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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WJBF: Governor Nikki Haley's Request For FEMA Individual Assistance Extension Granted

<http://wjbf.com/2015/11/30/fema-flooding-assistance-deadline-nearing/>

Randy L. Key

Monday, Governor Nikki Haley announced that her request for a 30 day extension of the registration period for Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Individual Assistance was granted. South Carolinians affected by October's heavy rains and historic flooding now have until January 4, 2016, to apply for disaster assistance with FEMA and the Small Business Administration.

WYFF: 49th Annual Governor's Carolighting kicks off SC's holiday season

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/49th-annual-governors-carolighting-kicks-off-scs-holiday-season/36728138>

South Carolina's holiday season officially kicked off Monday evening with a tree-lighting ceremony on the Capitol grounds. The 49th Annual Governor's Carolighting featured multiple musical guests from across the state and WYFF News 4's Nigel Robertson as the master of ceremonies.

Note: During Gov. Nikki Haley's Christmas message, she mentioned the shooting death of Walter Scott that led to a criminal charge against the police officer who killed him. Haley said the incident led to the signing of a bill that requires all law enforcement agencies to have body cameras.

ColaDaily: Gov. Haley reflects on 2015 at Carolighting: 'We got through this entire year never losing our faith'

<http://coladaily.com/2015/12/01/got-entire-year-never-losing-faith-gov-haley-reflects-2015-carolighting/>

Allen Wallace

The 49th annual Governor's Carolighting included the usual festivities, but the tone was more somber than usual, given the events of the past year in South Carolina. The Emanuel AME Church Choir performed, and Gov. Nikki Haley spoke about the tragedy at that Charleston church as well as October's devastating floods and the debate that ended with the removal of the Confederate flag from State House grounds.

Note: "We got through this entire year never losing our faith," Haley said to the hundreds gathered on the north lawn of the State House for Monday night's event.

WLTX: Hundreds Attend 49th Annual Governor's Carolighting

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/2015/11/30/hundreds-attend-49th-annual-governors-carolighting/76594560/>

Loren Thomas

Twinkling lights are shining from the South Carolina State House as hundreds gathered for the 49th Annual Governor's Carolighting. "This is a wonderful time of the season, just to gather with family and friends," says Karen Shiver, Columbia resident.

Note: "This was a tough year for South Carolina," says Governor Nikki Haley.

Note: During the Governor speech she spoke on the many struggles that the state went through this year, including the Walter Scott shooting, the shooting at Mother Emanuel AME, the Confederate Flag debate and the historic flood. "We have learned so much as a state, because we got through this entire year never losing our faith," says Governor Haley.

Post and Courier: Lawmakers split on need to borrow for roads, flood damage, education

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151130/PC1603/151139930>

Gavin Jackson

Top lawmakers meeting to discuss roads, flood damage and other projects disagreed Monday on the need to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars as revenue predictions continue to climb. The split among members of the Joint Capital Bond Study Committee is likely to carry over into the next session in January as

lawmakers resume the debate how to pay for a growing list of repairs and improvements to crumbling highways and bridges, campus building and restoring armories.

Note: The committee was formed toward the end of this year's session to study and prioritize infrastructure and other needs after two bond bills were doomed by opposition from Gov. Nikki Haley and her allies in the Legislature who argued the state would be running up its credit card to pay for a wish list.

Sun News: Milder hurricane season comes to an end, South Carolina still recovering from flood

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article47265710.html#storylink=cpy>

Emily Weaver

The hurricane season officially ended Monday with no threats brewing offshore to give forecasters a chance to doubt the 2015 season would be counted as anything but mild. Most of the season's 10 storms stayed out to sea and away from the eastern seaboard, but the area is still recovering from massive floods spawned by a tempest of the deep that turned away.

