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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Haley undecided on endorsement but it won't be Trump

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/02/16/haley-undecided-endorsement-but-wont-trump/80450230/>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley hasn't made up her mind yet on which GOP candidate she will support in Saturday's presidential preference primary but she knows it will not be Donald Trump. The governor said she has talked with all of the candidates and expects to decide "soon" if she will make an endorsement.

Note: "I'm doing what a lot of people in South Carolina are doing," she said. "I'm looking at all the candidates that are there and trying to figure out who that person would be."

Note: What Haley said she is looking for is someone "who is going to keep our country safe," someone who understands the problems the states face and a "fighter."

Note: "I want someone who is going to hold Republicans accountable, and I want someone who is going to make a difference, not just for our party but for every person they represent in the country," she said.

Post and Courier: Time running out for Nikki Haley to endorse presidential candidate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC1603/160219492>

Cynthia Roldan

The window of opportunity for Gov. Nikki Haley to endorse a presidential candidate is closing fast. There are only four days remaining until the Republican presidential primary, and Haley — who told a national news outlet she would endorse by or soon after the New Hampshire primary — has still not publicly announced backing any candidate.

Note: "I think I'm really looking at everybody," Haley said. "This is a different time in our country. I'm looking for someone that is going to, first of all, keep the country safe. Also from a governor's standpoint, who is the one who understands the problems that states are facing."

The State: Haley has not made up her mind on endorsing 2016 candidate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article60645446.html>

Andrew Shain

Four days before voters head to the polls for the S.C. Republican presidential primary, the state's most coveted GOP endorsement remains unclaimed. Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday that she has not made up her mind on endorsing a 2016 GOP presidential candidate. She did not provide a timetable for a decision and did not rule out foregoing an endorsement.

Note: "I'm doing what I think a lot of people in South Carolina are doing, which is I watched the debate (on Saturday in Greenville), I'm trying to go through all the situations, I'm looking at all the different candidates that are there, and I'm trying to figure out who that person would be," she told reporters at the S.C. State House. "The decision is whether an endorsement would matter, and whether I jump out there or stay out of it."

WLTX: Haley Says She May Not Endorse in GOP Race

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/16/haley-says-she-may-not-endorse-gop-race/80457680/>

Tony Santaella

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley says she may not endorse a candidate in the upcoming Republican primary contest in South Carolina. Haley answered reporter questions Tuesday at a meeting to discuss the expansion of a program to help poor expectant mothers.

Note: "I don't know yet," Haley said. "I watched the debate I'm trying to go through all the situations, I'm looking at the different candidates that are there and I'm trying to figure out how that person would be."

Associated Press: Gov. Haley: Trump's criticisms were 'quite Obama-like'

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

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says she may not endorse anyone ahead of Saturday's first-in-the-South GOP primary, but if she does, it certainly won't be Donald Trump.

Note: Haley said Tuesday she's still trying to make up her mind. But she said Trump represents "everything a governor doesn't want in a president." On Monday, Trump said Haley's not fighting the federal government hard enough on Syrian refugees and Guantanamo detainees.

WOLO: Haley Not Ready to Endorse Any GOP Candidate

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/02/16/haley-not-ready-to-endorse-any-gop-candidate/>

Kimberlei Davis

As the South Carolina Republican primary draws near, Governor Nikki Haley told ABC Columbia that she is not ready to endorse any of the candidates. On Tuesday at a meeting to discuss the expansion of a program to help poor expectant mothers at the State House Haley said she is still making up her mind.

Associated Press: Expansion provides parenting help to more poor mothers-to-be

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HsZlcl6J

Seanna Adcox

More of South Carolina's poor mothers-to-be will get parenting help at home through a \$30 million public-private partnership that aims to reduce pre-term births and child hospitalizations. Gov. Nikki Haley joined other state and nonprofit officials Tuesday to announce the state's collaboration with nonprofits to expand the number of families helped through the Nurse-Family Partnership.

