering. Daniel previously expanded in 2014 at a site in the area of Ellabell.

**Associated Press:** Lynching memorial rises near revered Confederate sites

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WbVF1m1s](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WbVF1m1s)

In this small South Carolina town near the Georgia line, where some say the Confederacy was born and died, descendants of a man lynched 100 years ago are erecting a downtown memorial to him and other black men killed by white mobs after the Civil War. Abbeville City Council authorized the marker that will be unveiled Saturday, 100 years and one day after Anthony Crawford was beaten, dragged out of town with a noose around his neck and hanged from a tree where his body was riddled with bullets. It's the latest public acknowledgment of South Carolina's racist past. In recent years, officials have apologized to civil rights protesters who were arrested in the 1960s, and a judge ruled that a 14-year-old black boy was wrongly executed in 1944. Most prominently, following the 2015 massacre of nine blacks in a Charleston church, the Confederate flag was removed at the Statehouse where it had flown for more than 50 years.

## **Local News:**

**Associated Press:** 66-year-old Summerville fisherman drowns near Moncks Corner

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=la9L7dAX](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=la9L7dAX)

Berkley County officials have identified the body of a 66-year-old Summerville man who fell from his boat in a canal near Moncks Corner and drowned. Berkeley County Rescue Squad Chief Bill

Salisbury told media outlets that Theodore James Phlegar Jr. fell overboard while fishing with his son. Salisbury says Phlegar was not wearing a life jacket while fishing on Tailrace Canal. The son tried to rescue his father but was not successful. The body was recovered Wednesday as members of the rescue squad, the Department of Natural Resources and the sheriff's office were at the scene. Salisbury says the death was ruled accidental.

**Post and Courier:** Summerville man sentenced to life for ordering shooting of federal witness  
[http://www.postandcourier.com/news/summerville-man-sentenced-to-life-for-ordering-shooting-of-federal/article\\_39cdb234-96cf-11e6-a531-134fabb840d5.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/news/summerville-man-sentenced-to-life-for-ordering-shooting-of-federal/article_39cdb234-96cf-11e6-a531-134fabb840d5.html)

A Summerville drug dealer's lifetime prison sentence for ordering the shooting of a federal witness should send a message to other criminals hoping to skirt prosecution, authorities said Thursday. Martin Louis Ballard, 34, had been convicted last year of nine charges, including drug violations, murder for hire and retaliating against a witness. The case started as a large-scale drug probe, but it turned violent after Ballard's arrest. He found himself in jail in 2013 with Jimmie Harris, a 28-year-old North Charleston man with a propensity for violence. Federal officials said Ballard then hired Harris to kill a man who planned testify against him in the drug case. After Harris was freed, officials said, he showed up that June outside a Walterboro home where the witness, Ivory Brothers, was staying. With a gun in each hand, Harris unleashed a barrage of bullets. Brothers was hit seven to 11 times, officials said, but he survived his grave injuries and later followed through with his testimony against Ballard.

**The State:** Men wanted for stealing hundreds in jeans  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article109387787.html>

Richland County Sheriff's investigators are seeking the public's help in identifying two men accused of stealing \$1,000 worth of jeans from a department store. In a written release, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said the men stole the jeans from Esquire, a clothing store at 7206 Parklane Road in the Dentsville area just north of Forest Acres. In screenshots provided by the sheriff's department, one man is pictured grabbing a stack of jeans. In the two other images, the men are pictured inside a champagne-colored Jeep Cherokee. Lott identified the sport-utility vehicle's plate as South Carolina tag KCQ109.

**The State:** Some sex offenders will have Halloween curfew, officials said  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article109438587.html>

South Carolina officials will once again impose a curfew for certain sex offenders during trick-or-treating hours on Halloween. The S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services set rules for sex offenders on probation, parole and other forms of community supervisions under its jurisdiction to be at home from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 31, according to a news release from the department. South Carolina residents can search for sex offenders living nearby at SLED's website. Officials will enforce the curfew through surveillance in every county, with some requiring offenders to go to a central location. The curfew only applies to those under supervision for a sex offense but not for registered sex offenders who are no longer on probation or parole. Sex offenders have also been notified that no lights will be on outside of their houses, and they cannot distribute candy or participate in Halloween parties or carnivals. "They must stay in their homes and can't go into the street," the release stated.

**The State:** Lexington County adding patrols for Halloween Oct. 31, not earlier  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article109388242.html>

More Lexington County deputies will be on patrol to protect against Halloween pranks only on Oct. 31, the traditional night for trick-or-treating, and not earlier. The announcement Thursday came after some residents planning to give out candy and snacks on other days asked law enforcement if extra deputies would be available then. Some neighborhoods are switching their celebrations to Oct. 29 and 30, weekend days when children don't attend school, county spokesman Harrison Cahill said. Parents also should consider sending children to parties sponsored by churches and civic groups, events that

are safer since it keeps youngsters off the road as traffic passes, officials said.

