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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: South Carolina Gov. Haley hosts annual emergency exercise

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SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is meeting with the state's top emergency management officials as they prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. Friday's "tabletop exercise" discussions begin at 10 a.m. at the South Carolina Hospital Association Conference Center at 1000 Center Point Road in Columbia. The exercise focuses on evacuations and shelter issues prior to a storm or hurricane, as well as issues that arise following a storm. Discussions are to include lessons learned from the unprecedented flooding that hit the state in October.

WLTX: SC Leaders Prepare for Hurricane Season

<http://www.wltx.com/mb/news/sc-leaders-prepare-for-hurricane-season/189079234>

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Sun News: Fans of Coastal Carolina launch petition to the governor regarding stadium project

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article77269167.html>

Ryan Young

While Coastal Carolina University leaders are working to craft a funding plan for the school's football stadium expansion project that will satisfy the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE), the Chanticleers' fan base is trying to do its part as well. Frustrated that the CHE continues to withhold phase two state approval for the project, most recently denying it with a 9-4 vote last week in Columbia, the website CoastalFans.com has launched a petition to Gov. Nikki Haley that had already garnered more than 1,300 signatures as of Thursday evening.

Note: "We, the undersigned, express our support of Coastal Carolina University's request for expansion of Brooks Stadium and ask that Governor Nikki Haley intercede on behalf of the University," the petition states.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: No word on Farm bill veto

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160513/PC1603/160519749>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley's first veto of 2016 has yet to materialize, two days after the farm bill was ratified. By this time last year, Haley had already issued her first veto on a sales tax bill for Clarendon County. That veto stood and was not overridden by the General Assembly. But that's not what's expected to happen with the farm bill; lawmakers are aiming to vote down Haley's veto when both chambers return next week. Haley has five days — excluding Sundays — to sign the bill, veto it or let it become law without her signature. Haley has vowed to veto the bill, stressing farmers would receive a "bailout" and special treatment if it becomes law.

General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Expanding gun background checks to get hearing this summer

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kMpnuHw1

Seanna Adcox

The Senate's judiciary chairman pledged Thursday to hold a hearing this summer on legislation extending the allowed time for background checks on gun sales, though he expects them to go no further. Sen. Larry Martin made the promise while persuading senators to advance a bill on concealed weapon permits. It came after Sen. Marlon Kimpson, D-Charleston, reiterated his pledge to block any pro-gun bill "until we have a hearing."

The State: GOP leader promises hearing on gun-control bill

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article77205607.html>

Cassie Cope

A proposal to tighten background checks before S.C. gun purchases will get a hearing this summer, the powerful head of a state Senate committee promised Thursday. That announcement came after state Sen. Marlon Kimpson, D-Charleston, blamed Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Larry Martin, R-Pickens, for blocking his gun proposals. In response, Kimpson threatened to block a proposal that would allow Georgians with concealed weapon permits to carry their weapons in South Carolina. However, after Martin's promise, senators agreed Thursday to debate the Georgia proposal.

Post and Courier: Statehouse gun reform rally ends shortly before senator decides to hold background check bill hearing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160512/PC1603/160519795>

Gavin Jackson and Maya T. Prabhu

As the granddaughter of a man gunned down last year at Emanuel AME Church stood on the Statehouse steps pleading for gun reform, a Senate committee chairman inside pledged to hold a hearing for a bill that could extend the waiting period when purchasing firearms. Pickens Republican Sen. Larry Martin, who chairs the Judiciary Committee, agreed to take public testimony this summer on proposed bills that could extend the time allowed for running a background check when purchasing a handgun from three days to up to 28.

Greenville News: Hearing promised on bill to expand gun background checks

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/05/12/hearing-promised-bill-expand-gun-background-checks/84285122/>

Tim Smith

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Larry Martin of Pickens promised Thursday there will be a hearing this summer on legislation to expand background checks used to purchase guns. His announcement came as those supporting gun reforms expressed frustration at the lack of any hearings this year on gun reform bills while lawmakers have repeatedly passed gun rights bills.

LGBT Laws:

Associated Press: US gives directive to schools on transgender bathroom access

<http://bigstory.ap.org/591d51141ae5466a9c3084175f17b2de>

Eric Tucker

Public schools must permit transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity, according to an Obama administration directive issued amid a court fight between the federal government and North Carolina. The guidance from leaders at the departments of Education and Justice says public schools are obligated to treat transgender students in a way that matches their gender identity, even if their education records or identity documents indicate a different sex.

