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Governor Nikki Haley News:

CNN: GOP governors 'giddy' in wake of Trump's win

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/15/politics/gop-governors-donald-trump/>

Eric Bradner

Republican governors said they were "giddy" Tuesday over the prospect of more control of federal education, health care and transportation dollars under a Donald Trump administration. At the first major gathering of Republicans since Trump's victory, high-profile governors largely set aside the topic of the President-elect himself. Instead, they said they're thrilled that the GOP controls both Congress and the White House. And they're excited about the promotion within their own ranks, with Indiana Gov. Mike Pence set to become vice president. "I'm just giddy, and if you talk to any of the governors here, we are so excited at the possibility and the opportunities that are going to be here," said South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley. "The idea that now we can start to really govern -- I have never known what it's like to have a Republican president. I can tell you that the last five years, Washington has been the hardest part of my job," Haley said. "This is a new day."

Orlando Political Observer: Republican Governors imagine possibilities with GOP control Orlando conference

<http://orlando-politics.com/2016/11/15/republican-governors-imagine-possibilities-with-gop-control-orlando-conference/>

Frank Torres

On Tuesday afternoon, the Republican Governor's Association convened their annual conference right here in Orlando and held a panel discussion with four of their brightest stars. Their collective message was one of hope under a Donald Trump Presidency and GOP majorities in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. The panel consisted of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. The discussion was moderated by Radio Host Bill Bennet. Walker was excited at what Republican control at all levels could accomplish. "The sky is the limit," Walker began. "The possibilities are endless, now that we have a Republicans in the house, Republicans in the senate. There is no limit to the good we can do. Republicans are alive and well and that success started in the states." Nikki Haley was excited to have a fellow former Governor, now Vice-President elect Mike Pence in a position to make their collective goals possible.

Orlando Sentinel: Scott looks forward to Trump presidency

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/politics/political-pulse/os-scott-trump-presidency-republican-governors-conference-20161115-story.html>

Steven Lemongello

Gov. Rick Scott called for "disruptive change" in a Donald Trump administration - while admitting that on many issues, he doesn't know what Trump will do. He also appeared to open the door to a potential U.S. Senate run in 2018 for incumbent Bill Nelson's seat - but he punted when directly asked about Trump's widely condemned appointment of Breitbart editor Steve Bannon as chief adviser. Scott was speaking to reporters at the Waldorf Astoria Orlando Tuesday on the first full day of Republican Governors Association conference, which brought together governors from across the country just a few weeks after they won control of what will be 34 governorships across the nation. Scott repeatedly

compared Trump's rise as an "outsider" businessman to his own election as governor in 2010.

NOTE: At a joint press conference later in the day, Scott, New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley all avoided comment on Bannon, with Haley also saying she did not know him.

NOTE: But Haley, who opposed Trump earlier this year, advised the president-elect that "communication and tone matter. The power of words matter. ... What you never want to see is any divisiveness in a state or the country."

Tampa Bay Times: Donald Trump's shadow looms over Republican governors gathering in Orlando
<http://www.tampabay.com/blogs/the-buzz-florida-politics/donald-trumps-shadow-looms-over-republican-governors-gathering-in-orlando/2302834>

Adam C. Smith

It's Donald Trump's Republican Party now, but several of the Republican governors he repeatedly made uneasy over the past year will gather in Florida today to lay out their visions for governing. The Republican Governors Association holds its annual conference today and Wednesday at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek where governors including Florida's Rick Scott, will preside over the first major gathering of GOP leaders since the election. Scott is the most enthusiastic supporter of the president-elect among the governors scheduled to attend.

NOTE: Other governors expected include South Carolina's **Nikki Haley** (who denounced Trump early in the year but eventually said she would vote for him); Utah's Gary Herbert (who said he would not vote for him after the Access Hollywood tape came out); Incoming RGA Chairman Scott Walker of Wisconsin (who backed Ted Cruz over Trump at the end of the presidential primary); Arkansas' Asa Hutchinson (who eventually backed Trump and is said to be contender for Trump's attorney general); Arizona's Doug Ducey; New Mexico's Susannah Martinez (who openly sparred with Trump); Georgia's Nathan Deal; Greg Abbott of Texas; and Tennessee's Bill Haslam (who at one point called on Trump to step aside and let Mike Pence be the nominee).

Post and Courier: Haley to pray at Emanuel AME on Tuesday, asks others to join across S.C.
http://www.postandcourier.com/news/haley-to-pray-at-emanuel-ame-on-tuesday-asks-others/article_945dd53e-ab52-11e6-b758-a737692f9a61.html

Gov. Nikki Haley to pray at Emanuel AME on Tuesday, asks others to join across S.C.

www.postandcourier.com

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Schuyler Kropf

Gov. Nikki Haley will pray at Mother Emanuel AME Church next Tuesday and asks residents across the state to join her in an organized show of faith. At noon on Nov. 22 Haley wants South Carolinians to pray for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, as well as the lingering effects of Hurricane Matthew, according to a press release. She also noted "two significant criminal trials are underway in Charleston," referring to the murder trial of former police officer Michael Slager of motorist Walter Scott, and the Emanuel AME Church case where white supremacist Dylann Roof is charged with killing nine black worshipers. "Faith, prayer and helping our neighbors is what got us through a challenging time last year, and those things will get us through these two trials and the aftermath of the hurricane," Haley said.

WIS: Haley organizes day of prayer on Nov. 22

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33714771/haley-organizes-day-of-prayer-on-nov-22>

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Jeremy Turnage

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley announced a day of prayer vigils in the Palmetto State in an effort to continue the healing after Hurricane Matthew and two criminal cases in Charleston. On Tuesday, Nov. 22, Haley said churches and other houses of worship will open at 12 p.m. and sound bells in observance of services statewide. "Faith, prayer and helping our neighbors is what got us through a challenging time last year, and those things will get us through these two trials and the aftermath of the hurricane," Haley said in a statement. "In South Carolina, we know how to have compassion toward each other, count our blessings, and remember that we are one state, one people." Hurricane Matthew devastated parts of the South Carolina coast last month, causing millions in damages. The state is also in the middle of the Michael Slager and Dylann Roof trials -- two high-profile cases that rocked the nation and the state last year.

WOLO: Haley Announces Statewide Prayer Vigils

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/11/15/haley-announces-statewide-prayer-vigils/>

Kimberlei Davis

As South Carolinians prepare for Thanksgiving and the holiday season, Governor Nikki Haley announced a day of prayer vigils throughout the state on Tuesday, November 22. The governor, working together with leaders of the faith community, urges everyone, regardless of their faith or denomination, to pray for continued strength and healing across the state and give thanks for the state's blessings. Prayer vigils will be held in individual places of worship at 12:00 PM when bells will ring in observance of services statewide. "Faith, prayer and helping our neighbors is what got us through a challenging time last year, and those things will get us through these two trials and the aftermath of the hurricane," said the governor. "In South Carolina, we know how to have compassion toward each other, count our blessings, and remember that we are one state, one people." Two significant criminal trials are underway in Charleston, and many families along the coast and throughout the Pee Dee are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Matthew.

WLTX: Gov. Haley Calls for Statewide Day of Prayer Next Week

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/gov-nikki-haley-announces-statewide-prayer-vigils-next-week/352373145>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is calling for a day of prayer vigils throughout South Carolina next week. The day will be Tuesday, November 22, just two days before Thanksgiving. Haley wants everyone--regardless of faith--to pray for continued strength and healing, and to give thanks for the state's blessings. The vigils will be held in a houses of worship at 12 p.m. when bells will ring in observance of services statewide. "Faith, prayer and helping our neighbors is what got us through a

challenging time last year, and those things will get us through these two trials and the aftermath of the hurricane," said the governor in a statement. "In South Carolina, we know how to have compassion toward each other, count our blessings, and remember that we are one state, one people."

WSPA: SC statewide prayer vigil announced by Gov. Haley

<http://wspa.com/2016/11/15/sc-statewide-prayer-vigil-announced-by-gov-haley/>

SC Gov. Nikki Haley has announced a statewide prayer vigil for Tuesday Nov. 22 in a press release: "As South Carolinians prepare for Thanksgiving and the holiday season, Governor Nikki Haley announced a day of prayer vigils throughout the state on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. The governor, working together with leaders of the faith community, urges everyone, regardless of their faith or denomination, to pray for continued strength and healing across the state and give thanks for the state's blessings. Prayer vigils will be held in individual places of worship at 12:00 PM when bells will ring in observance of services statewide. 'Faith, prayer and helping our neighbors is what got us through a challenging time last year, and those things will get us through these two trials and the aftermath of the hurricane,' said the governor. 'In South Carolina, we know how to have compassion toward each other, count our blessings, and remember that we are one state, one people.'

