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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Post: Rubio knocks Democrats' bench: Where is the 'up-and-coming' talent?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/02/08/rubio-knocks-democrats-bench-where-is-the-up-and-coming-talent/>

Sean Sullivan

Democrats have a weak bench. So says Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.). "Ask yourself this: Who is the up-and-coming, talented 45/50-year-old Democrat, nationally? Who is it?" Rubio asked at a Monday town hall here at a defense and security company.

Note: Rubio singled out Sen. Kelly Ayotte (N.H.), South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez as examples of rising Republican stars.

Tire Business: Gov. Haley to keynote Clemson tire conference

<http://www.tirebusiness.com/article/20160208/NEWS/160209941/gov-haley-to-keynote-clemson-tire-conference>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will be keynote speaker at the 32nd annual Clemson University Global Tire Industry Conference, scheduled for Hilton Head April 13-15. Gov. Haley will speak at the conference's April 14 luncheon, according to Clemson University.

S.C. Political News:

Greenville News: No debate ticket lottery; seats going to GOP faithful

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/08/no-debate-ticket-lottery-seats-going-gop-faithful/80005206/>

Amanda Coyne

A "huge majority" of the South Carolina Republican Party's tickets for this weekend's presidential debate have been given to county chairs, party activists and elected officials, SCGOP Executive Director Hope Walker said. The party will no longer distribute tickets through a lottery system, as it had originally planned, citing limited space at the Peace Center.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: S.C. gas prices continue to slide; Oklahoma posts nation's lowest prices

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160208/PC05/160209433>

Warren L. Wise

Gasoline prices continue to favor motorists at the pump as refiners purge winter-grade stocks amid a world-wide glut of oil to get ready for the switch in the spring to more expensive summer blends. The average price in South Carolina dropped another 2.8 cents during the past week to an average of \$1.56 a gallon, according to gas price service GasBuddy.

Post and Courier: Michael Slager's defense wants a fresh look at SLED's Taser evidence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160208/PC16/160209421>

Andrew Knapp

After finding fibers on Michael Slager's Taser that state investigators might have missed, attorneys for the former North Charleston police officer want to retest the evidence that the authorities did discover. The device is a key piece in the killing of 50-year-old Walter Scott. Slager's lawyers have said that the two were fighting for control of the Taser before Scott started running away.

Greenville News: Clemson University achieves highest bond rating, saves \$27 million on construction

projects

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/02/08/clemson-university-achieves-highest-bond-rating-saves-27-million-construction-projects/80006880/>

Ron Barnett

Clemson University achieved its highest-ever bond rating on the sale of more than \$200 million in bonds recently, saving about \$27 million in financing costs for two major construction projects, university officials said. The savings come on the construction of the \$191 million Douthit Hills student housing project and \$19.5 million for the Football Operations facility, Brett Dalton, vice president for finance and operations, told the Board of Trustees last week.

Rock Hill Herald: York County Day, chance to lobby lawmakers returns to Columbia

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/community/fort-mill-times/article59165768.html>

Amanda Harris

York County residents, business leaders and other stakeholders have the opportunity to meet directly with their state elected representatives in Columbia Feb. 23. The 29th annual York County Day is scheduled for 1-8 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Local News:

Post and Courier: More Charleston Tent City residents moving out

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160208/PC16/160209436>

Dave Munday

Another section of Charleston's so-called Tent City is being vacated as homeless advocates scramble to figure out where to put the rest of the campers. Residents of about eight tents at Meeting and Lee streets were packing up Monday morning. They got a notice from the city saying the area, which is owned by the Department of Transportation, will be cleared at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Greenville News: Taser limit could mean more officer take-downs

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/02/08/taser-limit-could-mean-more-officer-take-downs/79757516/>

Anna Lee

A recent court ruling on the use of Tasers will mean more injuries to suspects and officers, said Greenville Police Chief Ken Miller. "We're going to have more officers involved in tackling," Miller said. "And when we tackle, officers get injured. Subjects get injured."

The State: Family turns to gardening to boost their flood recovery

<http://www.thestate.com/latest-news/article59053568.html>

Avery G. Wilks

The scent of eucalyptus and rosemary wafted up from the kitchen table where Shawntel Green's children worked on their latest creations. The four children broke off eucalyptus leaves and ground them in jars. They cut sprigs of rosemary to just the right length.

Post and Courier: Mount Pleasant council members and Shem Creek property owners face off in parking lot of RB's

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160208/PC16/160209415>

David Slade

Three Town Council members leading the charge to appraise business properties near Shem Creek sought to assure people about their intentions Monday, but instead wound up in heated arguments with several property owners in a restaurant parking lot. Picturesque Shem Creek is among the town's top destinations, known for shrimp boats, restaurants and sunset views.

Rock Hill Herald: Longer absentee hours, precinct changes in York Co. for primaries

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article59147428.html>

Bristow Marchant

Can't make it to the polls for South Carolina's presidential primaries later this month? York County's voter registration and election office will have extended hours this weekend for absentee voting in both the Republican and Democratic races.

Greenville News: Greenville food truck makes top ten list

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/entertainment/dining/off-the-menu/2016/02/08/greenville-food-truck-makes-top-ten-list/79998198/>

Lillia Callum-Penso

A Greenville food truck makes one of the best tacos in the country. That, according to BuzzFeed, which ranked local food truck on its Top 19 Best Tacos in the Country list. Automatic Taco was recognized at the number 5 spot on the list. The list was compiled from votes by BuzzFeed users around the country, who made particular mention of Automatic Taco's Nashville Hot Chicken taco

National News:

Associated Press: Ted Cruz seeks to appeal to supporters on fringe of GOP

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160208/PC1603/160209423>

Scott Bauer, Steve Peoples

Some politicians run from polarizing endorsements. Ted Cruz seeks them out. The Texas senator's strength in the 2016 Republican presidential primary is drawn, at least in part, from the backing of high-profile figures from his party's far-right fringe.

Associated Press: Attorney General to visit 6 cities to highlight police work

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WdKqQft2

Eric Tucker

Attorney General Loretta Lynch plans to visit six cities to highlight police departments she sees as role models for law enforcement. The locations were chosen because they embody a particular trait of successful policing, such as effective use of data, strong community relationships or a commitment to officer safety, Lynch said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press.

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