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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**WMBF:** Gov. Haley requests flags at half-staff in memory of fallen firefighter

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/31539734/gov-haley-requests-flags-at-half-staff-in-memory-of-fallen-firefighter>

Gov. Nikki Haley has requested that American and state flags be flown at half-staff from sunup until sundown on Friday, March 25, in memory of Christopher Ray, the Conway firefighter who died Sunday after being struck by a fire truck. Chris Ray was part of the Conway Fire Department responding to a house fire on Hickory Circle around 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Both Conway and Horry County Fire Departments were fighting the blaze. Ray fell off the back of the truck and was hit as it backed up, South Carolina Highway Patrol says.

**Sun News:** Flags statewide to fly at half-staff to honor Conway firefighter

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article67510407.html>

Audrey Hudson

Gov. Nikki Haley requests that flags statewide be flown at half-staff from sunrise until sunset Friday in honor of Conway firefighter Christopher Gene Ray, who was killed Sunday during a call to a house fire. Firefighters across Horry County are mourning the loss of Ray, who was killed after falling from a fire engine, which struck the firefighter while reversing down a street near the fire on Hickory Circle.

### S.C. General Assembly News:

**The State:** Brussels attacks pushing SC Senate vote on Syrian refugee bill

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article67514992.html>

Andy Shain

The S.C. State Senate Republicans want to vote on a bill this week to track refugees entering the state and hold sponsors liable for any crimes committed by settlers from terrorist nations. Opponents filibustered the bill last week, but the attacks by ISIS terrorists in Brussels on Tuesday are expected to speed the process. The attack at an airport and subway station killed at least 31 people and wounded nearly 190, according to news reports. State Sen. Kevin Bryant, an Anderson Republican who co-sponsored the bill, said S.C. authorities have little or no knowledge about the background of refugees entering the state.

**Note:** Even if it passes the Senate, the bill needs approval from the House before going to Gov. Nikki Haley for her signature. Haley, a Republican, has expressed her concerns about the lack of vetting of refugees to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and FBI Director James Comey.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Senators think Brussels terror attacks could spur passage of refugee bill

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160322/PC1603/160329818>

Maya T. Prabhu

One of the sponsors of a bill aimed at discouraging refugees coming into South Carolina said the deadly terror attacks in Brussels are more evidence the state needs to clamp down on resettlements from countries like Syria and Iraq. "ISIS has given us one more reason to believe their word that they will infiltrate refugee programs when they can and we don't want South Carolina to be next," Sen.

Kevin Bryant, R-Anderson, said in an interview Tuesday. ISIS claimed responsibility for the bombings in Brussels that killed at least 30 people and injured more than 200 others.

**Associated Press:** South Carolina's refugee registry sponsor seeks compromise

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dHlz0nrA](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dHlz0nrA)

SC State Wire

A South Carolina senator backing a bill to require refugees to register with the state and holding sponsors liable if they turn out to be terrorists is dropping part of his bill requiring the state spend no money on refugees. Sen. Kevin Bryant said Tuesday it will take too much time to write a proposal that would not lead to the state losing federal money. The Anderson Republican says he'll let the House work on that later this year. Democratic opponents of the bill say it is illegal and sends a wrong message that South Carolina is not welcome to all people in need. Bryant says he expects the Senate to vote on the bill Wednesday. New York is the only other state in the country considering a refugee registry.

**Associated Press:** DOT director wants money used on crumbling primary roads

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sTSM6pfb](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sTSM6pfb)

Seanna Adcox

Legislators should spend money on South Carolina's crumbling primary highways, rather than send the money to the counties, the state's Department of Transportation secretary said in a letter released Tuesday. The state's major, non-interstate highways are in a "state of crisis," with 80 percent of pavements statewide in disrepair. The agency's lack of funding means those highly traveled roads are on a 24-year paving cycle, compared to the industry standard of 10 years, Secretary Christy Hall said.

