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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Haley, Scott to stump for Rubio in Florida on Saturday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC1603/160319873>

Schuyler Kropf

Gov. Nikki Haley will stump for Sen. Marco Rubio in Florida on Saturday ahead of that state's presidential primary Tuesday. So will U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C. Haley is scheduled to make two appearances on Rubio's behalf. At 5:30 p.m., she'll attend the Sumter County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner at the Savannah Center in The Villages, near Ocala. At 8 p.m., Haley will be at the Pinellas County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner at the Hilton Carillon in St. Petersburg.

**Note:** "I watched the debate last night," Haley said Friday. "I thought he was fantastic. He went back to his policy core, which is what I always appreciated from the beginning. I think that he's extremely determined and I'm hoping we're going to see a good day on Tuesday." She's hopeful he'll still win the nomination. "I never give up till the end," she said. "When I pick a horse I'm fighting all the way 'till the end," she said.

**Charlotte Business Journal:** S.C. Gov. Haley challenges Movement Mortgage to expand

[http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/outside\\_the\\_loop/2016/03/s-c-gov-haley-encourages-movement-mortgage-to.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/outside_the_loop/2016/03/s-c-gov-haley-encourages-movement-mortgage-to.html)

Ken Elkins

Movement Mortgage is growing so quickly, S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley is already talking expansion for the newly relocated company. "Now it's time to see how fast you can get to an expansion," Haley said during the firm's grand-opening ceremony Friday morning in Indian Land. Movement Mortgage moved into the new \$22 million headquarters with 615 of the 672 jobs it promised to bring to South Carolina from Charlotte. CEO Casey Crawford figures he's at least two years ahead of hiring goals.

**Note:** After the initial speeches and ribbon cutting, Gov. Haley took a few presidential primary questions and said, yes, she could support Donald Trump if he wins the Republican nomination. Definitely she couldn't support Hillary Clinton, who could face "indictment," Haley says. "At the end of the day, I'm not going to vote for Hillary Clinton," she says.

**WSOC:** Gov. Haley attends ribbon cutting for company creating 670 jobs

<http://www.wsoc.tv/news/local/sc-governor-attends-ribbon-cutting-for-company-creating-670-jobs/156556554>

Greg Suskin

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley attended a ribbon cutting Friday morning in Indian Land. It was for a mortgage company that will create about 670 jobs. Movement Mortgage built the \$22 million headquarters on Highway 160 in Indian Land. Some of the more than 600 jobs will come from the company's Ballantyne office.

**WCBD:** SC leaders met Thursday to discuss homeless problem in Palmetto State

<http://counton2.com/2016/03/11/sc-leaders-met-thursday-to-discuss-homeless-problem-in-palmetto-state/>

On Thursday, March 10, 2016, state representatives Wendell G. Gilliard (District 111) and Robert Williams (District 62) met with Governor Nikki Haley's Chief of Staff Ms. Swati Patel and Legislative

Liaison Ms. Haley Mottel. Also present at this conversation was Ms. Michelle Murff, Director of Housing and Homeless Programs for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current homeless epidemic in South Carolina. Representative Gilliard is hopeful that the recent dialogue will start a renewed effort to assist the more than 5,000 citizens who lack a permanent residence.

### **DJJ reform stories:**

**Associated Press:** 5 inmates charged in disturbance at South Carolina prison

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TSbtyU1A](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TSbtyU1A)

SC State Wire

Authorities have charged five inmates at a juvenile prison in South Carolina after a disturbance last month. The inmates are being charged as adults on counts ranging from attempted criminal sexual assault to attempted murder to burglary to arson. Department of Juvenile Justice officials say the disturbance at the prison in Columbia Feb. 26 started after several prisoners jumped a rival gang leader during a black history month ceremony.

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

**WLTX:** Bill to Do Away with DSS, Create "Family Protective Services"

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/bill-to-do-away-with-dss-create-family-protective-services/76604848>

Senators overseeing the Department of Social Services are considering a bill to do away with the agency, and create "Family Protective Services" instead. The bill would essentially split the existing agency, putting family, children, and elder care under a new agency called family protective services.

It would then move all financial matters under the Department of Health and Human Services. The sponsor of the bill, Lexington Senator Katrina Shealy said the main goal of this is to allow caseworkers and other DSS employees to put all of their focus into improving the life of children in families.