**The State:** A dozen promoted and transferred at Lexington County Sheriff's Department

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article109389457.html>

The Lexington County Sheriff's Department recently rearranged a dozen employees, transferring some and promoting others....

**Morning News:** Two Florence deputies recognized for life-saving actions during interstate collision

[http://www.scnw.com/news/article\\_e476c81e-96f3-11e6-a191-c795072fecbd.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/article_e476c81e-96f3-11e6-a191-c795072fecbd.html)

The Florence County Council honored two sheriff's deputies during their meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20, for their heroic actions which saved the life of a woman involved in a collision with a tractor-trailer.

On Sept. 25, Tyler Urquhart and Corporal William Odom removed the injured woman from her burning vehicle on Interstate 95 moments before the entire vehicle was consumed by flames. Council Member Kent Caudle presented the Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition approved by Florence County Council to both Deputy Urquhart and Corporal Odom. Sheriff Kenney Boone spoke highly of his two courageous deputies. "Tyler and William richly deserve this recognition for their selfless devotion to serving the public," Boone said. "But for their quick thinking and heroic actions, this woman would not have survived this terrible accident."

## **Presidential Election 2016:**

**Associated Press:** Trump's day-after: I'll accept election results \_ if I win

<http://bigstory.ap.org/75cc531edfeb414aa97a034e85d7975e>

Donald Trump kept floating the possibility Thursday that he'll challenge the results of the presidential election if there's a "questionable result," while teasingly promising to embrace the outcome "if I win." The Republican presidential nominee said he would accept "a clear election result" but was reserving his right to "contest or file a legal challenge" if he loses. It was his first attempt to explain his stunning warning a day earlier in the final debate that he might not accept the results. On Thursday, Trump brushed off the likelihood of that happening with a confident prediction that "we're not going to lose." "I would like to promise and pledge to all of my voters and supporters and to all of the people of the United States that I will totally accept the results of this great and historic presidential election," Trump said. Then after letting that vow hang in the air, he added, "If I win." Trump's musings about hypothetical Election Day scenarios came as his campaign was reeling from widespread astonishment over his refusal to commit to the time-honored American tradition of the election's loser acceding gracefully to the winner. Trump has warned repeatedly of impending, widespread voter fraud, despite no evidence to support him and plenty of evidence to the contrary.

**Associated Press:** AP FACT CHECK: Trump's willingness to dispute election

<http://bigstory.ap.org/27cc11db3f3847c9a0c6f8f6e3109b0b>

Donald Trump, who's railed for months about a "rigged" political system, used the final presidential debate to defiantly say he won't decide until the election ends whether he will accept its results. Pressed on that remarkable challenge to a keystone of the democratic process, his defenders have drawn a parallel to Democrat Al Gore's contest of the disputed 2000 presidential election. A comparison of what the Republican presidential candidate and his allies said to what happened 16 years ago. Asked virtually the same question Wednesday by debate moderator Chris Wallace, Trump answered differently. "I will look at it at the time. I'm not looking at anything now," he said. Pressed by Wallace, he said, "I will tell you at the time. I'll keep you in suspense."

**Associated Press:** The Latest: Catholic leader in Kansas criticizes Kaine

<http://bigstory.ap.org/af3c3ac8b6984f8db39160563b6921d1>

A Catholic leader in Kansas, where Tim Kaine grew up, is calling the vice presidential candidate an "orthodox" Democrat and a "cafeteria Catholic." Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City said in his weekly column that Kaine is "picking and choosing the teachings of the Catholic Church that are

politically convenient." Kaine grew up in Overland Park and attended a Jesuit high school in nearby Kansas City, Missouri. At times, his governing choices as Virginia's governor and senator have run directly against his Catholicism. Kaine is morally opposed to the death penalty but signed off on 11 executions during his four years as governor. After opposing gay marriage in his 2005 gubernatorial run, he later supported it. He's personally against abortion but has consistently voted in favor of abortion rights.

**Associated Press:** Hacked emails: Clinton pushed for charity meeting in Morocco

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Hacked emails reveal internal disagreement among top aides to Hillary Clinton about her determination to hold a Clinton Foundation summit in Morocco that later drew attention over its reliance on large financial pledges from foreign governments. Clinton aide Huma Abedin bluntly wrote in the January 2015 email that "if HRC was not part of it, meeting was a non-starter" and then warned: "She created this mess and she knows it." It was an uncharacteristic remark from a confidant known for her abiding loyalty to Clinton over the years. The hacked email was among more than 4,000 messages posted Thursday on the website of the WikiLeaks organization. The emails were stolen from the accounts of John Podesta, Clinton's campaign chairman. In Wednesday's final presidential debate, Donald Trump said he doubted the conclusion by U.S. intelligence officials that the Russian government is behind a string of recent targeted cyberattacks and subsequent leaks to influence the election. Clinton sharply criticized the Republican nominee for using the stolen emails to attack her, as well as a past statement encouraging hackers to leak more.