Fox Carolina: Gov. Haley announces a day of prayer vigils in SC

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33714926/gov-haley-announces-a-day-of-prayer-vigils-in-sc>

Aneliz Baltazar

As South Carolina is preparing for Thanksgiving, Gov. Nikki Haley announced a day of prayer vigils throughout the state on Nov. 22. The Governor's Office stated that two significant trials are underway in Charleston and many families along the coast and throughout the Pee Dee are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Matthew. "Faith, prayer and helping our neighbors is what got us through a challenging time last year, and those will get us through these two trials and the aftermath of the hurricane," Haley said. The Governor's Office along with leaders of the faith community are urging people, regardless of their faith or denomination, to pray for continued strength and healing across the state and give thanks for the state's blessings.

WCSC: Haley announces day of statewide prayer vigils

<http://www.live5news.com/story/33714728/haley-announces-day-of-statewide-prayer-vigils>

Patrick Phillips

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley announced Tuesday a statewide day of prayer vigils scheduled just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Haley set the date of the vigils as Tuesday, two days before Thanksgiving. In a statement from the Governor's Office, Haley, working with community faith leaders, called for everyone, regardless of faith or denomination, "to pray for continued strength and healing across the state and give thanks for the state's blessings." "Faith, prayer and helping our neighbors is what got us through a challenging time last year, and those things will get us through these two trials and the aftermath of the hurricane," Haley said. "In South Carolina, we know how to have compassion toward each other, count our blessings, and remember that we are one state, one people." The vigils come as two high-profile trials continue and as residents in the Pee Dee are continuing to recover from Hurricane Matthew.

The State: Schools chief should be a cabinet post, Haley urges lawmakers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article114716428.html>

Cassie Cope

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley and schools chief Molly Spearman are encouraging lawmakers to make the state's top education post an appointed position. In a letter to legislators, Haley and Spearman urged the General Assembly to pass a resolution allowing the governor to appoint the superintendent of education. Voters would make the final decision through a referendum. South Carolina is one of 13 states where the education superintendent is elected. "Instead of moving the state forward with a common vision for education priorities, this divided leadership structure can result in ... a lack of

coordination and fragmented accountability for failures in our pre-K-12 education system,” the two Republicans wrote. State Sen. Chip Campsen, R-Charleston and state Rep. Greg Delleney, R-Chester, will pre-file a bill to make the post a cabinet position next month.

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley asks lawmakers to make education superintendent a cabinet position

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/gov-haley-asks-lawmakers-to-make-education-superintendent-a-cabinet/article_874bf8ec-aaa5-11e6-8ac1-73b96549fac2.html

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley and S.C. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman called on lawmakers Monday to support upcoming bills that would make the top education job part of the governor's cabinet instead of being popularly elected. Haley's letter is a move to get a jump on one of her top remaining priorities in her final two years in office. The proposal will ask voters in 2018 to move the superintendent from elected office to a gubernatorial appointment in 2023. It is similar to other pushes rejected by lawmakers during the past two decades. "Instead of moving the state forward with a common vision for education priorities, this divided leadership structure can result in incompatible positions, a lack of coordination and fragmented accountability for failures in our Pre K-12 education system," her letter to lawmakers says.

SC Radio Network: Gov. Nikki Haley asks lawmakers to make education superintendent cabinet position

<https://www.southcarolinaradionetwork.com/2016/11/15/gov-nikki-haley-asks-lawmakers-make-education-superintendent-cabinet-position/>

Bill Dubinsky

Gov. Nikki Haley and South Carolina's Education Superintendent Molly Spearman called on lawmakers to support upcoming bills that would make the state's top education job part of the governor's cabinet instead of being popularly elected. A letter the Governor's Office sent state lawmakers on is an effort to get a jump on one of her top remaining priorities for her final two years in office. The proposal would seek a referendum to ask voters in 2018 if the superintendent should move from being an elected office to a gubernatorial appointment in 2023. "Instead of moving the state forward with a common vision for education priorities, this divided leadership structure can result in incompatible positions, a lack of coordination and fragmented accountability for failures in our Pre K-12 education system," her letter to lawmakers said. "One weakness of the current election method is that past governors and superintendents have come from different political parties but served at the same time," Sen. Chip Campsen, R-Charleston, said in a release.

Post and Courier: 2018 race for governor loses one hopeful while others still in the mix

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/race-for-governor-loses-one-hopeful-while-others-still-in/article_5dbf4e8c-aa8e-11e6-a869-af502382f816.html

Schuyler Kropf

South Carolina's 2018 governor's race saw its first casualty Monday but otherwise the field of those interested remained intact after last week's news that popular Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and congressman Trey Gowdy are considering running as a ticket. Former federal judge Billy Wilkins, one of at least eight Republicans mulling bids, confirmed he will not be a candidate when the real politicking begins next year. "I plan to continue to be active in the political life of South Carolina, but not as a candidate for public office," Wilkins, a retired federal judge from Greenville, told The Post and Courier. Wilkins is the former 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals chief judge. He said Monday he was unaware of the possible Scott-Gowdy hook-up. Otherwise there were no losses in the field of probables Monday.

NOTE: Scott vies with Gov. Nikki Haley as the state's most popular Republican. He is the first black Republican elected to represent South Carolina in the Senate since Reconstruction. Gowdy built name recognition after leading the Benghazi investigation panel, Winthrop University political scientist Scott Huffman said.

NOTE: The pair's decision on a run is expected by year's end. South Carolina voters will elect a governor and lieutenant governor on the same ticket for the first time in 2018. Haley is not eligible for a third consecutive term.

General Assembly News:

The State: Rec Commission board member resigns

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article114918743.html>

Avery G. Wilks

One of the seven Richland County Recreation Commission board members that Gov. Nikki Haley intends to fire has walked away on his own. Wilbert Lewis resigned Tuesday, becoming the only board member to step down after turmoil at the troubled commission. Lewis was not one of the five board members that a group of Richland County legislators had accused of allowing unwarranted pay raises and widespread nepotism at the commission. After those lawmakers requested Haley remove the five board members, the Republican governor moved to fire all seven. "Although I believe he is one of the few on this board who have acted in the best interest of the agency and the employees, I respect his decision to allow the commission to move forward with a new board in a new direction," said state Sen. Joel Lourie, D-Richland. "His departure should be viewed as a sacrifice by a respected public servant who is putting the greater good ahead of his personal ambition."

SC Supreme Court News:

Post and Courier: Summerville judge one of three selected to vie for spot on state Supreme Court

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/summerville-judge-one-of-three-selected-to-vie-for-spot/article_2f6bd7f0-ab4f-11e6-bdfb-ebbc7bab7d33.html

Maya T. Prabhu

Circuit Judge Diane Schafer Goodstein of Summerville is one of three finalists who made the early cut to run for a seat on the S.C. Supreme Court. Now she and two others will begin lobbying state lawmakers to elect them. Goodstein joins judges Ralph King "Tripp" Anderson III of Columbia and George C. James of Sumter in their quest to fill the seat opening when S.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Costa Pleicones retires at the end of the year. Goodstein serves as a judge in the 1st Judicial Circuit. After easily selecting Anderson, an Administrative Law Court judge, and James, who serves in the 3rd Judicial Circuit, the legislative review panel members deadlocked on the third choice. After a 45-minute break, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission agreed to move Goodstein forward. None of the judges were present during the vote.

Island Packet: Circuit Court Judge Mullen to interview for SC Supreme Court appointment

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/crime/article114844113.html>

Caitlin Turner

The Honorable Carmen Mullen joins six other candidates who are being interviewed to succeed retiring Chief Justice Costa Pleicones on the S.C. Supreme Court. Mullen, a circuit court judge in Beaufort County, will be interviewed by members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission in Columbia on Tuesday morning, according to a Post and Courier news article. From there, the candidates will be narrowed down based on their stances on the role of the judiciary branch. Four of the candidates were interviewed on Monday.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: State agency suspends changes to abortion regulations

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GXVZj8DC

Seanna Adcox

A South Carolina agency is holding off on recommending any changes to abortion clinic regulations after being inundated with responses to its drafted proposal. The state Department of Health and

Environmental Control confirmed Tuesday the process is delayed indefinitely. Spokeswoman Cassandra Harris says the agency received nearly 460 comments on proposed changes put out in September for public review. The agency had expected to hold a hearing in December, then send recommendations to legislators. Abortion rights advocates praised the department's move. Suggestions they opposed included requiring physicians who perform abortions to be board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and requiring clinics to meet higher surgical standards. Planned Parenthood regional spokeswoman Vicki Ringer says the decision shows South Carolinians "spoke out loudly and in huge numbers" to oppose medically unnecessary restrictions.

WCIV: Cell phones in prisons putting public safety at risk, officials say

<http://abcnews4.com/news/crime-news/cell-phones-in-prisons-putting-public-safety-at-risk-officials-say>

Bill Burr

Prison officials say contraband is a common problem at all prisons in South Carolina. At Lieber Correctional Institution in Dorchester County, 169 cell phones were found during a 12-month period. So, what's being done to stop cell phones and other contraband from coming into prison dormitories? Miles of razor wire fence outside Kirkland Correctional Institution in Columbia isn't enough to prevent crimes from sneaking inside. Nearly every day a special group of corrections officer goes beyond the brick and mortar walls of the maximum security prison to find forbidden items. The video above provides a rare look at a contraband team tackling the task of detecting dangerous weapons like shanks. "Conduct a complete search, counterclockwise, clockwise," said Col. Gregory Wells. "Top and bottom of the floor. Checking every item in the cell." Uncovering contraband doesn't take officers long. Within moments they quickly come across banned products hidden in soap containers, cracks of walls and underneath toilet bowls.

