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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: SC approves \$123 million in Volvo incentives

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24618814.html>

Andrew Shain

South Carolina agreed Tuesday to borrow up to \$123 million for incentives that the state used to help lure Volvo to build its first North American auto plant in Berkeley County. The state Budget and Control Board unanimously approved issuing bonds to pay for site and road work associated with the \$500 million, 2,000-employee plant off Interstate 26, scheduled to open in 2018.

Note: “If we had not done it this way, they would have been in Georgia,” Haley said, referring to the other state that was a finalist for the auto plant. “We did what the company asked.”

Associated Press: State financial board gives SC State extension on loan

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0JwrMk1J

Seanna Adcox

A state financial board has given South Carolina State University a five-year reprieve from repaying a \$6 million loan. The Budget and Control Board voted unanimously Tuesday to let the financially troubled school pay the money back by 2020. South Carolina's only public historically black university was supposed to pay it back by June 30 but can't. The school's debt exceeds \$20 million.

Greenville News: Board gives final approval to Volvo bonds

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/06/16/board-gives-final-approval-volvo-bonds/28809607/>

Tim Smith

Two weeks after being lectured by lawmakers, Gov. Nikki Haley today told the Legislature's top financial officers that had she not agreed to borrow \$123 million for incentives for Volvo, the automaker would have chosen Georgia for its new \$500 million plant.

Note: “I did get an earful from you and your colleagues as well as the House members in terms of this is a legislative state and I need to remember that,” Haley told Leatherman. “I am reminded of that every day. However, I will tell you there is a reason Volvo wanted to do it this way.”

Post and Courier: Senate advances bill to avoid government shutdown

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150616/PC1603/150619530>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina's senators have advanced a resolution that keeps state government funded past the start of the fiscal year. A committee of Senate and House budget writers failed to reach a compromise on the state's roughly \$7 billion budget last week. To avoid a government shutdown, lawmakers were forced to pass a continuing resolution that ensures all of the state's obligations are met and employees are paid.

Note: An amendment added to the resolution also keeps the position of secretary of the Department of Transportation under Gov. Nikki Haley; a provision that was scheduled to sunset at the start of the fiscal year on July 1.

AJC: South Carolina approves bond package for Volvo

<http://business.blog.ajc.com/2015/06/16/south-carolina-approves-bond-package-for-volvo/>

J. Scott Trubey

The state of South Carolina approved \$123 million bonds for Volvo as part of the incentive package to lure the luxury automaker to the Palmetto State, the State newspaper reported Tuesday. What's interesting is what South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said would have happened if South Carolina leaders hadn't approved the borrowing.

The State: S.C. State's \$6 million loan extended until 2020

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24615769.html>

S.C. State University, still wrestling with a deficit that has passed \$20 million, received a lifeline Tuesday when state political leaders agreed to extend repayment of a \$6 million loan for five years. The loan, granted by the S.C. Budget and Control Board last year, was due June 30.

Columbia Journalism Review: The first statewide police body-cam law comes with a major caveat

http://www.cjr.org/united_states_project/south_carolina_police_camera_public_records.php

Corey Hutchins

Last week, Nikki Haley of South Carolina became the first governor to sign a state law directing every police department in the state to implement the use of body-worn cameras. Just one thing: The footage captured by all those cop-cams won't be subject to the state's open records laws.

Aiken Standard: Aiken Standard files FOI in deputy shooting case

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150616/AIK0102/150619590/1004/aiken-standard-files-foi-in-deputy-shooting-case>

In an effort to gather more details about the case of an off-duty Aiken County Sheriff's Deputy charged with involuntary manslaughter in the shooting death of his wife, the Aiken Standard filed Freedom of Information Act requests Tuesday with the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division and other investigating agencies.

