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Will do! Thanks again for everything....couldn't have been more perfect. Senator Alexander is still beaming this morning (yes...he is in town....).

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Lots of great coverage! Please pass this along to the Smith's.
Please let me know if you need anything else.
Thank you,
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Clips – Thursday, August 8, 2013

Governor Nikki Haley News:

The Journal: Governor seeks to help job growth
<https://upstatetoday.com/2013/08/governor-seeks-to-help-job-growth/>

Norman Cannada

Gov. Nikki Haley voiced her support for helping to create more jobs and bringing new companies to Oconee County during a visit to two local plants Wednesday. "We are trying to bring jobs all over the state," Haley said at the Itron plant in West Union on Wednesday afternoon. "Oconee has not moved as rapidly as we would like to see it moving, so now we're zoning in on the counties that have not seen as much growth.

Note: "Our goal is try to make sure we bring in new businesses and new jobs because the more new jobs, the more revenues everybody has," Haley said. "From a state standpoint, we are trying to remind all local governments that being pro-business is very, very important to economic development and making sure that if you take care of your businesses, you take care of everything else in your county."

Anderson Independent: Governor urges Oconee County toward more economic development
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/aug/07/governor-urges-oconee-county-toward-more/>

Ray Chandler

Watching both the humans and the robots at work in Itron's ultra-modern electric metering plant left Gov. Nikki Haley impressed, but she sees room for the county to do even better.

Note: "Our goal is to bring jobs to all areas," Haley said after a tour conducted by plant manager Michael Higgins. "But Oconee County hasn't moved as rapidly as some, and we'll be zoning in on areas that haven't had as much success. It is important to nurture businesses already existing "so they can be cheerleaders," she said.

Note: The strength and vitality of the local workforce is a strong plus for the area, Higgins said, and cited support by Tri-County Technical College and the closeness of Clemson University. "One of my selling points to the world is our workforce," Haley said.

Note: "We've announced new jobs in 42 of the 46 counties," Haley said. "So we'll be focusing more on Oconee County."

The Journal: Haley signs legislation in Seneca

<https://upstatetoday.com/2013/08/haley-signs-legislation-in-seneca/>

Mikayla Kreuzberger

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley visited Seneca on Wednesday and, with the couple that helped drive it watching, signed into law the Emerson Rose Act, which takes effect statewide in September. The bill was introduced by Sen. Thomas Alexander, R-Walhalla, and inspired by Emerson Rose's parents, Jason and Susan Smith of Clemson. It is designed to help save newborns with critical congenital heart defects, which claimed Emerson Rose's life in 2011 just 76 days of her birth.

Note: "This bill pulled on my heartstrings," she said. "One of the things we try to do in this administration is improve access to healthcare to our expecting mothers." She told the Smiths that she was inspired by their passion to do what is right and to help those in need. "God does that to a lot of people," she told them. "But not everybody responds the way you have. That's what is so touching about this is that you did something about it. Emerson Rose's name is going to live on long past her 76 days because of what you did."

Anderson Independent (Guest Column): Haley signs law that requires tests for newborns

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/aug/07/haley-signs-law-that-requires-tests-for-newborns/>

Ray Chandler

With a few strokes of a pen Wednesday, Gov. Nikki Haley signed a law that advocates say will give children born with congenital heart defects a better chance at life. Haley signed what has been dubbed the Emerson Rose Act, which will require, beginning in September that all South Carolina hospitals test every newborn for congenital heart defects within 48 hours of birth.

Note: "This bill pulled all my heartstrings," Haley said. "As a mom, I know the one thing you want to do is protect your children. "I can't imagine losing a child. But ... (the Smiths) turned that love and pain into something good." "Emerson Rose's name will live on," Haley told the Smiths. "You won't know the names of the children and you won't know the families, but you'll know that you helped them."

WJBF: Gov. Nikki Haley Signs Emerson Rose Bill

<http://www.wjbf.com/story/23078294/gov-nikki-haley-signs-emerson-rose-bill>

Jennie Montgomery

Governor Nikki Haley joined representatives from the American Heart Association and Emerson Rose's parents, Jason and Susan Smith, in a ceremonial bill signing for S.341, the Emerson Rose bill Wednesday.

