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Governor Nikki Haley At S.C. DSS Welfare-To-Work: Get South Carolinians Back To Work
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=mcsFbsMXb_w

Governor Nikki Haley News

CNN: Trio of 2016 Republicans heading to South Carolina

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/08/01/first-on-cnn-trio-of-2016-republicans-heading-to-south-carolina/>

Peter Hamby

Three prominent Republican governors thought to have designs on the White House will descend on the early primary state of South Carolina later this month to raise money for Gov. Nikki Haley, who is bracing for what could be a tough re-election fight next year. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and Texas Gov. Rick Perry will appear as "special guests" at an Aug. 26 fundraiser for Haley in Greenville, according to a copy of an invitation to the event obtained by CNN.

The Hill: Govs. Jindal, Perry, Walker heading to SC for Haley fundraiser

<http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/314929-jindal-perry-walker-traveling-to-sc-for-gov-haley>
Daniel Strauss

Republican Govs. Bobby Jindal (La.), Rick Perry (Texas) and Scott Walker (Wis.) will travel to early primary state South Carolina in August to help fundraise for Gov. Nikki Haley (R-S.C.) who could be facing a tough reelection fight. Walker, Jindal, and Perry will be "special guests" at a fundraiser for Haley in Greenville, S.C. on Aug. 26, according to CNN, which first reported the event.

WJBF: 18,000 South Carolinians Have Moved from Welfare to Work

<http://www.wjbf.com/story/22983574/18000-south-carolinians-have-moved-from-welfare-to-work>

Robert Kittle and Jennie Montgomery

Gov. Nikki Haley and state DSS director Lillian Koller announced Wednesday that 18,000 South Carolinians have gone from welfare to work since September 2011, when the agency started a new focus on jobs. And with that number, 18,000, a 94% retention rate that they have stayed in a job. That is phenomenal," Gov. Haley said.

WIS TV: DSS pilot program helps 18,000 find jobs

<http://www.wistv.com/story/22984875/dss-pilot-program-helps-18000-find-jobs>

PJ Randhawa

South Carolina's unemployment rate remains at around 8 percent, but more people are getting back to work in the Palmetto State thanks to a new initiative through the Department of Social Services. According to South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, 18,000 people across the state, formerly on welfare, have found gainful employment.

The State: Gov. Nikki Haley meets with business leaders to discuss education reform

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/07/31/2892219/gov-nikki-haley-meets-with-business.html>

ADAM BEAM

Gov. Nikki Haley met with about a dozen business and legislative leaders Wednesday morning in a private meeting to discuss the governor's forthcoming education reform proposal. In an interview after the meeting – which, like every other education meeting Haley has held, has been closed to the public – the governor said she is getting closer on crafting a proposal she hopes to have ready before the state legislature returns to work in January. While Haley said the proposal will be comprehensive, she acknowledged the most difficult hurdle will be overhauling the state's complex and confusing education funding formulas.

Aiken Standard: Project Charger unveiled: Tognum research and development center expansion will create 10 jobs

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130801/AIK0101/130809998/1004/project-charger-unveiled-tognum-research-and-development-center-expansion-will-create-10-jobs>

AMY BANTON

The company behind Project Charger revealed itself Wednesday, announcing a \$22.5 million expansion and the creation of 10 new jobs. Tognum is expanding its Research and Development Center at the MTU Plant located in Graniteville. This expansion will help double the Center's development capacity with the addition of two new test cells for off-highway diesel engines, according to a press release.

SCRN: Diesel engine manufacturer expanding Aiken facility

<http://www.southcarolinaradionetwork.com/2013/07/31/diesel-engine-manufacturer-expanding-aiken-facility/>
Tognum America Inc. announced Wednesday that it will be expanding its Research and Development Center at the MTU Aiken County plant. The company says the investment of \$22.5 million will create 10 new jobs as well as double the center's development capacity by helping to add two new test cells for off-highway diesel engines.

