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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Gov. Nikki Haley visits juvenile justice agency amid allegations of violent behavior and assaults

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC1603/160309402>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley made an unscheduled and unannounced visit to the Department of Juvenile Justice on Tuesday just as lawmakers are beginning to ask a series of tough questions about conditions in the lockups where youthful offenders — some violent — are housed. The House's Legislative Oversight Committee sent a letter to Haley on March 1 alerting her to allegations being made about sexual assaults, escapes and other agency perils. According to the letter, signed by Committee Chairman Rep. Weston Newton, R-Bluffton, DJJ cannot control its teenage inmates because the agency is understaffed.

**Note:** Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams said in a written statement that a reported incident in which more than a dozen teens allegedly damaged DJJ property is unacceptable. "The governor and officials at the Department of Juvenile Justice are working on changes to strengthen security at DJJ facilities and to make sure we prevent incidents like this from happening again," Adams said.

**WACH:** Gov. Haley visits, makes "changes" at Department of Juvenile Justice

<http://wach.com/news/local/gov-haley-visits-makes-changes-at-department-of-juvenile-justice>

Brian McConchie

Governor Nikki Haley made an unannounced visit to the Department of Juvenile Justice on Tuesday while state lawmakers look into concerns about safety at the agency. Haley and several still-unnamed state officials were at the facility on Broad River Road in Columbia for almost three hours, Tuesday afternoon. A well-placed source tells WACH Fox News the governor started "making changes" during the on-site visit that will help improve safety at the agency.

**Note:** The incident at the department has been called "unacceptable" by a Haley spokesperson. "The governor and officials at the Department of Juvenile Justice are working on changes to strengthen security at DJJ facilities and to make sure we prevent incidents like this from happening again," said Haley press secretary Chaney Adams.

**Associated Press:** Haley visits DJJ amid reports of problems at agency

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Yiagx0f4](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Yiagx0f4)

SC State Wire

Gov. Nikki Haley is getting a look at conditions at the Department of Juvenile Justice amid reports of problems at the agency because of understaffing. Media outlets report that the governor made an unannounced three-hour visit to the agency in suburban Columbia on Tuesday. The House Legislative Oversight Committee sent a letter to Haley last week detailing allegations about assaults, escapes and other problems at the agency. The letter signed by committee chairman Weston Newton of Bluffton suggested the agency cannot control its inmates because it doesn't have enough staff. A statement from the governor's office said that a recent incident in which more than a dozen teens damaged property is unacceptable and the state is working to strengthen security at DJJ.

### S.C. General Assembly News:

**Associated Press:** SC Senate approves bill banning abortion past 19 weeks

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=aQtv1HvI](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=aQtv1HvI)

Seanna Adcox

A bill banning abortion past 19 weeks in South Carolina could be heading to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk by week's end. The Senate approved legislation 36-9 Tuesday that allows exceptions only if the mother's life is in jeopardy or a doctor determines the fetus can't survive outside the womb. The measure's limited definition of "fetal anomaly" means it would be illegal to abort a fetus with a severe disability if the child could live. There are no exceptions for rape or incest.

**Greenville News:** SC Senate approves compromise on abortion

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/03/08/sc-senate-approves-compromise-abortion/81495678/>

Tim Smith

The Senate has approved a compromise on a bill banning abortions at 20 weeks of pregnancy, permitting an exception in cases of fetal anomalies but without any exceptions for rape or incest. The Senate on Tuesday approved the work of a conference committee by a vote of 36-9. The bill, called the Pain Capable Unborn Child Act, was originally authored by Rep. Wendy Nanney of Greenville and has been before both bodies for three years. The bill bans abortions in cases in which pregnancies are at 20 weeks or more with an exception for medical emergencies. The bill passed the House early last year by a vote of 80-27. Once the compromise passes the House, it will head to the governor's desk.

**Associated Press:** Republicans reject Democratic amendments on SC roads bill

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

SC State Wire

Democrats are offering amendments as state senators again debate a bill to get more money to South Carolina highways and bridges. But all seven amendments were set aside in votes along party lines Tuesday. The roads debate will continue Wednesday, with Republicans hoping to get to a vote on the bill by the end of the week. Republicans offered a proposal last week to raise \$400 million for roads through the general budget instead of raising the state's gas tax. Democrats called it the "Patch Act" because that amount of money isn't enough to widen any interstates and the funding isn't guaranteed every year.