S.341 requires birthing facilities in South Carolina to perform a pulse oximetry test on every newborn child between 24 and 48 hours of life.

Note: "While I am blessed to be a governor, I am also blessed to be a mom and this bill pulls on my heart," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "Due to Jason and Susan Smith's dedication to making a difference and the action we are taking today, Emerson Rose's name is going to live on and positively influence the health of babies across the state."

Greenville News: Lectures to aid aspiring Upstate entrepreneurs

Pros to offer real life experience in series

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013308070075>

Lillia Callum-Penso

Aspiring Upstate entrepreneurs are getting a boost from some veterans in the field. This month kicks off the 15-week "Successful Entrepreneurship" lecture series that will walk budding business owners and those trying to grow ideas through the ins and outs of success. The series is an offshoot of Ecoplosion, the annual entrepreneurship, real estate and economic development summit. But while Ecoplosion got a broad conversation going, the entrepreneurship series is meant to offer the next step for success.

Note: Governor Nikki Haley will speak at the Dec. 3 session as well.

Sen. Vince Sheheen News:

Index-Journal: Sheheen going for it again

Democratic state senator running for governor, visits Greenwood

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=20107>

Chris Trainor

You've heard the old saying, "If at first you don't succeed ..." Well, Vincent Sheheen is going to try again. Sheheen, a Democratic state senator from District 27, is running for governor in 2014. This will mark the second time he has sought the state's top political post. He had a fierce race with current Gov. Nikki Haley in 2010.

DHEC News:

Index-Journal: Sheheen calls for 'TB crisis controller'

Gov. Haley spokesman calls potential gubernatorial candidate a "political ambulance chaser"

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=20103>

Scott J. Bryan

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Democratic gubernatorial candidate for 2014 and an outspoken critic of the S.C. Department of Environmental Control's (DHEC) response to a tuberculosis (TB) outbreak in Ninety Six, requested a "TB Crisis Controller" in a letter to Gov. Nikki Haley released Wednesday.

Note: Haley's spokesman Doug Mayer responded to Sheheen's letter, implying it was a political ploy by a gubernatorial candidate. "It's a shame that a political ambulance chaser like Sen. Sheheen feels the need to show up and try and further his political agenda whenever we face a challenge in South Carolina, but we won't let this overwhelming ambition distract us from dealing with what is a serious medical issue for our children," Mayer wrote in an email.

Note: Mayer also said Haley has been in contact with DHEC about the TB outbreak. "Governor Haley, a mom first, is obviously deeply concerned about the TB outbreak in one of our South Carolina schools," he said via email. "She has repeatedly met and spoken with DHEC officials to make sure that the appropriate and responsible actions have taken place, and has been informed that not a single South Carolina child or adult has contracted the virus since the state was notified of the outbreak."

The State: DHEC on the TB hot seat Thursday

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/07/2906649/state-officials-response-to-school.html>

Sammy Fretwell

In what is expected to be a tense hearing, state senators plan to question South Carolina's top health official Thursday about why she didn't act sooner to speed up an infectious disease investigation near Greenwood and how the slow-moving probe affected young schoolchildren. Catherine Templeton, director at the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, faces intense questioning during the hearing in Columbia, where upset senators say they want answers about tuberculosis that infected more than 50 children at Ninety Six Primary School.

Note: Republican Gov. Haley's office said it is concerned about the tuberculosis crisis in Ninety Six and has met with DHEC, but was assured no children had gotten sick after the agency became involved with the investigation.

Note: Haley's office said Sheheen is only trying to score political points. "It's a shame that a political ambulance chaser like Sen. Sheheen feels the need to show up and try and further his political agenda whenever we face a challenge in South Carolina," Haley spokesman Doug Mayer said. "But we won't let his overwhelming ambition distract us from dealing with what is a serious medical issue for our children."

Index-Journal: Committee to hear testimony on DHEC's response

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=20092>

Scott J. Bryan

The state Senate's Medical Affairs Committee will convene at 1 p.m. Thursday to hear testimony about the state Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) response to a tuberculosis outbreak in Ninety Six. The meeting is scheduled for the Gressette Building in Room 308 at the State House. The meeting is open to the public.

