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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Associated Press:** House approves idea of appointing state schools chief

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The governor could appoint South Carolina's top educator under legislation approved by the House. The measure sent to the Senate on Thursday would ask voters whether the state superintendent should continue to be elected or chosen by the governor.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley is pushing for the change. She says it's critical that the governor and superintendent work together on a shared education agenda. Haley says she works with first-term Superintendent Molly Spearman as a team, but that hasn't been the case with previous officeholders.

**Post and Courier:** House moves forward legislation enhancing fatal domestic violence data collection

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160211/PC1603/160219849>

Maya T. Prabhu

Panels of experts soon could be created across South Carolina to help track and analyze fatal domestic violence cases. A bill calling for establishing "domestic violence review committees" in 16 solicitor circuits received second reading in the House on Thursday. It passed 86-7.

**Note:** The bill was proposed at the recommendation of a state Domestic Violence Task Force created by Gov. Nikki Haley. The Legislature took up the issue after The Post and Courier published a series called "Till Death Do Us Part."

**Gannett DC:** Personality contest overwhelms issues in GOP primary

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/02/11/personality-contest-overwhelms-issues-gop-primary/80194968/>

Mark Barret

If the Republican presidential primary were a television show, it might look like a combination of "The Bachelorette" and "Meet the Press." Voters are making choices among the candidates as much on personalities as stances on issues, experts say, partly because there is little separation among the contenders in the GOP field on key topics.

**Note:** Trump has talked about his ability to strike deals. But, he made no apology for the tone of his rhetoric after Gov. Nikki Haley said Republicans should resist "the siren call of the angriest voices" in her response to Obama's State of the Union speech.

**Post and Courier:** Gov. Nikki Haley appoints Dorchester County coroner following Nisbet's resignation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160211/PC16/160219842>

Christina Elmore

Gov. Nikki Haley on Thursday selected Alice Durr to oversee the Dorchester County Coroner's Office until November's general election. The selection of Durr, the county's chief deputy coroner, was made two days after suspended Coroner Chris Nisbet resigned from office.

**WCBD:** Governor appoints new coroner for Dorchester County

<http://counton2.com/2016/02/11/governor-appoints-new-corer-for-dorchester-county/>

Shawn Cabbegestalk

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley has appointed a new coroner for Dorchester County. Alice R. Durr, of St. George, will assume the position effective immediately until the next general election. Suspended coroner Chris Nesbit resigned on Wednesday, February 3. In a letter to Governor Haley, he resigned from his post "effective immediately."

**South Strand News:** Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District breaks ground on new station

<http://www.southstrandnews.com/article/20160211/GTT06/160219956/1129/fire-district-breaks-ground-on-station>

Anita Crone

With shovels in hand, the members of the Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District officially broke ground on Station 4 on Feb. 5, ending what has been nearly an eight-year fight to build its McDowell Shortcut Road station.

**Note:** To that end, the fire district attempted to get a millage increase legislatively, using the same methods it used when the fire district doubled its operating millage from 5 to 10 mills. However, Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed the legislation, saying that the millage would have been a tax increase without a consent of the taxpayers.

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

**WSPA:** State Rep Pushing for Higher SC Minimum Wage

<http://counton2.com/2016/02/11/state-rep-pushing-for-higher-sc-minimum-wage/>

Dawn Logg

A state representative is fighting to raise the South Carolina's minimum wage to \$10.10/hour, and on Wednesday, she brought it to the Labor Commerce Committee at the Statehouse. Rachel Nelson is a first-hand example why Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter created a bill to raise minimum wage. Nelson is a single mother from Charleston making \$9/hour at Hardees, but she explains it's not enough.

### **S.C. Presidential Primary News:**

**The State:** Former President Bush making SC campaign debut for brother next week

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article59809581.html>

Andrew Shain

Former President George W. Bush will make his 2016 presidential campaign debut to stump for his brother Jeb Bush on Monday in North Charleston, The State has learned. The Bush brothers will appear at a 6 p.m. rally at the North Charleston Coliseum, the Bush campaign confirmed.