Associated Press: Haley set to sign police dog liability law

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eKowf2q8

Gov. Nikki Haley is scheduled to be in the Upstate to sign a new South Carolina law giving police K-9 units some protection in court. On Thursday, Haley is slated to travel to Taylors for a ceremonial bill signing. She first signed the measure into law June 12. Until last month, the state's strict liability statute for dog bites meant criminal suspects could almost certainly collect a settlement if a police dog bit them.

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South Carolina News

USA Today: Peeling bells to mark 50 years since MLK's rousing speech

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/07/31/2892270/peeling-bells-to-mark-50-years.html>

LARRY COPELAND

The King Center is urging communities around the world to participate in a bell-ringing ceremony next month to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. King Center officials say they have reached out to all 50 governors and to cities across the globe asking them to participate in the bell ringing at 3 p.m. Aug. 28, or at 3 p.m. in their respective time zones.

Greenville News: Inland port is going to create jobs (Opinion)

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130731/OPINION/307310001/Inland-port-going-create-jobs>
Editorial

South Carolina Ports Authority President and CEO Jim Newsome said in Greenville last week that in five years the new inland port in Greer will ship 100,000 containers per year. When it opens, the port will begin handling an estimated 20,000 containers per year from BMW, by all accounts the reason the intermodal transfer facility is opening in the first place. A fivefold increase in volume over five years makes this facility a significant engine for the Upstate's economy. The importance of this region to the Port of Charleston is not lost on the Ports Authority. The volume of port business that originates in this part of the state is why the idea of an inland port was considered. As Newsome said in his presentation last week, the inland port was not a "build it and they will come" proposition.

Greenville News: St. Francis prepares to open new central business office, hire 70 to 80 new workers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130801/BUSINESS/308010066/St-Francis-prepares-open-new-central-business-office-hire-70-80-new-workers>

Liv Osby

With Bon Secours St. Francis Health System's new central business office set to open Monday, officials are gearing up to hire some 70 to 80 new workers. Available positions include hospital billers, insurance claims follow-up and insurance claims denial representatives.

Greenville News: Greenville medical technologies start-up announces \$5 million investment

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130731/BUSINESS/307310067/Greenville-medical-technologies->

start-up-announces-5-million-investment

Greenville-based CreatiVasc Medical announced an investment of \$5 million from Brookhaven Medical, Inc. Brookhaven is an Atlanta-based medical device company with interests in dialysis devices and advanced wound care. CreatiVasc offers a technology for dialysis patients called the HemoAccess Valve System.

Post and Courier: Charleston County Aviation Authority needs a full-time pilot (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130801/PC1002/130809990/1021/charleston-county-aviation-authority-needs-a-full-time-pilot>

Editorial

The appointment of state Sen. Paul Campbell to head the Charleston County Aviation Authority didn't exactly bring the authority board together, as shown by its 7-6 vote to approve him for the job. But the former Alcoa executive says he is committed to winning over those who opposed him, and we hope he can bridge the divide. The authority has never been more important in the economic life of the Charleston metropolitan area. The Berkeley County Republican already has big challenges ahead of him in addition to the board. There is a major terminal expansion looming, a potential reconsideration of the sale of airport property to Boeing, and, for Mr. Campbell, a steep learning curve in a demanding job for which he has minimal aviation-related experience.

Post and Courier: Campbell insists no need to resign from Senate; some airport board members disagree
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130731/PC05/130739872/1010/campbell-insists-no-need-to-resign-from-senate-some-airport-board-members-disagree>

Warren L. Wise

State Sen. Paul Campbell insisted Wednesday he doesn't need to resign from the Legislature after being offered one of the biggest jobs in the Charleston area — that of running Charleston County's three airports at a critical time of terminal redevelopment and a land deal with Boeing. Some board members disagree, especially those who didn't vote to offer the job to him Tuesday. They question whether he can handle both jobs at once and do either effectively.

Index-Journal: State senator Lourie criticizes Templeton

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=20009>

SCOTT J. BRYAN

A Columbia-area state senator is criticizing S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) director for failing to fill key positions on her staff prior to a tuberculosis outbreak in Ninety Six. Joel Lourie (D-Richland), a member of the Medical Affairs committee that will host DHEC director Catherine Templeton on Aug. 8, said he was concerned DHEC issued job postings for a state epidemiologist and bureau director of disease control in the last couple of weeks.

