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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Columbia Urban League to recognize five leaders

<http://www.thestate.com/living/article41981358.html>

Jane Moon Dail

One Columbia organization is celebrating its 48th year of recognizing leaders who make a difference across the Midlands and the state. The Columbia Urban League will host the 48th annual Fund Campaign and Equal Opportunity Day Dinner 6 p.m. today at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley will be the keynote speaker, and she will also receive an award for the leadership she has exhibited this year.

Rock Hill Herald: York County resolution opposing Syrian refugees fails

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article42416232.html>

Bristow Marchant

The resolution, sponsored by Councilman Bruce Henderson, called on South Carolina to suspend resettlement of refugees admitted to the United States "from North Africa, and the Middle East, including Syria," until several state agencies have completed investigations into the effects of refugees settling in the state.

Note: If it had been approved, the resolution would call for Gov. Nikki Haley to stop resettlement until its effects are studied separately by the State Law Enforcement Division and several state departments.

S.C. Flood Recovery News:

The State: Columbia property owners to get breaks to fix flood-damaged homes, businesses

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article42399171.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

Columbia City Council made tentative changes in city laws Monday that would suspend building-permit fees for six months, business-license fees for three months and keep some property owners from having to meet tougher building codes. The moves all were in response to last month's floods.

Associated Press: Richland County to spray for mosquitoes from the air

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

In response to the recent flooding, Richland County plans to spray for mosquitoes from the air this week. Officials say the county plans to treat more than 100,000 acres beginning at dusk Tuesday, weather permitting. The aerial application also is scheduled for Wednesday night. The flooding caused a surge in the mosquito population.

Post and Courier: 16 Cypress Gardens employees lose their jobs after flooding

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151102/PC16/151109877>

Brenda Rindge

The collateral damage from last month's floods continues with two-thirds of Cypress Gardens' employees being let go last week. The popular Berkeley County-owned park closed last month due to widespread water damage from the historic flooding.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Jeb Bush brings campaign back to SC with Lexington stop

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OQ60DGUG

Republican hopeful Jeb Bush is bringing his presidential campaign back to South Carolina this week. The

former Florida governor is taking part in a town hall meeting Tuesday. The event is scheduled for noon at the Lexington VFW Hall. The campaign says the gathering is part of the "Jeb Can Fix It" tour.

Anderson Independent: Graham on presidential bid: 'I like my chances'

http://www.independentmail.com/news/graham-on-presidential-bid-i-like-my-chances_94670351

Kirk Brown

Despite lackluster fundraising and polling numbers, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham said Monday that he is giving no thought to ending his presidential campaign. "I like where we are at," Graham said in an interview with the Independent Mail after speaking to the Clemson Rotary Club. "I like my chances."

Post and Courier: Polls open amid torrential rains, flooding, closed streets

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151103/PC16/151109831>

Prentiss Findlay

Polls across the Lowcountry opened at 7 a.m. today amid torrential downpours and flooding that closed streets in downtown Charleston and West Ashley. Among those out early in the soggy weather was Paula Watford, who was campaigning in West Ashley near the St. Andrews School of Math and Science for her father, Charleston mayoral candidate John Tecklenburg.

Rock Hill Herald: York County voters to decide on \$89M bond referendum; cities, towns electing mayors, councils

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article42289089.html#storylink=cpy>

Bond referendum: York County residents will go to the polls on Tuesday to decide whether the county should borrow about \$89 million to pay for renovations and improvements at several government facilities:

Rock Hill herald: Where do S.C. Democrats go after Winthrop forum?

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article42372267.html>

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Every four years, South Carolina sees a steady march of Democratic presidential contenders come through the state, including this Friday's forum at Winthrop University, when the top three contenders for the party's nomination – former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders – each will appear in a forum broadcast nationwide on MSNBC.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: The election that SC law prohibits

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article42233820.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

THEY'RE HOLDING an election on Tuesday in Arcadia Lakes, a tiny little town about a mile outside of Columbia and hugged by Forest Acres, where the dams burst last month and sent floodwaters roaring over homes and businesses.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Judge seeks update in case against N. Charleston officer in Walter Scott death

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151102/PC16/151109830>

Andrew Knapp

Attorneys will meet in court Friday to discuss the status of the case against the North Charleston policeman accused of murdering Walter Scott. Circuit Judge Clifton Newman set the status conference for 10 a.m. in downtown Charleston. Such a proceeding typically serves as an opportunity for a judge to get input from attorneys on when a trial date should be scheduled and to see if the opposing sides have exchanged evidence as required.

The State: DHEC environment chief quits

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article42340755.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Two of the state Department of Health and Environmental Control's highest ranking environmental officials have left their positions at the agency, less than six months after new DHEC director Catherine Heigel took charge. Elizabeth Dieck has resigned as chief of environmental affairs at DHEC, according to a Friday afternoon email to employees from Heigel.