**Post and Courier:** George W. Bush to join Jeb Bush in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160211/PC1603/160219845>

Cynthia Roldan

The long awaited return of Former President George W. Bush to the campaign trail ends on Monday when he joins his brother, Jeb, in North Charleston. The former president will join Jeb Bush for a rally at the North Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center at 6 p.m., on Monday, a Bush campaign staffer said.

**Associated Press:** The Latest: George W. Bush to campaign in SC with Jeb

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RwR0CggD](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RwR0CggD)

The brothers Bush are officially hitting the trail together. Jeb Bush's presidential campaign announced Thursday that former President George W. Bush would campaign in North Charleston on Monday with his brother. A radio ad featuring the 43rd president has already been airing on airwaves in this early primary state, but the two have not appeared together.

**WIS:** Some welcome Bushes back in South Carolina

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31192991/some-welcome-bushes-back-in-south-carolina>

Jack Kuenzie

With South Carolina republicans now just 10 days from a critical primary vote, there is a familiar political figure stumping the Palmetto State. Former President George W. Bush is expected to campaign here on behalf of brother Jeb and ask for help from a state that's been very friendly to the Bush family.

**Florence Morning News:** Bush calls Trump radical at Florence meet-and-greet

[http://www.scnow.com/news/article\\_d6093bb6-d0f8-11e5-b61b-3bf5714b356d.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/article_d6093bb6-d0f8-11e5-b61b-3bf5714b356d.html)

Joshua Lloyd

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush slammed GOP frontrunner Donald Trump at a campaign stop in Florence on Thursday afternoon, drawing comparisons to Democratic hopeful Hillary Clinton and calling him too hotheaded to lead. Bush told the crowd of about 300 at Venus Restaurant, when it comes to social issues like abortion and healthcare, Trump is closer to liberal than most.

**Associated Press:** Rubio launches new attacks in jumbled South Carolina primary

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

Bill Barrow

Trying to re-establish his place as a White House contender, Republican Sen. Marco Rubio is unloading on nearly all of his rivals, declaring them unprepared for the national security responsibilities of the presidency. Ted Cruz says Donald Trump isn't conservative enough to be the GOP nominee. Jeb Bush's backers are painting John Kasich as weak on defense. Kasich (mostly) maintains that he's a nice guy.

**Associated Press:** Rubio eyes brokered convention after NH setback

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wCpx4cqb](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wCpx4cqb)

Steve Peoples

The best hope of the Republican establishment just a week ago, Marco Rubio suddenly faces a path to his party's presidential nomination that could require a brokered national convention. That's according to Rubio and his senior team, who told The Associated Press that the Republican nomination fight will likely go on for another three months, if not longer.

**National Reviews:** Rubio and Cruz to Co-Sponsor Legislation to Leave Draft Changes to Congress

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/431177/marco-rubio-ted-cruz-women-military-draft-law-mike-lee>

Elaina Plott

In his push to reaffirm the current ban on women from registering for the draft, and to give Congress sole power to redefine it, Mike Lee has found support from fellow senators Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz. Spokespeople for Cruz and Rubio confirm that both presidential candidates will cosponsor Lee's legislation when it is introduced.

**MSNBC:** Trump question leaves House Republican stumbling

<http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/trump-question-leaves-house-republican-stumbling>

Steve Benen

As much of the political world shifts its attention towards the South Carolina primary, MSNBC's Steve Kornacki checked in this morning with Rep. Mark Sanford (R-S.C.), the state's former governor. Sanford noted he'd heard from a lot of locals that supporting Donald Trump would help "send a message" to Washington.

**New York Times:** Bernie Sanders Intrigues a South Carolina Town That Loves Hillary Clinton

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/12/us/bernie-sanders-intrigues-a-south-carolina-town-that-loves-hillary-clinton.html?smprod=nytcare-iphone&smid=nytcare-iphone-share&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/12/us/bernie-sanders-intrigues-a-south-carolina-town-that-loves-hillary-clinton.html?smprod=nytcare-iphone&smid=nytcare-iphone-share&_r=0)

Richard Fausset

When Helen Duley was asked whom she would be voting for in the South Carolina primary, she answered as if the very question were absurd. "What I'm seeing is a bunch of confusion, hearsay and foolishness," said Ms. Duley, 60, a retired nursing assistant who is African-American, shortly after finishing breakfast here at the downtown McDonald's.