Associated Press: 'Folks back home' have varying views on N. Carolina LGBT law

<http://bigstory.ap.org/84523f6f757049fda8893232725862a8>

Jonathan Drew and Tom Foreman Jr.

In defending a law limiting protections for LGBT people, North Carolina's powerful Republican Senate leader recently said that "folks back home" couldn't understand the outcry that's included loud demonstrations, and dozens of arrests, over the law. Both Sen. Phil Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore come from conservative districts where recent interviews with residents indicate they are both getting high marks for their leadership, if not for every provision of the wide-ranging law.

Associated Press: Kansas to toughen rules on transgender birth certificates

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f5fed77b9c3d43439c08f78bc41a5865>

John Hanna

Kansas is pursuing regulations that would give it one of the nation's toughest policies against allowing transgender people to update their birth certificates, prompting anger from advocates and threats of a lawsuit. State health department officials contend an existing agency regulation allowing amended birth certificates conflicts with state law and needs to be eliminated. The agency has been pursuing changes for months and could impose them within six weeks. The department's revised rules would allow a change only if a person or his or her parents could document that the gender was incorrectly recorded at the time of birth.

Savannah River Site News:

Aiken Standard: Savannah River Remediation celebrates 20 years with tank closure and canister burial

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160512/AIK0101/160519779>

Thomas Gardiner

Savannah River Remediation celebrated twin milestones Thursday as 20 years of operation coincided with the disposition of container No. 4,000. The mission of the Savannah River Site is to safely and efficiently operate the site and to protect the public health and the environment while transforming the site for future use, according to Tom Foster, president of Savannah River Remediation. "If you look at the work that this liquid waste team has done over the decades, it is exactly that, and I couldn't be more proud to be associated with you," he said.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Rep. Mark Sanford: Military recruits should have final say in sneaker selection

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160512/PC1603/160519780>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford has a new target in his campaign for free markets and individual liberty: Sneakers. The South Carolina Republican is fighting bipartisan efforts to compel the Department of Defense to buy all of its athletic footwear from New Balance. Proponents of instituting the new policy say it would allow the Pentagon to comply with a longtime law requiring it to purchase American-made apparel for recruits. Sneakers have been exempt from this mandate because it's been so difficult to find a U.S. company to produce an appropriate product, but New England-based New Balance has stepped up to the plate.

SC Elections:

Greenville News: State Senate candidates line up to fight Bright

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/05/12/state-senate-candidates-line-up-fight-bright/83987480/>

Michael Burns

Three challengers for the state Senate seat covering District 12 worked to differentiate themselves during a candidates' forum Thursday night in Greer, but the starkest lines they drew highlighted opposition to incumbent Lee Bright, who's become one of the most well-known and controversial politicians holding office in South Carolina. Lisa Scott, the mayor of Duncan, David McCraw, a Boiling Springs native and restaurant owner, and Scott Talley, a Spartanburg attorney and former member of the state House, agreed on a number of positions.

Post and Courier: Republicans debate for Mount Pleasant seat in State House

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160512/PC1603/160519762>

Schuyler Kropf

The five Republicans who want to represent this fast-expanding town in the S.C. House of Representatives appeared at a forum Thursday where they pitched their views on everything from whether to raise the state's gas tax to protecting the Port of Charleston. One of the several points of agreements was that all said they were not inclined to support legislation that would limit or erase the number of billboards along the highways.

SC Agency News:

WSPA: SC prison officers say they aren't safe on the job

<http://wspsa.com/2016/05/12/sc-prison-officers-say-they-arent-safe-on-the-job/>

Gordon Dill

Current and former correctional officers at some of South Carolina's maximum security prisons said the job is no longer safe. Dwindling numbers of officers, combined with a more dangerous population of inmates have left some officers demanding help while Department of Corrections officials struggle to fill vacant jobs and provide support to the officers on the job. At Perry Correctional, 96 men and women guard nearly 900 prisoners, including some of the state's most dangerous inmates. More than a dozen current and former officers contacted 7News to talk about current conditions inside the prison. Leon Simmons spent 18 years working in state prisons, the last four at Perry, before retiring in March of this year. "It's not safe," Simmons said.

Note: "The state is no longer locking up as many people that we're mad at. We're locking up people that we're afraid of," said SC Department of Corrections Director Bryan Stirling.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Dear Gov Haley: Farming is unlike any other industry

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article77243492.html>

Opinion

Gov. Nikki Haley says she can't support our farmers in the aftermath of the October floods because she wants to treat every industry fairly. Well, let me tell you: Farmers aren't a typical industry. Our very existence depends on our farmers' ability to keep pace with the demand for food. There is only a seven-day food supply in major U.S. cities, so we can't afford a disruption in the food chain. We have been blessed in the United States. We have never known famine, and that is because farmers have always been able to out-produce demand, even through flood and drought.

