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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Union Daily Times: Haley to hold constituent meeting

http://www.uniondailytimes.com/view/full_story/23321182/article-Haley-to-hold-constituent-meeting

Residents of Union County will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Gov. Nikki Haley and discuss any issue they want to during constituent meetings Saturday afternoon. The Governor's Office announced Wednesday that Haley will hold a constituent meeting at the City of Union Municipal Building starting at 2 p. m. Saturday. This will be Haley's 20th constituent meeting since becoming governor. Some of her previous constituent meetings have been held in Columbia, Manning, Clarendon, Greenville, Florence, Newberry, Spartanburg, Bennettsville, and Sumter. Saturday will also be Haley's fourth visit to Union since becoming governor.

WSPA: Scheduled One-on-one Meeting With Gov. Haley In Union

<http://www.wspa.com/story/23084993/scheduled-one-on-one-meeting-with-gov-haley-in-union>

Governor Nikki Haley will hold constituent meetings at City Hall in Union, S.C on Saturday, August 10 at 2:00 PM. South Carolinians will have the opportunity to schedule a one-on-one meeting with Gov. Haley to discuss any issue.

Florence Morning News: Gunn steps down as Florence Regional Airport executive director

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_57467352-0053-11e3-a1f0-0019bb30f31a.html

Gavin Jackson

Florence Regional Airport executive director Eddie Gunn announced Thursday he will be stepping down as he takes a position with the state comptroller general's office. Effective Monday, Gunn will be replaced by former Columbia Metropolitan Airport deputy director Chuck Henderson.

Note: Before directing the airport, Gunn served as director of the state Probation Parole and Pardon Services, interim director of the Department of Public Safety and in January 2011 resigned as chief of staff to Budget and Control Board executive director Frank Fusco, who also resigned, after Gov. Nikki Haley took the BCB in a new direction.

Sen. Vincent Sheheen News:

The Patch: Sheheen Asks Haley to Appoint TB Crisis Controller

Says Greenwood County families need attention

<http://columbia-sc.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/sheheen-asks-haley-to-appoint-tb-crisis-controller>

Shawn Drury

Sen. Vincent Sheheen (D-Kershaw), Gov. Nikki Haley's likely opponent in next year's gubernatorial race, published a letter calling on her to name a Crisis Controller for the families in Greenwood County affected by the TB outbreak there in the spring. The head of DHEC, Catherine Templeton, will testify on Thursday before the Medical Affairs Committee on her agency's handling on the crisis.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC senators looking into tuberculosis outbreak

http://thetandd.com/news/state-and-regional/sc-senators-looking-into-tuberculosis-outbreak/article_c3f76276-bec9-5f0d-8d15-b8695afe772f.html

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina senators are set to question the director of the state's public health agency about its botched investigation into a tuberculosis outbreak in Greenwood County. The Senate Medical Affairs Committee is looking into why it took more than two months for the agency to notify the public and begin testing children

after health officials learned that a school janitor had the contagious disease.

Post and Courier: Veronica's adoptive parents frustrated after winning legal fights, not seeing results
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130808/PC16/130809464/1177/veronica-x2019-s-adoptive-parents-frustrated-after-winning-legal-fights-not-seeing-results>

Andrew Knapp

Matt and Melanie Capobianco waited in a Charleston attorney's office Sunday and thought about what it was like when their role was reversed with the man whose daughter they were trying to adopt. In late 2011, a judge had told the James Island couple to give Veronica to her birth father. The Cherokee Nation member had won custody through the federal Indian Child Welfare Act. The thought of ignoring the decree had crossed their minds. But they questioned themselves. Where would they go? What would their lives be like? Would Veronica recover after the authorities eventually caught up to them?

Post and Courier: NOAA holds to busy hurricane forecast at midseason

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130808/PC16/130809487/1005/still-good-chance-of-hurricanes-noaa-says>

Bo Peterson

Despite persistent shear winds, the hurricane season still has a 70 percent chance of being busier than normal, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted today. NOAA scaled back the chance of the most severe hurricanes by one storm, but otherwise held to a prediction of as many as 14 hurricanes, with as many as five having winds of more than 110 mph.

Associated Press: Law school, College of Charleston merger proposed

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/08/08/5097123/law-school-college-of-charleston.html>

A state lawmaker is proposing that the private Charleston School of Law merge with the College of Charleston to avoid a possible sale. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/1cxiY>) that Republican Rep. Stephen Goldfinch of Murrells Inlet, a graduate of the law school, is pushing the merger idea. "I believe the Legislature would support such a merger," he said. "It could be done tomorrow." Leaders of the Charleston School of Law, one of two law schools in the state, have entered a management services agreement with InfiLaw Systems which owns three other for-profit law schools.

Associated Press (Update): Sadness, joy inherent in Capobianco's Veronica adoption case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130808/PC16/130809485/1005/sadness-joy-inherent-in-capobianco-x2019-s-adoption-case>

Meg Kinnard

Years into their attempt to adopt a Cherokee girl, Matt and Melanie Capobianco say they can empathize with any sadness the girl's biological father might be feeling after being ordered to turn her over to them. In late 2011, the Charleston-area couple was in a lawyer's office, tearfully handing over Veronica — whom they'd raised since birth — to the father, Dusten Brown, who lives in Nowata in northeastern Oklahoma.

Post and Courier: Veronica birth father Dusten Brown: 'I love her too much to give up'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130808/PC16/130809471/1005/veronica-birth-father-dusten-brown-x2018-i-love-her-too-much-to-give-up-x2019>

Dusten Brown told an Oklahoma newspaper today that he would obey a final order to relinquish custody of his 3-year-old daughter Veronica, but he wants a chance in courts there to stop that. "I'm never going to give up if I have any chance left at all," Brown told the Tulsa World as he served a 30-day National Guard training mission in Iowa. "I love her too much to give up." A Charleston judge is insisting that Brown hand over the girl to James Island residents Matt and Melanie Capobianco, who were recently declared her adoptive parents.

