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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Post: Democrats have their eye on Nikki Haley, but unseating her won't be easy
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/08/13/democrats-have-their-eye-on-nikki-haley-but-unseating-her-wont-be-easy/>

Sean Sullivan

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) will kick off her reelection campaign later this month with the help of some of the biggest names in the Republican Party. To hear Democrats tell it, she's going to need it. Republicans, meanwhile, aren't outwardly concerned about her chances. "I'm confident she will win a by a bigger margin than 2010," predicted Jon Lerner, a top Haley strategist. So, who's right? The state of play appears to be somewhere in between.

Times of India: Anna Hazare to ring bell at Nasdaq, to lead Independence Day parade in New York
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Anna-Hazare-to-ring-bell-at-NASDAQ-to-lead-Independence-Day-parade-in-New-York/articleshow/21800738.cms>

Indian-Americans here are preparing to throw a red-carpet welcome to anti-corruption crusader Anna Hazare, during his two-week visit to the US, a kind of welcome, which has not been seen for a non-politician from India in recent times.

Note: During his stay in the US, Hazare is scheduled to crisscross the country after leading India's Independence Day parade in New York to be attended by thousands of people, ring the bell at NASDAQ and have dinner with the South Carolina Governor Indian American Nikki Haley.

The State: Lee Bright announces candidacy for U.S. Senate
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/13/2916971/lee-bright-announces-candidacy.html#storylink=cpy>
Adam Beam

State Sen. Lee Bright announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, calling incumbent Sen. Lindsey Graham "a community organizer for the Muslim Brotherhood."

Note: Bright has had an on-again off-again political relationship with Republican Gov. Nikki Haley. In 2012, Bright was one of two Senators who voted to sustain Haley's veto of \$453,680 for South Carolina's 15 rape crisis centers, arguing the state should not pick and choose which nonprofits receive state funding. Haley then campaigned for Bright during the Republican primary, helping him defeat former state senator John Hawkins.

Note: But this year, Haley criticized Bright publicly on a conservative upstate radio show, saying Bright was "with the Democrats" on trying to block ethics reform. Haley plans to formally announce her campaign for reelection on Aug. 26 in Greenville.

Post and Courier: Oklahoma governor receives warrant for Dusten Brown from South Carolina, plans to issue statement today in Veronica case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130813/PC16/130819760/1005/oklahoma-governor-receives-warrant-for-dusten-brown-from-south-carolina-plans-to-issue-statement-today-in-veronica-case>
Glenn Smith

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin's office has received Gov. Nikki Haley's signed warrant seeking the extradition of Veronica's birth father, Dusten Brown, to face a charge stemming from his failure to turn over his daughter to her adoptive parents in South Carolina. Fallin's office today confirmed receipt of the warrant and indicated it "expects to release a statement later today." Fallin has up to 90 days to review the request to make sure it "meets the legal threshold for extradition," her office has said.

Associated Press: SC requests OK extradite Cherokee girl's father
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pvWXFxa2

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin's office says it has received a request from South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to extradite the father of a Cherokee Indian girl at the center of an adoption dispute. Dusten Brown was charged over the weekend with custodial interference after failing to appear at a court-ordered meeting in South Carolina, where the adoptive parents live. He turned himself in to authorities in Oklahoma on Monday and was released after posting bond. He refused to be extradited without a governor's warrant.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Bright kicks off GOP challenge to US Sen. Graham

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/aug/13/bright-kicks-gop-challenge-us-sen-graham/>

Meg Kinnard

State Sen. Lee Bright says he is mounting a Republican primary challenge against U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham next year because South Carolina needs more conservative representation. The Roebuck lawmaker said Tuesday that Graham is too friendly with Democrats. Bright also said Graham spends too much time on international affairs and should be focused more on domestic issues like border security. Graham and Sen. John McCain traveled to Egypt last week to warn that the country may be in for prolonged violence without a dialogue between the military and the Muslim Brotherhood.

Spartanburg Herald-Journal: Bright launches campaign for US Senate

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130813/ARTICLES/130819895/1083/ARTICLES?p=1&tc=pg>

Felicia Kitzmiller

State Sen. Lee Bright officially announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate during a teleconference Tuesday. Bright has been vocal about considering a run against two-term incumbent Sen. Lindsey Graham for months. During the conference, Bright touted his voting record during five years in the state senate — a voting history he stated has been commended by conservative leadership and organizations. As a U.S. senator, Bright said he would continue to campaign for an individual's rights to own firearms and an anti-abortion agenda. Bright said he would fight against high taxes and a powerful IRS.