Post and Courier: Citadel uniform rules wear well

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160513/PC1002/160519759>

Editorial

The Citadel has an admirable record of respecting and accommodating religious diversity in its Corps of Cadets. But that doesn't mean the school should alter its traditional policy on requiring uniformity in cadet uniforms. The Citadel has drawn widespread criticism since announcing Tuesday that it has rejected an accepted student's request, which she based on her Muslim faith, to wear a hijab (head scarf) with her cadet uniform. The applicant now says she will give up the opportunity to enroll in the school in August because of its decision to deny her that exception to the uniform rules. A spokesman for the family of the applicant, who was not named, described them as "heartbroken."

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Dylann Roof attorneys oppose 'windfall of information' for prosecution

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160512/PC16/160519782>

Andrew Knapp

Dylann Roof's defense team has opposed handing over what it called a "windfall of information" that would

help state prosecutors in the death penalty case. The 22-year-old is charged with 13 counts, including nine of murder, in the June 17 mass shooting at Emanuel AME Church in downtown Charleston. Prosecutors will seek his execution if he's convicted. His attorneys filed paperwork Wednesday in response to 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson's request for a summary of expected testimony by defense experts, a list of all witnesses and an independent mental health evaluation of Roof.

WSPA: Upstate churches tighten safety policies to match changing times

<http://wspa.com/2016/05/12/upstate-churches-tighten-safety-policies-to-match-changing-times/>

Addie Hampton

Local churches are walking a fine line between being welcoming to all and being selective with volunteers, especially when it comes to those working with your children. This week, a former "Newspring Church" volunteer was charged with fondling a 10-year-old boy. The church said it wasn't on campus grounds and they followed all precautions, including performing a background check. At Springwell Church in Taylors, Operations Pastor, David Pearson, believes changing times can challenge worship.

Associated Press: Literacy foundation named in honor of church shooting victim

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Z7be7b0N

SC State Wire

A literacy foundation has been formed in honor of one of the victims of the Charleston church shootings who worked as a librarian more than 30 years. Local media outlets report the Cynthia Graham Hurd Foundation for Reading & Civic Engagement will work to encourage reading, especially among children from low-income families. Hurd was a longtime employee of the Charleston County Public Library System and was one of the nine victims of the Emanuel AME Church shootings last June.

Associated Press: As church shooting anniversary looms, mural honors victims

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4IUg018j

Bruce Smith

As the anniversary of the shootings at Charleston's Mother Emanuel AME approaches, a mural by noted artist Tripp Barnes honoring the shooting victims is being unveiled a few blocks from the church. Barnes is a South Carolina native who has created celebrity portraits for Susan Sarandon, Matthew McConaughey and New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees among others. He donated his time over two weeks to create the Charleston mural.

Aiken Standard: Final flight: Honor flight program takes last trip to D.C. from South Carolina

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160512/AIK0101/160519778>

Bill Bengston

"Traffic" was thick, colorful, friendly and noisy at Columbia Metropolitan Airport on Wednesday evening, with dozens of veterans returning after a whirlwind tour of monuments and memorials in Washington, D.C., in South Carolina's final Honor Flight. A band from Fort Jackson set the event to music, providing a soundtrack for veterans and their friends, family members and other well-wishers from around the state. Red, white and blue dominated the scene, with most of the returning vets clad in bright blue jackets. The welcoming committee was composed of several generations, from Boy Scouts and Junior ROTC participants to members of Patriot Guard Riders and Knights of Columbus, with American flags and handmade signs visible from wall to wall.

Associated Press: Military support group USO opens center on Fort Jackson

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JA9uvNuC

SC State Wire

The military support group USO South Carolina is opening a new site to assist military recruits at the Army's Fort Jackson. The site is opening Friday at 10 a.m. at the Military Entrance Processing Station, where the Army's largest training installation welcomes around 9,000 recruits annually. The United Service Organizations are nonprofit groups that work to support members of the military and their families.

Local News:

The State: 'Hockey mask bandit' sentenced to 46 years in prison

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article77320252.html#storylink=apmobile>

Rachael Myers Lowe

While stationed at Fort Jackson, Cedric Gaines moonlighted as a one-man crime spree of armed robberies, kidnappings, assaults and attempted armed robberies. The 37-year-old former soldier pleaded guilty in county court Thursday to 43 crimes committed in the Midlands between November 1 and December 22, 2014 including 13 armed robberies, 18 kidnappings, 2 attempted armed robberies as well as a numerous weapons charges. At the time of his crime spree through Richland, Lexington, and Sumter counties, Gaines was known as the 'hockey mask bandit.'