Note: Haley says the program will put babies and their mothers on a successful path, while reducing state costs.

The State: State assistance expanding for impoverished new S.C. mothers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article60651951.html>

Tim Flach

More impoverished new mothers and babies will get state attention in coming months to assure family health, Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday. Plans call for nurses to work with an additional 3,200 mothers mainly in rural areas to provide "the tools they need to be successful," Haley said.

Econo Times: Gov. Nikki Haley Announces Landmark 'Pay for Success' Project to Improve Maternal and Child Health, Increase Government Accountability

<http://www.econotimes.com/Gov-Nikki-Haley-Announces-Landmark-Pay-for-Success-Project-to-Improve-Maternal-and-Child-Health-Increase-Government-Accountability-161955>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Christian Soura, Director of the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services, state officials and leaders from the private sector today announced the nation's first Pay for Success project aimed at improving health outcomes for mothers and children living in poverty.

Note: "This innovative program is going to allow us to improve the health of our children and families, and it's a perfect example of what we can do when leaders from the private sector and public service work together," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

Washington Post: 'Government only pays for the positive outcomes.' A strikingly new approach to social problems

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/states-attack-difficult-social-problems-with-new-approach/2016/02/16/55e885fc-d4a6-11e5-be55-2cc3c1e4b76b_story.html

Lenny Bernstein

Two states announced Tuesday that they would experiment with an unusual method of financing human service programs that allows governments to pay nothing unless the programs are successful. The approach recruits private companies and philanthropies to provide millions of dollars up front for efforts aimed at difficult social problems.

Note: In South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley (R) announced a \$30 million, four-year program that will send registered nurses who specialize in maternal and child health into the homes of low-income pregnant women. The nurses will help mothers learn parenting skills and how to keep their children healthy. The nurses will follow the families until the children turn 2.

Post and Courier: Haley announces \$30 million expansion of Nurse-Family Partnership

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC16/160219494/1005/>

Doug Pardue, Lauren Sausser

In a press conference at the Statehouse today, Haley announced a \$30 million expansion of Nurse-Family Partnership, a program that has demonstrated success in several rural South Carolina counties and in other states across the nation.

Note: “This innovative program is going to allow us to improve the health of our children and families, and it’s a perfect example of what we can do when leaders from the private sector and public service work together,” Haley said in a prepared statement.

Associated Press: Who to watch as South Carolina Senate begins debating roads

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=v6biHhe3

Jeffrey Collins

South Carolina's Senate promises an extensive debate, starting Wednesday, on how to get more money to the state's roads and highways. On Tuesday, Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman told members of the chamber to get to the Statehouse two hours early Wednesday for a session that could go well into the evening.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley wants more power over who is appointed to the board at the roads agency.

Legislators currently pick seven members, with the governor choosing the eighth.

GARY SIMRILL AND NIKKI HALEY The Senate is not the end of the road for highway funding. Whatever comes out must go back to the House, where Rep. Simrill helped guide a bill through last year that would have raised about an additional \$500 million a year for roads.

Note: Haley has said she will only sign a bill that reforms DOT and offsets any increase in the gas tax with a comparable tax cut. She hasn't said whether she likes the Senate's plan. And she wields the veto pen.

Post and Courier: South Carolina hires real estate firm to market surplus property

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC05/160219501>

John McDermott

The S.C. Department of Administration said Tuesday it has hired the Columbia office of a national real estate firm to market and sell 45 surplus properties around the state, including two in the Charleston region. CBRE was selected as the exclusive agent on the deal.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley issued an executive order in 2013 that asked state agencies to list and assess all the property they own. South Carolina owns 2,500 parcels of land totaling half million acres and 7,800 buildings that needed 81 million square feet of improvements.

Note: In December, Haley estimated that the state could save \$30.4 million in capital expenses if it sells buildings or land considered surplus.