**Greenville News:** Senate Democrat calls GOP roads bill a "sham"

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/03/08/senate-democrat-calls-gop-roads-bill-sham/81480808/>

Tim Smith

Senate Democrats are calling the Senate GOP's roads plan a "scam," a "fraud," and a "bait and switch patch bill" but their proposals to change it are being soundly defeated by Republicans who have vowed to pass a bill by week's end. The GOP plan would use \$400 million in recurring General Fund money for roads instead of hiking the gas tax and restructure the state Department of Transportation board to allow the governor to appoint highway commissioners. Tuesday was the first opportunity for Democrats to suggest amendments to the GOP plan and the results were predictable. Debate on the plan resumes Wednesday morning.

**The State:** SC Senate roads vote expected on Thursday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article64841907.html>

Andy Shain

The S.C. Senate took no action Tuesday on a bill to pay for road repairs statewide after dismissing seven Democratic amendments along party lines. Senate Republican leaders, who hold the majority in the chamber, don't expect a vote until Thursday on the plan. That plan includes using \$400 million

a year in added money from the state's general fund and giving more control of the S.C. Department of Transportation to the governor. In an unusual display of unity, Senate Republicans stuck together Tuesday in repelling efforts by Democrats to put their mark on the year's top legislative priority. Senate Democrats are expected to continue offering amendments Wednesday, but Republicans have said they will vote on the roads plan they agreed to last week.

**Associated Press:** SC Senate roads debate continues, but end may be near

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kchor7vl](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kchor7vl)

SC State Wire

The state Senate's debate on how to get more money for South Carolina roads continues, but Republicans say the end should be in sight. Democrats spent Tuesday introducing amendments to change the part of the GOP proposal that restructures the Department of Transportation Board and other parts of the Republican plan to take \$400 million out of the general fund budget for roads. All the amendments were killed on party line votes. Republicans say they want to vote on the bill by the end of the week. Senators have done little else in the General Assembly session that started in January. The state has around \$1 billion in additional revenue thanks to population growth and the improving economy. The Senate meets at 10 a.m. Wednesday for more debate.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Senate Democrats slam Republicans over roads

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC1603/160309407>

Gavin Jackson

Senate Democrats spent Tuesday slamming the Republican Caucus' \$400 million roads plan with phrases like "smiling faces and crumbling places," "hocus-pocus" and "Monopoly money." But the tough talk fell flat. Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, and others saw their reform amendments shot down by party line votes. Sheheen and others lamented the Republicans' lack of bipartisanship after they refused to engage during Democrats' first opportunity to propose changes on the Senate floor.

**Post and Courier:** Bill allowing certain drug offenders to serve sentences under house arrest moves to House floor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC1603/160309421>

Maya T. Prabhu

A Columbia lawmaker is pushing to allow offenders guilty of certain drug laws to be sentenced to home detention instead of serving jail time, a move that would save the state money, he says. House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford said that if the new law is adopted, the offender would pay for his or her own GPS monitoring, which would equate to about \$9 per day. The bill received unanimous approval from the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday and moves to the floor. "It costs \$45 a day to house a prisoner in a local jail," Rutherford, a Democrat, said. "This is a national trend to stop mass incarceration and allows for tax money to go somewhere else."

**Post and Courier:** Alimony reform bill heads to House floor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC1603/160309424>

Maya T. Prabhu

A group working to end permanent alimony in South Carolina is one step closer to achieving reform after a Statehouse panel voted Tuesday to send a bill creating "transitional" payment for a period of time to the House floor. The bill gives judges the ability to award spousal support with an expiration date. It also removes the assumption that periodic permanent alimony is the preferred method for alimony, said Rep. Doug Brannon, R-Landrum. The House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday unanimously voted in favor of the legislation.

**WIS:** Campus Carry bill introduced by Upstate lawmaker

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31421587/campus-carry-bill-introduced-by-upstate-lawmaker>

Sarah Danik

There's a bill on the table in South Carolina that's been introduced by an Upstate lawmaker. It would

allow guns on public and private college campuses in the state, as long as the colleges gave the okay. S88 is sponsored by State Senator Lee Bright of Spartanburg, and it comes as a similar bill moves through the Georgia State Legislature, allowing guns in certain places on public colleges. The South Carolina bill would allow those with a concealed weapons permit to bring guns on public and private campuses. However, the colleges would have to give the okay first. Senator Bright doesn't know if S88 will get a lot of traction this year, but he says there is a lot of interest in another gun bill, H3025.