Note: While body-cam video is exempt from the Act under a law passed by the General Assembly earlier this month and signed into law by S.C. Governor Nikki Haley, the newspaper also is requesting the release of body-cam footage for the North Augusta officers.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Senate Majority Leader calls on President Pro Tempore to step down

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150616/PC1603/150619532>

Cynthia Roldan

Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler has asked Sen. Hugh Leatherman to step down as president pro tempore. Peeler, R-Gaffney, said he believes Florence Republican Leatherman is capable of holding the position and of being chairman of the Finance Committee, but not at the same time. Peeler also listed other committees and panels Leatherman serves on.

The State: Senate Republican chief calls for Senate leader to step down

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24634261.html>

Cassie Cope

The leader of Senate Republicans called for the head of the Senate to step down Tuesday, saying he held too many jobs to be effective after a session where the state appears unlikely to have a new budget by the July 1 deadline.

Note: Lucas also was angered by criticism by Gov. Nikki Haley on her Facebook page that blamed all lawmakers for failing to pass a budget by July 1, which could remove her ability to appoint the head of the Department of Transportation.

Post and Courier: Panel tries to define 'severe fetal anomaly' in effort to pass 20-week abortion ban

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150616/PC1603/150619533>

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Lawmakers are having a difficult time agreeing on how to define an exception in a bill that further restricts abortions in South Carolina. Both chambers passed a House bill that bans abortions past 20 weeks of pregnancy during the legislative session. But the House stripped exemptions the Senate added for cases of rape, incest and severe fetal anomalies.

The State: SC lawmakers to debate compromise on 20-week abortion ban

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24623395.html>

Jamie Self

A panel of S.C. lawmakers will try to iron out differences in a pair of bills that would ban abortion at 20 weeks of pregnancy and later. The House and Senate passed two different versions of the abortion ban proposal this year. The House bill allows exceptions only if the mother's life is threatened or her health could

be severely impacted.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: College of Charleston approves 3 percent tuition increase

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

The College of Charleston Board of Trustees has approved a tuition increase of just over 3 percent for the coming academic year. Area media outlets report the board approved the increase Monday. Beginning this fall, full-time undergraduate students from South Carolina will pay just under \$11,000 in annual tuition. Out-of-state, full-time undergraduate students will pay more than \$28,000.

The State: Fort Jackson job fair sees fewer vets as economy improves

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/military/article24626101.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

A record turnout of nearly 100 employers set up shop at Fort Jackson's Solomon Center on Tuesday for the annual Hiring Our Heroes job fair. However, the event was expected to attract only about 500 veterans, down from nearly double that number in previous years, as the economy improves and more companies adopt out reach program for hiring vets.

Greenville News: Upstate child care facility cleared to reopen after E. coli outbreak

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/health/2015/06/16/upstate-child-care-facility-cleared-reopen-coli-outbreak/28821403/>

Liv Osby

An Upstate child-care facility linked to at least 11 cases of E. coli over the past month was cleared to reopen this week, state health officials said. Until Saturday, eight cases of the bacterial infection had been confirmed. The three latest cases to be identified occurred in people who had been sick in May or who never had symptoms of E. coli, according to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Local News:

Sun News: MYR May arrivals up from last year; topping 2011 record-breaking year

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article24639742.html#storylink=cpy>

Jason M. Rodriguez

Passenger arrivals at Myrtle Beach International Airport reached more than 318,000 by the end of May, and new arrivals show signs of this year topping the airport's record arrivals in 2011. The airport issued its May figures Tuesday, which showed 100,448 passengers arrived at MYR, which is an increase of 3.5 percent from last May.

National News:

McClatchy: Trump, boasting, 'I'm really rich,' launches unorthodox presidential campaign

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article24622990.html#storylink=cpy>

David Lightman

Donald Trump is selling success, using his wealth as a calling card. He announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday in classic Trump style. No diverse group of Americans behind him as Jeb Bush had Monday. No summoning the spirit of Franklin Roosevelt as Hillary Clinton did across the river Saturday.

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