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BMW South Carolina announces record exports in 2015:

Anderson Independent: BMW Manufacturing's 2015 export value reaches nearly \$10B

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/local/bmw-manufacturings-2015-export-value-reaches-nearly-10-b-2b6d6876-13ae-554f-e053-0100007fb367-368324041.html>

BMW Manufacturing Co. announced today that the export value of its passenger vehicles through the Port of Charleston in 2015 totaled \$9.8 billion, confirming the company's South Carolina facility as the leading U. S. automotive exporter by value. According to data from the U.S. Department of Commerce, this accomplishment represents a 7.8 percent increase over BMW's 2014 value.

Note: "BMW has been a treasured part of the South Carolina family since the first cars rolled out of its Spartanburg County facility," said South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. "Today's announcement is another reminder that there's no limit to what we can achieve when Team South Carolina, and our world class workforce, work together with a great corporate citizen like BMW."

Greenville News: BMW reigns again as nation's largest vehicle exporter

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/02/10/bmw-reigns-again-nations-largest-vehicle-exporter/80174524/>

Michael Burns

BMW Manufacturing Co. has announced that the export value of its passenger vehicles through the Port of Charleston in 2015 totaled \$9.8 billion, confirming the company's Greer facility as the leading U.S. automotive exporter by value, a position it's enjoyed since 2014.

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Post and Courier: Greer's BMW plant sets record with \$9.8B in exports through Port of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC05/160219949>

David Wren

BMW's manufacturing plant in Greer exported a record \$9.8 billion worth of automobiles through the Port of Charleston in 2015, leading the nation in vehicle exports by value, according to data from the U.S. Department of Commerce. The German automaker set a record for production at the Greer facility, building 400,904 vehicles last year. Of that total, more than 280,000 were exported to foreign countries.

Greer Today: BMW export value nearly \$10 billion through Port of Charleston

<http://greertoday.com/greer-sc/bmw-export-value-nearly-10-billion-through-port-of-charleston/2016/02/10/#sthash.EGTs7amd.dpuf>

Jim Fair

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Suspended Dorchester County Coroner Nisbet resigns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC16/160219935>

Christina Elmore

Suspended Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet has resigned. Nisbet submitted a letter of resignation on Tuesday, according to the county's human resources director Leonitta Turner. Nisbet served as coroner

for the past two decades. He was suspended from office last year after he was indicted on a misconduct charge in a racially charged confrontation with a black neighbor.

WCBD: Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet resigns from office

<http://counton2.com/2016/02/10/dorchester-county-coroner-chris-nisbet-resigns-from-office/>

Shawn Cabbegestalk

Suspended Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet has resigned from office. Nisbet sent a signed resignation letter to Governor Nikki Haley on Wednesday, February 3 resigning from his post "effective immediately." The former coroner was under fire following an incident back in August of 2015 when he pulled a gun on his neighbor following an incident with a repo man.

WCIV: Dorchester Co. Coroner Nisbet resigns

<http://abcnews4.com/news/local/dorchester-co-coroner-nisbet-resigns>

Sandra Ecklund

Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet resigned from his position last week, county officials confirmed. A one-sentence letter dated Feb. 3 was sent to Gov. Nikki Haley saying his resignation was effective immediately. Nisbet was charged by the State Law Enforcement Division after an Aug. 25 incident in which he chased down his neighbor who allegedly pointed a gun at a repo man.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: House bill provides \$40M in aid to flood-devastated farmers

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5cDwfvJc

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina farmers devastated by last fall's flooding could get up to \$40 million in state aid to stay afloat under legislation advancing in the House. The House Ways and Means Committee voted 21-0 on Wednesday to approve legislation allowing farmers in disaster-declared counties to apply for grants of up to \$100,000 each. The grants could cover 20 percent of a farmer's total loss.

Post and Courier: House panel advances legislation aimed at addressing education-equity lawsuit

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC1603/160219922>

Cynthia Roldan

A House education panel on Wednesday advanced several bills aimed at fixing South Carolina's rural education ills. Six bills cleared the House Education and Public Works K-12 Subcommittee. The bills range from measures allowing the state to take control if a school district is failing financially, to redefining the expectations of a South Carolina high school graduate.

Associated Press: SC State budget improves; bailout forgiveness bill advances

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u4DAb7i5

The budget picture at South Carolina State University is improving. Local media outlets report the board of trustees of the historically black university in Orangeburg was brought up to date on the budget Tuesday. The board chairman also met with lawmakers in Columbia as a bill to forgive the school a \$12 million bailout loan is moving through the General Assembly.

S.C. Presidential Primary News:

Post and Courier: Kasich touring Charleston area, turning his sights to South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC1603/160219958>

David Slade

Supporters at the town hall meeting, at a pizza restaurant where the crowd was packed shoulder-to-shoulder, said they appreciate his generally positive campaign, which has focused on Kasich's message that he's an experienced leader who's shown he can get things done.