NOTE: Bryan Stirling, the director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections said there are countless items confiscated from South Carolina's 25 prisons. Among those items taken from prisoners -- hundreds and hundreds of cell phones. He said cell phones are the top choice when it comes to the contraband prisoners want to get their hands on.

NOTE: "It allows them to reach out to victims. Things of that nature," Stirling said. "They can also continue their criminal ways because they can use their cell phones to exchange money and to come up with schemes to continue making money while they are incarcerated."

NOTE: Governor Nikki Haley and other governors are asking the FCC to reconsider blocking cell phone signals inside prisons.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: AG Alan Wilson asks Donald Trump, team not to relocate detainees to U.S.

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/ag-alan-wilson-asks-donald-trump-team-not-to-relocate/article_4366ac30-ab6d-11e6-8518-d31baeb1327c.html

Gavin Jackson

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson joined two of his counterparts in urging President-elect Donald Trump and his transition team not to transfer terror detainees from Guantanamo Bay to the United States. In a letter Tuesday, Wilson and fellow Republican Attorneys General Cynthia Coffman, of Colorado, and Derek Schmidt, of Kansas, asked Trump to intervene on any relocation plan of Gitmo prisoners to sites in their states as a matter of "unparalleled concern." "We would be derelict to accept conclusory press reports and assume he will leave office with Guantanamo operational," the letter said, referencing President Barack Obama. "There remains a very real possibility the president may choose to push beyond his executive authority and move these terrorists to our country."

Post and Courier: The high price of low presidential pay

http://www.postandcourier.com/columnists/the-high-price-of-low-presidential-pay/article_83f75d1a-aa89-11e6-989a-fb9a9cfd32b3.html

Familiar lament: There's too much money in politics. Contrarian theory: There's not enough money in

politics. Well, at least there's not enough money in the salaries we pay to the folks who win our political races. For instance, why did so many Americans find both 2016 major party presidential nominees so sadly lacking? Maybe it's because, in part, that the highly stressful job pays a lowly \$400,000 a year. Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh, at \$9 million a year and roughly a million more if he wins enough games and awards, makes nearly \$400,000 every two weeks. That makes him the highest-paid public employee in the United States. Indeed, the list of the highest-paid public employees in our nation is dominated by mostly college football and a few college basketball coaches. Clemson football coach Dabo Swinney, at \$4.42 million a year, is the highest-paid public employee in our state and 12th highest-paid college football coach in our nation

NOTE: And why should Swinney, especially after blowing that game, make 41.7 times more than Gov. Nikki Haley's \$106,078 a year? Haley, a Clemson grad who at times wears the orange, hasn't complained about that pay — and gender? — gap. As a right-thinking free-market fan, she doubtless respects the supply-and-demand forces that make being a college football coach who wins enough to keep his job a lucrative gig.

The State: Pro-Trump rally planned for State House is postponed

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article114734028.html>

Bristow Marchant

In response to protests since the presidential election, local supporters of Donald Trump said Monday that they would hold their own rally this weekend. However, the rally was postponed Monday night. It will be held on another unspecified date. The pro-Trump rally originally was scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at the S.C. State House. The State House was the site of a Friday rally by anti-Trump protesters, who oppose the New York billionaire's Electoral College victory. While Trump supporters might have cause to gloat after his come-from-behind victory, pro-Trump organizer Amanda Triguero said Monday that she didn't want the pro-Trump rally to be an "in your face" event. Instead, she hoped it would cool off tensions.

Aiken Standard: South Carolina Republicans praise Trump's choice of Priebus

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/south-carolina-republicans-praise-trump-s-choice-of-priebus/article_d248e006-aabb-11e6-a855-9f470cac6c16.html

Dede Biles

South Carolina's Republican lawmakers are watching President-elect Donald Trump closely as he makes his transition from candidate to the nation's leader. In general, those interviewed by the Aiken Standard responded favorably to Trump's announcement Sunday that Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus would be his new chief of staff. Trump also revealed that Steve Bannon would be his chief strategist and senior counselor. Formerly the chief executive of Breitbart News, Bannon was the Trump campaign's CEO. In an email, S.C. Sen. Tim Scott's press secretary, Michele Exner, sent the following statement from Scott: "I am excited for my friend Reince Priebus to join the Trump Administration as Chief of Staff. I look forward to working with their entire team to bring opportunity to every family, in every community, in every ZIP Code across the nation. We have a unique opportunity starting January 20th of next year, and I truly believe we can reenergize the American Dream."

President-elect Trump News:

Associated Press: House GOP nominates Ryan as speaker, with Trump's support

<http://bigstory.ap.org/633e332e60b14c88896cd60f8ccca006>

Speaker Paul Ryan unanimously won his GOP colleagues' votes on Tuesday for another term at the helm of the House. He told fellow Republicans he had President-elect Donald Trump's support, and heralded "the dawn of a new, unified Republican government." "It feels really good to say that actually," Ryan told reporters. "This will be a government focused on turning President-elect Trump's victory into real progress for the American people." While victory was the GOP unifier, Democrats were verging on disarray. House Democrats abruptly announced Tuesday that they were delaying their own leadership elections set for Thursday until Nov. 30 to give lawmakers more time to process

disastrous election results. It's not clear whether the election delay might morph into a real challenge to Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. She has led House Democrats for more than 12 years and has consolidated support with strong fundraising and an ability to deliver votes, but there's long been grumbling from Democrats who say new leadership is needed at the top.

Associated Press: Amid signs of transition trouble, Trump huddles with Pence

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4a805e7c64ee42ba8937284839d76513>

Hidden from the public in his Manhattan high-rise, Donald Trump huddled Tuesday with Vice President-elect Mike Pence as he tried to fill out key posts in his Cabinet. But the transition team appeared to be straining under the enormous challenge of setting up an administration. Former Rep. Mike Rogers, a respected Republican voice on national security issues, announced he was stepping down from the transition effort. And an apparent clerical oversight effectively halted the Trump team's ability to coordinate with President Barack Obama's White House. With Trump out of sight now for several days, his allies engaged in an unusual round of public speculation about his potential appointments — including their own futures — as the president-elect and his aides weighed the nation's top national security posts.

Associated Press: Never mind closing Guantanamo, Trump might make it bigger

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9f84d4c3d658402f8a31ffd9f9dfa908>

Never mind closing Guantanamo. It might be getting bigger. President Barack Obama is running out of time to fulfill his longstanding promise to shutter the prison at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Sixty inmates remain in the facility and only a third are cleared for release. If Obama can't close it, his successor likely won't. Donald Trump has not only pledged to keep Guantanamo open, in April he said that "we're gonna load it up with some bad dudes, believe me. We're gonna load it up." He told The Miami Herald in an interview that month that he would support trying U.S. citizens accused of terrorism at the base, though that would require Congress to change federal law and would likely face constitutional challenges. Opened in 2002 as a makeshift camp to hold men captured in the early fight against al-Qaida, Guantanamo has become a symbol of the strong-handed U.S. response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Its advocates say it keeps dangerous terrorists locked up. Opponents say it violates basic human rights, with prisoners held indefinitely without charges. Obama has said it feeds anti-U.S. sentiment worldwide and that the prisoners could be held for less money at facilities in the United States.

Associated Press: 'Sanctuary cities' vow to protect immigrants from Trump plan

<http://bigstory.ap.org/38176eb6b993497cbf2fd3068d0850f4>

Democratic mayors of major U.S. cities that have long had cool relationships with federal immigration officials say they will do all they can to protect residents from deportation, despite President-elect Donald Trump's vows to withhold potentially millions of dollars in taxpayer money if they do not cooperate. New York City's Bill de Blasio, Chicago's Rahm Emanuel and Seattle's Ed Murray are among those in "sanctuary cities" that have tried to soothe worried immigrant populations. "Seattle has always been a welcoming city," Murray said Monday. "The last thing I want is for us to start turning on our neighbors." In Providence, Rhode Island, Mayor Jorge Elorza, the son of Guatemalan immigrants, said he would continue a longstanding policy of refusing to hold people charged with civil infractions for federal immigration officials. Newark, New Jersey's Ras Baraka echoed that decision, calling Trump's rhetoric on immigration "scary."

Wildfires Across Southeast:

Associated Press: The Latest: 2 men arrested in Tennessee arson cases

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gp4a0y11

SC State Wire

Authorities have arrested two men in separate arson cases as Tennessee fends off wildfires that have burned more than 16,000 acres in the eastern end of the state. State Agriculture investigators,

the State Fire Marshal's office and local authorities arrested Matthew Ryan Wallace, 27, of Tuscaloosa, Ala. He is charged with igniting a wildfire along a Sequatchie County road Monday. The felony charges are punishable by up to six years in jail and up to a \$3,000 fine. Separately, Monroe County deputies arrested Charles Edward Martin, 50, of Madisonville, Tenn., on Monday for intentionally setting a fire along a road. The state's arson reward fund has grown to offer up to \$2,500 for a tip that lead to an arson arrest and conviction. Tennessee's Farm Bureau Federation and Forestry Association have donated to the fund. The arson hotline is 1-800-762-3017.

