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Emanuel AME Church Victims:

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley at Sharonda Singleton funeral: ‘She believed she could change every child’

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC16/150629593>

Jeff Hartsell

The funeral service for Sharonda Singleton, one of the nine victims in the Emanuel AME Church shootings, is underway at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston. Singleton, 45, was a speech pathologist and girls’ track and field coach at Goose Creek High School, as well as a minister at Emanuel AME. She was the mother of three children, including Charleston Southern baseball player Chris Singleton.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley: “She believed she could change every child. ...Your mother taught our state and her country what real love looks like.”

ABC News: Emotional Moments of Grief at 1st Funerals for Charleston Shooting Victims

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/emotional-moments-grief-1st-funerals-charleston-shooting-victims/story?id=32033075>

Meghan Keneally

A packed church began the wave of nine funerals for the victims of the fatal shooting last week during Bible study in a historic Charleston, South Carolina, church. The first funeral was for Ethel Lance, 70, at the Royal Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, with tearful relatives and composed religious and political leaders in attendance this morning.

Post and Courier: At funeral for Ethel Lance, community urged to be strong in time of need

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC16/150629585>

Abigail Darlington

The funeral for Ethel Lance, the first of nine for the victims of the Emanuel AME attack over the next week, was held Thursday at Royal Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston. A band played Lance’s favorite song “One Day at a Time” as the family filed in. Two of the guests were the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Post and Courier: Daimler Vans donates \$25,000 to the Pinckney Fund

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC16/150629577>

Warren L. Wise

Daimler Vans Manufacturing on Thursday gave \$25,000 to the Lowcountry Ministries — Pinckney Fund after the church shooting in Charleston. “We share the grief of the families and friends of the victims of the Mother Emanuel AME Church shooting,” said Marco Wirtz, CEO of Daimler Vans Manufacturing.

McClatchy: For Obama, Charleston eulogy a moment to comfort a shocked nation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/charleston-shootings/article25496872.html#storylink=cpy>

Lesley Clark

President Barack Obama has delivered eulogies for elementary school students gunned down in a classroom, for soldiers felled at Fort Hood and for employees slain at Washington’s Navy Yard. His remarks Friday at a memorial service will hit even closer to home.

The State: Coastal Carolina University creates scholarships in honor of slain S.C. senator

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article25484377.html#storylink=cpy>

A public, liberal arts institution near Myrtle Beach has announced it will offer two new scholarships in memory of the late Sen. Clementa Pinckney, school officials say. Coastal Carolina University (CCU), in Conway, will offer the scholarships beginning with the Fall 2015 semester, according to statement released

by the university Thursday.

S.C. Confederate Flag News:

Greenville News: College of Charleston President says flag should go

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/06/25/college-charleston-president-says-flag-go/29271863/>

Tim Smith

College of Charleston President Glenn McConnell, a former lieutenant governor and senator and an ardent supporter of the Confederate battle flag, issued a statement today agreeing the flag should be removed from the Statehouse grounds. But McConnell also asked that Confederate monuments, buildings and street names be "preserved and protected" and urged opposition to any attempt to "bulldoze our history."

Note: McConnell's statement comes one day after the school's board of trustees issued a statement supporting Gov. Nikki Haley's call this week for lawmakers to take down the flag in the wake of the shooting deaths of nine people last week at a historic black church in Charleston.

Note: But he said Haley's announcement this week and the emotions that followed made any "respectful period of silence on political issues impossible."

Post and Courier: Glenn McConnell backs removal of Confederate flag; Civil War descendants vow fight

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC16/150629597>

Cynthia Roldan, Deanna Pan

After several days of silence on the issue, College of Charleston President Glenn McConnell released a statement Thursday morning supporting Gov. Nikki Haley's call to remove the Confederate battle flag from Statehouse grounds. McConnell has deflected requests for comment since the arrest of Dylann Roof, a white man with a penchant for Confederate iconography, accused of killing nine black parishioners at Emanuel AME Church.

Wall Street Journal: Former State Senator Who Brokered Confederate Flag Deal Reverses Position

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/former-state-senator-who-brokered-confederate-flag-deal-reverses-position-1435260556>

Lindsay Ellis

The former state senator who negotiated a deal placing the Confederate battle flag on the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse is now calling for its removal. On Thursday, Glenn McConnell, now the president of the College of Charleston, said he supports Gov. Nikki Haley's call to take down the battle flag following the shooting of nine African-Americans during Bible study at a historic Charleston church last week.

USA Today: Apple removes games with Confederate flags

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2015/06/25/apple-pulls-confederate-flag-games/29287163/>

Mike Snider

The drive to remove the Confederate flag has now reached the virtual world. Apple announced Thursday that it would be removing apps from its App Store that it deemed offensive. The move by Apple is unjust, say the developers of the game Ultimate General: Gettysburg. Apple told the developers at Game-Labs that the game could be reinstated if the Confederate flag were removed.

Note: Protesters rallied there on Tuesday to convince legislators to remove the flag, something that Gov. Nikki Haley had vowed to do. The South Carolina House of Representatives is expected to debate the issue.

Post and Courier: Business leaders call for Confederate flag to come down

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150624/PC16/150629656/1536/business-leaders-call-for-confederate-flag-to-come-down>

Warren L. Wise

The chorus of businesses calling for removal of the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds continues to swell in the aftermath of a racially motivated shooting June 17 that left nine parishioners dead at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

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

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

Ron Barnett

The Confederate flag controversy has unfurled with a passion in Pickens County, a stronghold of pro-flag

sentiment, putting legislators who have spoken out in favor of removing the Civil War banner from the Statehouse grounds on the hot seat. Sen. Larry Martin, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said response from his constituents so far has been "a mixed bag," but he thinks it's time for legislators to take the lead and do what's best for the state.