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

**Post and Courier:** Rep. Jim Clyburn amps up pressure to save the MOX project

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC1603/160319865>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina has formally registered his concern over the Obama administration's plans to terminate the MOX project at the Savannah River Site. On Friday, the third-ranking Democrat in the U.S. House co-signed a letter asking the chairman and ranking member of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee not to endorse a government spending bill that doesn't protect the mixed oxide fuel fabrication program. The letter, spearheaded by U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, the Republican congressman whose Aiken district is home to MOX, asks that appropriators restore MOX funding for fiscal year 2017 to its current amount of \$345 million.

**Post and Courier:** Sen. Tim Scott, others oppose potential cuts to Medicare Advantage program

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC16/160319899>

Lauren Sausser

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and a dozen other Republican senators oppose changes to the Medicare Advantage program, they wrote in a letter to agency officials this week. In a press release about Scott's position, his staff wrote, "Approximately 216,000 South Carolinians, or nearly a quarter of the state's Medicare beneficiaries, utilize Medicare Advantage, which is facing several pending proposed policy changes that would result in cuts to the program next year." Scott, R-S.C., signed the letter with his colleagues protesting the cuts to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Wednesday.

**Aiken Standard:** Joe Wilson holds Veterans Fair to help vets live 'fulfilling' lives

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160311/AIK0101/160319924>

Tripp Girardeau

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C. held his fourth annual Veterans Fair on Thursday at the SCANG Armory in Graniteville, with the intention to bring veterans, employers and federal agencies together in one place to better connect veterans with available employment opportunities. Wilson said holding the fair each year is meaningful for him because he is a 31-year veteran, his father served in World War II and his four sons, including the state's Attorney General Alan Wilson, served in the U.S. Military.

**Aiken Standard:** Ruthven campaign for S.C. State House announces steering committee

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160311/AIK0101/160319927>

KT Ruthven's campaign for State House has announced five community leaders who have signed up as co-chairs of his campaign on Friday. Aiken Mayor Rick Osbon, Aiken County Council Chairman Ronnie Young, Aiken County Council members Andrew Siders and Camille Furgiuele and Betty Ryberg, wife of former Republican State Sen. Greg Ryberg and known community leader, will all serve as campaign co-chairs, according to a press release. In the release Ruthven said Columbia is "broken," adding "we desperately need a fresh look at old problems." Ruthven, chairman of the Aiken GOP, announced his run for the House District 81 seat in January after S.C. Rep. Don Wells, R-Aiken announced he would not be seeking re-election in November.

## South Carolina News:

**Associated Press:** Plentiful peach crop expected in South Carolina this year

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

SC State Wire

What could be a plentiful peach crop is shaping up in orchards across South Carolina. Growers and agriculture officials say that during the winter there was just enough cold weather to insure a good crop and so far there have been no late-season cold snaps to damage fragile peach blossoms. South Carolina produced about 70,000 tons of peaches last year, second in the nation only to California.

**The State:** More pedestrians killed in SC in 2015 than 2014, study says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article65319982.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The number of pedestrians killed in traffic crashes in South Carolina jumped 31 percent for the first six months of 2015 compared to the same months in 2014, according to new data. The Governors Highway Safety Association released the numbers Tuesday, showing pedestrian deaths went from 42 in the first half of 2014 to 55 in the same months of 2015. That increase mirrors a nationwide rise. Researchers used preliminary numbers to estimate pedestrian fatalities increased 10 percent over the course of 2015. In 2014, South Carolina ranked No. 6 in pedestrian fatality rates, with 2.21 per 100,000 people.

**Post and Courier:** State Ports Authority seeks dismissal of lawsuit related to truck driver's death

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC05/160319885>

David Wren

The State Ports Authority has asked a judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the maritime agency by the widow of a truck driver killed last year at the port's North Charleston Terminal. In a filing Thursday, the SPA's lawyer said Trina Boyd — the widow of truck driver Derek Boyd — has not stated a claim that can be tried in court. A judge has not ruled on the request and no court date has been set.

**Post and Courier:** Federal government providing \$10M to combat opioid addiction across Southeast

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC16/160319877>

Derrek Asberry

The federal government is providing \$10 million to facilities in South Carolina and across the Southeast, and \$94 million nationwide, to combat opioid addiction. The announcement came Friday morning following the U.S. Senate's passage of a bill on Thursday that would give states better resources to fight opioid and heroin addiction.

