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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**New York Times:** Run on a Ticket With Donald Trump? No, Thanks, Many Republicans Say

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/01/us/politics/donald-trump-vice-president.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/01/us/politics/donald-trump-vice-president.html?_r=0)

Patrick Healy and Ashley Parker

It's a time-honored tradition for politicians to deny any interest in the vice presidency. But this year, with the possibility of Donald J. Trump as the Republican nominee, they really mean it. A remarkable range of leading Republicans, including Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina and Senator Jeff Flake of Arizona, have been emphatic publicly or with their advisers and allies that they do not want to be considered as Mr. Trump's running mate. The recoiling amounts to a rare rebuke for a front-runner: Politicians usually signal that they are not interested politely through back channels, or submit to the selection process, if only to burnish their national profiles.

**Note:** Ms. Haley and another potential pick, Gov. Susana Martinez of New Mexico, have sharply criticized Mr. Trump at recent party gatherings and do not want to be associated with his sometimes-angry tone, according to advisers and close associates who have spoken with these Republicans.

**Note:** The pool of Republican women in major offices is relatively small, and Mr. Trump has already alienated some of them. Governor Haley denounced him for not quickly disavowing support from the former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, and Governor Martinez has criticized his remarks about Hispanics. Both governors endorsed Senator Rubio for president; a Martinez spokesman said she "isn't interested in serving as vice president," while a Haley spokesman declined to comment.

**New York Times:** Who Might (or Might Not) Be Donald Trump's Running Mate if He's the Nominee?

[http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/05/01/us/politics/donald-trump-running-mate.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/05/01/us/politics/donald-trump-running-mate.html?_r=0)

Ashley Parker and Patrick Healy

Donald J. Trump still has two rivals left for the Republican presidential nomination, but the talk in political circles has turned to what kind of running mate might strengthen his White House bid if he secures the nomination – and who might (or might not) be interested in joining the ticket.

**Note:** Why Trump Might Pick Her: Ms. Haley is widely regarded in national Republican circles and has been a popular governor, including among some Democrats. She has aggressively recruited companies to open offices and plants in South Carolina as part of her overall focus on job creation, a high priority for Mr. Trump. Ms. Haley, 44, is also one of the most prominent women in American politics, and Mr. Trump is facing a likely female opponent in the general election and sluggish support among female voters.

**Note:** What Haley Might Say: Ms. Haley, who endorsed Senator Marco Rubio ahead of the South Carolina primary, has described Mr. Trump's politics as divisive and blasted him for not swiftly repudiating support from a former Ku Klux Klan leader. Mr. Trump has hit back, writing on Twitter in March that South Carolinians were "embarrassed" by Ms. Haley. She has told allies that she isn't interested in the vice presidency, but a reconciliation between her and Mr. Trump is surely possible if he becomes the leader of the party.

**Inquisitr:** Potential Vice President Picks to Donald Trump: It's Like 'Buying a Ticket on the Titanic'

<http://www.inquisitr.com/3051070/potential-vice-president-picks-to-donald-trump-its-like-buying-a-ticket-on-the-titanic/>

Samantha Kilgore

It's normal politics for a person to deny that they have any interest in a potential appointment to the vice presidency, but when the response to the possibility of becoming GOP frontrunner Donald Trump's vice

president pick is “Hahahahahahahaha,” it probably signals true disinterest. Yet “hahahahahahahaha” is exactly what Sally Bradshaw, a senior adviser to Jeb Bush, wrote in response to the question of whether Jeb would consider becoming Donald Trump’s vice president pick. And although Bradshaw’s response is somewhat harsh, the sentiment seems to remain consistent across the board.

**Note:** And these aren’t the only Republicans who have made their feelings toward Donald Trump known. Governor Nikki Haley, considered a rising star within the Republican Party, has made it clear that she would never consider being Trump’s running mate. Haley endorsed Marco Rubio before the LFlorida senator dropped out of the race, and disavowed Trump for his reluctance to publicly denounce white supremacist David Duke.