Associated Press: As fires torch South, burn bans enacted, arson investigated

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

SC State Wire

As drought-stressed forests burn across much of the South - including a blaze scorching a Manhattan-sized area of north Georgia - some traditional outdoor activities are now banned. Starting campfires, lighting fireworks, smoking cigarettes, even parking a car off-road is prohibited, for fear that a hot tailpipe could ignite dry leaves below. The Tennessee Valley Authority issued a burn ban Tuesday on its public lands across Tennessee and in parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia. The authority said its ban applies to anything that might produce an open flame. Gov. Bill Haslam, meanwhile, banned outdoor burning in more than half of Tennessee's counties through December 15.

Associated Press: The Latest: TVA bans burning in 7 states amid drought, fire

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gp4a0y1l

SC State Wire

As drought dries up forests across the South and with no sign of coming rain that might help put out dozens of major wildfires, the Tennessee Valley Authority has issued a burn ban on its public lands in seven states. The TVA on Tuesday said the ban applies to anything that might produce an open flame, from campfires to smoking cigarettes. It's even prohibited to park a car off-road where a hot tailpipe might light up dry grass or leaves. The rules apply across Tennessee and in parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia. Meanwhile, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam has banned outdoor burning in more than half the state's counties through December 15. Details can be found at the website "burnsafetn.org" <http://burnsafetn.org/>. The Tennessee Division of Forestry is currently fighting 67 wildfires over about 16,000 acres.

Independent Mail: Pinnacle Mountain Fire continues to grow

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/11/15/pinnacle-mountain-fire/93892398/>

Mike Ellis

Greenville Water officials are monitoring their water to make sure the Pinnacle Mountain Fire doesn't force them to change their supply. The fire is being directed toward the Table Rock Reservoir, one of three sources for the water company. One of the risks is that an exceptionally heavy rain could send piles of soot into the water, which would require either extra treatment methods or a switch to lean even more on the other two sources, the North Saluda Reservoir and Lake Keowee, said Olivia Vassey, communications manager for the water company. The soot risk will diminish over time and smaller amounts of rain would not pose as much of a risk to the water supply, she said. As smaller rains fall and leaves start to layer over the fire debris and nature takes over, any risk of soot in the water system will likely go away, Vassey said.

Independent Mail: Pinnacle Mountain fire may keep Upstate smoky for days

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/11/14/pinnacle-mountain-may-flourish-after-fire/93793586/>

Ron Barnett and Mike Ellis

Smoke from the biggest wildfire in the South Carolina mountains since 1978 is likely to continue blanketing the Upstate for the rest of the week as firefighters continue to battle the blaze and the

weather offers little hope for relief, officials said. The Pinnacle Mountain fire is about 25 percent contained, and the fight to extinguish it is expected to go on for at least another week, according to a spokesman for the state Forestry Commission. Authorities are urging motorists to avoid State 11 and U.S. 178 in northern Pickens County to keep the highways clear for vehicles involved in fighting the fire near Table Rock State Park. They're also informing residents in the area of ways to protect their property from the blaze that had consumed more than 2,300 acres by Monday morning.

Greenville News: Greenville Co. Schools take precautions due to smoke from wildfire

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/11/14/greenville-co-schools-take-precautions-due-smoke/93796930/>

Elizabeth LaFleur

Greenville County Schools is taking extra precautions to protect students from potentially dangerous air. The district has been in touch with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the National Weather Service about air quality due to ongoing fires in Pickens County and Western North Carolina, according to Elizabeth Brotherton, Greenville County Schools spokesperson. Principals were advised that students with asthma or other breathing conditions should be allowed to stay indoors instead of going outside for recess, according to Brotherton. GCS also told principals they should honor any parent requests that children stay inside. At least one school in northern Greenville County cancelled recess and outdoor activities because of the thick haze. Schools were advised to take similar precautions for students involved in sports practices after school.

Greenville News: Pediatrician: Take precautions to protect children with asthma from wildfire smoke

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/11/15/take-precautions-protect-children-asthma-wildfire-smoke-pediatrician-warns/93889126/>

Liv Osby

Children with asthma and other respiratory illnesses are particularly hard hit by the clouds of smoke from area wildfires hovering over the Upstate, a local pediatrician says. So special precautions should be taken at home, in schools and in the community to protect them, said Dr. Steven Snodgrass, medical director of pediatric pulmonology for Greenville Health System Children's Hospital. Outdoor exposure should be limited in these vulnerable children, especially if they are already battling colds and respiratory illnesses at this time of year, he said. And windows should be closed to limit exposure. Requests from parents and caregivers to skip recess and other outdoor activities should be honored, he said, along with athletes participating in outdoor sports who are susceptible.

Greenville News: DHEC cautions residents about wildfire smoke

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/11/14/state-health-officials-caution-residents-wildfire-smoke/93806560/>

Liv Osby

State health officials on Monday cautioned residents about the potential effects of wildfire smoke enveloping the Upstate. Air quality monitors are detecting elevated levels of particulate matter in several regions, particularly in the Upstate counties, according to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. Areas north of I-20 and west of I-77 are at risk, officials said, adding that the conditions may linger for the next several days. "Smoke from these fires can irritate the eyes and respiratory system, as well as aggravate or exacerbate chronic heart and lung diseases," said Rhonda Thompson, chief of DHEC's Bureau of Air Quality. People with respiratory health issues are advised to limit their time outdoors to avoid the smoke and to take measures to prevent outdoor smoke from getting inside, according to DHEC. Keep windows and doors closed and keep fresh-air intakes closed and filters clean in air conditioning and central heating units to prevent smoke from getting inside, officials said.

Herald-Journal: Smoke, haze from wildfires cover the Upstate

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161114/smoke-haze-from-wildfires-cover-upstate?rssfeed=true>

Zach Fox and Bob Montgomery

Imagine being stuck in a room full of smokers. That's what being exposed to smoke and haze from the western Carolina wildfires is like for some people who have breathing problems. "There are some similarities to second-hand smoke. It's an irritant," said Dr. Emmanuel Sarmiento of Allergic Disease and Asthma Center of Greenville and Spartanburg. Wildfires near Lake Lure in North Carolina and in Pickens County South Carolina continued to burn Monday and create smoke and haze that has covered many parts of the Upstate, with no relief expected anytime soon. Although weather conditions slowed the Pinnacle Mountain fire's progress some, the fire is still mostly uncontained, according to Pickens County emergency management officials.

Herald-Journal: Fire continues aggressive spread; firefighter describes blaze

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161115/fire-continues-aggressive-spread-firefighter-describes-blaze?rssfeed=true>

The Party Rock wildfire, burning more than 3,740 acres near Chimney Rock and Lake Lure as of Monday evening, has grown rapidly since it began Nov. 5. Fueled by extremely dry conditions and winds, it's behaving more like an aggressive Western wildfire than any the region typically sees. Over the weekend, more evacuations were enacted for the area, including in Henderson County communities near the fire along Highway 9 and Shumont Road. So far, the North Carolina Forest Service reports, the fire has prompted the evacuations of about 1,000 people. The fire is still 15 percent contained. Chief Rick Livingston, of Mills River Volunteer Fire Department, said firefighters from Mills River have been working the fire through the weekend and will continue to keep working it for the rest of the week, prepping structures by blowing away leaves and debris to clear out the areas in advance of the fire. As the fire gets closer to the Bat Cave area, Livingston's crew of paid and volunteer firefighters will likely do more front-line work, he said, and are already running at 100 percent.

The Herald: No breathing easy in York, Lancaster, Chester: Wildfire smoke could affect health

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article114879678.html>

David Thackham

Officials are urging people with health issues in York, Chester and Lancaster counties to stay inside because large wildfires have caused large clouds of smoke to descend on the tri-county area. The National Weather Service issued an air quality action day until midnight for residents in York, Lancaster, and Chester counties, as well as affected citizens in Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenwood, Greenville, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union counties. The area is currently under a "code orange" air quality warning. Rock Hill schools said Tuesday they would be taking "extra precautions" to protect students. The school system said it will limit outdoor recess and after-school programs to 20 minutes, keep students with asthma or other respiratory conditions inside and close the outside fresh air dampers to its HVAC systems.

The State: Mountain wildfires could affect health, Midlands under 'code orange' air alert

<http://www.thestate.com/news/weather/article114854178.html>

Jane Moon Dial and Sammy Fretwell

Smoke coming from wildfires in the mountains of South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia could affect breathing and visibility in the Midlands, according to officials. The National Weather Service issued a code orange air quality alert Tuesday morning, warning smoke from the wildfires could affect several areas of the Midlands – including Richland, Lexington, Kershaw, Newberry, Fairfield, Sumter and Lee counties. Code orange means children and adults, including those with respiratory diseases such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exposure. The alert warned that fine particulates could create unhealthy breathing conditions and irritate eyes. Assistant state epidemiologist Dr. Melissa Overman said the particulates in the smoke will aggravate most lung conditions, chronic respiratory conditions and some heart conditions.