Note: Sheheen, who will likely face Republican Gov. Nikki Haley in fall 2014, said that isn't good enough. "I'm a pretty calm person, but to hell with protocol," Sheheen said. "There was somebody with tuberculosis in a school."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: Give clear picture of Pension fund

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130808/OPINION/308080005/Editorial-Give-clear-picture-pension-fund>

Editorial

For more than a year state Treasurer Curtis Loftis has been vocal in his questions regarding the high fees that South Carolina has been paying on its state employees' pension fund, and whether the investment strategy that generates those high fees is the most sound one for South Carolina. His are legitimate questions that have led to contentious exchanges between Loftis and the rest of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission. However, those questions have been amplified and given more credibility by a recently released study that shows South Carolina pays the highest fees compared to the rate of return among 35 states that were part of the study.

The State: Columbia officials should avoid crime scenes

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/08/2906118/bolton-columbia-officials-should.html>

Warren Bolton

No, Columbia isn't dealing with anything on the scale of the Lanier scandal, which was one of a series of contemporaneous scandals that laid the groundwork for the Legislature giving more power to governors. But people are asking whether city manager Teresa Wilson's decision to go to a scene where state NAACP President Lonnie Randolph had been arrested smacked of special treatment. It's a legitimate question to which city officials should have a serious response.

Times and Democrat: Connor another obstacle on tough road for Graham

http://thetandd.com/news/connor-another-obstacle-on-tough-road-for-graham/article_68d38652-ffa2-11e2-9a59-0019bb2963f4.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Primary opposition for senior senator. OUR OPINION: South Carolinian Republicans looking at major decision in 2014. While South Carolina U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham was in Egypt urging the colliding forces there to come together in support of democracy, yet another potential opponent for him in the GOP primary in 2014 was identified. The latest to indicate he is mulling a run against the senator that tea party supporters and the most conservative of Republicans say is not conservative enough is Orangeburg attorney, author and Afghanistan war veteran Bill Connor.

Note: In May, he told The Times and Democrat he was considering a second run because he believes Americans will elect a Republican president in 2016 who will then name Gov. Nikki Haley to a national post. He said he would want to be in that "second in command" position to succeed Haley should she move into a federal post.

The State (Guest Column): Bare bones at SC State Museum

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/08/2906113/jewler-bare-bones-at-sc-state.html>

Jerry Jewler

Our museum was voted one of the three top by Southeastern readers of Southern Living magazine, along with the High Museum in Atlanta and the Smithsonian Institution. What an honor. You may have read about the expansion now being undertaken for a new planetarium, observatory and 4D theater. That's the good news. Once those venues open, though, I fear how our dusty, malfunctioning, overworked exhibits will look beside the shiny new attractions.

Aiken Standard: Measures should be reviewed for meeting security

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130807/AIK0201/130809622/1018/AIK02/editorial-measures-should-be-reviewed-for-meeting-security>

Editorial

Monday's shooting during a town council meeting in northeastern Pennsylvania has been described as an isolated incident with the assailant having a clear motive. The accused gunman was upset about a dispute between himself and the township regarding his property, according to reports. The incident, however, has put a spotlight on security, undoubtedly leading to discussions across the country about how to ensure safety during public meetings. Aiken County officials should consider a comprehensive review of what security measures – if any – need to be implemented in light of the tragedy in Pennsylvania.

Island Packet: August means it's time to take hurricane season seriously

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/08/07/2617970/august-means-its-time-to-take.html>

Editorial

Some advice bears repeating, including this: It's hurricane season; be prepared to evacuate and be prepared to return to a storm-damaged area. More specifically, we are now heading into the potentially busiest part of the hurricane season for the Lowcountry. If you haven't been paying attention to the National Hurricane Center, its storm tracks and Africa's Cape Verde, where many major storms start, do so now.

Post and Courier: One job too many for one man

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130808/PC1002/130809500/1021/one-job-too-many-for-one-man>

Editorial

State Sen. Paul Campbell, R-Berkeley, might soon have a new job as executive director of the Charleston County Aviation Authority. But that doesn't mean he wants to leave his old one as state senator. In an interview at this newspaper last Friday, Sen. Campbell said he wants to see if he can manage both jobs over the next five months, and then make a decision.

