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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Horry News: South Carolina joins growing list of states not wanting to accept Syrian refugees

http://www.myhorrynews.com/news/local/horry_county/article_1465eb84-8d2e-11e5-b187-bb6b62dccbd6.html

Michael Smith

It's not a great day in South Carolina for the tens of thousands of Syrian refugees the Obama Administration is looking to resettle here and other parts of the U.S. In a state that spends hundreds of millions annually on tourism marketing, security concerns are driving Gov. Nikki Haley's decision to join more than half the nation's governors in opposing refugee resettlement in their states.

Note: "While our national security agencies are working tirelessly to vet potential refugees, there remain gaps in available intelligence for those fleeing Syria," the letter states.

Note: "While I agree that the United States should try to assist individuals in such dire situations, it is precisely because of this situation in Syria that makes their admission into the United States a potential threat to our national security," the letter continues. "For that reason, I ask that you honor my request and not resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina."

WLTX: Haley: South Carolina Won't Accept Syrian Refugees

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/2015/11/16/haley-south-carolina-wont-accept-syrian-refugees/75895598/>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley says South Carolina will not accept any Syrian refugees unless she can get assurances from the U.S. government that they have no terrorist ties. Haley sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry Monday outlining her concerns about the resettlement process in the wake of last Friday's terrorist attacks in Syria.

Note: "As a governor of a state that plays a small role in administering part of the federal refugee resettlement program, I have concerns with the vetting process of refugees from conflict-zones, specifically Syria," Haley wrote.

The State: SC lawmakers ask Gov. Haley to reject refugees, 'potential terrorists'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45074817.html>

Jamie Self, Cassie Cope

More than a dozen S.C. lawmakers Monday called on Gov. Nikki Haley to block international refugees from coming to South Carolina. The calls came after attacks that killed more than 120 people in Paris over the weekend, renewing fears of terrorists coming to the United States while posing as refugees.

Note: Haley has backed the efforts of faith groups in Spartanburg to resettle refugees in South Carolina. However, late Monday, Haley asked the U.S. State Department not to resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina, citing the difficulty of checking their backgrounds.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Voting 'steady' in Charleston, Mount Pleasant runoff races

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151117/PC16/151119468>

Prentiss Findlay, Robert Behre

Steady voter turnout was reported at the polls thru midday in Charleston and Mount Pleasant, election officials said. "This kind of response this time of day means we are doing well," said Fouchena Sheppard, a poll manager at Sanders Clyde Elementary. The turnout at the East Side school was below 10 percent but Sheppard predicted it would climb to 30 percent.

Post and Courier: Large crowd expected for all three Democratic candidates at Blue Jamboree

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151117/PC1603/151119390>

Schuyler Kropf

Organizers are expecting interest in the Charleston County Democratic Party's biggest rally of the season to increase now that all three of the party's presidential candidates are attending the North Charleston gathering on Saturday. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sent in her acceptance, following Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley in confirming they plan to attend the Blue Jamboree.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Man shot to death by police officers in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=w49sbGVK

Police in South Carolina shot and killed a man early Tuesday after he fired at them while they were trying to arrest him on drug-related charges, a city spokeswoman said. One officer was shot and wounded and the other was injured in the struggle, which happened around 1:30 a.m., said Ashley Hunter, a spokeswoman for the city of Cayce, just southwest of Columbia.

Associated Press: EPA intends tougher downwind air-pollution rule in 23 states

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=hGJ3QTRq

Matthew Daly

The Environmental Protection Agency proposed tougher new limits on Tuesday on smokestack emissions from nearly two dozen states that burden downwind areas with air pollution from power plants they can't control. At the same time, the EPA moved to remove two states - South Carolina and Florida - from the "good neighbor" rules, saying they don't contribute significant amounts of smog to other states.

The State: The rise, and decline, of SC's tobacco crop

<http://www.thestate.com/news/special-reports/state-125/article45173658.html>

Janet Jones Kendall

In 1895, The State referred to tobacco as "the pearl of the Pee Dee," a reference depictive of the region's tobacco crop's economic contributions to the state. In fact, the Pee Dee region planted 95 percent of the state's tobacco crop acreage in 1900, according to the Pee Dee Heritage Center in Hartsville.

The State: Suspect identified in Cayce shooting that injured two officers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article45230622.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

One man is dead and two police officers are in the hospital after a drug-related incident led to a shootout in Cayce early Tuesday morning. The man opened fire on two officers with the Cayce Department of Public Safety at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Cayce spokesperson Ashley Hunter said.

Local News:

The State: \$7 million in repairs to Columbia Canal, water plant come due

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article45240285.html>

Clif LeBlanc

Contractors repairing Columbia's water treatment plant and the damaged canal that feeds it will learn shortly whether City Council will authorize nearly \$7 million in payments for the work. Here's a breakdown of the payments council is being asked to authorize at a rare Wednesday meeting:

Associated Press: Beaufort schools discussing tax increase to raise \$480M

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IF7SefT6

The Beaufort County School Board is discussing a 1 percent sales tax increase that would raise almost a half-billion dollars to help the district deal with rapid growth. Local media outlets report that the board's finance committee discussed the possibility of a sales tax referendum Monday.

Island Packet: School board members to discuss nepotism policy today

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article45222231.html>

Rebecca Lurye

A Beaufort County school board committee meets this afternoon to discuss the creation of a district-wide nepotism policy. The human resources committee meeting comes nearly two months after the school board

voted to review its policy on conflicts of interest, along with other measures to increase oversight of Superintendent Jeff Moss.

Associated Press: Background screening company creating 90 jobs in Columbia

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qocz0T3F

A company that does background checks for employers is expanding in South Carolina, investing almost \$3 million in a facility in Columbia and creating 90 jobs. General Information Services announced the expansion Monday. The company already employs 1,000 people at its headquarters in neighboring Lexington County.

Associated Press: The Latest: Man killed by officers in South Carolina is ID'd

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DG9vffvk

The latest on the death of a man who authorities say was shot by police in South Carolina after he fired on officers Tuesday while being arrested on drug-related charges. All times are local:

National News:

Associated Press: Bush open to letting in properly vetted Syrian Muslims

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3fa4mwfq

Thomas Beaumont

Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush is making it clearer that his call for the U.S. refugee program to give preference to Christians fleeing Syria does not exclude Muslims. His campaign says Bush supports accepting women and children regardless of their religion and does not exclude Syrian Muslims broadly, as long as the refugees can be effectively vetted.

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