Post and Courier: National Park Service pulls Confederate flag items

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC16/150629587>

Robert Behre

The National Park Service is pulling items with the Confederate flag from its gift shops, including the one at the Fort Sumter Visitors Center in Charleston. National Park Director Jonathan Jarvis announced the change, which affects belt buckles, keychains and other souvenirs, according to USA Today's website. "We strive to tell the complete story of America," he said in a statement that referenced the killing of nine black parishioners at Emanuel AME Church last week.

The State: S.C. Confederate veterans group plans to stop flag removal

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article25487674.html>

Andrew Shain

A Confederate veterans group plans to take action to stop efforts to remove the Confederate flag from the S. C. State House grounds in the wake of mass murder at Charleston church last week. Leland Summers, commander of the S.C. division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said Thursday that he would not disclose those plans until after the nine victims killed at Emanuel AME Church are buried.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley and other S.C. political leaders called for the flag's removal Monday.

CNN: Clinton commends efforts to remove Confederate flag

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/23/politics/hillary-clinton-confederate-flag-missouri/>

Dan Merica

Hillary Clinton commended the groundswell in anti-Confederate flag sentiment at an event in Missouri on Tuesday, calling the battle flag "a symbol of our nation's racist past." Clinton's comments about the flag come days after Dylann Roof, a white supremacist, killed nine men and women at a historic African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Note: The shooting has sparked a conversation about the Confederate flag that led Nikki Haley, the governor of South Carolina, to call for its removal from state property.

Associated Press: The Latest: 'Raise this flag': Groups at Confederate statue

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yLbqw6yp

After a monument to Confederacy President Jefferson Davis was vandalized in Richmond, Virginia, people on both sides of the Confederate flag issue have gathered at the site. On Thursday afternoon, a small group from the Southern heritage advocacy group Virginia Flaggers waved Confederate flags next to the monument, which had been spray-painted with the words "Black Lives Matter."

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Supreme Court upholds nationwide health care law subsidies

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC16/150629600>

Lauren Sausser

Cathy Keaton breathed a sigh of relief on Thursday when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the nationwide tax subsidies under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. Keaton, 63, is one of more than 150,000 South Carolinians who receive financial assistance to pay for their Affordable Care Act coverage.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley, a longtime, outspoken opponent of the law, issued a statement through her spokeswoman, calling the legislation "a disaster."

Note: "In South Carolina, we will continue to work around it as best we can, finding better ways to make health care more affordable and give patients more choices," Haley said. "I continue to support our federal delegation's efforts to replace this terrible law."

Associated Press: High court ruling means more than 154K in SC keep subsidies

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

Seanna Adcox

The latest U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the federal health overhaul means more than 154,000 South Carolinians can continue to receive federal subsidies that help pay for their health insurance premiums.

They are among nearly 6.4 million people nationwide who otherwise faced being unable to afford their policies.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley continued Thursday to call the law a disaster the state will try to work around.

WCIV: Harbor deepening project getting closer to final approval

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/29409655/harbor-deepening-project-getting-closer-to-final-approval>

A plan to deepen the Charleston Harbor to accommodate larger cargo ships has passed another key milestone. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works Review Board on Thursday approved a feasibility and environmental impact study concerning a proposal to deepen the Charleston Harbor.

Note: Others pushing for project include the City of Charleston and many of the state's top lawmakers, including Governor Nikki Haley.

Post and Courier: Haley OK's Uber bill

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC05/150629571>

Allison Prang

Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill yesterday regulating Uber in South Carolina. The bill mandates that transportation network companies, basically those that work similar to Uber, will need to be licensed by the Office of Regulatory Staff in order to operate.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Poll: S.C. House inching toward support needed to remove Confederate flag

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC16/150629589>

Glenn Smith

A Post and Courier poll shows the S.C. House is inching toward the majority necessary to remove the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse grounds. The Senate has already surpassed that support level. A team of reporters has been polling lawmakers since Monday morning. As of 11 a.m. Thursday, 74 House members, or about 60 percent, had indicated their support for taking the flag down, as Gov. Nikki Haley has requested.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Charleston harbor deepening moves forward with Corps of Engineers' board approval

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC05/150629581>

David Wren

A plan that will let the Port of Charleston compete for huge container ships that will call on East Coast ports following next year's Panama Canal expansion moved forward Thursday, with Congress expected to approve funding for the project later this year. The proposal to deepen Charleston's harbor from 45 feet to 52 feet was unanimously approved by the The Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works Review Board in Washington, D.C.

Rock Hill Herald: SC ethics board to hear complaint of nepotism against former Winthrop president

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article25486543.html#storylink=cpy>

Anna Douglas

The South Carolina Ethics Commission is prepping for a hearing to decide whether former Winthrop University President Jamie Comstock Williamson violated state law in the hiring of her husband to a paid, part-time position in her office.

National News:

Associated Press: Sources say Chris Christie will announce presidential run on Tuesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150625/PC1603/150629573>

Jill Colvin

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is joining the 2016 presidential race and will make an official announcement Tuesday at his old high school, two people familiar with his plans told The Associated Press. The Republican leader of a Democratic stronghold has been laying the groundwork for a White House run for months.

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