## General Assembly News:

**Associated Press:** Bills borrowing for schools, roads meet crossover deadline

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MvF2HYp4](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MvF2HYp4)

Seanna Adcox

Bills to borrow money to repair South Carolina’s crumbling roads and public schools are among those clearing Sunday’s crossover deadline, while measures not likely to make it include those strengthening penalties for killing a K-9. Under House and Senate rules, bills that advance from one chamber to the other after May 1 require a two-thirds vote to even be considered. That’s rarely possible for measures that are at all controversial. Because this is an election year, bills that don’t become law this session officially die. Continuing debate on a bill next year would require reintroducing it and restarting the hearing process. The session ends June 2.

**Greenville News:** Is SC more progressive now that the bathroom bill has been defeated?

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/04/30/sc-more-progressive-now-bathroom-bill-has-been-defeated/83697066/>

Tim Smith

With the defeat of the bathroom bill in the South Carolina Senate, some are wondering if the state is now more progressive than its northern neighbor, which remains vexed by the law North Carolina lawmakers passed earlier this year. “South Carolina will be one of the only states in the deep South that has stopped all the LGBT bills at the committee level, where other states have advanced them to the other chamber and voted on them,” he said. “So I think on that point, we are more progressive. I think hearts and minds are changing on LGBT issues.”

**Times and Democrat:** S.C. leadership must not stall on road repairs

[http://thetandd.com/s-c-leadership-must-not-stall-on-road-repairs/article\\_414252ba-4743-5e5d-9e2a-462d5d6a1033.html](http://thetandd.com/s-c-leadership-must-not-stall-on-road-repairs/article_414252ba-4743-5e5d-9e2a-462d5d6a1033.html)

Jenny Spears

South Carolina legislators may move forward on road repairs in 2016 after all. Previously, the Senate and the governor told the S.C. House that if it did not go along with a Senate-approved plan, legislation was likely dead for a second consecutive year. The House balked after seeing its version of infrastructure legislation stall in the Senate in 2015 and undergo substantial change in 2016 that would strip representatives of any power over the S.C. Department of Transportation. Developments since are positive. A bill passed Wednesday by the Senate 34-4 would allow for borrowing about \$2 billion for a decade of highway projects and bridge replacement.

**Note:** And the approval of Gov. Nikki Haley is not guaranteed. She signaled Wednesday that allowing the chief executive to appoint the commissioners is key. “Throwing money at a system that’s broken is throwing money away. We need to reform the DOT so that we get rid of the political horse trading,” her spokesman said.

## SC Agency News:

**Associated Press:** SLED is 3rd agency asked to investigate Recreation Commission

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article74938377.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sarah Ellis

A third law enforcement agency now has been called on to investigate the Richland County Recreation Commission. State Rep. Nathan Ballentine, R-Richland, has asked the State Law Enforcement Division to investigate the commission, whose director and some board members face multiple lawsuits and accusations of misconduct including sexual harassment and bribery.

**Note:** “The individuals involved, as well as the taxpayers of our county, deserve an independent review of this matter so that justice can be served,” Ballentine wrote in a letter to SLED Chief Mark Keel late last week. “I believe a state agency should handle this,” Ballentine said in an email to The State newspaper. “Hopefully, his team can help us restore some sort of confidence in Richland County government.”

## SC Political News:

**Post and Courier:** Spirit of Strom Thurmond carries Biden to Baghdad

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160430/PC1603/160509985>

When Vice President Joe Biden landed in Baghdad last week for a surprise visit to Iraq, he made the trip on a Charleston-based C-17 cargo jet aptly named the Spirit of Strom Thurmond. Photos of Biden exiting the plane clearly show the markings of the 437th and 315th airlift wings from Joint Base Charleston. The particular airplane he rode was christened for Thurmond, R-S.C. — one of the nation’s longest-serving U.S. senators — in 2002.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Republicans hold state convention Saturday with Trump and Cruz in mind

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160430/PC1603/160509965>

Gavin Jackson

South Carolina Republican Party faithful will converge here Saturday to elect delegates to this summer’s national convention in Cleveland, where a floor fight for the presidential nomination now seems increasingly unlikely. Front-runner Donald Trump’s sweep of five northeastern primaries last Tuesday means he only needs to secure 243 of the remaining 572 delegates to reach the necessary threshold to stave off a convention fight. The chance of an open or contested selection would come after delegates vote on the first ballot for the nominee — a ballot which requires delegates to vote for the winner of their state’s primary.