Post and Courier: Plastics exporter, distributor to open \$7.5M facility in Moncks Corner

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151102/PC05/151109875>

David Wren

A&R Bulk-Pak, a contract packaging company that specializes in exporting plastic pellets that are used in a variety of products, is opening a \$7.5 million facility on Spring Grove Road in Moncks Corner. The 240,000-square-foot packaging and distribution center will create 25 jobs at a 27.5-acre site where plastics from Gulf Coast manufacturers will be shipped overseas through the Port of Charleston.

WLTX: DSNAP Benefit Locations and Requirements

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/11/02/dsnap-benefit-locations-and-requirements/75076580/>

Sonia Gutierrez

Department of Social Services Director Susan Alford said DSS is now operating DSNAP in 22 counties. All of which are scheduled to open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. News19 received some calls from people saying they were turned away around 5 p.m. The best way to put it is to think about it as a DMV. DSS estimates it takes about 30 minutes to help each person. If they close at 7, it's important to plan ahead.

Greenville News: Bill Gates at Clemson: U.S. education reform 'frustrating'

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2015/11/02/bill-gates-speaks-clemson-monday/75049346/>

Nathaniel Cary

At Clemson University on Monday afternoon, Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist Bill Gates called his foundation's work to improve the United States education system the most difficult of its many initiatives, but told a crowd of Clemson students that if they get frustrated at the lack of change in American education policy, they should "go into a charter school" to see quality change.

WHNS: SCDC: Prisoner access to cell phones 'no different' than access to weapon

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/30415594/httpmanagewhnsworldnowcomflowstorynewedit#ixzz3qQsWeGIL>

Andrew Reeser

Department Director Bryan Stirling said in his view, a cell phone in the hands of an inmate is no different than a weapon. He said in the last year there have been 1,482 incidents of cell phone contraband throughout the state. Stirling warns that inmates who have cell phone access could continue their criminal deeds from inside their cell, including threatening witnesses and victims, and orchestrate crimes.

Post and Courier: Flood closing roads in Charleston County, more rain expected

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151103/PC16/151109826>

Dave Munday

Flooding has closed several roads in the Charleston area this morning, and more rain is expected today. A flood advisory for poor drainage areas in Charleston County is in effect until 8:15 a.m., according to the National Weather Service. Roads in downtown Charleston that have been reported closed include Wentworth at Barre and Ashley and Rutledge.

Associated Press: Program stressing benefits of time off being discussed in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=i8NcQCHL

A top official of a national tourism advocacy group is discussing a new initiative to convince businesses that time off for their workers is not frivolous but essential to the bottom line. U.S. Travel's executive in charge of public affairs, Gary Oster, speaks Nov. 10 at meeting of Grand Strand tourism officials where the local chamber of commerce and visitors bureau is providing a tourism marketing update.

Associated Press: S.C. decertified 546 officers, 46 for sex-related misconduct

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151103/AIK0105/151109884/1004/sc-decertified-546-officers-46-for-sex-related-misconduct>

Nomaan Merchant, Reese Dunklin

An Associated Press investigation into sexual misconduct by law enforcement officers in the U.S. identified some 1,000 in six years who lost their licenses for sexual assault or other sex offenses or misconduct, including possession of child pornography, voyeurism and sex on duty.

SOUTH CAROLINA The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy decertified 546 officers, 46 for sex-related misconduct. The state requires notification when an officer is fired for misconduct that could lead to

decertification, including convictions and noncriminal activity.

Local News:

Greenville News: Daily rain record set at Greenville-Spartanburg airport

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/11/02/flood-warning-some-upstate-counties/75029670/>

Romando Dixon, Elizabeth Sanders

Record rainfall caused street flooding, closed schools early and had state officials preparing for the worst as more than 3 inches of rain fell in the Upstate on Monday. A flood warning was in effect until 7 p.m. Monday for parts of Greenville, Pickens, Spartanburg and Anderson counties, the National Weather Service said. A flash flood watch was put into effect for Greenville and Anderson counties until 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The State: Columbia experiencing sewer overflow into Crane Creek

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article42422808.html>

Noah Feit

The City of Columbia Wastewater Maintenance Division issued a sanitary sewer system overflow notification Monday night. There's sewer overflow that's affecting customers near the crossing of Brickyard Road at I-20, Wastewater Compliance Manager Stephen Sealey said in a release, adding that extended periods of rain caused the overflow into Crane Creek.

Associated Press: Authorities: 4 dead in SC home were couple, their mothers

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uRROd3X6

Authorities say the four people found dead in an Anderson County home were a husband, wife and their mothers. Coroner Greg Shore tells multiple media that a daughter of one of the victims found the four and called 911. He says the four died Sunday. Lt. Sheila Cole says deputies were called about a shooting at the home near Pendleton about 12:30 p.m. Cole says there is no danger to the public.

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