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Governor Nikki Haley Budget Vetoes News:

Post and Courier: Haley vetoes total \$18.5 million, including \$2 million requested by lieutenant governor's office

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC1603/140619781/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

State lawmakers are already lining up to overturn some of Gov. Nikki Haley's 76 vetoes, including \$2 million requested for the lieutenant governor's office. Haley issued 76 vetoes, representing \$18.5 million of the state's \$7 billion budget. In prior years, Haley cut as much as \$94 million.

Island Packet: USCB, TCL funding survives governor's budget vetoes; Waddell, Santa Elena don't

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/06/12/3160719/uscb-tcl-funding-survives-governors.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

However, funding for renovations to the Waddell Mariculture Center in greater Bluffton and to preserve artifacts from the historic Santa Elena site on Parris Island was among 76 line-item cuts totaling \$18.5 million that Haley made to the \$7 billion budget approved by the S.C. General Assembly for next fiscal year.

Anderson Independent: Clemson University officials hope S.C. lawmakers restore money for farm programs

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/jun/12/clemson-university-officials-hope-sc-lawmakers/?partner=RSS>

Kirk Brown

Clemson University officials will urge state lawmakers to restore \$405,000 for six new positions in two agriculture programs that Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed Thursday.

Note: "This legislature worked very well with us this year," said Haley during a news conference at the Statehouse in Columbia. "This legislature did a lot to improve education, to improve how we train our workforce."

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Veto edition

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140613/PC1603/140619720/1031/palmetto-sunrise-veto-edition>

Robert Behre

Gov. Nikki Haley released her vetoes (all 75 of them) Thursday, and while she praised the Legislature for their work, she wasn't happy with everything they did (like trying to raise their pay). The vetoes also affected several Lowcountry institutions, from the Hunley Commission to the Lowcountry Graduate Center to the Medal of Honor bowl.

Post and Courier: Where Gov. Nikki Haley's vetoes hit Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC1603/140619732/1382&source=spreed>

Here are some of Gov. Nikki Haley's vetoes announced Thursday that affect the Charleston area and Lowcountry:

Times and Democrat: Southern Methodist money vetoed

http://thetandd.com/southern-methodist-money-vetoed/article_6f135e0c-f2ae-11e3-92fe-0019bb2963f4.html

Gov. Nikki Haley has vetoed money set aside for three of the state's private colleges, including Southern Methodist College in Orangeburg. In announcing her budget vetoes, Haley said, "The Education Lottery was not passed in order to subsidize private colleges."

Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: SC politics: Education board rejects changing how biology is taught

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3505231/sc-politics-education-board-rejects.html>

Education board won't change biology standards: The state Board of Education has rejected a proposal to change how biology is taught in S.C. schools.

Haley: Democrat OK as interim lieutenant governor: Republican Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday she has no issue with having a Democrat temporarily residing in the lieutenant governor's office.

Note: "Sen. McGill is a great person," Haley said. "We've always gotten along great. I wouldn't have an issue with it."

Associated Press: US education secretary criticizes SC standards

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gwa8hDDO

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan says South Carolina is setting the bar too low for students under the state's decision to do away with Common Core guidelines. The Post and Courier of Charleston reported that Duncan told a conference in North Charleston on Thursday that the decision to drop out of the Common Core standards is politicizing education.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill last month that will replace Common Core curriculum for the 2015-2016 school year with new standards developed by the South Carolina Department of Education.

WPDE: Gov. approves using tourism money for more police next Memorial Day weekend

<http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1057194#.U5rqKvldV8E>

Governor Nikki Haley has approved the provisos in the state's budget for next year that would allow Myrtle Beach to use tourism money to provide extra law enforcement in May 2015. The State House and Senate approved the provisos earlier.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: McKinney ends lieutenant governor's campaign

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

Seanna Adcox

Lieutenant governor candidate Pat McKinney dropped out of the race Thursday, leaving Mike Campbell to advance to the GOP primary runoff. McKinney's spokesman said his decision to end his campaign is personal.

Post and Courier: Pat McKinney dropping out of Lt. Gov. race; Henry McMaster faces Mike Campbell in runoff

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC1603/140619726/1382&source=spreed>

Schuyler Kropf

Pat McKinney is dropping out of the Republican race for lieutenant governor. Campaign manager Taylor Hall confirmed McKinney is quitting the race. A recount had been planned to determine whether he or Mike Campbell would face first-place finisher Henry McMaster in the June 24 runoff.

Post and Courier: McKinney leaves SC lieutenant governor race

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3505188/mckinney-leaves-sc-lieutenant.html>

Andrew Shain

Retired Charleston developer Pat McKinney, who entered the race first and outtraised his opponents by a wide margin, surprised S.C. political experts and his foes by ending his bid for S.C. lieutenant governor on Thursday, his campaign manager said.

Greenville News: Schools chief hopefuls prepare for round 2

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/06/12/schools-chief-hopefuls-prepare-round/10406941/>

Ron Barnett

The battle lines have been redrawn and the candidates for state superintendent of education are sharpening their attacks for round 2. Legalization of marijuana could be the deciding factor on the Democratic side, while the Republican contenders are arguing over which one is the true South Carolina conservative.