## **S.C. Political News:**

**WMBF:** Republicans vying for Florence State Senate seat

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/31420559/republicans-vying-for-florence-state-senate-seat>

Ken Baker

The South Carolina State Senate seat held by the same man for 35 years is now being challenged in the Pee Dee. Dean Fowler, treasurer of Florence County, Richard Skipper, chairman of the Florence County Republican Party, and Hugh Leatherman, senator and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, are all looking to win votes in the election for District 31.

**WIS:** Race taking shape for embattled councilman's seat

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31421487/race-taking-shape-for-embattled-councilmans-seat>

Chad Mills

Richland County Councilman Kelvin Washington still has a big decision to make – run for re-election or call it quits. Washington is still facing a felony DUI charge after he was injured in a crash along with two others two weekends ago. He recently pleaded guilty to tax charges too. Meanwhile, Helen Taylor-Bradley is definitely running for Washington's seat. Needless to say, it's a race that could get heated.

**Independent Mail:** Senate candidates borrow total of \$120,000 for campaigns

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/senate-candidates-borrow-total-of-120000-for-campaigns-2d920f9c-3e96-3e11-e053-0100007f9dd1-371468411.html>

Kirk Brown

Three of the candidates running for the vacant South Carolina Senate District 4 seat have borrowed a total of \$120,000 to help finance their campaigns. State Rep. Mike Gambrell and his wife, Reene, loaned his campaign \$50,000. Williamston Town Councilman Rockey Burgess borrowed \$50,000 from First Citizens Bank in Williamston and Greenwood attorney Tripp Padgett received a \$20,000 loan from Park Sterling Bank in Greenwood.

**Post and Courier:** Colleen Condon decides against re-election

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160308/PC1603/160309397>

Robert Behre

Charleston County Councilwoman Colleen Condon announced Tuesday she won't seek a fourth term later this year so she can focus on her family and law practice. "I will absolutely continue to serve as a volunteer in the community of Charleston I love so much, but my time on council will end this December," she said in a statement. Her announcement came the same day as businessman Brantley Moody announced he would run as a Republican for the District 7 council seat, but Condon's statement did not reference him or any other potential opponent.

**The Herald:** York County's Frank Walker gets SC House honors for war heroics

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article64876487.html>

Bristow Marchant

Frank Walker appreciates all the attention, but he's quick to redirect it somewhere else. Many people don't know about his heroics as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, or that it earned him the Distinguished Service Cross and because of it a firing range at Fort Jackson bares his name. When they credit him

with saving the lives of six Marines downed behind enemy lines, he talks about the efforts of service men and women fighting America's wars today. And when presented Tuesday with a resolution passed in his honor by the S.C. House of Representatives, he blanches a little about being called the second-most highly decorated former National Guard officer in South Carolina – although he concedes that's probably true. The male Lt. Col. Walker said he felt "blessed" to receive a resolution from the House, and later get a chance to meet Gov. Nikki Haley in her Statehouse office.

**WIS:** City council gives support to remove Confederate flags from chapels at colleges

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31421479/city-council-gives-support-to-remove-confederate-flags-from-chapels-at-colleges>

Karina Bolster

Charleston City Council unanimously approved a resolution to support Senator Marlon Kimpson's bill to have confederate flags removed from the chapels of public colleges and universities. The bill would change a current section of the law regarding the state's Heritage Act. In the resolution, council gave their support to The Citadel's Lt. Gen. Rosa and Board of Visitors who are working to remove the Confederate Naval Jack flag from the Summerall Chapel on campus. The Citadel BOV publicly voted 9-3 for the removal of the flag in June 2015. The decision is now in the hands of state lawmakers due to the current Heritage Act.

### Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**The State:** Scoppe: Remind me again why two SC boards are making unilateral road decisions

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article64829747.html>

Editorial

Truth be told, the problem isn't that the Infrastructure Bank hasn't been setting priorities; the problem is that the Infrastructure Bank has the authority to set priorities. There should be one agency that determines what road projects get funded, and that should be the Transportation Department; the Infrastructure Bank should act solely to facilitate the funding of those priorities. But the way to fix that problem isn't to have two priority-setting entities. It's to let the governor control the commission and the priority list, as Senate Republicans propose to do, so that there is some hope of having a statewide focus.

