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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Greenville News:** KI Logistics hiring for new warehouse

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/07/14/haley-visit-new-ki-logistics-facility/12622515/>

Ron Barnett

A Japanese company is looking for more than 150 people to work at its new warehouse and distribution facility at the Matrix Business and Technology Park, Gov. Nikki Haley said today after a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the plant.

**Note:** "So this is when the work begins," she told a crowd of about 100 business and political leaders at the plant off U.S. 25 in southern Greenville County.

**Note:** Haley pledged the state's continued support to the company. "We will continue to make sure we have the right trained workers for you," she said. "During tough times we're going to be there with you, and during good times we're going to celebrate with you."

**Greenville News (Photo Gallery):** Gov. Haley welcomes more jobs to Upstate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/picture-gallery/news/local/greenville/2014/07/14/gov-haley-welcomes-more-jobs-to-upstate/12632867/>

**GSA Business:** Gov. Haley: State needs to 'get smarter' about jobs

<http://www.gsabusiness.com/news/51923-gov-haley-state-needs-to-Isquo-get-smarter-rsquo-about-jobs?rss=0>

Ashley Boncimino

While Gov. Nikki Haley said she's "happy" with the state's unemployment rate of 5.3%, down from 11.9% at the end of 2009, South Carolina needs to "take care of" the companies already recruited to the Palmetto State.

**Note:** "A lot of our urgency is to get people back to work, but now we need to get smarter about it," she said. "I'm very happy with the state of South Carolina, but we're just getting started."

**Note:** "Now it's making sure we can take care of the companies that we have in South Carolina and making sure that the people that still don't have jobs get trained to work for these great companies, make sure that these companies expand and are successful and continue to move South Carolina forward," she said.

**Sun News:** Former students petition Horry County Schools for diplomas under new law

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/07/14/4353735/former-students-petition-horry.html?sp=/99/134/>

Vicki Grooms

Horry County Schools has received about 50 requests from former students who want to receive their S.C. high school diploma now that the exit exam requirement has been dropped.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley signed a new law in April that deletes the 30-year-old requirement that students pass an exit exam (High School Assessment Program or Basic Skills Assessment Program) for a diploma, even if they earned the required number of high school credits to graduate.

**WMBF:** Gov. Haley to hold constituent meetings

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/26014170/gov-haley-holds-constituent-meeting>

Brooke Holden

Gov. Nikki Haley announced that she will hold constituent meetings at the Statehouse in Columbia this week. The meetings will be held on Wednesday, July 16 at 4 p.m. South Carolinians will have the opportunity to schedule a one-on-one meeting with the governor to discuss any issue.

### S.C. Political News:



**Reuters:** Former GOP Official Once Convicted Of Drug Trafficking To Run For U.S. Senate

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/14/thomas-ravenel-senate\\_n\\_5585281.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/14/thomas-ravenel-senate_n_5585281.html)

Harriet McLeod

Thomas Ravenel, a former Republican state treasurer in South Carolina who was convicted of drug trafficking and starred in a reality television series, filed a petition on Monday to run as an independent candidate for U.S. Senate, state officials said.

**The State:** Thomas Ravenel files petition for US Senate

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/14/3563944/thomas-ravenel-files-petition.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1>

Jamie Self

Reality TV-star and former S.C. Treasurer Thomas Ravenel filed his petition to run for U.S. Senate as an independent. Ravenel, of Charleston, submitted 16,469 signatures to the S.C. Election Commission on Monday. He needs 10,000 certified signatures to make the ballot. The certification process will take about a month, an election official said.

**Associated Press:** Ravenel presents signatures for US Senate ballot

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3GviCwvf](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3GviCwvf)

Jeffrey Collins

Former South Carolina Treasurer, reality TV star and convicted felon Thomas Ravenel plans to run for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican Lindsey Graham. Ravenel presented about 16,500 signatures from registered voters to the state Election Commission on Monday, well over the 10,000 he needed.

**Associated Press:** Petition hopeful submits signatures to face Scott

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xaNcoy7t](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xaNcoy7t)

A Mount Pleasant businesswoman has submitted signatures to run as a petition challenger to U.S. Sen. Tim Scott. State Election Commission records show 54-year-old Brandon Armstrong on Monday submitted more than 12,500 signatures from registered voters.