South Carolina News:

The State: Contagious Columbia tuberculosis patient located

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/07/2905962/tuberculosis-patient-on-the-loose.html>

Sammy Fretwell

The search for a tuberculosis-infected patient who walked away from a Columbia hospital this week ended Wednesday night in North Carolina, when the man showed up at a Lumberton medical center and asked for help. A spokesman for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control said the man, who police identified as 57-year-old Louis Rainone, said his agency has recommended that the patient be placed under a "secure watch."

The State: SC challenger calls Sen. Graham a 'Nancy boy' in retweet

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/07/2906272/sc-challenger-calls-sen-graham.html>

Jamie Self

A retweet by a Republican challenger to Lindsey Graham referred to the U.S. senator as "Nancy boy graham," according to a government watchdog website. The retweet, which came from Nancy Mace's twitter account @nancymace Tuesday, was deleted 10 minutes later, according to the Sunlight Foundation's Politwoops, which tracks politicians' deleted tweets. "Nancy boy" is a derogatory term used to describe an effeminate man. Graham periodically has been the target of similar rhetoric and questions about his sexuality.

Florence Morning News: School choice option to aid students with special needs

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_a28bb67c-ffce-11e2-97d1-0019bb30f31a.html

Ellen Meder

School choice legislation has been pushed, but never passed, in the South Carolina Statehouse for more than a decade. But this summer, a very limited version passed in the form of a budget proviso. Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, individuals can make tax-exempt donations to nonprofit organizations, which in turn will dole out scholarships to special needs students for private school tuition.

The Journal: Senator earns award for championing legislation

<https://upstatetoday.com/2013/08/senator-earns-award-for-championing-legislation/>

Mikayla Kreuzberger

Sen. Thomas Alexander, R-Walhalla, received an award Wednesday on behalf of the American Heart Association for his efforts to pass the Emerson Rose Act into law. The legislation makes it possible for all

newborns in S.C. to undergo noninvasive screenings that detect congenital heart defects before being discharged from the hospital.

The State (Video): VC Summer nuclear project rolling now

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/07/2906598/vc-summer-nuclear-project-rolling.html>

Roddie Burris

The Summer reactors – along with two in Georgia – are the first new nuclear reactors under construction in U.S. in about 50 years in what was supposed to be a nuclear renaissance. That movement has cooled, however, amid tighter regulations, increasing concerns about carbon and questions over what to do with the waste those reactors will generate. Construction is moving forward, however, with the Summer reactors and those at Plant Vogtle in Georgia. In Fairfield County, two of the four cooling towers are starting to take shape, the bottom head of Unit 2's containment vessel, which will house one of the new reactors, has been fabricated and crane-lifted into place, and the rebar concrete walls of one of the turbine buildings rises above ground level even higher.

Post and Courier: Capobiancos react to shared custody offer as solicitor moves to bring Veronica 'home'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130807/PC16/130809508/1005/capobiancos-react-to-shared-custody-offer>

Andrew Knapp

For months after they lost custody of the girl they were trying to adopt, Matt and Melanie Capobianco said they tried contacting Veronica's birth father. Relatives of Veronica's birth father say they're living in constant fear someone will come and take the girl. Meanwhile, Matt and Melanie Capobianco express the frustration of being so close to seeing their adoptive daughter again. But Dusten Brown wouldn't give the James Island couple a chance to see Veronica or to hear her voice, they said. The tables were turned last month as South Carolina's courts prepared to finalize the adoption 19 months after the Capobiancos said goodbye to the toddler. Brown offered to let Veronica have a visit with the Capobiancos in the summertime and on some holidays. The rest of her time would be spent with him.

The State: Steps starting to ease Malfunction Junction jams

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/07/2905946/work-on-3-midlands-road-projects.html>

Tim Flach

State transportation officials are starting to look at easing congestion at the intersection of I-20 and I-26, known as Malfunction Junction for heavy congestion as motorists weave among lanes to avoid frequent slowdowns. Adding barriers separating vehicles headed west in I-26 from those exiting at I-20 and St. Andrews Road should lessen traffic tie-ups initially, officials said Wednesday.

