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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Emanuel AME survivors feel forgotten as life moves forward

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150908/PC16/150909382>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The blood splattered on her legs — that of her son, an elderly aunt, her pastors, nine people she loved — had dried. She still wore the same clothes, a black skirt and a black-and-white blouse, crusty now. An endless night before, Felicia Sanders had left her blood-soaked shoes with the dead in the fellowship hall of her beloved lifelong church, Emanuel AME.

**Note:** On June 27, sheltered from drenching rain and winds, mourners packed the sanctuaries at both Emanuel AME and Second Presbyterian and flooded into overflow spaces. Gov. Nikki Haley, Charleston Mayor Joe Riley and the Rev. Jesse Jackson came.

**WMBF:** Surfside Beach opposes offshore drilling

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/29985853/sufside-beach-opposes-offshore-drilling>

Conor McCue

The town of Surfside beach is yet another Grand Strand town that will outwardly oppose offshore drilling. The town made that decision at tonight's town council meeting. "This is our home," said Morella Monte. "This is our children's, and their children's home." One by one, dozens of locals rained down on town council Tuesday night.

**Note:** In July, Governor Nikki Haley joined several other governors in a push to promote offshore drilling.

### S.C. Political News:

**The State:** SC GOP voters prefer Trump, Carson; most say Graham should drop out

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article34403052.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Most S.C. Republican primary voters want a president with no prior elected political experience, according to a new poll released Tuesday to The State. A Public Policy Polling survey found Donald Trump would win 37 percent of the vote from S.C. Republicans and Ben Carson would pick up 21 percent. The rest of the crowded GOP field of 17 candidates was struggling in the single digits.

**USA Today:** Lindsey Graham calls on U.S. to accept refugees

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2015/09/08/lindsey-graham-calls-us-accept-refugees/71895498/>

Mary Troyan

The U.S. should start accepting refugees from war-torn countries in the Middle East, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said Tuesday, becoming one of the few presidential candidates to commit to an open-door policy.

### Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**WSJ:** 'Black Lives Matter'—but Reality, Not So Much

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/black-lives-matter-but-reality-not-so-much-1441755075>

Jason L. Riley

The great lie of the summer has been the Black Lives Matter movement. It was founded on one falsehood—that a Ferguson, Mo., police officer shot a black suspect who was trying to surrender—and it is perpetuated by another: that trigger-happy cops are filling our morgues with young black men.

**Note:** Publicly, law-enforcement officials have been reluctant to link the movement's antipolice rhetoric to the spike in violent crime. Privately, they have been echoing South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who said in a speech last week that the movement was harming the very people whose interests it claims to represent. "Most of the people who now live in terror because local police are too intimidated to do their jobs are black," the governor said. "Black lives do matter, and they have been disgracefully jeopardized by the movement that has laid waste to Ferguson and Baltimore."

**Post and Courier:** Coalitions are key to reducing CDV

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150909/PC1002/150909372>

Columba Bush

As first lady of Florida, I had the privilege of lending my voice to help raise awareness about the impact of domestic violence on our families, our communities, and our state. I will never forget reading a news headline that highlighted the fact that approximately 25 percent of all murders in Florida were related to the crime of domestic violence.

**Note:** In March, my husband Jeb met with Gov. Nikki Haley where he learned that South Carolina was ranked No. 2 in the nation for the number of women killed by men. He was impressed with Gov. Haley's determination, leadership and commitment to employ every resource at her disposal to combat this crime that destroys families.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** Defense seeks bail for ex-officer charged in fatal shooting

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RCMdFBT3](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RCMdFBT3)

Bruce Smith

A white former police officer charged with murder in the shooting death of a black motorist poses little risk of committing violence, according to court documents filed Tuesday by his attorneys seeking to have their client released on bond. Attorneys for Michael Slager filed 150 pages of documents in preparation for a Thursday bond hearing.

**Post and Courier:** Defense filing alleges Walter Scott was on drugs when he got officer's Taser; family calls it 'smoke and mirrors'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150908/PC16/150909422>

Andrew Knapp

Attorneys for former North Charleston officer Michael Slager filed court documents Tuesday alleging that Walter Scott, who had cocaine and alcohol in his blood, wrestled away the patrolman's Taser and pointed it at him. Facing his own Taser, Slager said he drew his pistol and fired, according to police reports included in the filing.

**Post and Courier:** Hearing set for gag order arguments in Emanuel AME shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150908/PC16/150909367>

Melissa Boughton

A Charleston court will hear arguments Wednesday for and against the release of information in the slayings of nine worshippers at Emanuel AME Church. An order signed Tuesday by 9th Circuit Court Judge J.C. Nicholson Jr. states the hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**Associated Press:** BMW agrees to pay \$1.6 million in racial discrimination suit

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KkmOoTa0](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KkmOoTa0)

BMW has agreed to pay \$1.6 million and provide job opportunities for dozens of former black employees who were victims of racial discrimination involving criminal background checks, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announced Tuesday.

**Greenville News:** BMW to pay \$1.6M and offer jobs to settle federal race discrimination lawsuit  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/09/08/bmw-pay-offer-jobs-settle-federal-race-discrimination-lawsuit/71899680/>

David Dykes

BMW Manufacturing Co. said Tuesday it agreed to pay \$1.6 million and offer jobs to dozens of African-American applicants to resolve a federal lawsuit and charges based on the company's previous guidelines governing the use of criminal background checks at its plant in Greer.

**Associated Press:** SC agency to help stage 2-day preparedness exercise

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vgFNZm9p](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vgFNZm9p)

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division is joining local, state, federal and private sector organizations in conducting a two-day, long-term recovery exercise as part of an ongoing nuclear emergency preparedness series.

### **Local News:**

**Greenville News:** Zach Hammond's parents tell Seneca City Council to push for release of video

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/09/08/zach-hammonds-parents-tell-seneca-city-council-push-release-video/71907904/>

Ron Barnett

In a tearful speech to Seneca City Council, the mother of an unarmed teenager who was shot and killed by a Seneca police officer pleaded Tuesday with city officials to push state investigators for the release of all videos and audio recordings of the death of their son.

**Florence Morning News:** U.S. News & World Report ranks FMU among best in outh

[http://www.scnow.com/news/education/article\\_c1ce0f24-5681-11e5-a61c-37af34f66a2a.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/education/article_c1ce0f24-5681-11e5-a61c-37af34f66a2a.html)

Francis Marion University has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report magazine as one of the South's best regional universities for the 15th year in a row, earning it a spot in the 2016 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News Media Group. "We are honored to be selected as one of America's Best Colleges for the 15th year in a row," says FMU President Fred Carter.

**Greenville News:** Clemson slips from U.S. News Top 20 public universities list

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2015/09/09/clemson-slips-us-news-top-public-universities-list/71903714/>

Nathaniel Cary

One year after attaining a long sought-after status as a Top 20 National Public University in the annual U.S. News and World Report ranking of "America's Best Colleges," Clemson University slipped out of the Top 20 in the 2016 rankings. That despite having improved its overall rank among national universities.

**Greenville News:** Milliken closing Lyman textile plant

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/09/08/milliken-closing-lyman-textile-plant/71897176/>

Rudolph Bell

Milliken & Co. plans to close a textile plant in Lyman that it acquired as part of a larger deal but expects to find new jobs for the 125 workers, a company spokesperson said. Spartanburg-based Milliken acquired the dyeing and finishing plant – as well as a 191-worker fabric plant in Gaffney – as part of its purchase of Springfield LLC, a manufacturer of fire-resistant fabric that had competed with Milliken.

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