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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Task force: Domestic violence survivors can safely seek child support

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160226/PC1603/160229493>

Maya T. Prabhu

Victims of domestic violence should not be afraid to seek child support from their abuser, members of the governor's task force are promoting in a new message. "There are a number of people that don't apply for child support because they're afraid of the perpetrators," Katie Morgan, chair of the division of services to victims and offenders for the Governor's Domestic Violence Task Force said Friday.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley signed executive orders earlier this year to create the policies, which were suggested by the task force in 2015.

**GSA Business:** Haley takes shot at Senate for blocking road bill

<http://gsabusiness.com/news/57036-haley-takes-shot-at-senate-for-blocking-road-bill?rss=0>

Matthew Clark

Members of the S.C. Senate continued to block a House-approved measure to add money to fix state roads. It continued this week following Senate adjournment with Spartanburg state Sen. Lee Bright continuing the filibuster for Beaufort Republican state Sen. Tom Davis, who started the filibuster.

**Note:** But, S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley did not hold back when she was asked about the current state of the bill and the need for permanent funding for road maintenance. She discussed the funding during the S.C. Automotive Council's annual Auto Summit in Greenville.

**Politico:** Haley: I'll support Trump if it comes to that

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/2016-gop-primary-live-updates-and-results/2016/02/nikki-haley-donald-trump-marco-rubio-219848#ixzz41Nut1nnZ>

Nick kGass

Despite backing Marco Rubio for the Republican nomination, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says she would support Donald Trump if he emerges as her party's nominee. "We've said that we would support the nominee if they get the nomination," Haley said, according to a report Thursday from the NBC affiliate in Greenville, South Carolina.

**The State:** New pro-Haley political group organized

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article62638967.html>

Andrew Shain

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley's top strategist launched a new political group this week that can raise unlimited contributions to back her political causes, including unseating incumbents in the GOP-controlled S. C. Legislature.

**New York Times:** Betting Markets Weigh the Odds of Vice President Christie

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/27/upshot/betting-markets-weigh-the-odds-of-vice-president-christie.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/27/upshot/betting-markets-weigh-the-odds-of-vice-president-christie.html?_r=0)

Justin Wolfers

Chris Christie's surprise endorsement of Donald Trump on Friday immediately set tongues wagging about what's in it for him. After all, Mr. Trump has said of Mr. Christie that "there could certainly be a place for him" as his running mate. Betting markets seem to think that there's something to this idea. At Ladbrokes, the only major bookmaker betting on the No. 2 slot, Mr. Christie's odds of being the Republican nominee for vice president were 8 to 1 before a few bets alerted it to the endorsement.

**Note:** Mr. Christie is now the market favorite to be the Republican running mate. John Kasich, Marco Rubio and Nikki Haley are the other most likely picks. Matthew Shaddick, head of political odds at Ladbrokes, also

noted that he's "been seeing a bit for money" for Mike Huckabee, whose odds have moved to 10 to 1 from 33 to 1.

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

**Associated Press:** In South Carolina, Hillary Clinton looks to win, and win big

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=L2Zft8bl](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=L2Zft8bl)

Julie Pace, Lisa Lerer

For Hillary Clinton, the South Carolina presidential primary is a chance to not just win, but win big. After an up-and-down start to the 2016 presidential contests for Clinton, a sizable victory over Bernie Sanders on Saturday would be an emotional boost for her White House campaign and a chance to wipe away the fraught memories of her 2008 primary loss in the state.

**The State:** Clinton eyes big win in South Carolina

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article62736622.html>

Andrew Shain

Hillary Clinton seems set for redemption in South Carolina eight years after a crushing defeat that set back her first run for the White House. The former secretary of state leads U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders in Saturday's Palmetto State Democratic primary by 27 percentage points, according to an average of recent polls.

**Post and Courier:** Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders make final pitches in S.C. at historically black colleges

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160226/PC1603/160229497>

Gavin Jackson, Maya T. Prabhu

Hillary Clinton's and Bernie Sanders' last day of campaigning included stops at neighboring colleges just a stone's throw apart as they made their final pitches to attract young black voters. Sanders was at Claflin University while Clinton was at nearby South Carolina State University. The afternoon rallies almost overlapped as the 2016 presidential campaign headed for a close in the Palmetto State.

**Associated Press:** Democrats voting in South Carolina primary

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=mOfVPZB5](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=mOfVPZB5)

The spotlight for Democrats' race for the White House is on South Carolina, one week after Hillary Clinton beat Bernie Sanders in Nevada. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Clinton is looking to reverse the results of 2008, when Barack Obama captured 55 percent of the vote over her 27 percent in the Palmetto State.

**Associated Press:** Hillary gets personal while Bernie declares revolution

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=S5UC9PTg](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=S5UC9PTg)

Catherine Lucey, Bill Barrow

As the Democratic presidential candidates compete in the South Carolina primary Saturday and hurtle toward the looming March contests, their contrasting pitches are on full display. Hillary Clinton is touting her regional expertise and personal ties on the ground, while Bernie Sanders focuses on his broader message of tackling income inequality and political oligarchy.

**Associated Press:** The Latest: SC primary turnout not expected to equal '08

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TO6vk1WJ](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TO6vk1WJ)

**8:20 a.m.** South Carolina Democratic Party officials are expecting a good turnout during Saturday's voting. But the totals are not expected to reach the numbers during the last contested Democratic presidential primary eight years ago. Back in 2008 Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and South Carolina native John Edwards were all on the ballot.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** A woman's governing work is never done

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160227/PC16/160229470>

Frank Wooten

Hillary Clinton still might not win her way back to the White House. But barring a stunning repudiation of polling reliability, she will win today's South Carolina Democratic presidential primary over Bernie Sanders by a wide margin. That would bolster Clinton's already-strong odds of gaining not just her party's nomination but the Oval Office.