The Sun News: S.C. Public Charter School District sees improvement in federal accountability grade

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/08/07/3631720/sc-public-charter-school-district.html>

Vicki Grooms

The S.C. Public Charter School District was given a C in the latest results of the Federal Accountability System, an improvement from its D rating the previous year. Charter schools operate with reduced regulation and greater freedom to try innovative ideas. Coastal Leadership Academy in Myrtle Beach will open its doors for the first time Aug. 26 under the S.C. Public Charter School District, which allows students to attend from both Horry and Georgetown counties. The school will serve students from grades nine through 12 and will be the area's first traditional charter high school.

Associated Press: SCE&G says new nuclear plants are below estimates

http://thetandd.com/news/sce-g-says-new-nuclear-plants-are-below-estimates/article_aa1e19ec-ffd9-11e2-a3ba-001a4bcf887a.html

Seanna Adcox

The construction of two new nuclear plants in Fairfield County has been delayed, but the overall cost remains below initial estimates, officials with South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. said Wednesday. SCE&G is building two new reactors at its V.C. Summer Nuclear Station, about 30 miles northwest of Columbia, where one reactor has operated for 30 years. The new reactors are jointly owned and funded with state-owned utility Santee Cooper. Members of the media were allowed on-site Wednesday for an update and tour, 17 months after federal regulators approved licenses to build and operate them.

Post and Courier: Charleston School of Law-College of Charleston merger talk rises in volume

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130807/PC16/130809561/1005/charleston-school-of-law-and-college-of-charleston-merger-in-the-works>

Diane Knich

A move is underway to push for the merger of the private Charleston School of Law with the public College of Charleston, instead of allowing it to be sold to InfiLaw System, which owns three other for-profit law schools. The College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina are exploring a merger of the two schools, and legislators are gearing up to possibly file a bill to form "The University of Charleston." State Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, a Murrells Inlet Republican and School of Law graduate, said key college and state leaders are on board with the plan. Goldfinch is married to Renee Goldfinch, a new member of the College of Charleston's Board of Trustees.

Associated Press: Attorneys back in court in SC Episcopal schism

Bruce Smith

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/08/08/5096171/attorneys-back-in-court-in-sc.html>

Issues arising from the Episcopal schism in eastern South Carolina are going back before a federal judge. U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck holds a hearing in Charleston on Thursday on a motion filed by a churches remaining with the national church. It asks that only those churches be allowed to use the name and symbols of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

Post and Courier: 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

Plans for a \$534 million upgrade of Interstate 526 came into sharper focus on Wednesday as a top state engineer explained the project to the people who must approve it. The I-526 work includes six-laning the 19-mile length of the four-lane highway, improving traffic flow at its congested intersection with Interstate 26 and bridge rehabilitation work, said Ron Patton, state Department of Transportation chief engineer for location and design.

Post and Courier: SLED breath test records restored after power outage

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130807/PC16/130809513/1005/sled-breath-test-records-restored-after-power-outage>

The state's electronic records of breath tests that police administer after traffic stops are back on line after a power outage took them out of service last month. The Implied Consent test records and videos became inaccessible after a power outage in July, according to an announcement from the State Law Enforcement Division Wednesday. No files were lost, and data through Monday was restored, according to SLED.

Local News:

Aiken Standard: National event connects cops to community

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130808/AIK0101/130809588/1007/AIK0101/national-event-connects-cops-to-community>

Maayan Schechter and Teddy Kulmala

Neither rain nor crime can keep residents of Aiken-area communities from enjoying a night out, which is what they did during Tuesday's celebrations of National Night Out. Clearwater Village Apartments held its fourth event on Tuesday, with gray skies sprinkling showers to cool off the festivities. Hot dogs and hamburgers were provided, while the event's first deejay kept the beat going. Kids got balloon animals made or took a dive into the bouncy house while their parents spoke with deputies from the Aiken County Sheriff's Office about crime and security.