Post and Courier: Code orange air quality alert issued for Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester counties as smoke persists

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/smoke-hanging-in-the-air-in-the-lowcountry-expected-to/article_6d736a6c-ab50-11e6-ba46-a71ddf91cbe4.html

Bo Petersen

A code orange air quality alert was issued for the Lowcountry until midnight Wednesday as smoke from wildfires in the mountains again fumes the region. The air quality alert indicates that fine particles from smoke could approach dangerous levels for sensitive adults, according to the National Weather Service. Individuals with respiratory conditions should limit their time outdoors through the alert's duration. "We're seeing it now," said meteorologist Bob Bright, National Weather Service, Charleston on Tuesday. Forecasters say northwest winds pushing the air through the area are expected to move more northward by Thursday, bringing some relief, but "there's really no way to predict" how thick the wildfire smoke will remain, Bright said.

Sun News: Dense fog advisory issued Tuesday morning

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article114836408.html>

Dense fog and low clouds will blanket the area Tuesday morning, impacting the morning commute for motorists. The National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C. has issued a dense fog advisory until 9 a.m. Tuesday morning for the Grand Strand and inland Horry, Georgetown counties, as well as neighboring northeast South Carolina counties and southeast North Carolina counties, according to the warning. The advisory means visibility will be reduced to less than one quarter mile and near zero at times across some areas, weather authorities said. The reduced visibility will create difficult and hazardous driving conditions for motorists who should use extreme caution, forecasters said. Weather authorities recommended motorists slow down, use low beam headlights, and allow extra breaking distance between vehicles.

Island Packet: Beaufort, Jasper counties may experience more smoke from Appalachian wildfires

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/crime/article114919618.html>

Caitlin Turner

The National Weather Service has issued a special announcement of smoke impacting areas of Beaufort and Jasper counties as wildfires spread across the southern Appalachians. The smoke impacted Beaufort County on Friday, according to Daufuskie Island Fire Department Chief Edward Boys. Boys said a statement made by Hilton Head Island Fire & Rescue that the smoke came from open burning on Daufuskie was incorrect. Areas of Daufuskie are beginning to experience smoke again on Tuesday as it is carried to the area by south and southeastern winds, Boys said. In addition to Beaufort and Jasper counties, areas of Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Dorchester and Berkeley counties may also experience smoke, according to a National Weather Service release. Visibility may be as limited as one to three miles at times, the release said. Active children and adults as well as those with respiratory ailments that can be triggered by smoke should limit outdoor activity and prolonged outdoor activities should be limited for everyone, the release said. Motorists should also be alert for sudden changes in visibility.

Aiken Standard: Code red air quality alert issued for Aiken, Barnwell, Edgefield counties as smoke lingers

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/code-red-air-quality-alert-issued-for-aiken-barnwell-edgefield/article_824cce6a-ab6e-11e6-b7a4-2f8a64480ed5.html

Tripp Girardeau

As most of Aiken County and surrounding counties received another hazy day Tuesday, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control issued a code red air quality alert for the area for Wednesday. A code red alert, or unhealthy, has been issued for the Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, and York counties. A code orange alert, or unhealthy for sensitive groups, has been issued for Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

counties.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery:

Associated Press: Horry County uses drones to record Hurricane Matthew damage

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

SC State Wire

Horry County is using drones to analyze damage along Grand Strand beaches caused by Hurricane Matthew. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/2f0n949>) the county began using the drones just days before the storm struck in October. Tim Oliver of Horry County Information Technology and Geographical Information Systems says because the drones compile data so quickly that the county was able to file erosion information with the federal government within days instead of months. Now officials are using the drones create a baseline of the Grand Strand for future comparisons after storms. Oliver says the drones will be used once again for data mapping after renourishment work is completed. The project started simultaneously at Little River and Garden City and will meet in the middle to conclude in January.

Sun News: Drones patrolling Grand Strand to record dunes, sand data

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/latest-news/article114677408.html>

Audrey Hudson

That black mass hovering over Grand Strand beaches that sounds like an angry swarm of bees is part of the county's new drone system that is analyzing damage caused by Hurricane Matthew. The drones can be seen about 400 feet in the air on most sunny afternoons during low tide, snapping images from the dunes to the water to calculate erosion and sand loss, says Tim Oliver, chief information officer of Horry County Information Technology and Geographical Information Systems. The drones began working just days before Hurricane Matthew struck in October, and were able to capture data of dunes in Garden City that were later obliterated by the storm.

Sun News: Back-to-back disasters for county farmers creates uncertain future

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/latest-news/article114722403.html>

Audrey Hudson

The Double R Farm has produced abundant crops for four generations of Rabon family farmers here, and despite the double whammy of record rains during the October harvest last year and last month's hurricane, they are determined to weather the hardship. "I'll do whatever I gotta do, even if it means I'm worn out and broke," says Ronald Rabon. "But if I make it this year, it will take a miracle from the Lord." Tropical storm-force winds and 12 inches of rain from Hurricane Matthew battered 700 acres of his cotton just as the bolls began to open, resulting in hardlock that made picking nearly impossible. They were able to salvage about 100 acres, mostly from farm lands tucked among wooded areas protected from the wind. Instead of 1,400 bales of cotton this year, the Rabons will likely end up with about 450 bales.

Sun News: Roads still closed in Horry, Georgetown counties from Hurricane Matthew damage

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article114659608.html>

Hurricane Matthew is more than a month removed from the Grand Strand, but its effects can still be felt in Horry County and beyond. Twenty eight roads and four bridges throughout South Carolina are still closed because of the storm, with seven of those roads being in Horry County and one in Georgetown County.

Morning News: Dec. 13 is the deadline to register for FEMA help

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_c81f9792-aad3-11e6-a966-6b055600bcfc.html

The last day to register to for federal disaster assistance related to Hurricane Matthew damage is Dec. 13. After survivors register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), they may receive a disaster loan application from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Survivors

must complete and submit the SBA loan application to be considered for certain types of Other Needs Assistance, such as a grant to help pay for the replacement of their flood-damaged vehicle.

WSAV: Beaufort Sheriff, SC Governor give different stories on reentry after Matthew
<http://wsav.com/2016/11/14/beaufort-sheriff-sc-governor-give-different-stories-on-reentry-after-matthew/>

Holly Bounds

After Hurricane Matthew passed, evacuees stuck close to your phones and TV's waiting for the call to come back home.

And it was that Sunday night after the storm that the South Carolina Emergency Management Division announced the evacuation order for Beaufort and Jasper Counties had been lifted. Hundreds of families the road, only to find they weren't allowed back after all. There are two sides to the story of why that happened and they come from the sheriff of Beaufort County and the Governor of South Carolina. Press conference after press conference, email after email, Facebook posts and tweets, all made by the ones managing the evacuation and reentry to Beaufort County after the storm. You can't say they kept quiet, but the messages delivered didn't match up. "We had some communication glitches no doubt," State Representative Weston Newton said. The smooth operation of getting tens of thousands of people out of Beaufort County before Matthew's landfall was soon overshadowed by the tension of getting back home.

NOTE: "I went upstairs and followed through with what we talked about at the press conference," Tanner said. "And it was made clear during that time that Hilton Head was not open, it was closed and at that particular time we made it clear that the sea islands of Beaufort County were not open for return."

NOTE: But SC Governor Nikki Haley told NEWS 3 during a recent visit to Jasper County that a different message came through from Beaufort County officials. "We made sure from the EMD director to the sheriff, who was over the EMD director, as well as I think the mayor and county council, we make sure we get the all clear before we lift any sort of restriction," Haley said.

NOTE: The governor said based on what she heard local officials say, Beaufort County was safe for return. "We rely on the county and to tell us when we lift the evacuation," Haley said in a press conference.

Kingstree News: Announcement of Funding for Families and Individuals Made Homeless by Hurricane Matthew

http://www.kingstreenews.com/news/announcement-of-funding-for-families-and-individuals-made-homeless-by/article_2650267c-aaa4-11e6-a07e-c72264461db2.html

Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization, Inc. (ECHO), a non-profit organization that provides housing for families and individuals that are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness, announced today that they have received a special grant for victims of Hurricane Matthew. The grant will provide temporary housing during the transition back into victim's original residence or into new permanent housing. ECHO has been serving the 12 counties of upper-eastern South Carolina for 11 years and is proud to be of service to the many residents affected by this disaster. ECHO President/ Executive Director Joey Smoak said, "Thanks to the One SC Fund, Central Carolina Community Foundation, and Governor Haley, ECHO will be able to help families and individuals that are homeless because of the hurricane that do not qualify to receive assistance from federal disaster programs. This grant will help fill the gaps in assistance already being provided with temporary housing while getting these residents back into permanent housing."