WACH: Did state 'scapegoat' employee over TB outbreak?

<http://www.midlandsconnect.com/m/news/story?id=928165#.UfpJrm3wrdV>

Stephanie Helling

A former health department employee says the agency made her a 'scapegoat' for the handling of a tuberculosis outbreak at a Greenwood County elementary school. The Department of Health and Environmental Control and its director, Catherine Templeton, alleged Shea Rabley took too long in conducting the TB investigation at the school.

Post and Courier: Rep. Wendell Gilliard to host meeting on the homeless

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130731/PC16/130739904/1006/rep-wendell-gilliard-to-host-meeting-on-the-homeless>

Robert Behre

State Rep. Wendell Gilliard plans to meet today with local homeless advocates and others to discuss how to improve life for those on the Lowcountry's streets and in its shelters. Gilliard, D-Charleston, convened a similar group four years ago, amid fears the worsening economy would cause homeless numbers to soar.

The State: SC tax-free back-to-school sales start Friday

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/07/31/2893260/sc-tax-free-back-to-school-sales.html>

With summer coming to a close, it's time to take a tax holiday on back-to-school shopping. This weekend, S. C. shoppers will save state and local sales taxes on school supplies — ranging from pens and paper to laptops and sweaters. Savings start Friday morning and run through Sunday night.

Greenville News: S.C. sales tax holiday weekend begins Friday

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130731/NEWS/307310039/S-C-sales-tax-holiday-weekend-begins-Friday>

South Carolina's annual sales tax holiday weekend begins Friday, offering shoppers savings on school supplies and other items. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. Friday and continuing until midnight, August 4, shoppers will be exempt from the 6 percent state sales tax and any applicable local taxes on the purchase of school supply items, the state Department of Revenue said.

Post and Courier: Tax-free weekend to kick start back-to-school shopping

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130731/PC16/130739874/1010/tax-free-weekend-to-kick-start-back-to-school-shopping>

Abigail Darlington

Back-to-school shopping will kick into high gear this weekend when the state sales tax is lifted on school supplies, clothing and other items deemed exempt during South Carolina's 14th annual tax-free weekend. As one of the biggest shopping holidays in the state, the weekend-long break from the sales tax offers retailers a chance to boost sales and parents an opportunity to save money on necessities for kids heading back to school this month. The tax-free holiday will be in effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday until midnight Sunday.

The State: This 'holiday' deserves a big, fat 'Bah! Humbug!' (Opinion)

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/01/2892455/scoppe-this-holiday-deserves-a.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

IT'S AUG. 1, which means we are just hours away from that most special time of the retail year: Time to drop whatever we're doing and brave the crowds to purchase those items that the Legislature has decided to reward us for purchasing. Unless you're not crazy about artificially induced crowds.

Post and Courier: Ports Authority touts growing cargo at Union Pier Terminal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130731/PC05/130739878/1010/ports-authority-touts-growing-cargo-at-union-pier-terminal>

Tyrone Richardson

The S.C. State Ports Authority's increased marketing efforts for Union Pier Terminal in downtown Charleston are proving beneficial, the agency said Wednesday. Union Pier handled 50,079 tons of non-containerized freight between April and June. The cargo of mostly steel wire rod and coils for tire production marked an 85 percent increase from the 27,109 tons of cargo handled in the preceding nine months of the fiscal year that ended June 30, SPA officials said today.

Associated Press: NYC officials say more guns come from out-of-state

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

More guns from out-of-state are being used to commit crimes in New York City, officials said Wednesday in releasing the most recent available crime gun trace data. In 2011, 90 percent of the 2,433 traceable guns used in crimes were from outside New York state. The year before, 86 percent of the 2,319 guns came from out-of-state.

Note: Most of the guns come from 10 states, particularly Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Pennsylvania. City officials said the states supplying illegal guns have weak gun laws.