WSPA: Emanuel AME Church Choir Sings At 49th Annual Governor's Carolighting

<http://wspa.com/2015/11/30/watch-live-49th-annual-governors-carolighting/>

Governor Nikki Haley and her family kicked off the holiday season with the 49th Annual Governor's Carolighting on the north steps of the South Carolina Statehouse Monday evening. The event began at 7:00 p.m. and was open to the public. This year's tree was donated by Pinetum Christmas Tree Farm in Maryland as a gesture of hospitality and good will after the flooding in October.

WAGT: South Carolina Severe Winter Weather Awareness Week

<http://nbc26.tv/2015/11/30/south-carolina-severe-winter-weather-awareness-week/>

The thermostat may read differently, but winter is coming. And South Carolina officials want to make sure you're prepared for potentially severe conditions. This week is "South Carolina Severe Winter Weather Awareness Week." Governor Nikki Haley brought in representatives from the National Weather Service, highway patrol and other agencies to talk about handling conditions.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: House Speaker Paul Ryan, GOP presidential candidates, in Columbia in January

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151130/PC1603/151139940>

Schuyler Kropf

The Jack Kemp Foundation on Monday confirmed that in addition to Ryan, R-Wis., and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott hosting the event, confirmed attendees include former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, retired neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, business leader Carly Fiorina, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

Associated Press: Fiorina continues South Carolina trip with several stops

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zSpRfmc6

Republican presidential hopeful Carly Fiorina is continuing her South Carolina campaign swing with stops in several more cities. Fiorina is starting off Tuesday at a luncheon with board members of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's offices in downtown Columbia.

S.C. General Assembly News:

WIS: Treasurer: SC can borrow more money, but retirement debt needs to be paid first

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30632597/treasurer-sc-can-borrow-more-money-but-retirement-debt-needs-to-be-paid-first>

Will Whitson

Lawmakers are working on how much money they can borrow for major projects next year- but the state's treasurer is warning them about taking on too much debt. Any time a bond is discussed, the big question is how much debt will it incur, and that's why the state has voted down some big bond bills in the past.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina smelter shutdown seems imminent as stalemate goes on

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151130/PC05/151139967>

David Wren

The Mount Holly aluminum smelter in Goose Creek may shut down at the end of this year after owner Century Aluminum and electric utility Santee Cooper failed to reach an agreement on a new power contract for the plant. Michael Bless, Century's president and CEO, said the closure "would be a tragedy" and that he remains hopeful for a last-minute reprieve. The current contract expires Dec. 31.

Associated Press: Judge holding hearing in Charleston church shooting case
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WyDzsBX1

Bruce Smith

A federal judge is holding a hearing on the status of the trial of Dylann Roof who faces dozens of federal charges in the slaying of nine people at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. Setting the trial date is expected to be one of the issues discussed Tuesday in federal court in Charleston.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Black churches to convene in Charleston, foster racial reconciliation
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151130/PC16/151139932>

Adam Parker

When an avowed white supremacist entered Emanuel AME Church on June 17, a sacred space for its black parishioners, his attack "stripped away the illusion ... that racism will affect us everywhere except in the church," said the Rev. Nelson Rivers, pastor of Charity Missionary Baptist Church, referring to the Bible story of Esther.

Post and Courier: Accused Planned Parenthood shooter charged with rape in North Charleston in 1992
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151130/PC16/151139933>

Glenn Smith, Melissa Boughton

The man accused of opening fire Friday in a Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood was charged with rape in North Charleston more than 20 years ago, according to police reports. Robert Lewis Dear, a Charleston native, was arrested Dec. 31, 1992, on a charge of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. No disposition for the charge shows up on Dear's official criminal record, generally an indication that a charge has been dismissed.

National News:

Associated Press: Conviction of ex-speaker sends NY politics into turmoil
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/nation-world/national/article47291445.html>

David Klepper, Larry Neusmeister

The conviction of former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver has shaken New York politics down to the granite foundations of the state Capitol, provoking fresh calls to overhaul a system that has stubbornly clung to its long history of corruption.

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