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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** USC president: Do not pit K-12 against higher education

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article58229018.html>

Cassie Cope

University of South Carolina mascots – a Sumter fire ant, Columbia gamecock, Aiken pacer and Beaufort sand shark – posed for pictures in the State House lobby Wednesday as representatives of the state's flagship university lobbied legislators to spend more taxpayer money on higher education.

**Note:** State spending on higher education has been in the spotlight since Gov. Nikki Haley asked lawmakers in her State of the State address to focus on fixing K-12 schools instead of giving more money to the state's colleges.

**Times and Democrat:** Buscot establishing operations in Colleton

[http://thetandd.com/business/buscot-establishing-operations-in-colleton/article\\_292f65c3-3cf2-5637-9c93-81dda9f3a4d4.html](http://thetandd.com/business/buscot-establishing-operations-in-colleton/article_292f65c3-3cf2-5637-9c93-81dda9f3a4d4.html)

Buscot LLC, an Italy-based producer of specialty bearings, is establishing manufacturing operations in Colleton County. The \$1.15 million investment in the project is expected to create 10 new jobs over the next five years.

**Note:** "We're excited to welcome BUSCOT to the South Carolina family, and we're proud the company's first U.S. facility will call Walterboro home. When Team South Carolina works together, companies like Buscot take notice -- and that keeps us motivated to keep the momentum going, Gov. Nikki Haley said.

### S.C. General Assembly News:

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Senators save Air Facility Charleston for another two years

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC1603/160209724>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott have prevented a shuttering of Air Facility Charleston for at least more two years. The two South Carolina Republicans were able to secure the language banning the Johns Island facility's closure in the U.S. Coast Guard authorization bill that cleared earlier this week for the president's signature.

**Greenville News:** Greenville's John Few elected to State Supreme Court

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/02/03/greenvilles-john-few-elected-state-supreme-court/79743968/>

Tim Smith

For John Few of Greenville, the chief judge of the state Court of Appeals, the third time proved to be the charm. Lawmakers elected Few to the South Carolina Supreme Court Wednesday after a tight race with a fellow appellate judge and the chief judge of the state's administrative law court.

### S.C. Political News:

**Greenville News:** Anti-Trump PAC ready to go on the attack in SC

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/03/anti-trump-pac-ready-go-attack-sc/79782014/>

Rudolph Bell

A Super PAC that's opposed to Donald Trump as the Republican nominee for president and claims some of the credit for his second-place finish in Iowa says it's getting ready to go on the attack in South Carolina.

**Post and Courier:** Bill Clinton touts wife as a 'change-maker' for workers, women at Allen University campaign rally

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC1603/160209721>

Maya T. Prabhu

An enthusiastic crowd braved rain and tornado warnings Wednesday evening to hear former President Bill Clinton tell them why his wife Hillary is their best choice for president. During a rally at Allen University, Bill Clinton acknowledged he probably was preaching to the choir of more than 800 people who filled the gymnasium at the historically black school.

**The State:** Bill Clinton touts Hillary as pragmatic 'change-maker'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article58327088.html>

Tim Flach

Former president Bill Clinton championed his wife Hillary, the embattled frontrunner for the Democratic nomination for president, Wednesday as a "change-maker" who can get things done. That theme came as the former two-term president sought to firm up support for Hillary Clinton during a rally at Columbia's Allen University before South Carolina's Feb. 27 Democratic presidential primary.

**Greenville News:** Former SC Democratic chair Harpootlian endorses Sanders for president

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/03/former-sc-democratic-chair-harpootlian-endorses-sanders-president/79791636/>

Amanda Coyne

Former S.C. Democratic Party Chair Dick Harpootlian told the New York Times he endorses Sen. Bernie Sanders for his party's presidential nomination. Harpootlian is one of the state's most prominent Democrats, serving as party chair from 1998 to 2003 and from 2011 to 2013.