**The State:** Roads chief urges House members to spend money on primary roads

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article67484857.html>

Cassie Cope

S.C. roads chief Christy Hall urged House members to send money to the Transportation Department, instead of counties to pay for repairs on major non-interstate S.C. roads. "(O)ur analysis of statewide road conditions indicates that the primary system is in a state of crisis," Hall wrote to House members who are considering Tuesday the state's roughly \$7.5 billion general fund budget. The House currently plans to send \$185 million to counties to be spent on less trafficked roads not eligible for federal money.

**Greenville News:** House swaps DMV money to enable bonds for roads

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/03/22/house-swaps-dmv-money-enable-bonds-roads/82081980/>

Tim Smith

The House is shaping its budget to put more money into roads, including a transfer of \$100 million from the state Department of Motor Vehicles that could enable the money to be used to borrow about \$1 billion. The transfer proposal by House Ways and Means Chairman Brian White was adopted Monday by the House 103-0 as the body began debating a \$7.5 billion General Fund budget.

**Note:** Haley has indicated she supports the Senate roads plan. Last year, she told lawmakers she would agree to support a 10-cent increase in the gas tax but only if they agreed to reduce the top income tax rate and also changed the way highway commissioners are selected. Lucas, in a letter to her last week after her visit to House Republicans, said she agreed with him that the state needs a sustainable source of funding for roads to address the state's long-term needs.

**Note:** Lucas wrote to Haley that the House is faced with the options of either rejecting the Senate plan, agreeing with it, or proposing changes. He said the caucus does not support rejecting the Senate plan but said House members were still discussing the other options.

**Post and Courier:** House challenged from all sides with roads funding in state budget

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160322/PC1603/160329846>

Cynthia Roldan

Democrats in the House of Representatives will challenge Republicans to vote against a 10-cent gas tax increase proposal in the state budget later today. House Democrats held a hastily organized news conference this morning to announce they would present the temporary remedy until the Legislature can pass a roads bill that provides the Department of Transportation with a permanent stream of cash. The House already voted on a roads plan in 2015 that would cut the state gas tax from about 16 cents to 10 cents, but would add a new 6 percent tax on wholesale gasoline. The bill has since been amended in the Senate to have the General Assembly allocate \$400 million from the state's coffers instead.

**Associated Press:** Senate panel approves increased military retiree tax cut

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=y21kuFaT](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=y21kuFaT)

SC State Wire

A measure to sharply increase state income tax exemptions for military retirees is headed for debate in the South Carolina Senate. The Senate Finance Committee approved the measure Tuesday without objection. The measure increases a current tax exemption on retirement income for veterans 64 and under from \$3,000 to \$15,000 every year. It also doubles tax exemptions for veterans over 65 from \$15,000 to \$30,000 annually. The exemptions for those who served 20 years in uniform would take effect this year at a cost of \$18.5 million. Because the measure amends legislation approved by the House, it must return for approval if senators give it their blessing.

**Associated Press:** House votes to give state employees 2 percent raises

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YkSPZ0ZS](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YkSPZ0ZS)

Seanna Adcox

Advocates for state employees say a 2 percent cost-of-living raise in the House budget plan is helpful but not enough. The South Carolina House voted 106-1 on Tuesday to designate an additional \$17 million in its spending proposal to pay for raises beginning July 1. The plan advanced by the chamber's budget-writing committee provided 1 percent. Ways and Means Chairman Brian White says the additional money is the best the House can do this year. It matches the cost-of-living increases the budget provides K-12 teachers. Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter tried unsuccessfully to boost state employee raises to 3 percent or 2.5 percent.

**The State:** Gun bills aim to relax concealed carry laws, increase reciprocity

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article67504012.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Two House bills set to go before a Senate panel Thursday could mean big changes for South Carolinians who carry concealed firearms. House Bill 3799 would recognize concealed weapons permits from North Carolina and Georgia, while House Bill 3025 would recognize permits from all other states – as well as allow concealed carry in South Carolina without a permit. House Bill 3025, sponsored by Rep. Alan Clemmons, goes further, allowing carry of a concealed handgun without a permit. The bill does not explicitly mention permitless carry, but removes language currently requiring those carrying a firearm to also be carrying a valid permit.