**The State:** SC needs better roads; we need to pay for them

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article64828317.html>

Letter

Is anyone else as disgusted with our state senators as I am? Everyone can see that our roads are unsafe. They are costing us millions in unnecessary auto repairs and hours of wasted time to get the repairs done. The longer we put off the repairs, the more they will cost. Gas tax opponents foolishly believe that the budget surplus will be plenty enough to bring the roads up to acceptable standards. Are they that stupid, or do they think everyone in the state is so ignorant that we believe them? While I like most of the governor's policies, I disagree that we need a tax break. We already enjoy some of the lowest taxes in the nation. Also near the bottom in the nation: our roads and education system.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. road needs begin with paint

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160309/PC1002/160309409>

Letter

If state government cannot come up with money to fix our roads, the least it can do is paint the yellow and white stripes so we can see where we are going when it gets dark. Highway 17-A from Summerville to Walterboro is in very poor condition. At the least it needs to be painted. Everyone wants to cry at the mention of gas tax, but will buy junk food and unnecessary things. Get real. I say tax gas at 20 cents per gallon.

**The Herald:** S.C. farmers need a helping hand



<http://www.heraldonline.com/opinion/editorials/article64835797.html>

#### Editorial

We understand Gov. Nikki Haley's philosophical objection to singling out South Carolina farmers for special aid following a disastrous 2015. But without help, many farmers could go out of business, and that would be a significant blow to the state's economy. South Carolina farmers say 2015 ranks among the worst years ever for them. The S.C. Department of Agriculture reports that farmers suffered \$587 million in losses last year, with \$376 million the result of the destruction of nearly the entire cotton, soybean and peanut crops. And with continuing wet weather and lower commodity prices, 2016 could be just as bad.

**The State:** School districts shouldn't charge student fees

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article64828417.html>

#### Letter

Why must the students in Lexington-Richland District 5 pay exorbitant fees for supplies and materials when the district annually receives in the neighborhood of \$60 million from property taxes and \$100 million from the state? Many parents cannot afford these fees. School districts need to raise the taxes on those who can most afford to pay a little more in order to help those families who are struggling the most financially. Please take a closer look at your district's budget proposals to better understand its income and expenditures. Raise these questions at your school board meetings. And support those prospective school board members who want to get rid of these unnecessary fees.

**Post and Courier:** Santee Cooper discourages solar power

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160309/PC1002/160309408>

#### Letter

Recently Santee Cooper tore down two coal plant smokestacks in Conway as described in a Feb. 8 column titled "Toppled Grainger smokestacks a symbol of Santee Cooper's greener future." It's great to see Santee Cooper moving away from coal and working to clean up coal ash pollution, but as a Santee Cooper customer with solar power I can tell you that there is still work to do. In December, Santee Cooper decided to impose some of the highest charges in the nation on its solar customers. These "standby" and "metering" fees will cost sun-powered households hundreds of dollars a year. Other South Carolina utilities don't impose charges like these, which can wipe out a family's energy savings.

#### South Carolina News:

**Associated Press:** Statewide tornado drill planned for Wednesday morning

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8GtHZ92E](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8GtHZ92E)

#### SC State Wire

South Carolina is getting ready to hold a statewide tornado drill. The exercise is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday and is part of the state's Severe Weather and Flood Safety Week. National Weather Service forecasters will issue a tornado warning during the drill so schools, businesses and others can make sure they get warnings through their weather radio or other means.

**The State:** Lead battery plant smacked with \$250,000 air pollution fine

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article64875942.html>

#### Sammy Fretwell

When state inspectors arrived at the Johnson Controls lead battery recycling plant in 2014, they found piles of slag and dust on a loading dock, broken cleaning equipment and a pollution control device that wasn't doing its job, records show. Follow-up inspections during the next year revealed holes in the walls, lead-bearing material in pools of water and a suspect alarm system at the plant in eastern South Carolina, according to a recent state enforcement order that carried an unusually large fine against Johnson Controls. The state's enforcement action hit Johnson Controls with a \$250,000 penalty, the largest fine levied against anyone last year for air pollution violations in South Carolina.

Regulators said the extent of the violations and the toxin involved — lead — justified the size of the penalty.

**Greenville News:** Task force makes school safety recommendations

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2016/03/08/task-force-makes-school-safety-recommendations/81491296/>

Rick Brundett

In announcing the final recommendations of a school-safety task force, S.C. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman acknowledged that some school resource officers have taken on disciplinary roles better left to teachers and administrators. “We want them to serve as a law enforcement officer and to be a good mentor and role model for the students – and nothing beyond that,” she added. Spearman, a Republican, established the 25-member “Safe Schools Taskforce” in November following an incident – captured on a video that received national attention – in which a male school resource officer (SRO) at Spring Valley High School in Richland County forcibly removed a female student from her classroom desk.

