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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Charlotte Business Journal:** Gov. Nikki Haley keeping a close eye on Charlotte this weekend  
[http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/queen\\_city\\_agenda/2015/12/gov-nikki-haley-keeping-a-close-eye-on-charlotte.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/queen_city_agenda/2015/12/gov-nikki-haley-keeping-a-close-eye-on-charlotte.html)

Erik Spanberg

On a rainy Wednesday morning at the State House, Gov. Nikki Haley began her interview with me by telling photographer Melissa Key to make sure to include the Clemson mug Haley sipped from in as many shots as possible. Haley, a Clemson graduate, is bipartisan in her office décor — football helmets from Clemson and the University of South Carolina sit near each other — but she makes clear her allegiance to her alma mater.

**Note:** “We are in the process of (setting up) our wager with Gov. (Pat) McCrory,” Haley told me. (If it’s not a barbecue bet pitting mustard against vinegar, the world has come to an end.) “I’m very excited about this season.”

**Note:** “What I told them was, I had to be able to see the game,” Haley said. “So they’re bringing a TV in. There’s no way this Clemson girl is not going to see the game.”

**Post and Courier:** Contract impasse has Mount Holly workers taking to social media, airwaves  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151202/PC05/151209857/1005/century-workers-speak-out-launch-media-campaign-on-impasse-and-jobs-to-be-lost-plan-protest-senator-says-chinese-exports-the-real-issue>  
David Wren

Mount Holly employees are using social media, radio and television commercials and a telephone campaign to bring awareness to the aluminum smelter’s contract stalemate with power utility Santee Cooper. But state officials say the company’s real problem isn’t electricity but a depressed market for its product.

**Note:** Haley’s office has been responding to Mount Holly workers with a written statement in which the governor says state officials “spent several months in negotiations trying to broker a deal between Century Aluminum and Santee Cooper.”

**Note:** Haley adds that any further concessions would give Century Aluminum an unfair advantage over other companies. “We have always prided ourselves on fairness — and not picking winners and losers,” Haley said in the statement. “We all hope Century Aluminum agrees to stay. They are a great company that provides great jobs.”

**WACH:** Body cam deadline quickly approaching  
<http://wach.com/news/local/body-cam-deadline-quickly-approaching>

Tara Petitt

The clock is ticking, and only less than a week is left for two councils to submit body camera guidelines to the South Carolina General Assembly. Governor Nikki Haley signed the body cam bill into law on June 10th that requires all South Carolina Law Enforcement to wear body cameras while on duty.

### S.C. Political News:

**Associated Press:** Carson says he's faced discrimination as black conservative  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DpOkrlIc](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DpOkrlIc)

Bill Barrow

Republican presidential hopeful Ben Carson says he's faced more discrimination because he's a black conservative than because of his race alone. "That's an easy one: conservative ideology by a long shot," he said, when asked which factor generated more prejudice. "In this country, you are not supposed to be black and be a conservative," added Carson, the only black candidate in the 2016 presidential field.

**Associated Press:** Carson clarifies support for government spying on citizens  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ew8SrZQM](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ew8SrZQM)

Bill Barrow

Republican presidential hopeful Ben Carson appeared Wednesday to walk back his previous support for widespread government monitoring of citizens and groups deemed "anti-American." Carson repeated his support for increasing FBI funding "so that we can follow people appropriately who are suspicious characters."

**Post and Courier:** Ben Carson calls for aiding Syrian refugees, not importing them  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151202/PC1603/151209903>

Gavin Jackson

Fresh off a Mideast trip during which he toured Syrian refugee camps in Jordan, Republican presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson said Wednesday that refugees don't want to come to America, they just need more aid. "By going over there I discovered there's another option. ... They didn't say import us, they said support people like the Jordanians so that they can take care of us better," the retired pediatric neurosurgeon said to applause.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Carson tries to burnish his policy credentials, but Rock Hill supporters like him for who he is

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article47624645.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

That speech, in which Carson used a nonpartisan event to deliver some sharply critical remarks just feet from President Barack Obama, garnered the deeply religious doctor a lot of attention from conservative activists who suddenly had a new plan for Carson's post-surgical career; they wanted him to run for president.

**The State:** SC's Graham files for more states' GOP presidential nominating contests  
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article47618465.html>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham has filed for more states' GOP presidential nominating contests, laying the groundwork for continuing his long-shot presidential bid past South Carolina's Feb. 20 primary. The Seneca Republican filed a petition, pre-certified by the Virginia GOP, with 7,500 signatures to appear on the Virginia GOP presidential primary ballot, his campaign said.

**Aiken Standard:** Presidential candidate Donald Trump is coming to Aiken  
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151202/AIK0101/151209826/presidential-candidate-donald-trump-is-coming-to-aiken>

Derrek Asberry

Republican presidential candidate and poll leader Donald Trump is coming to Aiken. Trump is scheduled to speak in Aiken at noon on Dec. 12 at the USC Aiken Convocation Center, 375 Robert M. Bell Parkway. The doors will open at 10 a.m.