Post and Courier: Another challenger announces versus Lindsey Graham

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130813/PC16/130819766/1006/>

Schuyler Kropf

State Sen. Lee Bright of Spartanburg today formalized his announcement that he will challenge U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham in next year's GOP primary. Bright is among three Republican candidates with eyes on unseating South Carolina's senior senator when he seeks re-election next year. Bright's announcement came during a tele-conference with Republican leaders, including liberty and Tea Party activists from across South Carolina.

Associated Press: BMW: Dismiss discrimination complaint by US EEOC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IxCPsy49

MW is asking a federal judge to dismiss an employment discrimination complaint filed against it by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. BMW Manufacturing Co. said in its response to a commission lawsuit filed in June that the automaker did not engage in illegal employment practices on the basis of race at its Greer plant. In its complaint, the commission said BMW had violated former employees' civil rights by using criminal background checks that had a disproportionate effect on black employees and applicants. The agency said the screenings discriminate against African-Americans, who have higher arrest and conviction rates than whites.

The State: Insurance exchange advice will be easy to find

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/12/2916192/federal-official-insurance-exchange.html#storylink=cpy>

Joey Holleman

When the time comes for South Carolinians to sign up for new health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, they will have nearly as many options for advice as they will have for insurance. The consumer education effort is beginning to pick up speed as the Oct. 1 opening of the insurance exchanges nears. Anton Gunn, director of external affairs for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, spoke with a group of health care leaders at the S.C. Hospital Association headquarters Monday, and the get-the-word-out effort dominated the discussion.

Post and Courier: Citadel lands \$1.2 million grant to offer scholarships to students who want teach high school science and math

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130813/PC16/130819753/1177/citadel-lands-12-million-grant-to-offer-scholarships-to-students-who-want-teach-high-school-science-and-math>

Diane Knich

The Citadel has landed a \$1.2 million scholarship grant from the National Science Foundation for students interesting in teaching high school biology, chemistry and math. It's the largest grant of its kind the school ever has received. Lok Lew Yan Voon, dean of The Citadel's School of Science and Mathematics, said the military college had previously applied for the grant three times, refining its application each time. "I guess this time it clicked," he said. Citadel spokeswoman Jennifer Wallace said, this is the largest federal scholarship grant the college ever has received. "The Citadel is committed to fostering science, technology, engineering and mathematical disciplines, and this grant will help us to do just that."

The Patch: Voters Head to Polls in Senate District 42 Primary

<http://charleston.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/voters-head-to-polls-in-senate-district-42-primary>
Shawn Drury

Voters will head to the polls on Tuesday to select Democratic and Republican nominees for Senate District 42, the seat previously held by Robert Ford. Ford resigned in the spring amid an ethics investigation. Democrats must choose from among six candidates: Emmanuel Ferguson, Herbert Fielding, Marlon Kimpson, Margaret Rush, Bob Thompson and Maurice Washington. The candidates met last week in a feisty debate on the campus of Trident Tech.

Post and Courier: Voting is light so far in Democratic Senate District 42 primary

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130813/PC16/130819777/1006/voting-is-light-so-far-in-democratic-senate-district-42-primary>

Robert Behre

The polls are open and early voting appears light in today's six-way Democratic primary race to fill the state Senate seat formerly held by Robert Ford. Joe Debney, director of the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration, said he has heard of no problems since the polls opened at 7 a.m. "I didn't hear of any lines except for three or four people deep," he said. "Dorchester (County), from what I understand, has only had one voter so far." District 42 has one precinct — Patriot — in Dorchester County. The rest are in West Ashley, downtown Charleston and North Charleston.

Anderson Independent: Encephalitis cases rising in S.C.

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/aug/13/encephalitis-cases-rising-sc/>

Eastern equine encephalitis cases are rising in South Carolina. The mosquito-borne disease, which can cause twitching, paralysis, depression and death, has turned up in 25 horses across the state so far this year, according to Dr. Boyd Parr, state veterinarian and director of Clemson University Livestock Poultry Health. Seven new cases have been reported in the last week. "These diagnoses are a vivid reminder of the threat that mosquito-borne diseases represent to horses in our state," Parr said. "Maintaining protection by vaccinating horses is very important this year."