**The Herald:** How did Trump do with Republican delegates in Rock Hill?

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/article74756302.html>

Bristow Marchant

Donald Trump earned the votes of all three delegates from South Carolina’s 5th Congressional District when he won the state’s primary back in February. But once the votes were counted at the district’s GOP convention on Thursday, the frontrunner had only secured the support of one of them after the first round of voting at the national convention. When 80 voting delegates gathered at Rock Hill’s Holiday Inn this week, they took the next step in a process most voters thought ended when they cast their ballot in the GOP presidential primary. But with Republicans facing the possibility of the first contested convention in decade, where no candidate could win a majority on the first ballot, the deciding role could be played by longtime activists less well-known outside the party.

**The State:** Some of Sanders’ SC fans will ‘Bern’ until candidate calls it quits

State Democratic leaders call for unity, look to November

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article74910487.html>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders is cutting campaign staff as his White House hopes dim, but some S.C. Democrats backing the U.S. senator from Vermont are not willing — yet — to concede the fight for their party’s presidential nomination. Still, S.C. Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison called Saturday for solidarity as Democrats gathered for their state convention to choose the delegates who will help pick the party’s nominee in July.

**Post and Courier:** Democrats call for party unity during annual convention in Columbia

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160430/PC1603/160439930>

Maya T. Prabhu

In a message echoed by many throughout the day-long event, South Carolina Democrats called on members to unite heading into the national convention in July — and the general election this fall. U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Tom Perez, who served as keynote speaker during the state's Democratic Party convention, said when he was working for President Bill Clinton in 2000 that Democrats got too comfortable. "I know we're in year eight of a Democratic administration and there's a tendency to get complacent," he said. "There's a tendency to demand perfection from your next candidate. And I understand that tendency. But I know what happened. It brought us George W. Bush."

**Morning News:** Florence leaders use D.C. trip to strengthen ties to Washington

[http://www.scnw.com/news/business/local/article\\_c655231c-0f26-11e6-ac81-2776061af693.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/business/local/article_c655231c-0f26-11e6-ac81-2776061af693.html)

Joe Perry

Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce President Mike Miller and 13 other leaders from the public and private sectors went to Washington, D.C., on April 19-21 to get face time with elected officials and learn more about the nuts and bolts of the political process. Miller said the chamber tries to host a trip to the nation's capital at least every two years. The group met with Republican Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott as well as U.S. Rep. Tom Rice, a Republican from the 7th District, and U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, a Democrat from the 6th District.

## SC Elections:

**The State:** Developer considering Trump-like run for SC governor

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article74869712.html>

Andy Shain

South Carolina might have a candidate for governor in 2018 who follows the Donald Trump model of running for office. Bill Stern, a Columbia real estate developer who is backing Trump for the White House, told The Buzz that he is considering a bid as a self-funded, political outsider. Stern has spent 14 years on the State Ports Authority — a driver of S.C. economic development — and says he wants state government run more like a business. The Republican said he sees the governor as the chairman of the board, legislators as the board of directors and South Carolinians as the shareholders.

**Morning News:** Darlington County Sheriff candidates weigh in on community policing, body cameras

[http://www.scnw.com/messenger/news/article\\_83ca40f8-0f1d-11e6-8b98-572dcda400e9.html](http://www.scnw.com/messenger/news/article_83ca40f8-0f1d-11e6-8b98-572dcda400e9.html)

Joshua Lloyd

The race for Darlington County sheriff will be decided on June 14 in a primary race between Sheriff J. Wayne Byrd and retired South Carolina Highway Patrol Lt. Tony Chavis. Both are Democrats. Byrd, a Society Hill native, was first elected sheriff in 2008 and then won re-election in 2012. Chavis hails from Hartsville and retired from his position as executive officer and lieutenant of South Carolina Highway Patrol Posts A and B in February to run for sheriff. Both Byrd and Chavis presented their platforms and weighed in on topics facing law enforcement officials across the state.

