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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley kicking off holiday season with 49th tree-lighting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1ZpLnmuw

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and her family are kicking off the holiday season with an annual tree-lighting ceremony at the Statehouse. The 49th annual Governor's Carolighting will start with family festivities at 6 p.m. Monday on the north steps of the Statehouse. The tree lighting program begins at 7 p.m.

Post and Courier: Governor to light Christmas tree Monday evening

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151130/PC1603/151139984>

Gavin Jackson

The 49th annual Governor's Carolighting event takes place Monday evening at 6 p.m. Gov. Nikki Haley and her family will host the festivities on the north steps of the Statehouse leading up to the lighting of the state Christmas tree.

WLTX: Governor Haley to kick off holiday season with 49th tree-lighting

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/11/30/governor-haley-kick-off-holiday-season-49th-tree-lighting/76551166/>

Roshanda Pratt

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Anderson Independent: Templeton: State likely to take up Syrian refugee issue

<http://indexjournal.com/news/Templeton--State-likely-to-take-up-Syrian-refugee-issue>

Colin Riddle

As a growing number of state and local governments are voting to keep Syrian refugees from moving to their communities, Greenwood County seems unlikely to tackle the issue. Greenwood County Councilman Robbie Templeton thinks a resolution, which is largely ceremonial and likely has no legal impact, is unnecessary.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley, along with more than two dozen other governors, sent Secretary of State John Kerry a letter requesting the denial of Syrian refugees. While many legislators from the Lakelands voiced support for barring refugees from coming to South Carolina, the issue still might be up to the federal level.

Anderson Independent: Former students have chance to get S.C. high school diploma

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/a-second-chance-former-students-have-chance-to-get-sc-high-school-diploma-2561364c-e598-594d-e053-01-358245071.html>

Frances Parrish

After getting her high school diploma earlier this year, Pamela Putnam's career began falling into place. None of her friends knew that when Putnam walked across the stage with the rest of the Walhalla High School class of 2003, she did not receive her diploma.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley signed Act 155 last year, a law revoking the requirement for students to pass the exit exam to graduate beginning with the class of 2015. Students — like Putnam — who met all requirements to graduate except passing the exit exam between 1990 and 2014 now may petition for to get their high school diploma.

ColaDaily: H.B. Rhame Elementary School teacher puts focus on collaborative learning

<http://coladaily.com/2015/11/30/h-b-rhame-elementary-school-teacher-looks-bring-equity-classroom-fellowship-thanksgiving/>

Kelly Petty

Those who step in to Stephanie Johnson's classroom at H.B. Rhame Elementary School will find a comfortable space with soft lamp light and a cozy couch. Kid-sized tables and chairs are scattered around the room to allow her third-graders free movement and collaboration on activities.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley signed the Read to Succeed Act in 2014. The act is designed to bring reading coaches and implement an intervention process for students who are struggling with reading.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Fiorina spending a busy 3 days on South Carolina trail

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

Carly Fiorina is bringing her presidential campaign back to South Carolina with several stops throughout the state. The GOP hopeful is participating Monday in a presidential series hosted by the Upstate Chamber Coalition. That's taking place at the Embassy Suites in Greenville.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Worker training a key factor in South Carolina's economic success, report says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151129/PC05/151129406>

Editorial

Bobby Hitt, South Carolina commerce secretary, refers to it as economic development's equivalent to a "secret sauce" — the ReadySC worker training program that helped lure Boeing Co., Daimler Vans, Volvo Cars and others to the Charleston region. Now the program is being recognized in a new report as one of the key reasons South Carolina is able to compete with bigger and wealthier states for industrial growth.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: No hurricanes this year, yet Lowcountry beaches wracked

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151129/PC16/151129386>

Bo Petersen, Prentiss Findlay

This "quiet" hurricane season left Isle of Palms and Folly Beach wrestling with a tab of nearly \$10 million to fix beaches hammered in early October when Hurricane Joaquin passed offshore but churned surf that voraciously gnawed at the islands. IOP Mayor Dick Cronin said the nearly island-wide damage to the beach is estimated at \$5 million.

Associated Press: Supporters plan to fight for more sand on Hunting Island

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

Supporters promise to keep fighting to get South Carolina lawmakers to set aside money to put more sand on the beaches on Hunting Island. The ocean has been wearing away the island in northern Beaufort County for centuries. Since 1969, there have been eight major beach renourishment projects.

Post and Courier: State names annual 'scrooges' and 'angels' charities

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151130/PC1603/151129713>

Maya T. Prabhu

The South Carolina secretary of state is warning residents who are feeling the spirit of giving this season to be careful when selecting which charities to support. Mark Hammond released his annual list of charities he's identified as "scrooges" or "angels," based on the percentage of an organization's expenditures spent on charitable programs.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Fight continues for geographic, racial representation on Dorchester 2 school board

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151129/PC16/151129382>

Paul Bowers

In the push to create single-member districts for the Dorchester County School District 2 board, one state lawmaker plans to pump the brakes on a change that the board actually wants: granting the district fiscal autonomy from County Council. The single-member proposal came about as activists and state lawmakers cried foul this year about a lack of geographic representation and racial diversity on the school board.

The State: Broken Bluff Road burdensome for some Lower Richland residents

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article47094970.html>

Cassie Cope

Melissa Webber now has to drive 20 minutes to get to her brother's house – almost within sight from the front yard of her Gadsden home. That's more than 10 times how long the drive took before October floods washed away two culverts leaving about a 70-foot hole in the road connecting her to her sibling.

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