**Associated Press:** Virginia voter-registration deadline extended through Friday

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A federal judge has granted a brief extension of Virginia's voter-registration deadline after heavy demand prevented some voters from registering online. U.S. Senior Judge Claude Hilton ordered officials to reopen voter registration in the commonwealth immediately on Thursday and keep it open until 11:59 p.m. Friday. State election officials actually had agreed to an even longer extension with the voter-advocacy group that filed the lawsuit. The agreement would have extended the deadline through Oct. 24. But Hilton said he wanted an extension just long enough to make up for computer glitches that occurred in the hours leading up to the original Oct. 17 deadline. While he said an extension was appropriate to make up for the time lost during the failures of the online system, "I don't think it should be used to extend beyond the period prescribed by the legislature."

## National News:

**Associated Press:** US: Ex-contractor committed 'breathhtaking' theft of secrets

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A former National Security Agency contractor's theft of top secret government information was "breathhtaking in its longevity and scale," federal prosecutors said in a court filing Thursday aimed at keeping the man locked up as the case moves forward. The Justice Department also said it anticipated bringing additional charges against Harold T. Martin III, including under the Espionage Act, which would expose him to far harsher penalties. The filing offers additional details about the enormous volume of information prosecutors believe he stole and reveals the Justice Department's concern that Martin is or could be in contact with a foreign government. Prosecutors note that Martin has had online communication in Russian and, if freed, "could seek refuge with a foreign government willing to shield him from facing justice." "Given the nature of his offenses and knowledge of national secrets, he presents tremendous value to any foreign power that may wish to shelter him within or outside of the United States," prosecutors said.

**Associated Press:** No arrests, many questions 6 months after 8 killed in Ohio

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Six months after someone shot eight members of an extended family to death in their homes,



surviving relatives are still waiting — for an explanation, for an arrest, for a hint of closure."I just want to know why?" said Tajianna Mead, of Waverly, whose 44-year-old father, Kenneth Rhoden, was among the victims. When the slayings were discovered the morning of April 22, rural Pike County in the Appalachian foothills of southern Ohio was coming to life with the colors of greening hardwoods and the white petals of dogwood trees. Half a year later, colors are changing again as leaves turn to burnt yellow and red across the thickly wooded hills. Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader told WCPO-TV this week that he now believes the killers were local. Union Hill Road, where seven of the victims were found on three properties, is open again to traffic. "Private Property: No Trespassing" signs are posted at the end of the homes' driveways. Porches sit stranded in yards, their steps leading nowhere: In May, investigators moved the mobile homes where the killings occurred to a secure location as the investigation continued.

## **World News:**

**Associated Press:** Iraqi special forces join Mosul offensive against IS

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Iraqi special forces charged into the Mosul battle on Thursday with a pre-dawn advance on a nearby town held by the Islamic State group, a key part of a multi-pronged assault on eastern approaches to the besieged city. The addition of the elite troops, also known as counterterrorism forces, marked a significant intensification of the fight for Iraq's second-largest city. As they advanced, attack helicopters fired on the militants and heavy gunfire echoed across the plains. IS militants unleashed nine suicide car and truck bombs against the advancing troops, eight of which were destroyed before reaching their targets, while the ninth struck an armored Humvee, Lt. Col Muntadhar al-Shimmari told The Associated Press. He did not give a casualty figure, but another officer said five soldiers were wounded. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release information. The special forces entered the town of Bartella, a traditionally Christian village that fell to IS in 2014, around midday. The fighting thus far has been concentrated in a cluster of towns and villages outside Mosul that are mostly uninhabited and littered with roadside bombs planted by the militants, which has slowed the Iraqi advance.

**Associated Press:** The Latest: US soldier dies of wounds from bombing in Iraq

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The U.S. military says an American soldier has died from wounds sustained in a bombing in northern Iraq. Central Command said the soldier died on Thursday, without providing further information. It did not say where the explosion took place, but said it was caused by an "improvised explosive device," or roadside bomb. A massive Iraqi operation was launched earlier this week to drive the Islamic State group from the northern city of Mosul. More than 100 U.S. soldiers are embedded with Iraqi forces, and hundreds more are playing a support role in staging bases. If the soldier died while taking part in the offensive it would mark the first known American casualty in the battle to take back Mosul.

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