Post and Courier: VA job fair draws hundreds

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130808/PC16/130809480/1005/>

Schuyler Kropf

Soon-to-be-retired Air Force Master Sgt. Steve Wegfehrt has been to so many job fairs lately that he's on a first-name basis with some of the recruiters who travel from place to place as much as he does. So far there's been no luck, with most potential employers telling him about the same thing. "There's always a tremendous desire from them to say 'thanks for your service,'" the 27-year veteran from Sumter said Thursday. But that's usually followed up with "now go check the website." Wegfehrt was among the up to

800 veterans who attended the Charleston VA's annual "Welcome Home" job fair Thursday, which is one of several local gauges of the region's employment picture each year.

Post and Courier: Capt. Amy Burin installed as first female commanding officer of SPAWAR

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130808/PC16/130809460/1005/capt-amy-burin-installed-as-first-female-commanding-officer-of-spawar>

Jade MDuffie

Capt. Amy Burin will fit right in at her new home in the Lowcountry. Burin was installed as the first female commanding officer of Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) Systems Center Atlantic in a change-of-command ceremony Thursday morning. She is the third commanding officer of SSC Atlantic and takes over for Capt. Mark V. Glover, a Walterboro native, as he begins a new tour of command in San Diego. "I wish I could thank all 13,000 of you, but that would take another tour of duty," Glover said of SPAWAR.

The Run 2016: In South Carolina, hints of a Dem opening against Hillary

<http://therun2016.com/in-south-carolina-hints-of-a-dem-opening-against-hillary/>

David Catanese

In 2008, if Iowa was the state that cracked Hillary Clinton's inevitability, South Carolina crushed it. The former First Lady was thrashed here in the Democratic primary, getting stomped by nearly 30 points — a demoralizing loss that signaled Barack Obama's popularity was demonstrably wider and deeper than previously perceived. So when I walked into the Trident Technical College auditorium for a state senate Democratic primary debate Tuesday night, I was expecting to encounter a fair share of Obama loyalists. What I wasn't prepared for was the amount of Democrats who appeared to be open to an alternative to Hillary — and even some who openly said her time had passed.

Post and Courier (Update): Plans for I-526 widening detailed by state transportation officials

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130807/PC16/130809509/1005/plans-for-534-million-i-526-widening-detailed-by-state-transportation-officials>

Prentiss Findlay

The DOT uses a system to rank interstate upgrades that includes how much traffic a highway is carrying relative to its capacity, the number of accidents and fatalities, truck traffic, pavement condition, financial viability, environmental impacts and economic development. It assigns the greatest weight in the rankings, 30 percent, to the volume of traffic relative to capacity. Next is 20 percent for public safety. The rest of the factors have a weight of 10 percent, Patton said. Several more pieces of the puzzle will have to fall into place before I-526 will get the funding needed to ease its clogged traffic. Next Thursday, the DOT Commission will meet to consider approval of the interstate upgrade priority list presented by agency staff. It will also vote on approval for the 2014-2019 State Transportation Improvement Plan, which includes federal funding for I-526 and the other recommended interstate upgrades.

Associated Press: Judge again weighs issues in SC Episcopal schism

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/08/08/3632700/attorneys-back-in-court-in-sc.html#storylink=cpy>

Bruce Smith

For the second time in recent months, U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck is weighing whether issues arising from the acrimonious Episcopal schism in eastern South Carolina belong in federal court. As two bishops sat with their attorneys on either side of his Charleston courtroom, Houck heard about an hour of arguments Thursday on one bishop's request for an injunction against the other. Charles vonRosenberg, the bishop of parishes remaining with the national Episcopal Church, wants the court to block Mark Lawrence, the bishop of churches that left last year, from using the name and the symbols of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

Local News:

The State: Columbia Chamber Endorses Strong-mayor Concept; Plough Urges Vote Be Delayed

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=O55LvDO7

Clif LeBlanc

The Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce on Thursday announced its support for a strong mayor form of government in Columbia and for allowing voters to decide the issue this fall. "Business leaders across Columbia are frustrated with how long it takes to get things done in this city," the chamber's chairman, Lee

Bussell, said in a news release. "The largest area of economic growth in our state right now is the Lowcountry, and that's because cities like Charleston, North Charleston and Goose Creek already have this (strong-mayor) system of governance and can act quickly when it is needed."

National News:

CNN: Iowa's Steve King heading to South Carolina

Peter Hamby

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/08/06/first-on-cnn-iowas-steve-king-heading-to-south-carolina/>

Iowa Rep. Steve King, whose hard line immigration rhetoric has angered some of his fellow Republicans and delighted Democrats eager to keep Hispanic voters in their fold, is quietly planning meetings with political activists in the early presidential primary state of South Carolina, CNN has learned.

Washington Post: Republican Rep. McHenry receives flak for criticizing Obamacare

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2013/08/08/republican-rep-mchenry-receives-flak-for-criticizing-obamacare/?wprss=rss_election-2012&clsrd

Ruth Tam

After voting repeatedly to defund, repeal and delay the Affordable Care Act, Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-N.C.) came home to criticism in his Republican district in central and western North Carolina. At an Asheville-area town hall meeting, a first for McHenry, 30 people spoke in a question-and-answer session that included pointed remarks about McHenry's position on the Affordable Care Act, according to the Asheville area's Citizen Times.

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