**Local News:**

**The State:** Cardinal Newman site redevelopment gets initial approval

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article64885162.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Forest Acres City Council on Tuesday gave initial approval to a project that would bring hundreds of apartments, plus townhomes and shops, to the former Cardinal Newman School site on Forest Drive. The council had little discussion before voting unanimously in favor of The Beach Co. of Charleston’s proposed \$58 million redevelopment. If approved again April 12, the project would bring 256 luxury apartments and townhomes and 42,000 square feet of restaurants and boutique shops to the 12-acre lot that Cardinal Newman School left in December.

**Aiken Standard:** Hotel Aiken moves forward with construction plans

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160308/AIK0101/160309389>

Dan Brown

Hotel Aiken wants the public to know it is moving forward with construction plans to renovate the landmark downtown Aiken hotel, owner Neel Shah said. “We are excited, upbeat and looking forward with the progress of Hotel Aiken’s future,” Shah told the Aiken Standard in a phone interview Tuesday. Plans are on schedule with the hotel’s renovation still in the planning development stage based on Aiken City Council’s new height ordinance, Shah said in a news release. This historic hotel received the green light last October to proceed with its \$10 million renovation investment when City Council approved a new height ordinance raising the maximum allowable height for downtown Aiken buildings from 50 feet to 55 feet.

**The State:** City board grants parking exception for redevelopment of commercial strip in Five Points

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article64766252.html>

Avery G. Wilks

The owners of two long-vacant buildings in the pedestrian-sparse 900 block of Harden Street got the city’s go-ahead Tuesday to renovate the buildings without providing parking for businesses they hope to introduce there. Four members of Columbia’s Board of Zoning Appeals voted unanimously to approve the parking variance after the architect of the plans told them the exception was necessary to bring in new businesses and “invigorate that part of Harden Street.”

**Aiken Standard:** Aiken County School Board hears support for agriculture program

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160308/AIK0101/160309385>

Larry Wood

Several community residents asked members of the Aiken County Board of Education to oppose a

proposal that would reduce the number of work days for 12 District employees, including agriculture teachers, who work more days each year than other educators. The proposal, which the Board will consider at its next meeting on March 22, would reduce the number of contract days for the employees from 240 to 225 in their 2016-17 teacher contracts. The change would more closely align the 12 employees' contract length with other Aiken County educators.

**Florence Morning News:** State of emergency declared for two Timmonsville schools

[http://www.scnow.com/news/article\\_b024be7a-e56b-11e5-8429-8bf149602924.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/article_b024be7a-e56b-11e5-8429-8bf149602924.html)

Melissa Rollins

The State Board of Education has declared a state of emergency for two of Timmonsville's three schools, opening the way for S.C. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman's office to take over managing them. The board acted unanimously, at Spearman's recommendation, at a meeting Tuesday in Columbia. Spearman said the two schools, Brockington Elementary and Johnson Middle School, had not met the goals set in a Challenge to Achieve Plan. The Timmonsville schools, which make up Florence County School District Four, have been under state scrutiny for months because of poor performance.

**Greenville News:** Greenville broker indicted in \$3 million Ponzi scam

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/03/08/greenville-broker-indicted-3-million-ponzi-scam/81495112/>

Anna Lee

A former Greenville broker accused of stealing from his clients in a long-running Ponzi scam has been indicted on federal wire fraud charges. Claus C. Foerster, 55, of Spartanburg, defrauded clients of about \$2.8 million while employed as a financial adviser at Morgan Keegan & Co. and Raymond James Financial Inc. in Greenville, according to a five-count indictment handed down in federal court Tuesday. The maximum penalty Foerster could receive for each count of wire fraud is 20 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000, according to the U.S. Attorney District of South Carolina's Office. The case was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and is assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David C. Stephens of the Greenville office for prosecution.

**Greenville News:** Domestic violence: 'It's got to stop'

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/03/08/greenville-pickens-domestic-violence-south-carolina/81445184/>

Romando Dixon

If a dog gets abused, Solicitor Walt Wilkins said he receives about 30 phone calls from the public. If someone beats their spouse to a pulp, he doesn't receive nearly as many calls. "That astonishes me," Wilkins said. He made the comparison to illustrate how the community is not as "fired up" as it needs to be about domestic violence. Wilkins and Munson highlighted several sobering statistics about domestic violence in South Carolina and nationwide. "It's got to stop," Munson said. Wilkins described domestic violence as rampant and complicated in Greenville and Pickens counties.