Associated Press: New charges for assistant principal accused of student sex

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=SbA2wYvP

SC State Wire

An assistant Rock Hill high school principal accused of having sex with a student is facing new charges. Police said 30-year-old Andrew Williams turned himself in Thursday on one count of sexual exploitation of a minor and five counts of disseminating obscene material to a minor. Warrants say Williams sent explicit videos and photos of himself to a 16-year-old student on SnapChat and asked that she send photos of herself.

Post and Courier: Former Lowcountry police officer gets five years in prison after seeking sex with children

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160512/PC16/160519778>

Dave Munday

A former Lowcountry police officer was sentenced to five years in federal prison Wednesday for after trying to line up sex with children. According to District Judge Richard Gergel's sentencing order, Ernest Christopher Limehouse of Summerville was a North Charleston police officer when he posted ads seeking "taboo fun" and "pics of any kids or hot siblings." The FBI noticed the ads and had an undercover agent make contact.

Post and Courier: Solicitor Scarlett Wilson has 'huge problem' with being called racist, she testifies

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160512/PC16/160519786>

Andrew Knapp

Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson took the witness stand Thursday and fought off allegations that she has purposefully removed potential jurors from trials because they were black. Her testimony came in a post-conviction relief hearing for William O. Dickerson Jr., who was sentenced to death in a James Island man's 2006 torture and slaying. It marked the first time that Wilson has been compelled to take the stand in such a proceeding, though officials said the move is not a rare one for prosecutors. Her testimony also came while Wilson is staged to prosecute two high-profile murder cases with racial undertones: former police officer Michael Slager in the shooting of Walter Scott and avowed white supremacist Dylann Roof in the slayings of nine parishioners at Emanuel AME Church.

Associated Press: Charleston prosecutor has "huge problem" being called racist

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=U6TTJDez

SC State Wire

The prosecutor in two upcoming high-profile South Carolina murder cases says she has a "huge problem" with being called a racist and says it's immoral to select jurors based on race. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/1sjGW2G>) that Charleston-area prosecutor Scarlett Wilson testified Thursday in a hearing for William Dickerson Jr., a black man convicted in a 2006 slaying. Dickerson's attorneys said Wilson is seven times more likely to remove blacks from a jury than whites. Wilson testified the analysis looked only at race and not other factors.

Sun News: Solicitor says any investigation of Horry County police goes to AG

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article77299857.html>

Audrey Hudson

Solicitor Jimmy Richardson has recused himself from investigating and prosecuting any findings of criminal wrongdoing by Horry County Police Officers, citing a potential conflict of interest with his office. Richardson said Thursday that if the ongoing investigation by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) of police officers reveals criminal misconduct, he will forward those findings straight to the state attorney general for action.

The State: Prosecutor offers to reduce price of ankle monitors for low-income jail inmates

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article77189332.html>

John Monk

A top local prosecutor said Thursday that his office is ready to make some changes to cut or eliminate prices for a controversial ankle-monitoring program for some accused criminals. At the end of a six-hour hearing, 5th Circuit prosecutor Dan Goldberg told Judge Clifton Newman his office would be receptive to a GPS monitoring system in which poor defendants would pay reduced fees, or no fees at all to get out of jail until their trials.

WACH: Sistercare honors woman for fight against domestic violence

<http://wach.com/news/local/sistercare-honors-woman-for-fight-against-domestic-violence>

Leah Holloway

Thursday, the Sistercare organization recognized a woman who has overcome significant challenge. Lucinda Mosely was given the second ever woman of the year award. The women who have been given the honor have overcome domestic violence, experienced significant growth, and benefited greatly from Sistercare services. "There's all kinds of help from Sister's Care, the solicitor's office, or local sheriff's department", said Woman of the Year Lucinda Mosely. "No matter what county you're in there is help you can get."

Associated Press: Company that sponsored fatal dive doesn't have licenses

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

SC State Wire

The charter company that sponsored the diving expedition in Beaufort that claimed the life of a Tennessee man does not have a current business license in the county. The Island Packet reports (<http://bit.ly/1Ypt0hl>) that Jason Owen, owner of Sea Island Divers, took four men on a diving expedition Saturday in search of shark teeth in the Broad River. During the dive, 57-year-old Brian Owens died in what an autopsy showed was an accidental drowning.