**The Herald:** Rock Hill Senate candidates duel on ethics and income

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/article74962802.html>

Bristow Marchant

South Carolina is moving toward an overhaul of its ethics rules for state legislators, but some critics say the proposed new rules don't go far enough. But the disclosure requirements are much less than some advocates had hoped for — legislators only have to say who pays them, not how much.

## Opinion/Editorial:

**The State:** The SC Senate's big step on ethics reform

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article74693407.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

The ethics reforms that the Senate passed on Wednesday are far from perfect. They are not even sufficient to



address the problems that we have witnessed with Bobby Harrell. And Mark Sanford. And Ken Ard. And Robert Ford. And Jake Knotts. And yes, with Nikki Haley. Or the additional problems noted in a national report that found South Carolina was more susceptible to corruption than all but five states. But reread that first sentence, and digest its essence: The Senate passed ethics reforms on Wednesday. Actual reforms. As in: improvements to our current state law.

### South Carolina News:

**The State:** Winthrop Poll: SC blacks fear police, racism more than whites do

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article74915467.html>

Jamie Self

Black South Carolinians are far more fearful than whites of unfair treatment by police and racial discrimination, according to a new Winthrop Poll. More than half of African-American South Carolinians – 52 percent – said they were very or somewhat worried about being unfairly treated by the police. Almost half – 49 percent – said they feared being victims of racial discrimination. In contrast, 88 percent of white South Carolinians said they were not too worried or not worried at all about facing racial discrimination or unfair treatment from police.

**Associated Press:** Terminating parental rights: State policies vary widely

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=avb2JO0k](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=avb2JO0k)

David Cary

For child-welfare agencies across the United States, it's the ultimate sanction: terminating the rights of parents to raise their own children due to concerns about abuse and neglect. All states resort to this step when deemed necessary for a child's well-being, but there are wide state-to-state disparities in the rate of terminations and the extent of support services to avoid foster care placements.

**Note:** States have taken widely divergent approaches to the federal timeline, said Christopher Church, a policy expert with the Children's Law Center at the University of South Carolina School of Law. In some states, he said, there's strong interest in handling cases on an individualized, family-specific basis in deciding if and when a termination should be sought. In other states, "it's like an alarm clock that goes off," Church said. "They feel they have to file for termination regardless of a family's current situation."

**The State:** Most states don't track use of toxic firefighting foam

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article74962242.html#storylink=apmobile>

Jennifer McDermott

The military is checking U.S. bases for potential groundwater contamination from a toxic firefighting foam, but most states so far show little inclination to examine civilian sites for the same threat. The foam was likely used around the country at certain airports, refineries and other sites where catastrophic petroleum fires were a risk, but an Associated Press survey of emergency management, environmental and health agencies in all 50 states showed most haven't tracked its use and don't even know whether it was used, where or when.

### Local News:

**Associated Press:** Greenville County fire chief charged with embezzlement

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SC State Wire

Authorities have arrested a Greenville County fire chief and accused him of taking \$23,000 in public funds to purchase appliances and RV parts. Multiple media outlets report warrants filed with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office say 43-year-old Gregory Keith Merritt, chief of Clear Springs Fire and Rescue, is charged with embezzlement of public funds and two counts of misconduct in office.

**Herald-Journal:** Spartanburg NAACP branches express disappointment in Wright

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160430/articles/160439984>

Allison M. Roberts

Spartanburg branches of the NAACP met Saturday morning in front of the Spartanburg County Courthouse to discuss recent comments made by Sheriff Chuck Wright. Wright referred to the NAACP and Ku Klux Klan as "racist groups" during a talk at a Greenville Spartanburg Republican Women meeting April 7. Elder Victor Shippy, president of the NAACP East Spartanburg Branch, said he was shocked when he heard about Wright's comments. "We encouraged a lot of people to vote for him," Shippy said. "Now, for him to say what he said and put our name in the same sentence as the Ku Klux Klan, that was heartbreaking to me."