Sun News: Statewide recount will aid in Horry County race

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/06/12/4286460/statewide-recount-will-aid-in.html?>

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Jason Rodriguez

Tuesday's election results in Horry County were certified and dust is starting to settle as to which races will have a recount, which will have run-offs and who will be involved. A statewide automatic recount is slated for Friday because the Republican primary race for South Carolina's next lieutenant governor is close, according to election officials.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Vetoing the backdoor pay hike

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140613/PC1002/140619704/1021&source=spreed>

Editorial

While legislators approved a 2 percent pay hike for state employees in the budget, they boosted their own pay more than 50 percent. It's a stark contrast, and one certainly worthy of the veto issued by Gov. Nikki Haley.

Note: Citing the disparity in her veto message, Gov. Haley said Thursday: "I don't believe this is appropriate, nor do I believe the public will see it as an acceptable expenditure of taxpayer dollars."

Greenville News: GE helps lead Upstate's economy

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/06/12/editorial-ge-helps-lead-upstates-economy/10384477/>

Editorial

South Carolina has been spoiled by some major economic development announcements in its recent history: Boeing, BMW, Michelin. To paraphrase the old joke, a billion here, a billion there and pretty soon you are talking about serious investment.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley is absolutely right about the benefits of treating employers like GE very well. If they're happy here they expand, and when they expand other companies notice.

The State: Columbia, SC making no progress on homelessness

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/13/3504780/editorial-columbia-sc-making-no.html>

Editorial

When Councilman Cameron Runyan courageously stepped up to take on this tough issue, we held out hope that this time the city would overcome its penchant for trying to go it alone and instead convince a wide network of providers, advocates and others to develop and participate in a well-rounded plan.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Small businesses cautiously optimistic

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/06/12/small-businesses-cautiously-optimistic/10406751/>

David Dykes

Small business optimism is gaining traction, local owners say, with more enthusiasm about the economy than since before the recession. But storm clouds remain on the economic horizon as smaller firms continue to be weighed down by taxes, health-care costs and regulatory burdens, owners and economists say.

Post and Courier: Pew report: U.S. is more polarized than ever; South Carolina follows the trend

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC1603/140619719/1177&source=spreed>

Katie West, Schuyler Kropf

Can't we all just get along? Evidently, no we can't. And it's getting worse. The political left and right in America are as far apart as they've been in decades, a new study shows, affecting most every facet of our daily life.

Times and Democrat: Teacher on Common Core 'Dream Team' as the state leaves standards

http://thetandd.com/news/local/teacher-on-common-core-dream-team-as-the-state-leaves/article_a915616c-f2aa-11e3-90ce-0019bb2963f4.html

Gene Zaleski

North native and Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School math teacher Melissa Huffman has been an educator in Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5 for the past 17 years. "I enjoy teaching," Huffman said. "I love the interaction with the students."

Local News:

The State: Columbia mayor, other politicians, officials could be called as witnesses in public corruption trial
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3505181/columbia-mayor-other-politicians.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk, Clif LeBlanc

Political leaders and some senior Columbia government officials – including Mayor Steve Benjamin – are likely to be called as witnesses in a federal public corruption trial that begins next week. A list of potential witnesses in the trial of Greenville businessmen Jonathan Pinson and Eric Robinson includes:

Associated Press: Richland County DSS head leaving job

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/12/3505372/richland-county-dss-head-leaving.html>

Rachael Lowe

Elizabeth Stroup, director of the Richland County office of the troubled Department of Social Services, will be leaving the post she has held for just over a year, DSS confirmed Thursday night. Stroup took over the office May 5, 2013, and stepped into the middle of a firestorm of criticism over whether her office has been staffed at levels needed to handle the number of child protective service referrals in the county.

Associated Press: Richland County DSS leader resigns

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Jbtc6nRx

The director of the Richland County Department of Social Services is resigning, as the agency has been under fire for the deaths of two children. The agency confirmed Thursday night that Elizabeth Stroup is stepping down after just more than one year as director.

Post and Courier: Charleston County voters to decide \$108 million for new libraries, renovations

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140612/PC16/140619702/1382&source=spreed>

Prentiss Findlay

Voters will decide in November whether to pay higher property tax bills in order to build new libraries and renovate others. If approved, Charleston County would borrow \$108 million for the improvements. Taxes would increase to pay off the debt and operate the new facilities.

National News:

Bloomberg: Clinton's Popularity Drops to 52% as 2016 Edge Shrinks

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-06-13/clinton-s-popularity-drops-to-52-as-2016-edge-shrinks.html>

Jonathan Allen

Hillary Clinton's popularity continues to slide as she takes on a more political posture and Republicans raise questions about the deadly 2012 attack on a U.S. diplomatic post in Libya on her watch. Fifty-two percent of Americans view the former secretary of state favorably, down from 56 percent in March and 70 percent in December 2012, according to the Bloomberg National Poll.

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