S.C. Presidential Primary News:

Politico: Rubio surges back to electrify South Carolina

After stumbling badly in New Hampshire, the Florida senator is dazzling crowds as ‘the comeback kid.’

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/02/marco-rubio-south-carolina-219310#ixzz40N2HMjrG>

Eli Stokols

Marco Rubio carried a message to South Carolina: He is “at peace” with his failure in New Hampshire. He doesn’t mean it casually, as though he has simply come to terms with what happened Feb. 6, when Chris Christie commanded the debate stage and turned Rubio’s own rhetorical brilliance into a withering caricature of a robotic, scripted young senator that sent him spiraling to a fifth-place finish.

Greenville News: New poll: Trump, Clinton holding big leads in SC

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/02/16/new-poll-trump-clinton-holding-big-leads-sc/80454982/>

Elizabeth Sanders

New polling numbers show the South Carolina primaries are Donald Trump's and Hillary Clinton's to lose. Trump and Clinton each hold strong leads among South Carolina voters polled from their respective parties, according to the latest data from Public Policy Polling.

Post and Courier: Marco Rubio touts his national security credentials

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC1603/160219489>

Robert Behre

Instead of blasting his GOP rivals, presidential hopeful Marco Rubio told a few hundred supporters why he is most qualified to be the nation’s next commander in chief. The Florida senator, who serves on the

Committee on Foreign Relations, delivered a mostly upbeat, 45-minute-long stump speech but one that warned national security is as relevant today as it was during the Cold War.

Washington Post: Meet the South Carolina Republicans who are horrified by the Trump coronation
https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/meet-the-south-carolina-republicans-who-are-horrified-by-the-trump-coronation/2016/02/16/242a7718-d3fd-11e5-b195-2e29a4e13425_story.html

Ben Terris

The town-hall audience listened as Jeb Bush spent the better part of an hour taking shots at Donald Trump — comparing the Republican front-runner to President Obama, comparing him to Vladimir Putin, calling him a bully, saying he denigrates women and the disabled. When it was over, some in attendance were more terrified than ever.

ABC News: Ted Cruz Assails Obama for ‘Years of Neglect’ of US Military

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/ted-cruz-assails-obama-years-neglect-us-military/story?id=36971348>

Jessica Hopper, Michael Falcone

Aboard a decommissioned World War II-era battleship here, Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz unveiled a sweeping plan to rebuild the U.S. armed forces, arguing that the military “has fallen to the bottom” of President Obama’s priority list.

Note: “I am grateful that South Carolina works to provide a wonderful home to our veterans, and even more so now under Governor [Nikki] Haley’s leadership,” he said. “It’s time our national programs match that excellence.”

Associated Press: Cruz proposes plan to bolster US military

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

Scott Bauer

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz laid out his vision for bolstering the U.S. military on an aircraft carrier in South Carolina Tuesday, vowing to rebuild the military so “it will be feared by our enemies and trusted by our allies.” In a nod to South Carolina’s sizeable military and veteran population, Cruz said he would model his approach to the military on that of former President Ronald Reagan.

Charlotte Observer: Bill Clinton appeals to millennials in S.C.

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article60683931.html>

Jim Morrill

The last time Bill Clinton spoke in Greenville, he found himself in the line of fire – from other Democrats. They accused him of making racially insensitive remarks about then-Sen. Barack Obama ahead of the 2008 S.C. primary. Others called his statements about Obama “character assassination.”

Associated Press: Ted Cruz rivals pounce on trust issues

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=n9xATD1z

Steve Peoples, Scott Bauer

Ted Cruz is getting hammered by his Republican rivals over what they call a pattern of unethical campaign tactics and inaccurate statements by the Texas senator who has shaped his White House bid around trust.

WYFF: Trey Gowdy says Ted Cruz lies, fake Facebook page misrepresents

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/trey-gowdy-says-ted-cruz-lies-fake-facebook-page-misrepresents/38023948>

Carla Field

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC) released a statement Tuesday in which he accused Ted Cruz of “outright lies, questionable tactics” and a Facebook page that falsely said Gowdy no longer supports Marco Rubio. The release said: “As a prosecutor, and in Congress, I’ve devoted my life to the rule of law and truth. The truth actually matters to me and to all South Carolinians.