**McClatchy DC:** Congressional Black Caucus PAC backs Hillary Clinton before SC primary

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/nation-world/national/article59824016.html>

William Douglas

The Congressional Black Caucus political action committee Thursday endorsed Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign ahead of South Carolina's Democratic primary, a move that upset at least one black caucus member who is backing Sen. Bernie Sanders' White House bid.

## **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**Post and Courier:** S.C. congressman makes controversial comments about Zika virus and abortion

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160211/PC16/160219854>

Lauren Sausser

U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, who represents parts of the Upstate, on Wednesday said during a meeting on Capitol Hill that he opposes abortions related to Zika virus exposure. "This push for more abortion access (in South America) due to potential birth defects from microcephaly is heartbreaking, especially since there are different degrees of microcephaly and some children born with these special needs may go on to live very normal lives," said the Laurens Republican.

**Hartsville Messenger:** Coker professor Mal Hyman announces bid for S.C. 7th District seat  
[http://www.scnw.com/messenger/news/article\\_d5e21224-d0fe-11e5-b3f8-83432414fc67.html](http://www.scnw.com/messenger/news/article_d5e21224-d0fe-11e5-b3f8-83432414fc67.html)

Jim Faile

Vowing to focus on “common sense for the common good,” and calling for Congress to invest more in America to create more jobs, opportunity, security and sustainability, Coker College sociology professor Mal Hyman of Hartsville announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for South Carolina’s 7th Congressional District seat Thursday.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** BMW exports almost \$10B of cars from SC in 2015

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

BMW exported almost \$10 billion worth of vehicles from its assembly plant in Greer last year, remaining the nation's leading vehicle exporter in terms of the value of the vehicles. Several media outlets report that BMW exported \$9.8 billion worth of vehicles, topping the company's 2014 exports of \$9.2 billion. The plant has been the nation's leading exporter for two straight years.

**The State:** Federal judge delays trial for accused Charleston church shooting suspect

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article59753191.html>

John Monk

A federal judge in Charleston on Thursday granted yet another continuance in setting a trial date for Dylann Roof, the accused killer in the Charleston church slayings last summer. During a brief hearing, assistant U. S. Attorney Jay Richardson indicated to Judge Richard Gergel that the government would have a decision on whether it will seek the death penalty against Roof possibly by early April.

**Post and Courier:** With death penalty decision uncertain, judge delays Dylann Roof’s federal trial

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160211/PC16/160219868>

Andrew Knapp

A federal judge on Thursday delayed Dylann Roof’s trial in the deadly attack on Emanuel AME Church because prosecutors still have not decided whether to seek execution. Roof could face the death penalty on nine of his 33 charges in federal court, but Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson said the decision by Washington-based Justice Department officials could take another two months.

**Post and Courier:** Reports: Boeing’s Dreamliner program facing SEC probe over accounting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160211/PC05/160219861>

David Wren

Boeing Co.’s Dreamliner program is the focus of a federal Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into accounting practices for the popular wide-body commercial airplane, the Bloomberg news agency reported Thursday. The report, based on an anonymous source, sent the company’s stock spiraling to its worst one-day drop since Boeing went public in 1972.

## **Local News:**

**Post and Courier:** MUSC to receive 2 stars in upcoming federal rating

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160211/PC16/160219846>

Lauren Sausser

The Medical University of South Carolina will receive two out of five stars in an upcoming federal rating. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are expected to release star ratings for all hospitals in April. Dr. Danielle Scheurer, MUSC’s chief quality officer, said the federal government already informed the hospital of its score and she shared the news with the hospital’s Board of Trustees on Thursday.

**Post and Courier:** Summerville Council votes to limit mayor’s powers, hire administrator

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160211/PC16/160219870>

Dave Munday

Summerville Town Council moved ahead with limiting the mayor’s powers Wednesday night. Two ordinances stipulate that Mayor Wiley Johnson will preside over council meetings, but an appointed town administrator will handle daily business, according to a report by the Summerville Journal Scene.

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