NOTE: Governor Nikki Haley, with the help of Central Carolina Community Foundation and a team of South Carolinians from entertainment, business, and public service, announced the One SC Fund in November 2015 after flooding touched South Carolinians from every walk of life. For more information about the One SC Fund, visit www.onescfund.org.

Serial Killer Todd Kohlhepp:

Independent Mail: Charles David Carver's family talks forgiveness as they plan memorial

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/11/15/charles-david-carvers-family-talks-forgiveness-they-plan-memorial/93882116/>

Nikie Mayo

The mother and stepfather of Charles David Carver say they plan to forgive whomever is responsible for their son's death. "It's hard, but I know I am going to have to forgive," said Jaye Shiflet, Carver's stepfather. "Being a Christian, you've got to. It's what the Bible says." Carver's mother, Joanne Shiflet, agrees with her husband. The Shiflets believe in forgiveness. But they aren't yet ready to give it. Since they have learned the fate of the young man they call David, the Shiflets have their feet in two worlds. In one, they remember the boy they lost. In the other, they relive the agonizing weeks of waiting and the moment when they learned the awful truth. Jaye Shiflet smiles immediately when he thinks of how he met David on a trip that a Crescent High School singing group took to Walt Disney World in Orlando.

Herald-Journal: Community members urge togetherness, respect during vigil

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161114/community-members-urge-togetherness-respect-during-vigil?rssfeed=true>

Zach Fox

In a county still recovering from the shocking discoveries made during the investigation into suspected serial killer Todd Kohlhepp, dozens of residents came together Monday night to spread a message of unity and respect through faith. "Look at you. This is #OneSpartanburg. We wanted a night to bring everyone together after the events in our community, our nation and our world," said Kim Shell. "There's still a lot of good out in the world, and we want to make sure people don't lose sight of that." Shell organized a prayer vigil at the Spartanburg County Courthouse on Monday. Dozens of community members, families of victims of violent crimes and law enforcement representatives came out to show support for the community and to urge healing. Luchana Smith, a Spartanburg resident, said the messages of respect and being willing to look beyond differences struck a chord with her. "It was very nice to see," she said. "To see the sincerity of the people here was refreshing."

Herald-Journal: Sheriff calls on lawmakers to expedite records requests

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161114/sheriff-calls-on-lawmakers-to-expedite-records-requests?rssfeed=true>

Daniel J. Gross

Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright said he plans to speak with lawmakers about expediting cellphone records requests after a missing persons case out of Anderson led to the discovery of a suspected serial killer hiding in plain sight. "It's just not a fast process. I want to see if we can request something sooner, but there has to be oversight," Wright said. "We can't just say, 'Hey, I need this today.' They're private businesses. They're not government-owned." Wright has spoken with U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., about a potential change in the law governing records requests. It's an issue that's been before Congress in the past, and likely will continue to be discussed as digital records become even more important in investigations. "Law enforcement has a very difficult job, where seconds can mean life or death," Gowdy said in a statement. "The cellphone providers certainly can make the information available in as timely a fashion as they want. To the extent these providers need additional incentive, I anticipate Congress continuing to look at this and related issues."

Michael Slagger Case:

Associated Press: The Latest: Judge: Prosecution may present final witness

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

SC State Wire

The judge in the murder trial of a former South Carolina patrolman charged in the shooting death of a

black motorist has ruled that the prosecution may present its final witness. The prosecution wants crime scene investigator Bill Williams of Georgetown to take the stand. He has created an animation of the shooting of Walter Scott by Michael Slager using cellphone video, dashcam video and police radio calls. Slager, who is white, is charged in the April 2015 shooting death of Scott as he fled a traffic stop. Williams is largely self-taught and the defense argued he lacked the formal training to be allowed to testify as an expert. The jury was out of the courtroom for more than four hours Tuesday as attorneys argued and Williams showed the judge his presentation. Finally, Circuit Judge Clifton Newman ruled the witness has expertise in both crime scene recreation and forensic video. Court has adjourned and the jury will see the animation on Wednesday.

Associated Press: Jury again sees video in black motorist's death

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JXGdyxI9

Bruce Smith

The jury in the murder trial of a white former South Carolina patrolman who shot an unarmed black motorist saw a bystander's dramatic cellphone video of the shooting frame by frame Tuesday. The video, which shows Walter Scott being shot five times in the back as he ran from a traffic stop, stunned the nation and was shared worldwide on the internet. Former North Charleston patrolman Michael Slager faces 30 years to life if the jury hearing the trial agrees with the prosecution that Scott's slaying was murder. Prosecution witness Anthony Imel, a forensic video analyst who works at the FBI lab in Quantico, Virginia, testified Monday and the jury was shown enhanced footage he made from the video taken the day the 50-year-old motorist was shot.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Judge delays Dylann Roof competency hearing for a day

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

SC State Wire

A federal judge has delayed a hearing to determine whether Dylann Roof is competent to stand trial in the deaths of nine people at a Charleston church. U.S. Judge Richard Gergel issued a ruling Monday saying the psychologist examining Roof won't finish a report until Tuesday. So Gergel delayed the competency hearing by a day to Thursday. It is still unclear whether the hearing will be open to the public. Roof's lawyers say it must be closed to protect his right to a fair trial. Prosecutors in the death penalty case and several news organizations want the hearing to remain open. Roof's lawyers also filed a request Monday to be allowed to file briefs after the hearing, which if granted could further delay jury selection, set to start next Monday.

The State: The State newspaper, other media urge open competency hearing for Dylann Roof

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article114764388.html>

John Monk

State and national media organizations, including The State newspaper, are opposing a possibly secret court hearing Thursday that could decide whether Dylann Roof goes to trial or to a mental facility for an undetermined amount of time. The Associated Press, National Public Radio, The State Media Co., as well as Charleston's Post & Courier newspaper and WCSC-TV are fighting a closed-door hearing on the accused hate criminal's mental state. Roof, 22, of Columbia, an avowed white supremacist, is accused in a federal indictment of killing nine African-Americans in a mass shooting in June 2015 at a historic downtown Charleston church. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Thursday's hearing will determine whether U.S. Judge Richard Gergel orders Roof's trial, now scheduled to begin Nov. 21 with jury selection, will go on as scheduled or postponed indefinitely.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: NTSB: 2 midair collisions show limits of 'see-avoid' plans

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

Susanne M. Schafer

The National Transportation Safety Board reported Tuesday that two mid-air collisions in 2015 show the limits of "see and avoid" strategies and suggests air traffic controllers and pilots buy better cockpit technology to help avoid such deadly crashes. NTSB officials read reports in Washington on the two accidents that claimed the lives of seven people, saying existing safety mechanisms failed. The "see and avoid" strategy requires a pilot to see another aircraft and take evasive action in time to avoid a collision. "We want to highlight the limitations of the see-and-avoid concept and call attention to the alternatives," NTSB spokesman Peter Knudsen said following the presentation. "There are affordable options for pilots to install equipment that can help avoid such incidents." The first collision happened over Moncks Corner, South Carolina, between a Cessna and an Air Force F-16 fighter. Two people in the small plane were killed but the jet pilot ejected safely.

Post and Courier: Flawed communications before Fatal F-16, Cessna collision, NTSB says

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/flawed-communications-before-fatal-f--cessna-collision-ntsb-says/article_038b9cea-ab47-11e6-af7f-7f0636fb40a7.html

Bo Petersen

An air traffic controller who told an Air Force fighter jet pilot to turn left instead of right has been found to have contributed to a collision with a civilian Cessna over the Cooper River that left two Moncks Corner men dead. The jet pilot, who used an autopilot to turn his F-16 instead of grabbing the stick, wasn't found to have contributed to the crash. But National Transportation Safety Board inspector Dennis Diaz said the controller did not violate the rules and that the right turn assessment was made "in hindsight." The board report issued Tuesday delineates probable cause and can make recommendations to avoid future crashes. The aircraft collided July 7, 2015, near Lewisfield Plantation. Father and son Mike and Joe Johnson died aboard the Cessna. Their bodies were recovered in the river. Joe Johnson, 30, the pilot, had taken off from Moncks Corner airport minutes earlier and was flying to Myrtle Beach for the day.

Independent Mail: Upstate contractors killed in Afghanistan bombing

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/11/15/upstate-contractors-killed-afghanistan-bombing/93890232/>

Mike Ellis

The father of Townville Elementary School teacher Meghan Hollingsworth was killed in a suicide bomb attack on the Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan early Saturday morning. Tom Dobbins, chairman of the Anderson School District 4 Board of Trustees, said he could confirm that another tragedy had hit Hollingsworth's family. Hollingsworth is the teacher who helped escort students to safety during a shooting at Townville Elementary School on Sept. 28. School officials did not provide the name of Hollingsworth's father, citing requests for privacy by the family. Two Fluor Daniel employees killed along with two soldiers in the attack, the company confirmed in a statement Tuesday. Fluor Daniel, a Texas-based construction and engineering company with significant operations in the Upstate, said in a prepared statement that it does not identify employees by name and would not confirm what type of work the employees were doing in Afghanistan.