**Associated Press:** Bill to release SC cop shooting videos sent to Senate floor

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ifaXb4A0](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ifaXb4A0)

SC State Wire

A bill requiring authorities in South Carolina to release dashboard camera videos in police shootings is heading to the Senate floor. The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved the bill Tuesday. If law enforcement wants to keep a shooting video from the public, they would have to convince a judge that releasing the footage would damage their case or jeopardize police procedure. If a video is kept secret, the judge has to give a reason and a time it will be released.

**Post and Courier:** Dashcam bill heads to Senate floor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160322/PC1603/160329807>

Gavin Jackson

The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously sent bills to the Senate floor Tuesday that would require the release of police dashboard camera video in officer-involved shootings and for the State Law Enforcement Division to oversee all such officer-involved shootings. Current practices prevent the release of such video if prosecutors say it may harm an agency — a move that held up the release of footage involving the shooting death of a Seneca teenager in July. Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin, R-Pickens, said his bill would require a judge to hold a hearing to release the footage. The release could be prevented if it would jeopardize a fair trial, interfere with investigations or be an unreasonable invasion of a person's privacy.

**Greenville News:** Bill banning abortion at 20 weeks awaits passage in South Carolina House

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/03/22/bill-banning-abortion-20-weeks-awaits-passage-south-carolina-house/82109298/>

Tim Smith

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Greg Delleney says he was embarrassed last week when the House failed twice to grant final approval to a House-created bill to ban abortions at 20 weeks. But Delleney and a Democratic opponent of the bill both say it is a matter of time before the bill receives enough votes and heads to the governor's desk. The House version banned abortions in cases in which pregnancies are at 20 weeks or more with an exception for medical emergencies. The Senate added exceptions for rape, incest and severe fetal anomalies, meaning the fetus could not survive outside the womb. A conference committee made up of three House members and three senators agreed to drop the exceptions for rape and incest.

**Morning News:** Florence's Leatherman officially announces SC Senate re-election bid

[http://www.scnow.com/news/article\\_b6fd1de2-efa6-11e5-8d76-c386cd77641e.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/article_b6fd1de2-efa6-11e5-8d76-c386cd77641e.html)

Joshua Lloyd

Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., Florence's South Carolina Senate District 31 representative of more than 36 years, officially announced Monday that he's seeking re-election.

Leatherman, who currently serves as S.C. Senate president pro-tempore and chairman of the S.C. Senate finance committee, also filed his paperwork with the Florence County Election Commission before the announcement on Tuesday. During his announcement, Leatherman said he plans to continue the fight in Columbia of giving the Pee Dee a fair shake in state funding allocations and fair representation.

**The Herald:** State Sen. Hayes of Rock Hill formally launches re-election bid

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article67590997.html>

Bristow Marchant

Rock Hill's longtime senator is seeking a seventh full term in the S.C. Senate, putting him on course for a primary fight with a former York County GOP chairman. Wes Hayes announced Monday he intends to run for another four-year term in the Senate, holding his formal campaign kickoff event in the Magnolia Room at Laurel Creek. Hayes formally filed for re-election last week, as did his opponent in the Republican primary, Wes Climer, who prior to his announcement this month served as the chairman of the York County Republican Party.

**Sumter Item:** Kinney says he will run for seat in District 50

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/kinney-says-he-will-run-for-seat-in-district-50,265254>

Demoiné Kinney has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 50 seat in the June 14 Primary Election.

**S.C. Politics News:**

**Post and Courier:** Sens. Scott, Graham condemn Brussels attack

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160322/PC1603/160329839>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott today connected the terror attack in Belgium to the fatal attack on San Bernardino last December in calling for an increase in homefront defense. "Terror groups and Islamic terrorists value death above life, and we have seen the manifestation of their values over the past six months in San Bernardino, Paris and now Brussels," said Scott, R-S.C.. "We must redouble our efforts to build partnerships around the world to tackle the scourge of terrorism, and to keep innocent people everywhere safe." U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said the attack is more evidence that a state of war exists between Middle Eastern terror groups and the West. "The horrific attacks in Brussels were sadly predictable," Graham said in a statement jointly issued with Arizona Sen. John McCain. "And they are a reminder of what should by now be painfully obvious: the United States and Europe are at war with ISIL."