**Post and Courier:** Record number of new HIV cases identified in Lowcountry last year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160501/PC16/160509987>

Lauren Sausser

In 2015, Lowcountry AIDS Services administered 39 HIV-positive tests — nearly twice as many positive tests as the group administered in 2014. Across South Carolina last year, community-based organizations identified 118 new HIV cases, according to the state health department. One-third of those HIV-positive patients live in Charleston, Dorchester or Berkeley counties. "This statistic is both shocking and highly illustrative of the importance of our continued work here in the Lowcountry to help those affected by HIV/AIDS and fight to reduce new cases in our community," said Bradley Childs, executive director of Lowcountry AIDS Services, in a news release about the data.

**Post and Courier:** Residents want to preserve lifestyle amid Volvo development

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160501/PC16/160509986>

Brenda Ridge

As construction begins on a \$500 million automotive plant that will bring new jobs — and a new way of life — to a sleepy part of Berkeley County, neighbors are keeping a watchful eye. Last year, Volvo Cars North America announced plans for its first U.S. plant, which also would bring other satellite industries to what is a sparsely populated area east of Interstate 26. As the Lowcountry's metro area continues to expand beyond Summerville, nearby rural residents have realized the area is becoming ripe for development. Many, however, also hope to preserve their rural lifestyle.

**The State:** FN Manufacturing seeks consumer appeal at Columbia retail gun shop

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article74930782.html#storylink=apmobile>

Roddie Burris

For nearly 35 years, FN Manufacturing in Columbia has produced guns for the U.S. military and, during the last few years, police departments across the nation. "The reason the (retail) store is very significant to us now is, as a brand, we want to expose the local community," said Greg Butler, FN chief operating officer. "This is our initiative to open it up to locals and to expose the industry to the products that we make."

## **National News:**

**Associated Press:** James Bond meets Samuel Colt: Seeking to build a safer gun

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:a4f480a5bad24f108751467238553f42>

Lisa Marie Pane

Jonathan Mossberg is among a small number of pioneers looking to build a safer gun. But unlike many others, he was in the gun business when he started down that path. His family is renowned for its premier line of shotguns treasured by law enforcement, hunters and the military. Mossberg already has spent more than a decade working to develop — and someday bring to the market — a firearm that the wrong person cannot fire. It is intended to work without fail in the hands of its owner in a life-or-death situation.

**Associated Press:** From new to old, some of the gun safety features over time

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:2bb1e210705b496ca212f118906bdcf1>

Daytona Beach, Florida-based iGun Technology Corp. has been developing a "smart gun," a firearm that uses a ring with a chip in it to send a signal to a circuit board embedded in the firearm so that only an authorized user can fire the gun. But this isn't the only technology that exists or is being developed. A look at other efforts to build a "smart gun" and earlier efforts at making firearms safer...

## World News:

**Associated Press:** US once again forced to turn to Russia for help on Syria

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:18229e5c7c084e739d55a8bee8433e22>

Matthew Lee

Scrambling to resuscitate a nearly dead truce in Syria, the Obama administration has again been forced to turn to Russia for help, with little hope for the desired U.S. outcome. At stake are thousands of lives and the fate of a feeble peace process essential to the fight against the Islamic State group, and Secretary of State John Kerry has appealed once more to his Russian counterpart for assistance in containing and reducing the violence, particularly around city of Aleppo.

**Associated Press:** Watchdog looks to counter new chemical weapons threats

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:ddef6971cc3b4a2e9cffbeb440c9a67d>

Mike Corder

With about 92 percent of the world's declared chemical weapons stockpiles destroyed, the watchdog agency overseeing the elimination of poison gas and nerve agents is looking now to counter emerging threats from extremist groups while still dealing with unfinished business in Syria. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is marking the April 29, 1997, entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention [https://www.opcw.org/fileadmin/OPCW/CWC/CWC\\_en.pdf](https://www.opcw.org/fileadmin/OPCW/CWC/CWC_en.pdf) with a three-day conference starting Monday focusing on chemical safety and security.

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