Aiken Standard: Aiken Tech is ranked among Best for Vets in 'Military Times'

http://www.aikenstandard.com/education/aiken-tech-is-ranked-among-best-for-vets-in-military/article_7f07bcfe-aa80-11e6-80b7-1f80ce50776d.html

Aiken Technical College has been recognized for its commitment to student veterans and their families. The school is ranked No. 16 among the top 24 career and technical colleges in the country in the Military Times 2017 Best for Vets list. The College also has been named a 2017 Military Friendly college by Victory Media, a designation it has received for six consecutive years. "It is an honor for Aiken Technical College to serve our veterans," ATC President Dr. Forest Mahan said. "Our objective is to help them meet their educational goals. Veterans bring a very strong work ethic and are a vital part of our student community. These recognitions are honors that we share with our veterans." For its rankings, Military Times used criteria that included military enrollment; staff support; extracurricular

participation rates, activity levels and initiatives that support veterans and their families; and policy agreements, such as the U.S. Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding and Principles of Excellence.

Post and Courier: South Carolina graduation rate jumps up

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/south-carolina-graduation-rate-jumps-up/article_83b42392-ab47-11e6-a5fe-c3a7a409547f.html

Paul Bowers

South Carolina's high school graduation jumped by more than two percentage points in 2016, according to new data released by the S.C. Department of Education. In a press release trumpeting the new four-year cohort graduation rate of 82.6 percent, State Education Superintendent Molly Spearman called the new graduation rate "a true testament to the collaborative effort of students, parents and educators to ensure that all graduates are prepared for success and meeting the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate." The state's graduation rate, like most nationwide, has been climbing steadily in the past decade. Meanwhile, scores on standardized tests for college and career readiness have flatlined or dropped in some cases.

The State: Local schools get passing marks on SC report cards

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article114880413.html>

Bristow Marchant

S.C. education leaders are touting improvements in the state's graduation rate in the latest school report cards, released Tuesday. The state's graduation rate rose to 82.6 percent in 2016, a new record, state education Superintendent Molly Spearman said, unveiling the new report cards. The graduation rate was 80 percent in 2015 and 72 percent during the 2009-10 school year, just after the end of the Great Recession. "This is over a 2-point increase from last year and a true testament to the collaborative effort of students, parents and educators to ensure that all graduates are prepared for success," Spearman said. In the Midlands, graduation rates ranged from a high of 90.3 percent in Lexington-Richland 5 to a low 75 percent in Lexington 4. Other Midlands graduation rates were: Lexington 3, 89.7 percent; Lexington 1, 88.6 percent; Richland 2, 88.5 percent; Lexington 2, 87.9 percent; Kershaw, 83.1 percent; and Richland 1, 77.6 percent.

Aiken Standard: Superintendent: S.C. graduation rate reaches 'unprecedented' high

http://www.aikenstandard.com/education/superintendent-s-c-graduation-rate-reaches-unprecedented-high/article_d1609088-ab58-11e6-86ca-37643a39e158.html

Larry Wood

The state's graduation rate has climbed to an "unprecedented 82.6 percent," State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman announced Tuesday when the 2015-16 state report cards were released. "This is over a 2 percent increase from last year and a true testament to the collaborative effort of students, parents and educators to ensure that all graduates are prepared for success and meeting the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate," Spearman said. The profile of a South Carolina graduate was developed to ensure that state's students are receiving world-class knowledge, including rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness, multiple languages and courses in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, arts and social sciences.

Island Packet: School district has some good news about high schools' graduation rates

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article114916803.html>

Liz Farrell

The Beaufort County School District's on-time high school graduation rate improved for a sixth consecutive year in 2016 to an all-time high, according to data released today by the South Carolina Department of Education. The district's graduation rate — the percentage of students who complete high school "on time" and get a diploma in four years — improved to 83.4 percent, up from 78.7 percent in 2015 and up from 75.1 in 2012. The new graduation rate report included several highlights for Beaufort County...

Local News:

Associated Press: Deputies arrest son in parents' killing after wife calls 911

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

SC State Wire

Authorities say a 38-year-old South Carolina man has been charged with murder in the shooting deaths of his parents after his wife called 911 nearly 10 days after they were killed. A Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office report says the wife told deputies early Tuesday she thought her husband's parents were dead at their Inman home, about 12 miles northwest of Spartanburg. The report says when deputies arrived, Stephen Belcher answered the door and was arrested. Authorities say the bodies of 69-year-old Henrietta and William Belcher were found in a bedroom. The police report says one victim was in a wheelchair and the other at a desk. Both were covered with sheets after being shot several times in the head. Arrest warrants say they were killed Nov. 5. It wasn't known if Belcher had a lawyer.

Herald-Journal: Sheriff's Office: Man, 38, confesses to killing parents

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161115/sheriffs-office-man-38-confesses-to-killing-parents?rssfeed=true>

A Boiling Springs man has been charged with two counts of murder after authorities said he confessed to shooting his parents to death. Stephen Linwood Belcher, who turns 39 on Wednesday, of 139 Peachtree Road, was arrested and charged with two counts of murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime, according to arrest warrants out of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. Henrietta Green Belcher, 69, and William Edward Belcher, 69, both of 117 Bentwood Drive, were found dead in their home around 1 a.m., according to a statement from the Spartanburg County Coroner's Office. Shortly after midnight, the couple's daughter-in-law, deputies and EMS responded to the residence for a welfare check and discovered the victims, Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Kevin Bobo said in a statement. Stephen Belcher was at the scene when deputies arrived, and he was taken to the Sheriff's Office, where he confessed to killing both of his parents, Bobo stated.

Associated Press: Man gets 40 years for killing, dismembering woman

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=D8MeOKHa

SC State Wire

A 49-year-old man has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for killing a 32-year-old woman and dismembering her body. Multiple media outlets report Randy Robinson pleaded guilty Monday to voluntary manslaughter and obstruction of justice. He got the maximum sentences for both crimes. Prosecutors say Robinson beat Angie Pipkin to death in January 2014 at his home in Murrells Inlet, then called a friend and asked for help to dispose of a hog. Authorities say the man immediately recognized the remains were human. He called police and was not charged. Only Pipkin's torso was found near the Great Pee Dee River in Florence County. Robinson told the judge he wishes he could hit rewind and go back. Pipkin's oldest daughter Taylor says Robinson is a monster.

The Herald: Chester church claims bus wreck carrying Rock Hill team that killed 4 'unavoidable'

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article114863898.html>

Andrew Dys

The Chester church that owned a bus carrying a Rock Hill football team that crashed in North Carolina in September, killing four people, has denied wrongdoing, claiming the accident was unavoidable and a sudden emergency. However, the lawyer for 21 people injured in the wreck said evidence is "overwhelming" that Sandy River Baptist Church was renting out its bus without regard to safety rules, and has shown neither sympathy or accountability. The church, owner of the bus carrying the Ramah JUCO football team from Rock Hill, wants a lawsuit filed last month in Chester thrown out. The suit was filed by 21 players and coaches that alleged the church failed to properly maintain,

service and inspect the bus and its tires. A blown tire led to the bus hitting a guardrail and a bridge, police said. The crash killed four people, including the driver, who was a church member, and injured 39 others. Federal officials have said the bus was not licensed for for-hire service, yet the team chartered the bus.

The State: Richland County sheriff responds to citizen complaints, concerns along North Main Street
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article114956878.html>

Cynthia Roldan

Richland County Sheriff's Capt. Michael Prichett was on a different kind of hunt Tuesday. He and a handful of other deputies from the department's Special Response and Community Action teams went door to door to several businesses along North Main Street, asking managers and owners to call law enforcement when having problems with panhandlers and loiterers. Deputies also handed out letters signed by Sheriff Leon Lott that asked business owners to not allow loiterers, drug activity, alcohol consumption or other criminal activity to take place on their property. Prichett said the decision to send several deputies at the same time was to show the community that the department is listening to their complaints, which involved shots being fired at night, prostitution and even drug deals.

Associated Press: Prosecutors: Man set girlfriend's puppy on fire, killing it
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=To8dUYfW

SC State Wire

Prosecutors say a South Carolina man set his girlfriend's puppy on fire and killed it because he was angry at the woman. Multiple media outlets report the motive for killing the 10-week-old pit bull puppy last weekend was given at a bond hearing Tuesday for 21-year-old Hykeem Golson. Deputies found the 10-week-old pit bull puppy suffering from burns Saturday night in a church parking lot near Irmo, about 12 miles northwest of Columbia, after a witness called 911 and said the animal was set on fire. The puppy was rushed to an emergency veterinarian, but died from its injuries. Golson is charged with ill treatment of animals and his bond was set at \$10,000. A judge also ruled he should get a public defender. Golson faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

Associated Press: Black chamber CEO: Avoid assumptions on what caused fire
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3XkMFUNM

SC State Wire

The leader of the Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce said Tuesday that people should "avoid any premature judgments" on what caused a fire that destroyed the organization's new headquarters. Chamber CEO and president Larry Holman said the investigation could take a week. "I'm asking the community to please avoid any premature judgments or assumptions about the cause of the fire and allow federal investigators to complete their work," he said at a news conference outside the burned building. Construction of the three-story structure was nearly complete when it burned early Saturday, causing at least \$2 million in damages. There were no reported injuries. A grand opening was planned for Jan. 12. Federal agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms took over the investigation Sunday.