Associated Press: SC to release school report card grades

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vaR7W2MP

JEFFREY COLLINS

South Carolina education officials are releasing several measures of student performance. The Education Department will release its grades for South Carolina school districts and all schools Thursday morning. The agency also is releasing information on how many students passed the high school graduation exam on the first try and standardized testing of students in third through eighth grades.

Greenville News: Work to curb dropouts has impact (Opinion)

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130801/OPINION/308010064/Work-curb-dropouts-has-impact>
Editorial

An ongoing trend of lower dropout rates in South Carolina's public schools is a positive sign that effective steps are being taken to ensure students finish high school. Success in reducing dropouts is vital because graduating from high school is an essential first stride toward some measure of financial stability for those who are growing up in the 21st century economy. According to data provided by the state Department of

Education, South Carolina's overall dropout rate has fallen to 2.5 percent in the 2011-12 school year from 3.9 percent in 2007-08. In raw terms, the number of students who have dropped out of school was 5,232 in the most recent school year compared to 8,032 in 2007-08.

Associated Press: NRC: defers decision on Duke Energy nuclear plants

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

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Agency has told Duke Energy a decision on its application to build and operate two nuclear power plants in South Carolina won't be made until 2016, about three years later than planned. A letter to Duke released by the NRC Wednesday says the delay is caused by federal budget cuts affecting its resources. Another factor is Duke's decision last year to adjust the location of the nuclear sites.

Greenville News: Duke plans for 2 new S.C. nuclear reactors delayed

Hearing on 2 reactors on hold until 2016

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130801/BUSINESS/308010079/Duke-plans-2-new-S-C-nuclear-reactors-delayed>

Eric Connor

Duke Energy's plans to build a new nuclear power station in the Upstate have been delayed by federal regulators who say limited resources and changes to the construction plans require more time. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission told Duke in a letter that a final hearing on plans to build two reactors at the W.S. Lee site outside Gaffney would have to wait until 2016.

Aiken Standard: Sen. Scott: Obama administration 'not committed' to MOX

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130801/AIK0101/130809980/1004/sen-scott-obama-administration-not-committed-to-mox>

Derrek Asberry

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., has re-emphasized his approval of the MOX project and questioned President Barack Obama administration's commitment to the facility. He elaborated on the issue during Tuesday's hearing on the 2013 Nuclear Waste Administration Act in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee by outlining the importance of the country keeping its agreement with Russia by disposing of 34 metric tons of weapons-grade plutonium.

The State: US Sen. Tim Scott named to most beautiful people in Washington list

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/07/31/2891923/us-sen-tim-scott-named-to-the.html>

ADAM BEAM

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott is No. 35 on The Hill's annual list of the 50 most beautiful people in Washington. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley appointed Scott to the Senate earlier this year to replace former Sen. Jim DeMint, who resigned to lead the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington, D.C.-based think tank. Since then, Scott has been canvassing the state, preparing for his first statewide election in 2014.

Georgetown Times: Congressmen visit with hospital officials

<http://www.gtowntimes.com/local/Congressmen-visit-with-hospital-officials2013-07-31T07-32-24>

Congressman Tom Rice, the U.S. representative for South Carolina's 7th congressional district, met with local hospital officials at Georgetown Memorial Hospital on Monday. With him was Congressman Tom Price, a leader in the U.S. House of Representatives who serves Georgia's 6th congressional district.

Associated Press: Woman denied attempt to vote in SC dies in Mass.

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=W95fV1JB

Lillian Bonner Sutson, a little-known civil rights activist whose attempts to register as a voter in South Carolina set a precedent in the fight against segregation and voting discrimination in the South, has died in Massachusetts, her family announced Wednesday. Sutson died of age-related causes Monday at a nursing home in Saugus. She was believed to be 99, said her grandson, Marcus Jones.

Associated Press: Judge finalizes Cherokee girl's adoption in SC

m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OUNmQybf

MEG KINNARD

A state judge on Wednesday finalized a South Carolina couple's adoption of a 3-year-old girl of Cherokee heritage, ruling that the child should be moved from her current home in Oklahoma. While making official the yearslong pursuit by Matt and Melanie Capobianco, though, the ruling by a family court judge in Charleston was far from the final legal action in a complicated, emotional case that has gone all the way to the U.S.