**Note:** For instance, when Nikki Haley announced at age 37 in 2009 that she was running for governor after fewer than three terms in the S.C. House, she was a very long shot.

**Note:** Yet S.C. voters elected her in 2010 as our first female governor — and first Indian-American to hold elective office in our state — then re-elected her in 2014. Now a national GOP star, Haley has been touted as a contender to become our first female vice president.

**Florence Morning News:** Ousting Leatherman wouldn't be good for Florence County

[http://www.scnw.com/opinion/article\\_507303cc-dd02-11e5-af36-6b8f1fe5fdf2.html](http://www.scnw.com/opinion/article_507303cc-dd02-11e5-af36-6b8f1fe5fdf2.html)

Editorial

Thumbs down to the notion of ousting Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. from the South Carolina Senate. We can understand why people in other parts of the state would want to topple the man who arguably is the most powerful person in the state. Leatherman is serving his second year as the president pro tempore of the Senate. He has served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee since 2001.

**Note:** Thumbs down to S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, who has shown again that she is no Leatherman fan. During a Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce luncheon a year ago, she blasted him for standing in the way of ethics reform in the Senate

**Post and Courier:** A death that shouldn't have happened

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160227/PC1002/160229427>

Editorial

Javon Curnell plans to sue the health care company that provides services to the Charleston County jail. A court of law presumably will determine whether the Carolina Center for Occupational Health is to be held responsible for his mother's death while in custody in July of last year.

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

**Post and Courier:** S.C. federal judge nominees causing stress in state House, U.S. Senate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160226/PC1603/160229432>

Cynthia Roldan, Emma Dumain

Democrats and Republicans, in the state House and the U.S. Capitol, are experiencing political heartburn over a duo of judicial nominations and a soon-to-be-vacant chief justice seat on the S.C. Supreme Court. And while there's disagreement over how to proceed, both sides agree it's a messy situation that perhaps could have been avoided.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Beatty: My focus is on chief justice position on SC Supreme Court

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160226/articles/160229708?tc=ar>

Alyssa Mulliger

S.C. Supreme Court Justice Donald Beatty said he is honored to be nominated for a federal judgeship, but said his focus is on the chief justice position. Beatty said Friday afternoon that he intends to serve as a "chief justice for the immediate future."

**Associated Press:** Senator on GOP backing Trump: 'Party has gone batshit crazy'

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Donna Cassata

Sen. Lindsey Graham is disgusted with the GOP's embrace of Donald Trump: "My party has gone batshit crazy." In no-holds-barred remarks at a celebratory dinner Thursday night, the South Carolina senator and unsuccessful presidential candidate said the GOP has lost all semblance of sanity and predicted the party will suffer irrevocable losses in November if it backs Trump.

**WSPA:** Spartanburg students chat with Senator, Congressman

<http://wspa.com/2016/02/26/spartanburg-students-chat-with-senator-congressman/>

Students at Cleveland Academy got a chance to talk to politicians first hand on Thursday. US Senator Tim Scott and Congressman John Lewis from Georgia answered their questions via Skype. They were even able to highlight moments for Black History Month with Lewis sharing his stories from when he marched alongside Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **South Carolina News:**

**The State:** EXCLUSIVE: First challenger to Myers announces candidacy for 11th Circuit prosecutor

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article62710762.html>

Clif LeBlanc

A veteran prosecutor on Friday became the first candidate to say he will challenge the state's longest-serving solicitor. Larry Wedekind, 53, resigned Thursday as a prosecutor with the State Grand Jury so he can seek to become the first new 11th Circuit solicitor since 1976, when Donnie Myers became chief prosecutor in Lexington, Edgefield, Saluda and McCormick counties.

**Greenville News:** Volvo executive: Upstate suppliers will get business

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2016/02/26/volvo-executive-upstate-suppliers-get-business/80989264/>

Rudolph Bell

Upstate auto suppliers can expect to land business from the car plant Volvo is building in the Lowcountry, according to the executive in charge of launching the plant. Katarina Fjording, vice president for purchasing and manufacturing in the Americas for Volvo Car USA, joined a panel discussion at the downtown Hyatt Friday for the final day of the 2016 South Carolina Automotive Summit.

**WCBD:** South Carolina Employment Sees Record Year

<http://counton2.com/2016/02/26/south-carolina-employment-sees-record-year/>

South Carolina's labor force experienced another record-breaking year. The state had more people working and looking for work at the end of 2015 than ever in state history, according to the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW). Employment increased throughout the year by nearly 39,260 people and ended at a record high of 2,138,997 in December.

## **Local News:**

**Greenville News:** Little yet spent of 2015-16 roads money for counties

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/02/26/little-yet-spent-2015-16-roads-money-counties/80981546/>

Tim Smith

Counties have thus far committed less than half the \$216 million sent to them last year for road work and spent only about \$4 million, state transportation records show. Some senators this week complained that they had yet to see last year's money turn into asphalt in their counties.

**The State:** Attorney: Mexican cartel targeting restaurateur Leon

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article62787277.html>

John Monk

The Midlands restaurant owner accused of killing his wife's lover on Valentine's Day has been targeted for death by a ruthless Mexican drug cartel because the man he allegedly killed was a cartel member, according to the man's attorney.

## **National News:**

**Associated Press:** In turnabout, Christie endorses former GOP rival Trump

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Jill Colvin

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has a reputation for vengeance. And he delivered it with gusto Friday when he shocked many in the political world by endorsing GOP front-runner Donald Trump for the Republican presidential nomination.

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