Island Packet: Charter company that sponsored fatal dive doesn't have business licenses

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article77259652.html>

Wade Livingston

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Herald-Journal: Michelin planning distribution center in Spartanburg County

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160512/articles/160519868>

Chris Lavender and Bob Montgomery

Michelin and a California-based development firm are seeking tax breaks from Spartanburg County to build a distribution center. County officials have been discussing tax incentives with Michelin and Panattoni Development Company of Newport Beach, Calif., for the center, dubbed "Project Magellan," according to Spartanburg County Council documents. The project is expected to create "a substantial number" of new jobs over the next five years. County council approved the first reading of the agreement, and a second reading is scheduled for Monday.

Times and Democrat: Calhoun industry investing \$6 million

http://thetandd.com/news/local/calhoun-industry-investing-million/article_3e10d7bf-0ee5-5f79-88ce-60469f56b673.html

Gene Zaleski

Southeast Frozen Foods' leaders celebrated the expansion of the company's Calhoun County operations Thursday with an ice-breaking ceremony. The food distributor and cold storage provider is undertaking a \$6 million, 35,000-square-foot expansion at its facility near Gaston. Its investment is expected to generate about 30 jobs over two to three years. "We have always thought that Calhoun County has had a solid labor force and logistical advantages," Southeast Frozen Foods President and Chief Executive Officer Rich Bauer said

Post and Courier: Lincoln supporters look at arcane state law to keep historic school open

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160512/PC16/160519781>

Deanna Pan

The battle to keep Lincoln Middle-High School open isn't quite over following the Charleston County School Board's decision Monday night to close the McClellanville school. "The community has vowed to fight this," said Thomas Colleton Jr., chairman of St. James-Santee Constituent District 1. "And they're looking to us for some leadership, and we're looking at some things."

The State: More tweaks suggested by Columbia panel in \$70 M downtown apartment tower

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article77333062.html#storylink=apmobile>

Avery G. Wilks

Adding more detail to a proposed 15-story apartment tower's facades, pushing its windows back a bit and making its first-floor street front more pedestrian friendly are among changes a Columbia design panel wants. "I would be very cautious in how you look at the overall massing of the building," panel member Ryan Hyler told representatives from Clayco Realty Group at an informal presentation Thursday. "The last thing we would want to approve is something that adds just a giant mass on the skyline."

Associated Press: Beaufort County tract subject of lawsuit being preserved

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=mHNMVQu9

SC State Wire

A tract of rural land in Beaufort County that has long been the center of development disputes will now be preserved. The Beaufort Gazette reports (<http://bit.ly/1WuJQ0e>) the 95-acre Mobley tract will be bought and managed by Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands program and the Port Royal Sound Foundation. The county is paying \$2.5 million and the foundation contributing \$800,000. The property is along state Highway 170 between Beaufort and Hilton Head Island.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg vape shops fear FDA rules could hurt business

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160512/articles/160519864>

Allison M. Roberts

Local stores that sell e-cigarettes and the liquid nicotine they use fear recently announced federal regulations of the products could shut down their businesses. Under new rules issued last week by the Food and Drug Administration, stores that manufacture flavored nicotine, or e-juice, on site will have to submit information for FDA approval before the product can be sold. Shops that only sell e-juice won't have to go through the application and approval process.

National News:

Associated Press: Auction for gun that killed Trayvon Martin possibly hijacked

<http://bigstory.ap.org/450fcd0adf3b495fb69c4b70cd1c677f>

Freida Frisaro

Bidding in an online auction for the pistol former neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman used to kill Trayvon Martin appeared to have been hijacked by fake accounts posting astronomically high bids. At one point early Friday, the bidding surpassed \$65 million with the leading bidder using the screen name "Racist McShootFace." The site later showed that account had been deleted. Other screen names of bidders on the site included "Donald Trump," "shaniqua bonifa" and "Tamir Rice," the name of a black 12-year-old who was shot and killed by Cleveland police in 2014 while playing with a pellet gun.

Associated Press: Fearing Trump, some Democrats up pressure on Sanders to exit

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1af2285654664e2e8c1828895900212f>

Lisa Lerer and Ken Thomas

Pressure is mounting on Bernie Sanders to end his campaign for president, with Democratic Party leaders raising alarms that his continued presence in the race is undermining efforts to beat presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump this fall. The new concerns come after Sanders' recent wins over front-runner Hillary Clinton in Indiana and West Virginia. While those victories have provided his supporters a fresh sense of momentum heading into next week's primaries in Kentucky and Oregon, they did almost nothing to help Sanders cut into Clinton's nearly insurmountable lead in the delegates who will decide their party's nomination.

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