Supreme Court.

The State: USC researcher accused of using grant money for family trips

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/07/31/2892635/usc-researcher-accused-of-using.html>

ANDREW SHAIN

An endowed chair at the University of South Carolina, known for his work in drug safety, has been sued by the federal government which alleges he spent federal cancer-research money for personal expenses. Those allegations led the USC professor's former school, Northwestern University, to pay a \$2.9 million settlement to the government.

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National News

Washington Post: Libertarians flex their muscle in the GOP

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/libertarians-flex-their-muscle-in-the-gop/2013/07/31/dbc4dd40-f9ea-11e2-8752-b41d7ed1f685_story.html

Karen Tumulty

Way back in 1975, a Republican agitator named Ronald Reagan had this to say about an esoteric young movement that was roiling politics: "If you analyze it, I believe the very heart and soul of conservatism is libertarianism." Neither the GOP old guard nor the rowdy libertarians ever quite bought that argument.

McClatchy: Obama talks jobs on Capitol Hill, but not compromise

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/07/31/198194/obama-talks-jobs-on-capitol-hill.html#.UfpMC23wrDU>

David Lightman and Anita Kumar

President Barack Obama came to Capitol Hill Wednesday to give Democrats a pre-summer recess pep talk – with little mention of compromise. But when lawmakers return Sept. 9, they'll instantly confront tense, even bitter struggles over the federal budget, immigration and other gridlocked issues.

Associated Press: NC law takes effect banning e-cigarettes to minors

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FK7jGCgN

MITCH WEISS

At North Carolina smoke shops and other retailers, the warning signs are going up. A law banning the sale of e-cigarettes to minors takes effect Thursday. Retailers now face the same misdemeanor charge if they sell e-cigarettes to a minor as they already did for other tobacco products. Penalties can be as high as a \$1,000 fine.

McClatchy: Military considers cutting 25% of Army personnel, Marines to trim budget for sequester

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/07/31/198216/military-contemplates-how-to-trim.html>

Kate Irby

The military faces one of two options in order to meet mandatory across-the-board budget cuts, says Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel: chopping the number of personnel or limiting its technological edge. That might mean reducing as much as 29 percent of soldiers, 18 percent of Marines and three Navy carriers through 2019. The budget cuts, known as sequestration, have forced the Pentagon to craft a number of contingency plans, all of which Hagel says will affect readiness. At a news conference Wednesday, Hagel said there was a tradeoff between cutting either the number of personnel or modernization capabilities, and he stressed that Defense officials aren't yet sure which way it will go.

McClatchy: Obama pushes for tax change to fund infrastructure; Republicans push back

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/07/30/198088/obama-pushes-for-tax-change-to.html#.UfpMAm3wrDU>

Lesley Clark and David Lightman

President Barack Obama hadn't yet left the White House on Tuesday to unveil his latest economic pitch when Republicans began tearing it apart. With a "grand bargain" on taxes and spending long stalled, Obama on Tuesday offered what the White House called a new deal: cutting corporate tax rates while boosting investments in job creation.

USA Today: Christie douses talk of beer summit with Paul

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/07/31/christie-douses-talk-of-beer-summit-with->

paul/2606903/

John Schoonejongen

America, are you ready for another beer summit? Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., seems to be, but his enthusiasm isn't shared by Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, with whom the senator has been feuding over the past week.

USA Today: Half of Clinton super PAC's money comes from 24 people

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/07/31/big-donors-hillary-rodham-clinton-super-pac-ready-for-hillary/2606425/>

Fredreka Schouten and Christopher Schnaars

Two dozen contributors account for nearly half the money that flowed to a super PAC encouraging Hillary Rodham Clinton to seek the presidency in 2016, new campaign-finance reports show. The 24 individuals — several of them longtime Clinton backers — each gave \$25,000 for a total of \$600,000 to the Ready for Hillary super PAC. In all, the super PAC collected \$1.25 million during the first six months of the year.

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