Note: Unlike S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, Kasich expanded Medicaid in Ohio under Obamacare, and has often said that's a decision he could defend before St. Peter at the gates of Heaven. Both states have among the highest rates of infant mortality in the nation.

Associated Press: Rubio vows more aggressive approach in extended campaign

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JkLQlaS9

Steve Peoples

Facing the biggest test of his presidential bid, Marco Rubio promised a more aggressive approach in what his team expects to become an extended Republican nomination fight that could result in a brokered national convention.

Post and Courier: Rubio kicks off S.C. swing in Spartanburg

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC1603/160219932>

Gavin Jackson

Florida U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio told supporters there is a campaign life for him in South Carolina during a stop coming just hours after a disappointing fifth place finish in the New Hampshire primary. "There's a future here for us and for this campaign, but more importantly in this country," Rubio told more than 500 people crowded in a hotel ballroom Wednesday.

Post and Courier: Bush touts military strength, 'backbone' on S.C. campaign trail

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC1603/160219936>

Paul Bowers

Currently polling at just 10 percent among South Carolina Republicans and coming off a fourth-place finish in New Hampshire's primary Tuesday, Bush appealed to his father George H.W. Bush's "peace through strength" military strategy from the 1980s and said he would lead "kind of like my brother (George W. Bush) after 9/11."

Island Packet: Bush needles Trump, talks military at Sun City Hilton Head stop

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/election/article59520204.html>

Matt McNab

Jeb Bush met a chilly morning in South Carolina with the warmth of optimism. Bush told a crowd of about 500 at the Pavilion inside Sun City Hilton Head that he hopes to capture the same magic in South Carolina as his father and brother, who won the state's Republican primaries in 1988 and 2000, respectively.

Sun News: Ted Cruz brings outsider message to Myrtle Beach

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article59609491.html>

Charles D. Perry

After Ted Cruz wrapped up his stump speech Wednesday, John Leach couldn't help but notice the symbolism of the venue where the Texas senator spoke. "See where this is?" the Myrtle Beach man asked. "It says, 'Ground Zero.' If he wins South Carolina, this is key."

Post and Courier: Cruz positions himself as only candidate who can beat Trump at Myrtle Beach stop

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC1603/160219931>

Deanna Pan

Coming off his third place finish in the New Hampshire Republican presidential primary, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz assured supporters and reporters alike that he's the only candidate who can surmount frontrunner Donald Trump during his campaign stop in Myrtle Beach.

New York Times: Race Goes to South Carolina, With No Clear Republican Threat to Trump

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/10/us/politics/south-carolina-primary.html?_r=0

Trip Gabriel

With Donald J. Trump's decisive victory in New Hampshire and no strong runner-up among a pack of also-rans, the Republican race barreled into South Carolina on Wednesday shadowed by a question: whether any alternative candidate can gain enough support to threaten Mr. Trump's drive to the nomination.

The State: Super PAC plans anti-Trump blitz in SC ahead of primary

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article59520724.html>

Bristow Marchant

A new super PAC headed by a former Mitt Romney campaign manager is planning an ad blitz in South Carolina in an attempt to block Donald Trump's path to the Republican nomination. Our Principles PAC is taking credit for the real estate mogul's second-place finish in the Iowa caucuses behind Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, after the group blanketed the state just weeks after it was formed.

Associated Press: Christie expected to drop out; Trump faces fresh test in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WRNNVRDx

Kathleen Hennessey, Kathleen Ronayne

Now officially a winner after clinching New Hampshire, Donald Trump faces a fresh test for his once-improbable campaign as the Republican presidential race careens into more conservative territory in South Carolina.

Associated Press: Kasich's NH showing could be tough to convert into more wins

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WRJ3Fqk3

Kathleen Ronayne, Julie Bykowicz

Republican presidential contender John Kasich spent time and money winning over New Hampshire voters. He came to next-to-vote South Carolina on Wednesday with a short supply of both. "You don't know me," Kasich told people in Mount Pleasant, a suburb of Charleston. "So I guess I've got to go back to the beginning."

Greenville News: Rubio in Spartanburg: SC's primary is 'conservative'

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/10/rubio-spartanburg-scs-primary-conservative/80178942/>

Rudolph Bell

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio brought his presidential campaign to Spartanburg Wednesday and said South Carolina's more-conservative Republican primary electorate gives him a chance to bounce back from a disappointing, fifth-place finish in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday night.

Post and Courier: Rubio stumps quickly through Columbia before heading back to D.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC1603/160219908>

Cynthia Roldan

An energized Florida U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio made a quick stop in the state's capitol before rushing to the airport to head back for Washington for a vote in the U.S. Senate. Rubio took to the stage with South Carolina's Congressman Trey Gowdy and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott before about 400 supporters at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Rock Hill Herald: Cruz adds rally in Fort Mill to Thursday stop in York Co.

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article59559151.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

Anyone who couldn't snag a ticket to Thursday's Republican forum at Winthrop University will have another chance to see presidential candidate Ted Cruz. The Texas senator has added a rally at MorningStar Fellowship Church in Fort Mill at 7:30 p.m., shortly after Cruz is expected to finish his appearance at the Carolina Values Summit in Rock Hill.

