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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Gov. Haley praised for leadership amid tumultuous year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151024/PC1603/151029611>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley has led the state through more tumult in the past six months than many leaders face in their entire careers: The shootings of nine Charleston churchgoers in June, the subsequent and successful charge to remove the Confederate battle flag from Statehouse grounds in July and historic flooding that killed 19 this month.

**Note:** A prominent critic of Haley's first term, Clemson University political science professor David Woodard, had only praise for the governor's second term — as did the people he's polling.

**Note:** The disaster put Haley back in the spotlight. "We're not going to stop until this final situation is taken care of," Haley assured the public on Oct. 6, following disastrous dam breaks, large quantities of water heading toward the Lowcountry and a rising death toll.

**Index-Journal:** Area hospitals support Medicaid expansion, Certificate of Need

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Area-hospitals-support-Medicaid-expansion--Certificate-of-Need>

Mary Kate McGowan

Hospital emergency rooms and the state legislature have something in common: they are both waiting. As the next legislative session is set to gear up soon, the waiting game to see if South Carolina will expand Medicaid coverage continues as the uninsured continue to flock to emergency rooms to receive medical care.

**Note:** If states opted for Medicaid expansion, which Gov. Nikki Haley has consistently opposed, the federal government would have fully funded the premiums and costs of providing coverage through 2016 -- the current fiscal year. By 2020, the federal funding will decrease to 90 percent.

### S.C. Flood Recovery News:

**The State:** Thousands of dams avoid state inspections in South Carolina

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article41315256.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Thousands of dams across South Carolina go uninspected by state regulators every year because the structures aren't considered significant enough to warrant government oversight. But experts say some of these unregulated dams pose risks to people and property if they fail – particularly in urban areas like Columbia, where a massive rainstorm Oct. 4 broke numerous dams.

**Note:** In the wake of this month's floods, Gov. Nikki Haley and DHEC officials say they now are reviewing the program after more than three dozen dams failed across South Carolina.

### S.C. General Assembly News:

**The State:** \$144 million Florence road example of cronyism, critics say

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article41311785.html>

Cassie Cope

The traffic on Pamplico Highway was so light on a Tuesday in August that two conservation activists could lie down in the middle of the two-lane highway during rush hour for about a minute before a vehicle appeared. But the S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank wants to widen 24 miles of the highway to five lanes.

**The State:** The Buzz: Could USC's decision to pay Spurrier prove costly?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article41329173.html>

Andrew Shain

The University of South Carolina's choice to keep paying former head coach Steve Spurrier after he resigned this month could become – pardon the pun – a political football in next year's budget talks, some state lawmakers say. "It could be hard to get support for a bond bill (with university projects) and for other needs," said Sen. John Courson, a Richland Republican and USC graduate who chairs the state Senate's higher education budget-writing panel.

**Haley passes on Spurrier:** Gov. Nikki Haley said last week she would not step into the debate about paying Spurrier for a job he no longer holds. "That's a USC decision, that's a USC board decision, and that's a USC alum decision," she said. "It's not mine."

**The State:** For coastal farmers still reeling from drought, flood struck at worst time

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article41362524.html#storylink=cpy>

Charles D. Perry

The farmer's leathery, dirt-stained hand cradled a few fruits of the hellish growing season. "There's supposed to be a perfect little pretty bean in there," said Drew Martin, looking at the shriveled hull and soybeans in his palm. "But they just rotted."

### **S.C. Political News:**

**Greenville News:** Rubio blasts Clinton during Greenville stop

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/24/rubio-blasts-clinton-during-greenville-stop/74456606/>

Rudolph Bell

Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio used a campaign stop in Greenville Saturday as an occasion to blast Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton, saying she lied about the cause of the 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi when she was secretary of state in order to protect President Obama's re-election chances.

**The State:** Jeb Bush, in SC, says pay cuts do not mean campaign is struggling

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article41310423.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Republican presidential hopeful Jeb Bush dismissed claims that across-the-board pay cuts mean his campaign is struggling and said he wants to focus on early primary states. "South Carolina elects presidents, and I intend to be here to run aggressively," Bush told reporters Saturday before participating in a presidential forum hosted by U.S. Sen. Tim Scott on Charleston's Daniel Island.

**Post and Courier:** Jeb Bush: "Blah, blah, blah" that his campaign has financial issues

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151024/PC1603/151029561>

Schuyler Kropf

Jeb Bush told reporters in Charleston Saturday he's not backing down on his run for the White House but is opting to re-distribute his campaign cash and staff resources so that he could be more competitive in the early voting states, including South Carolina. "We've made an adjustment in our campaign, that's what leaders do," Bush said prior to attending U.S. Sen. Tim Scott's town hall event on Daniel Island.

**Post and Courier:** Younger voters, riled by nightlife curbs, look to mayoral election

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151024/PC16/151029626>

Abigail Darlington

When city officials floated curbing late-night bars on the peninsula last year, young people erupted like a well-shaken Pabst Blue Ribbon. Armed with social media savvy, they created parody Twitter accounts for Mayor Joe Riley and Police Chief Greg Mullen, circulated a caricature of Riley's face with the tagline "Go to bed, Joe," and started the hashtag #Joehibition.