## **S.C. General Assembly News:**

**Greenville News:** Bill would change release of police dash cam video  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/12/02/bill-would-change-release-police-dash-cam-video/76685950/>

Tim Smith

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee wants a new system for making public police dash cam videos to prevent unnecessary delays. The bill by Sen. Larry Martin of Pickens was among about three dozen bills "pre-filed" Wednesday by senators in advance of their return to work next month.

**Anderson Independent:** Upstate senator files bill calling for police to release dashboard videos  
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/upstate-senator-files-bill-calling-for-police-to-release-dashboard-videos-25f3354b-b8d3-4dc5-e053-01-360218161.html>

Kirk Brown

A bill filed Wednesday by an Upstate senator would require law enforcement agencies to publicly release dashboard videos unless a judge decides that they can withhold the footage. Sen. Larry Martin said his legislation is designed to prevent law enforcement officials from refusing to release dashboard videos unless

they have a legitimate reason.

**Associated Press:** Lawmakers OK change to help development on Kiawah Island

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rB5nlXLk](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rB5nlXLk)

State lawmakers have approved a change to help developers who want to build expensive homes on Kiawah Island. On Tuesday, a Senate subcommittee agreed to remove language from a bill that would have sharply reduced the chances of the development, local news outlets reported.

### Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**Washington Post:** Heed S.C.'s presidential prediction power

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151203/PC1001/151209852>

George F. Will

Sen. Tim Scott, who evidently has not received the memo explaining that politics is a grim and bitter business, laughs easily and often, as when, during lunch in this city's humming downtown, he explains that South Carolina's Lowcountry is benefiting from what are called "halfbacks."

**Note:** This fact must be deeply satisfying to Nikki Haley, 43, South Carolina's Indian-American governor, and to Scott, who was born 44 days after enactment of the 1965 Voting Rights Act that made all of this possible.

**Post and Courier:** Don't sacrifice coast for developers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151203/PC1002/151209848>

Editorial

The devil really can be in the details. Example: The coastal zone critical areas bill. It is supposed to be a way to protect the coast from harmful development. And it would help do just that — but far less effectively if Sen. Paul Campbell, R-Goose Creek, gets his way.

**Island Packet:** Sales tax for Beaufort County schools a tone-deaf proposal

<http://www.islandpacket.com/opinion/editorials/article47000500.html>

Editorial

The Beaufort County school board and its superintendent have begun discussing a plan for a sales-tax increase for school construction. The question of a 1 percent increase could be placed on the November 2016 ballot. It would raise an estimated \$480 million over 15 years.

### South Carolina News:

**Seneca Journal:** Attorney general won't review Hammond case

<https://upstatetoday.com/2015/12/attorney-general-won%E2%80%99t-review-hammond-case/>

Carlos Galarza-Veve

Saying his office does not second-guess solicitors, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson is refusing to reopen the controversial Seneca police shooting of 19-year-old Zachary Hammond. On Wednesday, Wilson's office released a letter he wrote to House Minority Leader Rep. Todd Rutherford, who petitioned the attorney general to reopen the case.

**Index-Journal:** DSS offers disaster SNAP benefits for flood victims

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/DSS-offers-disaster-SNAP-benefits-for-flood-victims>

Damian Dominguez

For those whose homes were damaged in October's flooding, Greenwood's Department of Social Services is offering help through the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. People have been signing up for assistance at Grace Community Church, 1611 Woodlawn Road, since Monday, and will continue from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

**Post and Courier:** South Carolina law enforcement on high alert after mass shooting in California

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151202/PC16/151209860>

Melissa Boughton

Social services centers in South Carolina have gone to high alert with increased patrols by law enforcement agencies in response to the mass shooting Wednesday at a similar building in Southern California. At least 14 people are dead and more than a dozen have been reported wounded in a mass shooting at Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, according to law enforcement officials.

**Post and Courier:** Meeting on Confederate flag museum display set for Thursday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151202/PC1603/151209870>

Schuyler Kropf

The S.C. Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission will get together for the second time after the rebel banner was removed earlier this summer following the June 17 shooting of nine black parishioners at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church by an alleged white supremacist.

#### **Local News:**

**Post and Courier:** Merchants hosting holiday shopping events in Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151202/PC05/151209861>

Warren L. Wise

Shopping season is at full throttle, and merchants on King Street and downtown Charleston are offering two events to entice customers. On Friday, 12 shops will offer wine tastings and hors d'oeuvres as part of holiday shopping. "A Night in Wine Country: Taste, Shop, Stroll King Street" runs 5-8 p.m. and costs \$50 per person. It's sponsored by The Shops at Belmond Charleston Place.

#### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** 14 dead, 17 wounded in California shooting; 2 suspects dead

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:7a2d7edb236343abb9392ce2bf142d00>

Amanda Lee Myers, Justin Pritchard

A heavily armed man and woman dressed for battle opened fire on a holiday banquet for his co-workers, killing 14 people and seriously wounding more than a dozen others in a precision assault, authorities said. Hours later, they died in a shootout with police.

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