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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** Gov. Haley teams up with USC coach Staley for school supplies, sneaker donations  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24412231.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

Gov. Nikki Haley is teaming up with University of South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley to collect school supplies for teachers and shoes for second-grade students in eight rural S.C. counties. Donations will be accepted in July at Department of Motor Vehicles locations across the state.

**Note:** "This is us partnering with the coolest coach ever," Haley said, adding, "She's more than just the coach for the University of South Carolina, she is South Carolina's coach."

**Greenville News:** House begins debate this week on spending state surplus

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/06/15/house-begins-debate-week-spending-state-surplus/71264928/>

Tim Smith

House lawmakers will decide beginning Tuesday how much of a \$300 million surplus should go to roads, whether to spend some on an incentive package for Volvo and if an \$800 bonus for state employees is a good idea. The debate is scheduled to begin Tuesday when lawmakers return to Columbia for an extra-innings session forced by their inability to pass a budget when they adjourned for the year on June 4.

**Note:** The state Department of Transportation has projected the state needs \$1.4 billion more a year to bring the state's transportation system up to acceptable condition but some Republicans and Haley have scoffed at the number, estimating the state's actual need is much lower.

**Spending on Volvo:** Officially, the state is proceeding, at Gov. Nikki Haley's request, with a loan for the amount using economic development bonds. Borrowing all of that money, however, would mean the state would pay \$86 million in interest because the state would use up its available economic development credit.

**Florence Morning News:** Haley vetoes West Florence Fire District bill

[http://www.snow.com/news/article\\_909cc6a8-1369-11e5-9cb5-d7124fc6823f.html](http://www.snow.com/news/article_909cc6a8-1369-11e5-9cb5-d7124fc6823f.html)

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed a bill sponsored by several Florence representatives meant to strengthen the West Florence Fire District special purpose district that Florence County is currently in a legal battle over. The bill proposed adding some 90 parcels, from the High Gate subdivision off Hoffmeyer Road in Darlington County, into the WFFD special purpose district.

**Note:** "First, this bill is the subject of and response to a pending lawsuit," Haley said in her June 13 veto message. The bill singles out a neighborhood in Darlington County currently well-served by the Darlington County Fire District and annexes these residents into a different fire district in a neighboring county."

**Greenville Business Magazine:** Governor Haley signs construction material tax exemption bill into law  
<http://www.greenvillebusinessmag.com/View-Article/ArticleID/8391/Governor-Haley-Signs-Construction.aspx#sthash.e76CROU9.dpuf>

Habitat for Humanity affiliates in South Carolina will soon be granted extra resources to increase their impact across the state, thanks to a bill signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley this month. The legislation, H 3568, grants tax exemptions on construction materials for nonprofits in the state that build homes for low-income citizens.

### S.C. Political News:

**The State:** Hillary Clinton's SC visit includes forum at North Charleston tech college

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article24402208.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton will hold a forum Wednesday in North Charleston to discuss youth job training and apprenticeship programs. The 3 p.m. event at Trident Technical College is open to the public with reservations through the Clinton campaign website. Doors open at 12:45 p.m.

**Associated Press:** Rand Paul says people have had enough Bushes, Clintons

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XmvD08cB](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XmvD08cB)

Meg Kinnard

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul says he thinks voters are tired of presidents and White House hopefuls coming from a handful of families. The GOP presidential contender said in an interview Monday with The Associated Press he feels like the country is suffering from "Bush-Clinton fatigue." Paul campaigned in Lexington, South Carolina, as Jeb Bush prepared to enter the 2016 presidential campaign with an afternoon speech in Miami.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Jury selection under way in retrial of former police chief

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150615/PC16/150619606>

Cynthia Roldan

Jury selection is under way in Columbia for the retrial of a white, former South Carolina police chief charged with murder in the shooting death of an unarmed black man, after the first trial ended in a mistrial. Former Eutawville Police Chief Richard Combs was charged with murder after shooting Bernard Bailey three times in May 2011.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. gasoline prices approach \$2.50 a gallon; still lowest in nation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150615/PC05/150619616/sc-gasoline-prices-approach-250-a-gallon-still-lowest-in-nation>

Warren L. Wise

The average price of a gallon of gasoline in South Carolina has climbed to nearly \$2.50 a gallon, but it's still the cheapest in the nation. Gasoline price gauger GasBuddy's daily survey of more than 3,000 gas outlets in the Palmetto State showed the average price rose 3.6 cents over the past week to \$2.48 a gallon Sunday.

**Associated Press:** Ex-South Carolina deputy charged in fatal shooting of wife

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Jeffrey Collins

An off-duty sheriff's deputy who killed his wife in what he called an accidental shooting at their home is charged with involuntary manslaughter and has been fired, authorities said Monday. Officers said that when they arrived at the couple's North Augusta house Saturday night, Deputy Matthew Blakley ran outside with blood on his hands, identifying himself as a deputy and telling them he had shot his wife in an accident.

**The State:** Housing markets continue rising in S.C., as on-hand housing stock shrinks

<http://www.thestate.com/incoming/article24420091.html#storylink=cpy>

Roddie Burris

Home sales in May continued on the upward path with prices rising modestly, pending sales climbing and housing stock in decline, according to the monthly market report issued Monday by the S.C. Realtors. In Columbia, pending home sales rose 9.8 percent for month over month comparison between May 2014 and May 2015, rising from 943 sales to 1,035.

**Post and Courier:** Episcopal Church makes settlement offer to let parishes take \$500 million in property

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150615/PC16/150619613>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The Episcopal Church and its local diocese have pitched a huge settlement offer that would allow 35 parishes that left the national church in 2012 to take roughly \$500 million in church properties with them in what could be an unprecedented olive branch from the embattled church body.

**Greenville News:** Nelson Mullins forms defense industry sector practice

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/06/15/nelson-mullins-forms-defense-industry-sector-practice/71263142/>

David Dykes

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough has formed a defense sector industry practice, led by a partner in the law firm's Greenville office, to focus on helping companies navigate procurement processes and budgeting for defense and government services programs.

#### **Local News:**

**Island Packet:** Passenger numbers up almost 10 percent at Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport  
[http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/15/3795076\\_passenger-numbers-up-almost-10.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.islandpacket.com/2015/06/15/3795076_passenger-numbers-up-almost-10.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy)

Zach Murdock

The number of passengers arriving and departing from the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport is up nearly 10 percent in 2015 over the same time period last year, according to airport statistics. The announcement comes on the heels of new direct flights to and from three Ohio cities and the Savannah airport, which began over the past six weeks and will continue throughout the summer.

**The State:** Protecting classrooms will cost Lexington County schools more  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article24235159.html#storylink=cpy>

Tim Flach

It soon will cost Lexington County schools more for deputies to safeguard students. County Council members are pushing schools to pay more of the \$2.6 million cost for 36 school resource officers, replacing the current 50-50 split.

**Associated Press:** 22 children taken to hospital after bus AC breaks

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Fire officials in Greenville County say around two dozen children were taken to the hospital to be checked out for heat-related injuries after the air conditioning broke on their bus. Multiple news outlets report the children were traveling from Atlanta to Virginia Sunday around 7 p.m. when one person on the bus became unconscious on I-85 in Greenville County.

#### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** Jeb Bush has optimistic message, faces challenges in '16 bid

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u9rOCXb0](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u9rOCXb0)

Steve Peoples, Brendan Farrington

Jeb Bush launched a Republican presidential bid months in the making Monday with a vow to get Washington "out of the business of causing problems" and to stay true to his beliefs - easier said than done in a bristling primary contest where his conservative credentials will be sharply challenged.

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