## South Carolina News:

**Post and Courier:** House Speaker Harrell uses campaign funds to pay Charleston attorneys

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140714/PC1603/140719676/1177/house-speaker-harrell-uses-campaign-funds-to-pay-charleston-attorneys>

Jeremy Borden

Harrell, R-Charleston, has seen his fight with Attorney General Alan Wilson spill in and out of court in recent months, including arguments in front of the state Supreme Court relating to whether Wilson could continue his ethics-related investigation into the speaker.

**Post and Courier:** Boeing wins OK for wetlands mitigation plan at future expansion site

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140714/PC05/140719757/1382&source=speed>

Warren L. Wise

The Army Corps of Engineers has signed off on the Chicago-based aerospace giant's wetlands mitigation plan to preserve nearly 4,000 acres, half of it wetlands, on three tracts near the Francis Marion National Forest near Charleston, according to Boeing.

**Associated Press:** Boeing gets OK to develop almost 500 acres in SC

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KytK5uD8](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KytK5uD8)

The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/1mOgBmu>) that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has approved the aerospace company's plans to offset the loss of wetlands at the site by preserving nearly 4,000 acres near the Francis Marion National Forest northeast of Charleston.

**Associated Press:** Judge orders mediation in US Rep. Sanford divorce

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cJELU76r](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cJELU76r)

Bruce Smith

A judge has ordered U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford and his ex-wife, Jenny, to work with a mediator to resolve a dispute over money for their two youngest sons. The two appeared in Family Court on Monday after Jenny Sanford had earlier accused the congressman of violating their 2010 divorce decree.

## Local News:

**Post and Courier:** Goose Creek-based firm inks deal to supply 737 MAX flight simulators to Boeing  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140714/PC05/140719667/1010&source=spreed>

John McDermott

Boeing Co. has picked a Goose Creek-based division of Textron Inc. to build flight simulators for the new version of its 737 passenger jet. TRU Simulation + Training announced the signing of the agreement Monday at the Farnborough International Airshow in England.

**Post and Courier:** Officer, cleared by solicitor in death, approached Denzel Curnell because of hoodie, 85-degree weather

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140714/PC16/140719674/1177>

Andrew Knapp

Solicitor Scarlett Wilson on Monday recommended that state investigators not pursue any criminal charges in Denzel Curnell's death because it was a clear case of suicide.

**The State:** Prices, home sales up statewide in June; prices up, sales down in Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/14/3563975/prices-home-sales-up-statewide.html#storylink=cpy>

Roddie Burris

Homes sales heated up a bit across the state in June, rising 3.9 percent, though the vaunted spring home selling season so far still hasn't had the shine many expected it would. In Columbia, meanwhile, June home prices rose a hefty 7.1 percent, even though sales in the Capital City fell by 4.7 percent, according to the monthly S.C. Realtors report issued Monday.

## National News:

**Washington Post:** Why we still don't know how many small businesses signed up through Obamacare

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/on-small-business/why-we-still-dont-know-how-many-small-businesses-signed-up-through-obamacare/2014/07/10/773d0cb6-0859-11e4-a0dd-f2b22a257353\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/on-small-business/why-we-still-dont-know-how-many-small-businesses-signed-up-through-obamacare/2014/07/10/773d0cb6-0859-11e4-a0dd-f2b22a257353_story.html)

J. D. Harrison

In contrast to the widely publicized enrollment numbers on the health care law's individual marketplace, there's apparently no way to know how many business owners and employees have signed up through the law's new small-business exchanges.

**New York Times:** Some Democrats Steer Clear of Obama. Others Denounce Him.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/15/upshot/some-democrats-steer-clear-of-obama-others-denounce-him.html>

Brendan Nyhan

When an unpopular president faces a difficult midterm election, candidates from his party tend to avoid him and try to focus on local issues, but the nationalization of politics has made this strategy increasingly difficult. Instead, some red-state Democrats are going out of their way to talk about President Obama more than other Senate candidates from their party — and not always in a good way.

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