**New York Times:** Richard Harpootlian, Sharp-Tongued South Carolina Democrat, Endorses Bernie Sanders

[http://www.nytimes.com/politics/first-draft/2016/02/03/richard-harpootlian-sharp-tongued-south-carolina-democrat-endorses-bernie-sanders/?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/politics/first-draft/2016/02/03/richard-harpootlian-sharp-tongued-south-carolina-democrat-endorses-bernie-sanders/?_r=0)

Patrick Healy

In the heat of political battle, few South Carolina Democrats have sharper tongues than Richard A. Harpootlian, a former chairman of the state party. And few have as much baggage with Bill and Hillary Clinton as Mr. Harpootlian. On Wednesday he opened fire again, endorsing Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont in South Carolina's highly competitive primary contest on Feb. 27.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** Recognize legislative priorities

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160204/PC1002/160209735>

Editorial

Nine days ago, 28 pieces of legislation were scheduled to be introduced to the S.C. House of Representatives. Of those, six were bills that pertained to issues like firearms laws, a call for a constitutional convention and declaring a new wildlife sanctuary. The rest, scattered throughout the day's agenda, were to honor athletic teams, community servants, a woman's birthday and a school's anniversary.

**Post and Courier:** Why the political show must go on

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160204/PC16/160209748>

Frank Wooten

Presidential-race drama sells. That's why cable news channels' audiences went way up during their wall-to-wall coverage of Monday night's Iowa Caucuses. From deadline.com, an online magazine covering the "infotainment" business:

**Post and Courier:** Congress must act to lower deadly toll of prescription opioids

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160204/PC1002/160209739>

President Barack Obama

Last fall, I listened as a mother named Cary Dixon told her family's story at a forum I convened in West Virginia. It was heartbreaking. Cary's adult son has struggled with a substance use disorder for years, and she described the pain that families like hers have gone through.

## **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Republicans in Congress weigh in on drafting women in the military

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC1603/160209742>

Emma Dumain

Republicans in the South Carolina congressional delegation already had questions about how the military planned to integrate women into expanded combat roles. Now they want answers on a new directive to make women eligible for the draft. U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford is coming out strongly against the announcement made on Tuesday by top Army and Marine Corps officials that women should have to register for Selective Service.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Volvo, Mercedes top South Carolina economic development deals in '15

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC05/160209745>

David Wren

The Charleston region accounted for nearly one-fourth of all capital investment announcements by new and existing businesses in South Carolina last year, according to data released Wednesday by the state Commerce Department. For the year, Commerce said it recruited 150 projects planning to invest \$4.2 billion and create 17,280 jobs.

**Associated Press:** Group sharing info about fighting human trafficking in SC

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=J9j3XweP](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=J9j3XweP)

A group working to eradicate human trafficking in South Carolina is hosting a meeting for people interesting in helping their efforts. The Lowcountry Coalition Against Human Trafficking is inviting the public to a free informational meeting Thursday at the Bluffton Branch Library.

## **Local News:**

**Post and Courier:** Berkeley County Council to consider stand against Gitmo detainees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160203/PC16/160209747>

Brenda Rindge

Berkeley County Council is set to sign a resolution Monday opposing the closing of the Guantanamo Bay detention camp and the transfer of detainees to the Navy brig in Hanahan. County Supervisor Bill Peagler cited two reasons why he plans to introduce a resolution at the special council meeting: "The safety of the people of Berkeley County and the safety of the economy of Berkeley County."

**Greenville News:** Exclusive: TD Bank to add 300 jobs in Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2016/02/03/exclusive-td-bank-add-300-jobs-greenville/79711700/>

Rudolph Bell

TD Bank is glad it arrived in Greenville by acquisition a little more than five years ago and plans to continue boosting its local footprint by adding 300 jobs over the next year, its chief executive told The Greenville News in an exclusive interview.

## **National News:**

**McClatchy DC:** Santorum ends White House bid, endorses Rubio

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article58187878.html>

David McClatchy

Rick Santorum, the 2012 Iowa caucus winner who got less than 1 percent this time around, said Wednesday he's suspending his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination and supporting Sen. Marco Rubio.

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