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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Greenville News:** Roads may not get funding this year

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/05/roads-may-get-funding-year/7367659/>

Trim Smith

The state's crumbling roads and bridges likely won't be getting any new money from the Legislature this year, according to a key lawmaker.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley, who is running for re-election this year, has threatened to veto any bill that includes a gas tax increase. The state's 16.5 cents-per-gallon tax is one of the lowest in the nation and was last raised in 1987.

**Note:** Haley has suggested that lawmakers use the difference between initial and final state revenue estimates, typically more than \$100 million a year, to provide extra funding for road and bridge needs.

**ColaDaily:** Early Autism Project celebrates move to larger clinic

<http://coladaily.com/2014/04/05/early-autism-project-celebrates-move-to-larger-clinic/>

Rachel Ham

The Early Autism Project on Friday invited several special guests to its new West Columbia location. On hand to welcome them and introduce Gov. Nikki Haley was 12-year-old Winston Ridley, one of the project's success stories.

**Note:** "It's a great day ... when we can celebrate facilities like this," Haley agreed.

**Rock Hill Herald:** S.C. teachers, administrators defend Common Core standards

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/05/3370667/sc-teachers-administrators-defend.html#storylink=cpy>

Rachel Southmayd

No education-related topic generates as much controversy these days as the Common Core standards adopted by nearly all states and the District of Columbia. The standards have been debated in York County, in the state legislature, and across the country.

**Note:** "We don't ever want to educate South Carolina children like they educate California children," Haley said, according to the Anderson Independent-Mail. "We want to educate South Carolina children on South Carolina standards, not anyone else's standards."

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**The State:** SC governor, AG candidates collected excess campaign cash

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/05/3370255/exclusive-sc-governor-ag-candidates.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

South Carolina candidates for governor and attorney general in 2010 received \$336,345 in campaign contributions above state legal limits, an analysis of election finance filings by The State newspaper has found.

**Note:** "The campaign in 2010 was clearly unaware of this legal technicality, but being that we have been now made aware, we are in the process of refunding all donations that exceeded the primary limit," Haley campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey said.

**The Item:** Orangeburg lawmaker seeks to upset GOP in U.S. Senate race

[http://www.theitem.com/news/local\\_news/orangeburg-lawmaker-seeks-to-upset-gop-in-u-s-senate/article\\_5125cfc7-59ea-5832-9cf6-f042bd568e47.html](http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/orangeburg-lawmaker-seeks-to-upset-gop-in-u-s-senate/article_5125cfc7-59ea-5832-9cf6-f042bd568e47.html)

Bristow Marchant

For months, the talk around South Carolina's Senate race has focused on incumbent Sen. Lindsey Graham and the challenge he will face from multiple opponents in the Republican primary. The main story of the

election has been whether the state's senior senator could lose his own party's nomination for re-election.

**WBTV:** Senator Sheheen stops in Rock Hill to speak with residents

<http://www.wbtv.com/story/25171566/senator-sheheen-stops-in-rock-hill-to-speak-with-residents>

Caroline DuPre

Senator Vincent Sheheen visited Rock Hill for the first time as an official 2014 Democratic Nominee. Officials say it was his first appearance and he held a meet and greet at the York County Democratic Party office in Rock Hill on Saturday morning.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** GOP candidates meet voters at the Beacon

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140405/ARTICLES/140409877/-1/living?Title=GOP-candidates-meet-voters-at-the-Beacon>

Felicia Kitzmiller

The parking lot of the Beacon Drive-In was buzzing Saturday as more than two dozen Republican candidates for local, state and national office eagerly shook hands, passed out literature and made their case for election.

### **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** House passes bill that will reduce drunken driving and save lives

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140406/OPINION/404061010/1128?Title=House-passes-bill-that-will-reduce-drunken-driving-and-save-lives>

Editorial

South Carolina lawmakers have often been criticized on this page for failing to strengthen drunken driving laws and take impaired drivers off the road, but they are passing a measure this year that will make a real difference.

**Greenville News:** Greenville County roads panel maps out clear course

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/04/05/greenville-county-roads-panel-maps-clear-course/7326751/>

Editorial

The final report from a commission appointed by Greenville County Council to prioritize infrastructure needs in the county it includes a list of projects spread equitably about Greenville County and represents a job well done from the commission. The report also notably urges County Council to find a way, and soon, to fund the many projects in its lists.

**The State:** Dead children demand attention they didn't get in life

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/06/3368059/scoppe-dead-children-demand-attention.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Scoppe

THE TWO-month-old had been hospitalized after being shaken and slammed onto a surface so hard that he suffered permanent brain damage, but the Sumter County Department of Social Services sent him back home. Six days later, he was brought back to the hospital with a leg broken. He would hang on for a few months before he died.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley's office says DSS is improving: The number of children who died while involved in Social Services dropped to 41 last year from 73 in 2009. And that's encouraging.

**Island Packet:** Testing overload fails to prepare students

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/04/06/3044645/testing-overload-fails-to-prepare.html?sp=/99/342/1750/>

Editorial

Most people would agree that standardized tests are a necessary part of our public education system. But a recent series by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette reveal that it's possible to have too much of a good thing.

**The State:** If Columbia City Council can't craft a better deal for baseball park, nix it

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/05/3367984/editorial-if-columbia-city-council.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

IF THE COLUMBIA City Council doesn't make the terms of an arrangement to finance a minor league baseball park much more favorable to the public than the one it tentatively approved last month, it should reject final approval Tuesday.