### **Local News:**

**Associated Press:** Auto supplier bringing 70 jobs to Cherokee County

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TzdehLj9](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TzdehLj9)

SC State Wire

A company that makes racks and other products for shipping auto parts is setting up shop in Gaffney, creating 70 new jobs. Essex Weld Solutions announced Thursday that it is investing almost \$3 million in the new operation in Cherokee County. The company is moving into an existing warehouse where it will use robotic equipment to weld racks and other shipping containers for auto parts. The company is already hiring for the new positions.

**Greenville News:** County expands efforts to control landfill odor

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/03/11/county-expands-efforts-control-landfill-odor/81582852/>

Angelia Davis

The county has beefed up efforts to contain odors drifting from the Twin Chimneys Landfill and out into the Southern Greenville County community. But there's no guarantee that once the odors are contained that they'll never migrate offsite again. Greenville County environmental engineer Susan Harrison and Marcia Papin, manager of the landfill, met with residents who live near the landfill on Thursday to update them on what's being done to control the landfill odor, which residents have likened to vomit and rotten eggs, among other things.

**Post and Courier:** Senior-level staff member leaving Charleston airport for chamber job

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC05/160319887>

Warren L. Wise

For the second time in two weeks, a senior-level staff member will leave the agency overseeing Charleston International Airport. Sean Tracey, director of planning and development, will step down from his \$117,000-a-year job to take a position as vice president of advancement with Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, according to Paul Campbell, CEO of Charleston County Aviation Authority.

**Beaufort Gazette:** Beaufort National Cemetery without a director

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/bg-military/article65435417.html>

Stephen Fastenau

Beaufort National Cemetery is without a local director after its previous leader took a job in New York earlier this year. Craig Arsell directed operations at the historic burial ground for a year, drawing praise for improving the appearance and morale on the cemetery grounds off Boundary Street. Arsell is now assistant director of Long Island National Cemetery, according to his Facebook posts.

**Post and Courier:** Joe Riley to join College of Charleston staff on July 1

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC16/160319883>

Deanna Pan

Starting July 1, Charleston's former mayor will begin his role at the College of Charleston as executive in residence at the Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities. Kendra Stewart, a political science professor and the center's director, told The Post and Courier in February that Joe Riley will engage in research, teaching and service in his new position. He also will help create the structure and programming for the center, which will focus on leadership and urban design.

**Greenville News:** Carolina High student charged after school lockdown

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/03/11/greenville-school-lockdown-after-threat/81639408/>

Elizabeth Sanders and Anna Lee

A 17-year-old has been arrested after a Carolina High School student threatened to shoot his teachers and classmates, authorities said. The school was put on lockdown Friday morning after several students alerted administrators about the threats, said Greenville County schools spokesman Oby Lyles. Jakeese Daquan Taylor of Greenville was charged with disturbing schools, according to a warrant. The warrant alleges Taylor made verbal threats Thursday to shoot staff and students at Carolina Academy. Those actions caused the school to be placed on lockdown status, the warrant said.

**WOLO:** Lockdown Lifted at Blythewood Following Threat Against Student

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/03/11/lockdown-lifted-at-blythewood-following-threat-against-student/>

Kimberlei Davis

A lockdown was in place at Blythewood High School Friday afternoon after a student made a threat against another student through social media. Officials with the school district told ABC Columbia that the lockdown lasted between 15-20 minutes. Richland County School District Two parents were notified of the lockdown by email, call and text according to a release from officials.

**WIS:** School lockdown lifted after student threat investigated

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31447794/school-lockdown-lifted-after-student-threat-investigated>

A lockdown has been lifted at Blythewood High School after administrators investigated a threat made against a student Friday on social media. District spokesperson Libby Roof says the lockdown was in place for about 20 minutes.

**Post and Courier:** Custody battle cited in search for missing Colleton County children

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC16/160319903>

Dave Munday

The three children whose disappearance sparked an all-night search in rural Colleton County before they were found in a closet Thursday morning have been turned over to the state as investigators try to determine if they were possibly abducted amid a custody battle. The children were in protective custody with the Department of Social Services on Friday.