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Charleston airport urges travelers to be aware after Brussels attacks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160322/PC05/160329840>

Charleston International Airport expressed sympathy and cautioned local travelers to be aware after the deadly terror attacks in Belgium Tuesday. Paul Campbell, executive director and CEO of the Charleston County Aviation Authority, said airport officials are in close contact with the Transportation Security Administration to monitor travel and coordinate any changes. No changes in travel or security procedures were announced for the state's busiest airport.

**WLTX:** Columbia Airport Currently at Normal Operations

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/columbia-airport-currently-at-normal-operations/96744344>

Columbia Metropolitan Airport officials say operations are normal but they are in contact with federal authorities following Tuesday's terror attack in Belgium. The bomb blasts specifically targeted the main airport in Brussels, exploding in an area outside of the security checkpoint. Officials at Columbia Metro say security is their highest priority, and their on-site police force as well as local and state emergency agencies are always ready. They said they continue to be in communication with the FAA, Homeland Security, and the Transportation Security Administration concerning any possible changes to security levels.

**The State:** Self-sufficiency out of reach for many working families in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article67594907.html>

Sarah Ellis

Self-sufficiency was seemingly unattainable for Jamison, as it is for many low-income families in South Carolina, according to a new report published by the United Way Association of South Carolina. People's struggles to make a living on minimum wage also is a hot topic in the contentious presidential campaign. The cost of living adequately without help from family, friends, service providers or the government is in many cases double or triple the baselines of minimum wage and the federal poverty level. And in Columbia, the cost of self-sufficiency is higher than almost any comparably sized Southern city, according to the report.

**WMBF:** Farmers still suffer from October floods; waiting for federal fund approval

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/31537542/farmers-still-suffer-from-october-floods-waiting-for-federal-fund-approval>

Farmers are anxiously awaiting Gov. Nikki Haley's approval of federal money so they can be provided with needed relief. In early December, South Carolina farmers packed the State House to ask Haley to claim federal money for their farms. The governor refused, but the fight isn't over. About \$300 million in federal money became available within the past few weeks for South Carolina to claim



in flood aid. But the longer Haley waits, the less of a chance the state has to get the money.

**Post and Courier:** New CEO named at biggest South Carolina-based bank

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160322/PC05/160329838>

John McDermott

The largest bank based in South Carolina has named a new chief executive officer. South State Bank announced Tuesday that John F. Windley has been promoted to the top job. He succeeds Robert R. Hill Jr., who remains as CEO of the lender's parent company, Columbia-based South State Corp. "John is a great banker, leader and has been a critical part of our company's success," Hill said in a written statement. "His role as CEO will ensure that we are responsive to the needs of our customers and positions us for future growth."

**Associated Press:** Boy's family settles \$1M wrongful death claim over E. coli

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/e034f50afe0d435a9ca8c12411e21f8e/boys-family-settles-1m-wrongful-death-claim-over-e-coli>

The family of a two-year-old who contracted E. coli from a South Carolina day care has settled a wrongful death claim for \$1 million. Court records show the family of 2-year-old Myles Mayfield settled the case Monday. An attorney for the boy's family tells local media that Myles got sick May 26 and tested positive for E. coli a few days later. Attorney Eric Hageman says the Learning Vine in Greenwood had not told parents a teacher had been sick from E. coli earlier that month. Health officials say at least eight cases of E. coli were traced to the Learning Vine.