The State: SC House Democratic leader backs Clinton in presidential primary

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article59551106.html>

Jamie Self

Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton picked up another endorsement from a S.C. House leader Wednesday. House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford, D-Richland, announced he's backing Clinton at the State House. "Everyday, I see the reality of lives torn apart by a broken criminal justice system," the Columbia attorney said.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Boeing to trim workforce, starting with executives, at commercial airplane division

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC05/160219919>

David Wren

The head of Boeing Co.'s commercial airplane division — which includes the company's North Charleston campus — told employees during a webcast on Wednesday that the aerospace giant will trim its workforce, starting with executives and managers. The announcement by Ray Conner, president of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, was part of a wider discussion focusing on the division's finances and competitive landscape.

Post and Courier: German automobile manufacturing supplier looks to Charleston area for first U.S. plant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC05/160219926>

David Wren

An automotive parts supplier based in Germany plans to build its first U.S. manufacturing facility in the Charleston region, a consultant to the company told The Post and Courier this week. Stoba, which makes

high-precision metal components for diesel injection systems, is recruiting workers through the state's ReadySC training program in advance of opening a plant in this area, according to the training program's website.

Greenville News: Federal judge orders Seneca to give details on why documents in Zachary Hammond case should be confidential

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/02/10/federal-judge-orders-seneca-give-details-why-documents-zachary-hammond-case-should-confidential/80084846/>

Ron Barnett

A federal judge on Wednesday ordered attorneys for the city of Seneca to provide more details as to why they believe certain emails between the city's attorney and a public relations firm the city hired to handle the Zachary Hammond police shooting case should be kept confidential as attorney-client communications.

Associated Press: Boeing to cut commercial airplane workforce

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eAvpEPZM

The Boeing Co. says it will be eliminating commercial airplane jobs as part of a cost-cutting effort. The company provided no specific numbers but Doug Alder, spokesman for the aerospace giant, said in a statement Wednesday the company would begin the reductions with executives and managers.

Associated Press: Obama earmarks money for SC beaches, Charleston Harbor

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8uZBozns

President Barack Obama's proposed \$4 trillion budget includes money to maintain the Charleston Harbor shipping channel and rebuild Grand Strand beaches. The president's budget proposal for the fiscal year that begins in October was released Tuesday. It includes more than \$21 million for Army Corps of Engineers projects in South Carolina.

Associated Press: SLED: Deputies justified in using force in fatal shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=x5fZXKCA

A State Law Enforcement Division investigation concludes that two Spartanburg County sheriff's deputies were justified in shooting a man while trying to serve a search warrant at his home. The Herald-Journal of Spartanburg reports (<http://bit.ly/1QVBppS>) that the result of the seven-month investigation has been turned over to the local prosecutor.

Sun News: Officials: Chinese business leaders planning \$100 million investment 'west of the waterway'

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article59453962.html#storylink=cpy>

Charles D. Perry

A group of Chinese business leaders will come to Horry County in the coming weeks with plans to finalize a \$100 million investment involving property west of the Intracoastal Waterway, officials said Tuesday.

Local News:

Sun News: South Strand receiving \$16 million to replace sand lost during Hurricane Joaquin

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article59467348.html#storylink=cpy>

Charles D. Perry

The Grand Strand will receive \$16 million in emergency federal funding to replace the sand lost during Hurricane Joaquin, officials said Tuesday. The money is coming from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and will be used to assist the South Strand, including Surfside Beach, Garden City Beach and a small portion of Georgetown County.

Associated Press: North Myrtle Beach Chamber urging visitors to "Just Coast"

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NVNS8H5Q

The Convention and Visitors Bureau of the North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce is urging visitors to "Just Coast." The chamber on Wednesday unveiled its new marketing campaign to draw visitors to the northern end of South Carolina's Grand Strand. The new marketing effort starts immediately.

Post and Courier: Charleston-area home sales sizzled in cool January

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160210/PC05/160219911>

Warren L. Wise

Cool weather didn't hamper Charleston-area home sales in January. Residential sales rose 7.2 percent last

month over January 2015, according to preliminary data Wednesday from the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors. Last month, 963 homes changed hands in the region at a median price of \$217,000, up \$7,000, or 3.3 percent, from a year earlier.

National News:

New York Times: Chris Christie Plans to Drop Out After New Hampshire Flop

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/11/us/politics/chris-christie.html>

Alex Burns, Maggie Haberman

Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, a once-commanding figure in the Republican Party who struggled to attract support for his presidential campaign, but unsettled the race with his strident attacks on Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, is ending his run for the White House.

New York Times: Carly Fiorina Drops Out of Republican Presidential Race

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/11/us/politics/carly-fiorina-quits.html>

Ashley Parker

Carly Fiorina, 61, the former chairwoman of Hewlett-Packard, suspended her presidential campaign Wednesday, announcing her decisions on social media after poor showings in the New Hampshire and Iowa nominating contests.

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