**Post and Courier:** North Charleston may ink new zoning for tattoo parlors

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160311/PC16/160319861>

North Charleston appears ready to follow the lead of Charleston and allow tattoo parlors in its light industrial areas. City Council began considering the change in January, and its Public Safety Committee is scheduled to vote on the zoning amendment on March 17. Final approval could come as early as a week after that, Duffy said. Tattoo parlors were illegal in South Carolina for decades until 2004. Since then, the city of Charleston allowed them in its light industrial areas, and several have opened. Duffy said North Charleston began considering its change after a few prospective owners contacted the city about opening tattoo parlors here.

**Greenville News:** Patti LaBelle featured speaker at Minority Health Summit

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/03/11/patti-labelle-featured-speaker-minority-health-summit/81645552/>

Liv Osby

Legendary singer Patti LaBelle is the featured speaker at next month's Greenville Health System Minority Health Summit. Diabetes is the focus of this year's event, along with mental health. And



LaBelle has become an advocate for managing the disease since she was diagnosed with diabetes after passing out on stage. Last year's summit featured Laila Ali, daughter of boxing great Mohammed Ali. Other speakers have included Maya Angelou, Sugar Ray Leonard, Olympic gold medal swimmer Cullen Jones, and former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher. The summit will be held on April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the TD Convention Center.

## National News:

**Associated Press:** Analysis: Rivals still searching for formula to stop Trump  
<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:938eda4b26ba41b1a43f7f35f0393fe5>  
Julie Pace

Nine months after Donald Trump became a presidential candidate, his rivals are still searching for a formula to stop his improbable political rise. They've ignored him and hoped he'd fade away. They've launched sharply personal attacks on his hair and his hand size. They've tried to discredit his business prowess and conservative record. And in Thursday's Republican presidential debate, they grasped for the middle ground, drastically dialing back the vitriol and trying to instead politely poke holes in Trump's policy proposals.

**Associated Press:** Extraordinary tactics as GOP foes struggle to stop Trump  
<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:091b6d3473454cdd9fc242d662566479>  
Steve Peoples and Julie Pace

Vote for home-state Gov. John Kasich in next Tuesday's Ohio primary, not for Marco Rubio, Republicans are being urged ... by Marco Rubio. It's all part of the extraordinary tactics Donald Trump's presidential foes are resorting to in last-ditch efforts to block the party's front-runner. "If you want to stop Trump in Ohio, Kasich's the only guy who can beat him there," Rubio spokesman Alex Conant said Friday in an interview with The Associated Press. In turn, Florida Sen. Rubio is hoping to win in his home state on Tuesday, thereby splitting the day's two big delegate prizes and keeping them out of Trump's hands.

**Associated Press:** Trump, Rubio battle for Hispanic GOP voters in Florida  
<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:f976f4c8c67d40fca9d5d872307532cf>  
Sergio Bustos

Trump boasts that he can win the Hispanic vote in a general election and next week, he faces his first major test in the winner-take-all primary in Florida, a highly contentious swing state with a large and diverse population of Latino voters. Trump's comments about building a southern border wall and his accusations that many Mexicans in the U.S. are "criminals, drug dealers, rapists" have outraged and alienated many American Hispanics. Yet his tough stance on illegal immigration plays well among Florida's more conservative Latinos. Many Cuban-Americans, especially, view illegal immigration through the same lens as many of their white Republican peers who see immigration as an achievement, not as a right, that shouldn't be taken for granted by those who come to America illegally. For that reason, Trump has surged in the polls ahead of this crucial contest, even as two Cuban-Americans — Florida's own Sen. Marco Rubio, and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz — look to use their heritage in their favor. For Rubio especially, who has collected only two wins so far — one of them in Puerto Rico — Florida's all-or-nothing contest could be his campaign's swan song if he doesn't win.

**Associated Press:** Wounded Warrior fires execs over spending accusations  
<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:3f264a3d77034354847a800c1d06e719>  
Jason Dearen

The board of Wounded Warrior Project has fired its top two executives, aiming "to help restore trust in the organization" that began as a shoestring charity providing goodie bags to hospitalized soldiers and became an \$800 million fundraising phenomenon. Chief executive officer Steve Nardizzi and chief operating officer Al Giordano are out as the board cracks down on employee expenses and strengthens controls that have not kept pace with the group's rapid growth, according to a statement

released late Thursday by a public relations firm specializing in crisis management. The Wounded Warrior Project's directors said they hired outside legal counsel and forensic accounting consultants to conduct an independent review of the Jacksonville-based organization's records and interview current and former employees after CBS News and The New York Times reported in January about allegedly wasteful spending within the charity.

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