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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Charlotte Business Journal:** Nutramax to expand with 125 jobs, \$15M investment in Lancaster County  
[http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/outside\\_the\\_loop/2016/02/nutramax-to-expand-with-125-jobs-15m-investment-in.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/outside_the_loop/2016/02/nutramax-to-expand-with-125-jobs-15m-investment-in.html)

Ken Elkins

Six years after it moved much of its pharmaceuticals production to Lancaster, Nutramax Laboratories Inc. will spend \$15 million to expand that presence and bring another 125 jobs to the S.C. city. The company, which makes pills and chewable vitamins and supplements for animals and humans, will buy an existing 138,000-square-foot building on the east side of Lancaster.

**Note:** S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley says Nutramax's expansion in the state convinced her to demand only the company's products for the new family dog, Bentley. "I want to thank you all because you did bring jobs" to South Carolina, Haley told the approximately 75 attending the announcement this morning.

**Greenville News:** Upstate parents bring awareness to heart defects  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/life/2016/02/01/upstate-parents-bring-awareness-heart-defects/79454036/>

Angelia Davis

Before Mackenzie Clark and Susan Smith ever met, they were connected by the hearts of their infant children. Both of their babies – Landyn Clark and Emerson Rose Smith – were born with a congenital heart defect. The connection between the two mothers today is a source of help and encouragement for Clark, whose son is suffering the long-term effects of his illness.

**Note:** And because of the advocacy of the Smiths, state law requires all hospitals to screen newborns for heart defects before they go home. It's courtesy of the Emerson Rose Act which Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law in 2013.

**WRHI:** Haley Visits Lancaster for Nutramax Expansion Announcement  
<http://www.wrhi.com/2016/02/haley-visits-lancaster-for-nutramax-expansion-announcement-122182>

Mike Crowder

Governor Nikki Haley was on hand in Lancaster this morning as Nutramax Laboratories announced it is investing \$15 million in an expansion project that will create 125 new jobs. The company has purchased a 138,000-square-foot building on Flat Creek Road for its expansion. Nutramax researches and develops nutritional supplement products for people and their pets.

**Charleston Business Journal:** Senate votes 38-0 to confirm Hall as transportation secretary  
<http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/56831-senate-votes-38-0-to-confirm-hall-as-transportation-secretary?rss=0>

The state Senate has confirmed Gov. Nikki Haley's choice of Christy A. Hall to serve as secretary of the S. C. Department of Transportation. The nomination of Hall, who has been widely praised for her role in leading the Transportation Department's preparation for and response to the 1,000-year flood in October, carried the Senate by a vote of 38-0.

**Charleston Business Journal:** Trucking group CEO: Roads need more than quick fix  
<http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/56834-trucking-group-ceo-roads-need-more-than-quick-fix?rss=0>

Bill Poovey  
Rick Todd, president and CEO of the S.C. Trucking Association, says state lawmakers need to commit at least \$800 million a year to pay for road maintenance and expansion. That would equate to an increase of 12 cents a gallon in the state's gas tax. Todd said one-time money is not a solution.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley has recommended spending \$345 million on roads, which includes \$231 million in

one-time money and \$49 million from the first phase of a 10-cent increase in the state's 16.75-cent-a-gallon gas tax.

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

**Post and Courier:** General Assembly to appoint Supreme Court justice, other judges Wednesday  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160201/PC1603/160209929>

Maya T. Prabhu

South Carolina should have a new Supreme Court justice Wednesday after the joint assembly of the Legislature meets to elect judges to several seats across the court system. Administrative Law Court Judge Ralph King Anderson III, Court of Appeals Chief Judge John C. Few and Court of Appeals Judge H. Bruce Williams are the finalists to replace former Chief Justice Jean Toal, who retired in December.

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

**Greenville News:** William Timmons runs for Senate District 6 seat  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/01/william-timmons-runs-senate-district-6-seat/79634240/>

Tim Smith

William Timmons has a lot of energy and wants to spend it on the residents of Greenville's Senate District 6 if he is elected. At 31, the former prosecutor and business owner is the youngest of the three men who have thus far announced to seek the Republican nomination for the state Senate seat.

**Associated Press:** SC prosecutor hosting presidential hopefuls for faith forum  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Y2m1KoZr](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Y2m1KoZr)

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's top prosecutor plans to take center stage again with some of the presidential contenders when he co-moderates a forum this month, continuing the conservative Republican's effort to introduce the candidates to his state's voters.

**The State:** Exclusive: Carson plans to concentrate more on SC than New Hampshire  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article57715258.html>

Andrew Shain

Ben Carson, looking to rebound back into the top-tier of the GOP presidential race, told The State Monday that he will look to campaign more in South Carolina than in New Hampshire, which holds the first primary after Monday's Iowa caucus.

**Greenville News:** Cruz in Greenville tomorrow, Duncan endorsement coming  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/01/gop-official-cruz-coming-greenville-not-anderson/79645894/>

Rudolph Bell

Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz is coming to Greenville Tuesday night instead of to Anderson County, his campaign announced. The Texas senator was scheduled to attend a rally at Wren High School in Anderson County at 7 p.m. Tuesday, but now he's set to appear instead at the TD Convention Center in Greenville beginning at 6:30 p.m., the campaign said in emails to supporters.

### **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**The Hill:** Trumpeting populism in America  
<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/presidential-campaign/267433-trumpeting-populism-in-america>

Rich Berdan

Has populism overthrown conservatism in the GOP race for the White House? One might reckon with the recent Donald Trump endorsements by Sara Palin and Jerry Falwell Jr. who clearly represent the most zealous Evangelicals on the far right of political spectrum. Does anyone really know where the Trump phenomenon is going and what it really signifies?

**Note:** The political right and far left have taken their lead from the recent SOTU address and GOP opposition response when making clear references to the Republican frontrunner when the president pointed out the irresponsible voices galvanizing Americans into an unparalleled universe and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) referred to angry voices of division failing to unify the country. The National Review, the

conservative magazine, published a special issue opposing Trump's bid for the presidency.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Gas prices fall more in S.C.; Oklahoma posts lowest price at \$1.49/gallon

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160201/PC05/160209951>

Warren L. Wise

Gasoline prices continue to plummet across South Carolina, but how much longer is starting to come into play. The average price fell 2.4 cents per gallon during the past week to an average of \$1.59, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the price a penny higher.

**Post and Courier:** Stormwater ponds pollute air as well as ground

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160201/PC16/160209931>

Bo Petersen

One of the bigger air polluters in the Lowcountry might be collecting rain in your backyard. Small ponds are the source of about 15 percent of carbon dioxide emissions from inland waters, according to a study at Yale University. The ponds also cause about 40 percent of methane emissions.

### **Local News:**

**WIS:** Columbia Police to change Taser policy

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31108699/columbia-police-to-change-taser-policy>

Jack Kuenzie

The City of Columbia appears ready to take steps that would change the police department's policy on the use of Tasers. In a memo to City Manager Teresa Wilson, Chief Skip Holbrook and attorney Teresa Knox, a police adviser, outlines a January federal appeals court decision on law enforcement deployment of Tasers or ECD's, Electronic Control Devices.

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