**Aiken Standard:** Two of three Aiken County police agencies get the OK for body-worn cameras;

ADPS still waiting

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160308/AIK0101/160309387>

Tripp Girardeau

Three local law enforcement agencies have submitted their individual policies and guidelines for body cameras. The deadline for submitting the policy to the Law Enforcement Training Council was Monday after S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley signed a requirement into law in 2015 that all state law enforcement agencies had to implement body cams. The North Augusta Department of Public Safety already has body cameras implemented, while the Aiken Department of Public Safety and the Aiken County Sheriff's Office are both still deciding what equipment will work best for them. "It's not just about having the body camera, but making sure whatever we choose has the right tools for our deputies and our area," Abdullah said.



**Island Packet:** Beaufort County deputies react to high-pressure scenarios in new firearms simulator  
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article64773572.html>

Caitlin Turner

The Meggitt Training System was purchased for approximately \$80,000 by the Sheriff's Office in July of 2015. It places deputies in realistic situations that may involve simulated gun fire. The system comes with two modified handguns, an assault rifle, pepper spray and Taser. "This video system takes scenarios filmed by law enforcement agencies across the country," Lt. Will Angelo said. As deputies undergo the training, they are accessed by one of the department's five instructors trained to run the simulation. Participants are judged on their verbal commands, aim and judgment during high-pressure situations.

**Sun News:** Attorney notes issues with proposed Myrtle Beach mo-ped, golf cart law  
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article64855302.html>

Emily Weaver

A proposed Myrtle Beach ordinance envisioned to curb a "proliferation" of slow-moving rental vehicles by putting more regulations on the businesses that rent them was tabled Tuesday after a lawyer representing one of the businesses pointed out the law was a potential legal landmine. The drafted legislation was inspired by an abundance of golf carts and mo-peds that clogged the 23-mile traffic loop during last year's Atlantic Beach Bikefest over Memorial Day weekend. City attorney Thomas Ellenburg, who drafted the ordinance, said it was intended to "bring order out of chaos." Jack Scoville, Jr., a lawyer of 39 years and mayor of Georgetown since 2009, said the ordinance – though well-intentioned – was "replete with some serious issues that need to be addressed."

## **National News:**

**Associated Press:** Trump's rivals left with few chances to stop his momentum  
<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:f4a2b8445fee431a92dd0a48217b11cf>

Julie Pace and David Eggert

Donald Trump's easy victories in Michigan, Mississippi and Hawaii left his rivals with shrinking opportunities to slow his momentum in the Republican primaries and little indication that a flurry of intense efforts to undermine his credibility are pushing voters away from the brash billionaire. Trump entered Tuesday's contests facing questions about his durability and ended the night with a pair of convincing victories. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz added a win in Idaho, bolstering his case that he's the only candidate who can beat Trump with some regularity. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio suffered another brutal drubbing, failing to pick up any delegates in Michigan and Mississippi. He faces a sudden-death contest in Florida next week. Similarly, Ohio Gov. John Kasich desperately needs to win his home state Tuesday to stay in the race.

**Associated Press:** After another setback, Rubio sees salvation in Florida  
<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:fc8245656e4a494483492a5b6ef7d8ef>

Steve Peoples

Coming off what may be his worst night of the primary season, Marco Rubio's make-or-break moment has arrived. And the Florida senator, a home-state underdog with a week to prove he belongs in the 2016 presidential race, insists Florida will be his salvation. "It has to happen here, and it has to happen now," he told a swelling Sarasota crowd Tuesday evening.

**Associated Press:** Jordan would be Supreme Court's first Cuban-American  
<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:5b63bf73cfbd4d4fbed1f668afa90217>

Curt Anderson

Adalberto Jordan, a federal appeals court judge twice confirmed by the U.S. Senate, could become the Supreme Court's first Cuban-American justice if nominated by President Barack Obama and approved once again. Jordan, 54, is one of a number of potential nominees to replace Justice

Antonin Scalia, who died last month. Obama has vowed to nominate a successor, but Senate Republicans say they will withhold approval in hopes that a new Republican president can pick the next justice. If he were to join the court, he would add to a Catholic majority on a bench made up only of Catholics and Jews.

**Associated Press:** The Latest: Biden: 'We will act' if Iran breaks nuclear deal

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:8f83c746c25e44669eb6f0070bf2a4ee>

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden says that if Iran breaks the terms of the nuclear deal "we will act." Biden spoke alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday in Jerusalem. His warning came shortly after Iran announced that it had test-fired two ballistic missiles with the phrase "Israel must be wiped out" written in Hebrew on them.

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