Post and Courier: Sen. Bernie Sanders returns to South Carolina campaign trail

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC1603/160219493>

Gavin Jackson

U.S. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders brought his populist brand of Democratic socialism back to South Carolina on Tuesday in his first visit to the state since winning the New Hampshire primary. Sanders delivered his message of change — to fix the unjust criminal justice system, demilitarize police departments, improve low-income wages and tackle poverty — during a prayer breakfast at the historically black Allen University.

Greenville News: Here's why Trump resonates with SC's evangelical voters

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/02/16/heres-why-trump-resonates-scs-evangelical-voters/80329452/>

Nathaniel Cary

Fresh off a month-long missionary trip teaching at a Bible college in the Philippines, David Thomas drove to Clemson last week to listen to real estate tycoon Donald Trump. Thomas wore a tie and a brown jacket zipped against the cold and sat front-and-center just steps away from the GOP presidential candidate.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Anderson Independent: Senate hopefuls discuss gas tax, refugees

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/senate-hopefuls-discuss-gas-tax-refugees-2bd79aaf-d644-0e34-e053-0100007fa263-368905991.html>

Nikie Mayo

The candidates are Williamston Town Councilman Rockey Burgess, former Anderson neighborhood and transit director Willie Day, state Rep. Mike Gambrell of Honea Path, Greenwood attorney Tripp Padgett and Williamston resident Mark Powell. The candidates are seeking the seat previously held by Sen. Billy O'Dell, who died last month.

Associated Press: Measure would declare June 17 as 'Mother Emanuel 9 Day'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC1610/160219476>

The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved the resolution Tuesday. It also encourages South Carolinians to reflect on race relations on the one-year anniversary of the massacre at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal, one of the nation's oldest black churches.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

TIME: A New Public Finance Tool to Help the Most Vulnerable

<http://time.com/4225542/pay-for-success/>

Tracy Palandjian, David Gergen

In today's sharply polarized politics, one might think that the governments of South Carolina and Connecticut couldn't agree on anything. South Carolina, where presidential candidates are squaring off before the primary, has voted for the Republican candidate in nine straight presidential elections; Connecticut has voted for the Democratic candidate in six straight presidential elections.

Note: Today, Republican Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina and Democratic Governor Dan Malloy of Connecticut, despite many differences, independently and simultaneously embraced one of the country's newest and most bipartisan initiatives for major social change: Pay for Success.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Judge extends time for testing 'unexpected discovery' on Michael Slager's Taser

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC16/160219503>

Andrew Knapp

A judge has agreed to allow more time for Michael Slager's hired investigator to examine possible evidence on the former North Charleston police officer's Taser. Attorneys for Slager, who is charged with murder in Walter Scott's shooting death, had asked for the extension after the expert at W.D. Forensics in Seattle found fibers during a private examination.

Post and Courier: Floods exposed Berkeley County communications glitches

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC16/160219487>

Bo Petersen

Coordinating information among emergency responders as well as that given out to the public turned out to be the biggest frustrations of the people who handled the October floods. A final review of that response was held Tuesday among Berkeley County officials and officials from other agencies, a thrash-it-out session of pros, cons and takeaways from the disaster caused by 30 inches of rain in five days.

Post and Courier: Boeing delivering 100th Dreamliner from North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160216/PC05/160219495>

John McDermott

Boeing South Carolina is marking a new milestone Tuesday by delivering its 100th 787 Dreamliner to a customer. The aerospace giant is turning over the 787-8 to American Airlines in North Charleston. On Twitter, Boeing posted a picture of a large congratulatory banner commemorating the handoff, which coincides with the Chicago-based company's 100th anniversary this year.

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