## Local News:

**Greenville News:** Upstate university students connected to Brussels

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2016/03/22/upstate-university-students-connected-brussels/82121396/>

Nathaniel Cary

One Clemson University student is studying in Brussels this semester and a second was visiting the city, a Clemson University spokesman said today. Both students are safe, said John Gouch, Clemson spokesman. One is studying at the Université catholique de Louvain while a second student is studying in Spain but was visiting Brussels, he said. Brussels was the site of bomb attacks on the Brussels airport and a metro station that killed dozens and wounded at least 150 people, USA Today reported.

**The Herald:** Muslim protester thrown out of Trump rally returns to Winthrop

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article67498257.html>

Bristow Marchant

The Muslim woman thrown out of a Donald Trump rally at Winthrop University will be back on campus next week. Rose Hamid, a Charlotte-based flight attendant, garnered national attention in January when she was thrown out of a Donald Trump rally at the Winthrop Coliseum. Clad in a hijab headscarf, Hamid stood silently in protest along with others in the stands behind Trump before she was removed by security guards.

**Island Packet:** Fallen Marine recruit remembered for bright mind, big heart

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/bg-military/article67374692.html>

Wade Livingston

Siddiqui, 20, died Friday on Parris Island. The circumstances of his death have not been revealed. As the Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigates the matter, staff members and friends from his high school remember a prankster with a bright mind and kind heart.

**WFXG:** GoFundMe page raises more than \$121,000 for S.C. fallen police officer

<http://www.wfxg.com/story/31538545/gofundme-page-raises-more-than-121000-for-sc-fallen-police->

officer

GoFundMe page for fallen Greenville police Officer Allen Jacobs has raised more than \$10,000.

Jacobs was killed in the line of duty Friday afternoon. Jacobs was shot by a 17-year-old self-proclaimed gang member who was recently released from prison. Jacobs and another officer stopped to speak to the teen after police learned he was trying to acquire a weapon. Jacobs was shot during a foot pursuit. The fundraiser was set up by Patrick Walsh for the non-profit organization Heroes in Blue. The group is raising money for Jacobs' family, according to the GoFundMe page. Jacobs left behind two sons and his wife, who is expecting their daughter in July.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley shared the GoFundMe page on Monday. The GoFundMe goal is to raise \$150,000 for the Jacobs' family.

**Associated Press:** Logistics company bringing 75 jobs to Greenville

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

SC State Wire

An Ohio logistics company is opening its third South Carolina office, creating 75 jobs in Greenville. Total Quality Logistics says the new jobs are expected to be created during the next three years. The company connects customers who need things shipped with shipping companies. Total Quality Logistics was established almost 20 years ago in Cincinnati. It has 44 offices nationwide, including Columbia and Charleston.

**GSA:** Autoneum to invest \$35.5M in Aiken County facilities, add 40 jobs

<http://gsabusiness.com/news/57233-autoneum-to-invest-35-5m-in-aiken-county-facilities-add-40-jobs?rss=0>

Switzerland-based Autoneum, a global provider of acoustic and thermal management solutions for light vehicles, announced today plans to invest \$35.5 million and create more than 40 jobs at its Aiken County operation. Autoneum said it is expanding its existing facility at 1103 Powderhouse Road to 315,000 square feet. The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has awarded a \$125,000 grant to Aiken County for road improvements to accommodate the project. "This expansion will further support our customer base while adding valuable jobs to the local community and securing the future for our existing workforce," said John T. Lenga, Head Business Group North America of Autoneum.

**Island Packet:** Demolition set to make way for USCB campus

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article67561207.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Demolition will soon begin at the site of the future Hilton Head Island campus of the University of South Carolina Beaufort. The town has fenced off the vacant buildings where the campus will be built, and will finish removing asbestos within the next two weeks, beginning with the Legendary Golf facility, Time Warner Cable building and The Kiawah along Pope Avenue and ending with the Carolina complex at Office Park Road, according to Derrick Coaxum, assistant facilities manager for the town. The project is happening in conjunction with more than \$1 million in nearby traffic improvements and the potential for the college to build a \$4 million Osher Lifelong Learning Institute building in the future.