**Associated Press:** About 500 turn out for SC town hall meeting with Jeb Bush

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9PDDWEor](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9PDDWEor)

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush says he's in the GOP presidential race to stay, despite his lagging in the polls that has forced him to refocus his campaign and put more staffers in early-voting states. He told reporters in Charleston on Saturday that he's made a campaign adjustment and that's what leaders do.

**Post and Courier:** Clinton to speak Friday at Charleston NAACP annual fundraiser

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151024/PC16/151029523>

Christina Elmore

Former Secretary of State and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton will serve Friday as keynote speaker at the Charleston NAACP's 98th annual Freedom Fund Banquet. Tickets were still available Saturday, though going quickly, according to Joseph Darby, the branch's first vice president.

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

**The State:** Crisis averted, it's time to get back to work on SC rural schools solution

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article41203698.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

DEEP BREATH: We have stepped back from the precipice on which our government had been teetering since Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman and House Speaker Jay Lucas declared a Supreme Court enforcement order unconstitutional and vowed to ignore it.

**Note:** The impasse grew out of the Supreme Court's Sept. 24 enforcement order requiring the Legislature and Gov. Nikki Haley to jointly appoint a member to a panel to review an education "plan" that it ordered the state to present the court by Feb. 1

**Greenville News:** Port pumps up the Upstate economy

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2015/10/23/editorial-port-pumps-upstate-economy/74476140/>

Editorial

There should never have been any doubt about how important the Port of Charleston is to the manufacturing-rich Upstate, but if there had been it was permanently removed last week. An economic impact study is demonstrating not only the port's solid value to the entire state but also the unique role it plays in the economic life of the Interstate 85 corridor.

**Post and Courier:** Keep Summey on the job

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151025/PC1002/151029536>

Editorial

When Keith Summey became mayor of North Charleston in October of 1994, the city's future appeared bleak. The previous year had brought the crushing news that the Charleston Naval Base — then the largest employer of civilians in the state — would be closed in 1996.

**Post and Courier:** Fix roads before they get worse

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151025/PC1002/151029545>

Bill Ross

Citizens and public infrastructure across South Carolina have suffered unprecedented damages from the historic storm this month. Neglected maintenance and erosion have combined to create a real crisis. Once damage assessments are made, we will be able to identify the pre-existing long-term funding needs, as well as the additional costs of flood repair.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Aerospace shoulder pads: Boeing's scraps protect Clemson's Deshaun Watson on the field

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151024/PC05/151029793>

Tommy Braswell

When Deshaun Watson runs onto the football field, the Clemson quarter-back is wearing protective gear based on aerospace technology developed in Charleston. Trucks travel daily from the Boeing manufacturing facility in North Charleston carrying scraps of carbon fiber from the construction of 787 Dreamliner passenger jets to LeapTech, a company off Folly Road.

**Associated Press:** Authorities: Thousands of guns seized in South Carolina

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

Authorities say they have seized thousands of guns from a house and warehouse in South Carolina. Chesterfield County Sheriff Jay Brooks tells WBTV (<http://goo.gl/R9EzLY>) that deputies seized more than

7,000 guns from the property near Pageland, and that he believes the vast majority were stolen. The guns filled up a tractor-trailer.

### **Local News:**

**Rock Hill Herald:** York County's \$89.8 million bond issue would reduce overflow, of trash and people  
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article41341536.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

York County's recycling center has too much trash. The main sorting center off S.C. 5 near York took in an estimated 10,000 tons of waste last year from county collection sites and municipal recycling programs. That total isn't just good for the environment, it serves as a revenue stream for the county after residents' refuse is processed to be reused by manufacturers.

**The State:** Sheriff's department: Arrest in SC State Fair shooting could come soon

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article41353143.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

The S.C. State Fair was set to open at noon Sunday, while the sheriff's department said an arrest soon in a shooting incident there Saturday night. A 15-year-old teen was shot just before 8:30 p.m. at the fair. He was reported to be in stable condition Sunday, a Richland County Sheriff's Department spokesman said. The extent of his injuries was not known.

### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** For sluggish Bush, some backers fret it may soon be too late

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Julie Pace

For months, Jeb Bush's campaign insisted it was too early. To worry about the Republican presidential candidate's sluggish poll numbers. Or fret over the rise of unorthodox candidates Donald Trump and Ben Carson. Or question if the one-time front-runner was merely a pedestrian candidate.

**Associated Press:** GOP's David Vitter, Democrat Edwards in Louisiana governor runoff

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article41369559.html>

Melinda Deslatte

Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter survived challenges Saturday from two GOP rivals who called his years-old prostitution scandal a stain on Louisiana, reaching a runoff against Democratic state Rep. John Bel Edwards in the governor's race.

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