Island Packet: Beaufort County Council kills \$125K supplemental allocation for Solicitor Stone's office

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/08/07/2617357/beaufort-county-to-conduct-post.html>

Casey Conley

A Beaufort County Council committee voted Wednesday to scrap an extra \$125,000 allocation for the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office, an increase that a majority on council previously supported. The Finance Committee's 3-2 vote to eliminate those funds comes two weeks after Solicitor Duffie Stone made surprise cuts to his Beaufort County office and attributed them to "budgetary restraints." Stone, who was not at the meeting, said in a phone interview that he never asked for the \$125,000 allocation. He said the council's

decision won't result in additional cuts.

Aiken Standard: Wagener gets \$495,000 grant for water lines

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130808/AIK0101/130809598/1007/AIK0101/wagener-gets-495000-grant-for-water-lines>

Amy Banton

The Town of Wagener recently received a grant that will help it make some improvements to its water system. Wagener was one of 24 communities to receive a chunk of \$9.9 million in Community Development Block Grants distributed by the S.C. Department of Commerce, according to a press release. The town was awarded \$495,000.

Anderson Independent: Rain could delay opening of East-West Connector

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/aug/07/rain-could-delay-opening-of-east-west-connector/?partner=popular>

Nikie Mayo

The opening of Anderson's East-West Connector could be delayed again because of heavy rains that have plagued the Upstate in recent weeks, the project manager said Wednesday. The three-mile road that connects S.C. 81 with Clemson Boulevard was supposed to be finished by this month, and crews are putting down final layers of asphalt in some areas. But they are dodging raindrops as they do it.

Aiken Standard: Compass investors: School plan still viable

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130808/AIK0101/130809587/1007/AIK0101/compass-investors-school-plan-still-viable>

Rob Novit

A few months after Compass Academy's direction went south amid allegations of financial abuse from the founder, a retired couple that invested in the failed project hope they and other investors can complete construction on the existing site and open an entirely separate private school in the fall of 2014.

Times and Democrat: Bamberg 1 to help students find 'The Leader in Me'

http://thetandd.com/backtoschool/bamberg-to-help-students-find-the-leader-in-me/article_3cee07dc-ffdf-11e2-900a-001a4bcf887a.html

Dale Linder-Altman

Students at Bamberg School District 1's Richard Carroll Elementary School will be learning to take charge of their academic and personal success beginning this fall. Under "The Leader in Me" initiative, teachers will be facilitators who show students how to set goals and assess their success in meeting those goals, guidance counselor Ann Boykin said. "Our new philosophy is that within each child are gifts to be unleashed," she said. "We assume that every child is important and ... true leadership qualities are to be found in each of them."

National News:

Associated Press: Obama calls off Putin summit amid Snowden tensions

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130808/PC1601/130809498/1005/obama-calls-off-putin-summit-a-rare-rebuke>

Julie Pace

In a rare diplomatic rebuke, President Barack Obama called off an upcoming Moscow summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday, sending a stern message of disapproval over Russia's harboring of National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden. Although U.S. frustration with Moscow has been growing over other key issues, it was Russia's decision to grant Snowden asylum in defiance of Obama's repeated requests that dealt the latest blow to uneasy U.S. relations with a former Cold War foe.

McClatchy Washington Bureau: Security concerns jeopardize October opening of health insurance marketplaces

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/07/2906339/october-opening-of-insurance-marketplaces.html>

Tony Pugh

The opening of the health insurance marketplaces in October – key to Obamacare – is in jeopardy because of looming questions about information security. The problem stems from tight deadlines that must be met to ensure the security of data moving through an information system that supports the marketplaces,

sometimes referred to as exchanges, according to a new government watchdog report.

Associated Press: US consumer borrowing rose \$13.8 billion in June

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/08/07/2617675/us-consumer-borrowing-rose-138.html>

Martin Crutsinger

Americans borrowed more in June to buy cars and attend schools. But they were frugal again with their credit cards, as many remain wary of taking on high-interest debt. Consumers increased their borrowing \$13.8 billion in June from May to a seasonally adjusted \$2.85 trillion, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in its monthly report on consumer credit. That's the highest level ever. The category that includes credit card debt dropped \$2.7 billion in June and remains 16.5 percent below its July 2008 peak.

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