Island Packet: Chamber leader urges patience as fire investigation continues
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article114869603.html>

Stephen Fastenau

Larry Holman stood feet away from a dream in shambles Tuesday. Behind him, federal and state investigators picked through what remained after a Saturday fire destroyed the newly constructed, \$2-million Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce building. Holman, the Chamber's president and CEO, urged patience as investigators continue trying to determine the cause of the blaze. He also vowed to rebuild. Federal investigators told him the investigation could take a week. "As such, I am asking the community to please avoid making any premature judgments or assumptions about the cause of this fire and allow the federal investigators to complete their work here," Holman said during a news conference Tuesday on Duke Street, between the current building and the structure

destroyed by the fire. Beaufort-Port Royal Fire Chief Reece Bertholf said Tuesday investigators continue to focus on what caused the fire and where it started.

The Herald: Winthrop display depicting lynching of blacks meant to create 'aesthetic dialogue,' group says

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/winthrop-news/article114807283.html>

Teddy Kulmala

A display in front of Winthrop University's Tillman Hall that depicted the lynching of black people was erected by a group of students to protest the racist history of the building's namesake. The display, found late Sunday afternoon in front of Tillman Hall, included 18 black nylon stockings filled with dirt or mulch. The stockings were suspended by rope from a tree in front of Winthrop's main administrative building. On the sign denoting the building's name, someone taped a white sign that read, "Tillman's Legacy." Tillman Hall is named after Benjamin Ryan Tillman, who served as South Carolina governor and as a U.S. senator from 1890 to 1918. A group known as the Association of Artists for Change has claimed responsibility for the display, which Winthrop University police were initially investigating as an act of vandalism.

The State: Longtime Columbia NAACP president not seeking reelection

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article114966493.html>

Jane Moon Dial

The longtime president of the Columbia NAACP will step down from his position at the end of the year. Dwight James, executive director of the S.C. State Conference of the NAACP, said Lonnie Randolph is not seeking reelection as president of the Columbia branch of the NAACP. James said Randolph has been Columbia branch's president for about 20 years. His last day in that position will be Dec. 31. Randolph also serves as president of the S.C. NAACP, though James said he does not know of any plans for Randolph to not seek reelection in that position. James said he has held that position for the past 15 to 16 years. Randolph's term as S.C. NAACP president ends in October, and the filing period for the state conference is not open until next year, James said. Randolph could not be reached for comment Tuesday afternoon. Oveta Glover, a member of the Columbia branch of the NAACP, announced in a press release she is running for president of the local chapter. The local branch elections are underway and will be decided by the end of this month.

Associated Press: Author speaks at U of SC about Arab, Muslim stereotypes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2ct5fC5k

SC State Wire

An author and lecturer who has published six books on Middle Eastern issues as well as stereotypes of Arabs and Muslims is speaking at the University of South Carolina. Jack Shaheen speaks Tuesday at Gambrell Hall on the university's Columbia campus. His talk is free and open to the public. Shaheen has written on issues of racial and ethnic stereotypes. He is the author of "Reel Bad Arabs," and "The TV Arab," dealing with Muslim stereotyping in U.S. popular culture and Hollywood films. The visit is sponsored by the university's International Student Services group, the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Information and Communication.

Associated Press: Columbia neighborhood threatens to sue over stench

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=q72OtNi7

SC State Wire

Residents of a Columbia neighborhood on Little Lake Katherine are threatening to sue a local utility if officials don't take steps to end a powerful stench that keeps people indoors at times. The State newspaper in Columbia reports (<http://bit.ly/2ftK0G6>) the source of the odor appears to be the East Richland County Public Service District. Neighbors say they first noticed the stench after the utility finished an \$8 million improvement project at a sewage pump station last spring. Residents recently filed a legal notice threatening to sue East Richland by January if the utility doesn't stop the odor. Attorney Scott Elliott who represents East Richland said the utility doesn't deny that odor is a

problem. He says the district is trying to determine the exact cause.

The State: Stinking air chokes neighborhood

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article114779728.html>

Sammy Fretwell

The stench that hangs over Quail Lane is so powerful at times that people stay indoors, hoping to escape the nauseating odor that causes some of them to feel queasy. Cookouts, jogs through the neighborhood, tennis games at a community racquet club — even raking leaves — are less appealing with the smell of raw sewage in the air, say residents of the area near Trenholm Road. Last month, the odor soured a Halloween party at the club, according to emails from residents to a local lawyer. Children ask “What is that smell? That is gross,” neighborhood resident Ramsay Bokinsky said in an interview Monday with The State newspaper. “I don’t think it is acceptable that there is a constant sewage smell in the middle of a residential community.” The source of the odor appears to be the East Richland County Public Service District. After the utility finished an \$8 million improvement project at a sewage pump station last spring, neighbors said they began to notice the consistent and pervasive stink. Not only does it curtail outdoor activities, but some residents say they won’t open windows or French doors.

Independent Mail: Synthetic drug U-47700 called 'threat to public health'

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/11/14/synthetic-drug-u-47700-called-threat-public-health/93795010/>

Nikie Mayo

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration put the synthetic opioid U-47700 on its most restrictive list of controlled substances Monday, calling it an imminent threat to public health. The action comes as Anderson County is poised to enact its own ban on these types of drugs. The drug, which has some morphine-like qualities, has been linked to at least 46 deaths in the United States in a period of about a year, including 10 deaths in neighboring North Carolina. Federal DEA officials believe the nationwide death toll may be much higher, but say the presence of U-47700 may be overlooked if a person is also testing positive for more commonly known drugs, such as heroin or the painkiller oxycodone.

Greenville News: New psychiatric hospital planned for Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/11/15/new-psychiatric-hospital-greenville/93883996/>

Liv Osby

Greenville Health System on Tuesday announced plans for a new psychiatric hospital on Grove Road that it will build in partnership with Acadia Healthcare. The \$64 million, 80,000-square-foot facility is slated to open in March 2018 and will provide expanded services as well as additional beds for a region hampered by a dearth of mental health care. The 120-bed hospital will provide 52 more beds than are currently available at the aging Marshall I. Pickens Hospital, said Dr. Kenneth Rogers, chairman of psychiatry at GHS. It will be built on the site of the old Blood Connection building, he said, and once completed, the old Marshall Pickens hospital will be razed to make way for other hospital needs. In addition to much-needed psychiatric hospital beds, the facility will also provide other services, such as substance abuse and geriatric mental health programs, he said.

Island Packet: Supermoon brings super high tides, coastal flooding to the Lowcountry

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/article114883298.html>

Mandy Matney

The epic supermoon that lit up the sky Monday night is triggering elevated tides and flooding in the coastal areas along the East Coast, including Beaufort County. High tide on Broad Creek peaked Tuesday morning at 10 feet, roughly 2 feet above normal, according to Saltwatertides.com. Highest tide will stay elevated above 9 feet through Wednesday in the Broad Creek and Calibogue Sound areas. The National Weather Service issued a coastal flood advisory for the area Tuesday. On the

north end of Hilton Head, the outdoor seating area of Hudson's Seafood Dock was submerged Tuesday morning. Owner Andrew Carmines told The Island Packet the restaurant has experienced minor flooding over the past two days caused by the supermoon. He said flooding was worse at the restaurant Monday, when water got inside.

National News:

Associated Press: 5 Utah students stabbed at high school, teen in custody

<http://bigstory.ap.org/67aa827d4e62431dbe5ae8963f77d886>

Five students were stabbed inside the boys' locker room of their Utah high school Tuesday and a 16-year-old student was taken into custody after school workers risked their lives to box him into a corner, police said. The suspect, a straight A student with no record of disciplinary problems, stabbed himself in the neck at Mountain View High School before he was subdued with a Taser by an officer working at the school, said Gary Giles, the police chief in the small city of Orem about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City where the attack happened. The suspect used a knife with a 3-inch blade to attack the five male victims, Giles said. The school staffers managed to contain him for several minutes and prevent any more possible bloodshed until police arrived, he said. He said police were investigating why the student attacked his classmates at about 8 a.m. as they were getting ready for the morning physical education class at the start of the school day.

World News:

Associated Press: Obama: World leaders must heed people's economic fears

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dec253ca6c874236931869bf841a4c68>

Drawing a broad lesson from the election of Donald Trump, President Barack Obama said Tuesday that world leaders need to pay attention to people's very real fears of economic dislocation and inequality in the midst of globalization. "The more aggressively and effectively we deal with those issues, the less those fears may channel themselves into counterproductive approaches that can pit people against each other," Obama said as he opened the last foreign tour of his presidency. Obama, in a joint news conference with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, said that both Trump's election and the British vote to leave the European Union reflected the need to deal with "people's fears that their children won't do as well as they have." "Sometimes people just feel as if we want to try something and see if we can shake things up," Obama said.

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