## Legislative Session News:

**Post and Courier:** Key Senate leader says University of Charleston plan unlikely to pass this year  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140405/PC16/140409546/1006/senator-expanded-college-plan-unlikely-to-pass-this-year>

Diane Knich, Jeremy Borden

A key Senate leader says he doubts a plan to expand graduate offerings at the College of Charleston will pass during this legislative session, but some House members remain hopeful. A House panel last week backed off a plan to merge the college with the Medical University of South Carolina and instead backed the formation of the University of Charleston as a standalone research university.

**Greenville News:** Teacher layoffs bill criticized

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/05/teacher-layoffs-bill-criticized/7369413/>

Ron Barnett

Education groups say a bill requiring districts to make reduction-in-force decisions on the basis of teacher effectiveness rather than seniority is unnecessary and eliminates district flexibility. State Sen. Paul Thurmond says he wouldn't necessarily take the seniors. "I would put the best players out there," he said.

**Anderson Independent:** Bill would permit alligator farms in South Carolina

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/apr/05/bill-would-permit-alligator-farms-in-south/?partner=RSS>

Kirk Brown

A new type of farming may be coming to South Carolina. The state Department of Natural Resources would be able to issue permits for alligator farms under legislation that received final approval last week in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

## South Carolina News:

**Aiken Standard:** Plutonium from Japan could land at Savannah River Site

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140406/AIK0101/140409624/1004/plutonium-from-japan-could-land-at-savannah-river-site>

Derrek Asberry

The destination of Japanese shipments of weapons-grade plutonium that will be taken in by the United States cannot be confirmed; but many are speculating the plutonium will eventually wind up at the Savannah River Site. President Barack Obama recently announced that the United States secured more than 700 pounds of the material from Japan.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Newly insured patients find they can't use local hospital or doctors

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140405/ARTICLES/140409873/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Newly-insured-patients-find-they-can-t-use-local-hospital-or-doctors>

Dustin Wyatt

Shortly after Mary West bought health insurance, she realized there was a problem. For years, the Spartanburg resident was treated by a doctor at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. Now that she has a shiny new health insurance card in her pocket, she will have to find somewhere else to receive care.

**Times and Democrat:** Elzey: Sports driving deficit

[http://thetandd.com/news/elzey-sports-driving-deficit/article\\_ab371bb0-bc78-11e3-9f44-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/news/elzey-sports-driving-deficit/article_ab371bb0-bc78-11e3-9f44-001a4bcf887a.html)

Dale Linder-Altman

While state legislators consider South Carolina State University's request for \$13.6 million, the institution's administrators are looking at ways to reduce spending and balance next year's budget. In February, university officials asked the General Assembly for \$13.6 million to meet a deficit and cash-flow shortage that would shortly prevent them from paying the bills.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. workers' skills-versus-jobs gap expected to grow more severe

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140406/PC16/140409999/1177/sc-workers-skills-versus-jobs-gap-expected-to-grow-more-severe>

Warren Wise

At West Ashley High School, students count the revolutions of a spinning wheel to figure how fast their newly made robotic devices will travel. They learn gear ratios and timing, use calipers and micrometers,

install motors and incorporate other skills using science, technology, engineering and math to build Erector set-looking creatures on metal frames.

**Associated Press:** Judge who first wrote separate is not equal lauded

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CTcXk79y](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CTcXk79y)

Bruce Smith

A statue of U.S. District Judge Waites (way-deez) Waring is being dedicated Friday at Charleston's federal courthouse. Waring, the son of a Confederate soldier, was the first judge in the nation to write an opinion that segregated schools are not equal schools since separate but equal became the law of the land.

**Greenville News:** Sky's the limit for drone uses

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/05/skys-limit-drone-uses/7367367/>

Ron Barnett

The drones are coming. Within a few years, the skies will be buzzing with them, delivering packages, taking photos and video, and even doing such things as working on construction sites, if the vision of many businesses, universities and enthusiasts comes true.

### **Local News:**

**The State:** Emma Longstreet's father mounts write-in attempt for Lexington town council

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/04/3367554/david-longstreet-who-pushed-for.html#storylink=cpy>

Tim Flach

Anti-drunken driving crusader David Longstreet is making a last-minute bid to win a seat on Lexington Town Council. Longstreet becomes the ninth known write-in candidate seeking the post on Tuesday's ballot. Making a bid "has been tucked in my heart for months," Longstreet said Friday, but he held back until it became clear that his effort to crack down on drunk driving would succeed.

**Aiken Standard:** Aiken businesses prepare for influx of Masters visitors

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140406/AIK0101/140409630/aiken-businesses-prepare-for-influx-of-masters-visitors>

Maayan Schechter

Masters week is just around the corner, and many Aiken-area businesses are geared up to celebrate what they call their "second Christmas." Van Smith, co-owner of Lionel Smith Ltd., said the men's formal clothing store already has seen visitors trickle in for The Masters Tournament held at Augusta National.

### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** Obama Actions Test Workplace Ideas

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Jim Kuhnehenn

Lacking congressional backing to raise wages or end gender pay disparities, President Barack Obama is imposing his policies directly on federal contractors, following a long-established tradition of presidents exerting their powers on a fraction of the economy directly under their control.

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