**Sun News:** Myrtle Beach moving forward with mo-ped, golf cart ordinance

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article67511107.html>

Emily Weaver

A new law aiming to curb an onslaught of slow-moving rental vehicles that city leaders say have clogged roads and created traffic hazards may get its first green light in a 2 p.m. Myrtle Beach City Council meeting. City attorney Tom Ellenburg presented his third draft of a proposed ordinance that puts more regulations on businesses that rent mo-peds, golf carts, scooters and low-speed vehicles at a council workshop Tuesday morning. The legislation would require rental agencies to inspect, inventory and register each of their vehicles with the city's police department on an annual basis.

Each rented vehicle would require a decal to operate in the city, but a provision that went beyond state law to require all renters to wear colored vests to indicate a rider's age hit a roadblock.

## **National News:**

### **Associated Press:** Islamic State claims deadly bombings in Brussels

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:511cf974eea64581814f9777a40f0fd6>

Raf Casert and Raphael Satter

Islamic extremists struck Tuesday in the heart of Europe, killing at least 31 people and wounding scores of others in back-to-back bombings of the Brussels airport and subway that again laid bare the continent's vulnerability to suicide squads. In its claim of responsibility, the Islamic State group said its members detonated suicide vests both at the airport and in the subway, where many passengers fled to safety down dark tunnels filled with hazy smoke from the explosion in a train pulling away from the platform. European security officials have been bracing for a major attack for weeks and warned that IS was actively preparing to strike. The arrest Friday of Salah Abdeslam, a key suspect in the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris, heightened those fears, as investigators said many more people were involved than originally thought and that some are still on the loose.

### **Associated Press:** Homeland Security: No 'specific, credible' threat to US

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:82b75dd259e443f4b005f10176cf308f>

Alicia A. Caldwell

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (Jay) Johnson says there is no "specific, credible intelligence" of any plots against the United States like those carried out in Brussels. As a precaution, the Homeland Security Department is stepping up security at major U.S. airports and rail and transit stations around the country. Johnson says DHS officials are in contact with their European counterparts and monitoring the ongoing situation. Security officials are also reviewing whether additional screening may be necessary for air travelers coming from Belgium. Belgium is one of 38 countries whose citizens generally do not need a visa to visit the U.S.

### **Associated Press:** Cruz calls for Muslim surveillance in US, sparking criticism

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:2d26c02a658841a0840e79f224d930dc>

Vivian Salama

Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz said Tuesday that surveillance in Muslim neighborhoods in the U.S. must be intensified following the deadly bombings on Brussels' airport and subway. Echoing his rival Donald Trump, Cruz said the U.S. should stop the flow of refugees from countries where the Islamic State militant group has a significant presence. The Islamic State took credit for the Brussels attacks that killed dozens Tuesday and wounded many more. "We need to empower law enforcement to patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become radicalized," the Texas senator said in a statement.

### **Associated Press:** In Cuba, Obama calls for burying 'last remnant' of Cold War

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:193ed662c19449738e5a2bba7e06ceb4>

Julia Pace and Michael Weissenstein

Capping his remarkable visit to Cuba, President Barack Obama on Tuesday declared an end to the "last remnant of the Cold War in the Americas" and openly urged the Cuban people to pursue a more democratic future for this communist nation 90 miles from Miami. With Cuban President Raul Castro watching from a balcony, Obama said the government should not fear citizens who speak freely and vote for their own leaders. And with Cubans watching on tightly controlled state television, Obama said they would be the ones to determine their country's future, not the United States.

### **Associated Press:** Infamous ex-Toronto mayor Rob Ford dies after cancer fight

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:685bc9fb54864fb0ada3b638f918eee2>

Rob Gillies



One after another, Rob Ford's statements and actions became nightly fodder for TV comedians and an embarrassment to many of the suburbanites he championed as Toronto's mayor. But as he sought a second term in 2014, Ford was diagnosed with a rare cancer. Malignant liposarcoma in his abdomen forced him to do what months of scandals could not — drop his bid for re-election. Ford underwent aggressive chemotherapy treatments but succumbed to the illness on Tuesday. He was 46.

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