Local News:

The State: SLED raid now seizing 700-plus video poker machines in Swansea

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/13/2916821/sled-raid-now-seizing-700-plus.html#storylink=cpy>

Noelle Phillips

SLED agents and undercover operatives Tuesday morning began seizing more than 700 illegal video poker machines at a storage warehouse near Swansea, SLED officials said. Search warrants were executed on the facility, officers said. "This is a raid that is being executed in connection with an ongoing SLED investigation," SLED spokesman Thom Berry said.

The State: Brookland-Cayce High School begins new stadium construction <http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/13/2916943/brookland-cayce-high-school-begins.html#storylink=cpy>

Anne-Kathryn Flanagan

Lexington School District Two and Brookland – Cayce High School will host a ground breaking ceremony Aug. 23 at 2:30 p.m. at the school to kick off construction of the school's new athletic stadium. Upon completion, the stadium will served as home field for football, soccer, the marching band and the home football field for Busbee Creative Arts Academy and Northside.

Index-Journal: McCormick County school board OKs upgraded promotion, retention policy

Michelle Laxer

The upgraded promotion and retention policy for students, nearly a year in the making, passed its second and final reading during a McCormick County school district board of trustees meeting Monday night. Board members unanimously approved the promotion and retention standards, officially known as policy IKE. Directors of elementary and secondary education, Mary Greene Thomasson and Kelly Coxe, walked board members through the policy and its changes during a work session last week.

National News:

Associated Press: Appeals court: Obama violating law on nuke site

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=PODWAXeh

Matthew Daly

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been violating federal law by delaying a decision on a proposed nuclear waste dump in Nevada, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday. By a 2-1 vote, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ordered the commission to complete the licensing process and approve or reject the Energy Department's application for a waste site at Nevada's Yucca Mountain.

Associated Press: Tuition isn't only bill college students see

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bblAR6Lh

Philip Elliott

Despite all the grumbling about tuition increases and student loan costs, other college expenses also are going up. The price of housing and food trumps tuition costs for students who attend two- and four-year public universities in their home states, according to a College Board survey. Even with the lower interest rates on student loans that President Barack Obama signed into law, students are eyeing bills that are growing on just about every line.

Huffington Post: North Carolina Voter ID Bill Signed Into Law By Gov. Pat McCrory, Sparking Lawsuits

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/12/north-carolina-voter-id_n_3745253.html?](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/12/north-carolina-voter-id_n_3745253.html?ir=Politics&utm_campaign=081313&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Alert-politics&utm_content=Title)

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Luke Johnson

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory (R) signed a bill Monday requiring photo identification at the polls and eliminating a slew of voting measures designed to protect against voter disenfranchisement. The governor, eschewing a more traditional signing ceremony, announced by way of a YouTube video that he had signed House Bill 589. The bill will require voters to show photo identification -- a driver's license, passport, veteran's ID, tribal card -- beginning in the 2016 elections. Student IDs are not an acceptable form of identification.

Associated Press: Carolina conservatives want more opposition in DC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eEhJ6Qhj

Bill Barrow

Republican Patrick McHenry's loudest constituents have no desire to see conciliation on gridlocked Capitol Hill, unless it comes from President Barack Obama and his fellow Democrats. As the congressman holds public question-and-answer sessions with constituents during Congress' summer break, conservatives and GOP loyalists who enjoy significant influence in his western North Carolina district are demanding that he and his House colleagues defund "Obamacare," refuse to raise the nation's debt limit and generally intensify opposition to the White House and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

Associated Press: Government, states challenge proposed airline merger

[http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130813/WIRE/130819897/1171/WIRE?Title=Government-states-](http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130813/WIRE/130819897/1171/WIRE?Title=Government-states-challenge-proposed-airline-merger-)
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Pete Yost

The Justice Department and a number of state attorneys general on Tuesday challenged a proposed \$11 billion merger between US Airways Group Inc. and American Airlines' parent company, AMR Corp. The Justice Department says the deal would result in the creation of the world's largest airline and that a combination of the two companies would reduce competition for commercial air travel in local markets and would result in passengers paying higher fares and receiving less service.

Associated Press: Average credit card debt per borrower dips in 2Q

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/08/13/5108803/average-credit-card-debt-per-borrower.html#storylink=cpy>
Alex Veiga

Americans remain stingy about carrying credit card balances and are making more of an effort to make timely payments, trends that have helped whittle the rate of late payments on credit cards down to the lowest level in nearly 20 years. The rate of credit card payments at least 90 days overdue fell in the second quarter to 0.57 percent. That's the lowest level since 1994, credit reporting agency TransUnion said Tuesday. The April-June card delinquency rate declined from 0.63 percent in the same period last year, and also was down from 0.69 percent in the first three months of the year.

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