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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Forbes: Social Impact Bonds: Something Republicans And Democrats Agree On
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/annefield/2016/02/27/social-impact-bonds-something-republicans-and-democrats-agree-on/#682be37e1e39>

Anne Field

The bipartisan embrace of Social Impact Bonds (SIBs) is growing ever more vigorous. Also known as pay for success, SIBs are a new mechanism for financing initiatives aimed at addressing social ills, such as recidivism and substance abuse; they involve public-private partnerships in which investors get paid back only if the program meets agreed-upon, measurable outcomes.

Note: Usually on opposite sides of the political spectrum, South Carolina's Republican chief Nikki Haley and Connecticut's Democratic head Dannel Malloy both spoke optimistically about the potential for each effort.

Rock Hill Herald: Extradition looms for Honduran immigrant accused in York County killing of greenhouse owner

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/article62997077.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

The Honduran immigrant accused of killing a beloved Charlotte greenhouse owner at his Lake Wylie home in York County on Jan. 6 has been served a governor's warrant for extradition to South Carolina and likely soon will be in York to face murder charges.

Note: A hearing scheduled for Thursday on extradition was canceled after a warrant signed by both Gov. Pat McCrory of North Carolina and Nikki Haley of South Carolina was served on Dejesus, said Meghan McDonald, a spokesperson for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Clinton thunders to big win over Sanders in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=L2Zft8bl

Julie Pace, Lisa Lerer

Hillary Clinton overwhelmed Bernie Sanders in Saturday's South Carolina primary, drawing staggering support from the state's black Democrats and seizing an increasingly strong position as the presidential race barrels toward Super Tuesday's crucial contests.

The State: Clinton wins SC landslide

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article62925837.html>

Andrew Shain

Hillary Clinton won a decisive victory Saturday in the S.C. Democratic primary — a win that should propel her on the path to the presidential nomination that eluded her in 2008. Polls and delegate math are working in the former secretary of state's favor.

Post and Courier: Clinton trounces Sanders to win South Carolina Democratic primary

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160227/PC1603/160229365>

Maya T. Prabhu, Schuyler Kropf

Invigorated by a black vote that rejected her eight years ago for Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton breezed to an easy win in the South Carolina Democratic primary, burying a challenge by Sen. Bernie Sanders who was forced to concede the state early and seek his battles elsewhere.

Post and Courier: Black turnout boosts Clinton in a big way

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160227/PC1603/160229355>

Robert Behre

Fewer South Carolina voters turned out Saturday than in the party's record-breaking 2008 presidential primary — or in last week's GOP primary. Still, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton ended up with more votes Saturday than GOP winner Donald Trump got a week ago, and she has the party's African-American base to thank.

Greenville News: Clinton wins SC in landslide

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/02/27/clinton-wins-sc-landslide/81031008/>

Rudolph Bell

It may be that Hillary Clinton looks back on South Carolina's Democratic presidential primary as the turning point for her second presidential campaign. Palmetto State Democrats on Saturday handed the former first lady, senator and secretary of state a landslide victory over her rival for the party's White House nomination, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Note: Clyburn and Republican Gov. Nikki Haley made national news by endorsing their favorites for the White House.

Post and Courier: 5 things we learned from S.C.'s Democratic primary results

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160224/PC1603/160229362>

Schuyler Kropf

1 Bernie Sanders awakened a dormant far left: Sanders' first appearance in Charleston was in April 2014 as he set out to build momentum for his agenda of affordable college, inclusiveness and strengthening the middle class.

2 No signature moment for Hillary Clinton: With support from U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, two former governors and most Statehouse Democrats, Clinton was tireless on the trail as she cruised to an easy win bolstered by the black turnout.

3 Bill Clinton played his role as surrogate: Who wouldn't expect a husband to promote his wife as a candidate? The former White House occupant was out on the stump for Hillary Clinton's campaign during the last weeks of the race with multiple stops and speaking to hundreds of people.

4 Benghazi, servers and trust were non-issues: Democrats didn't care about these.

5 A surprisingly clean contest: Clinton and Sanders clashed on the debate stage but their fight never became nasty by South Carolina standards.

Post and Courier: South Carolina Gives Clinton Big Boost for Super Tuesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160227/PC1603/160229357>

Gibbs Knotts, Jordan Ragusa

It didn't take a Ph.D. in political science to predict Hillary Clinton's convincing victory in South Carolina's Democratic primary, but it might take one to know exactly when this primary fight will end. Saturday was always expected to be Clinton's day. According to the final Real Clear Politics polling average, Clinton led Bernie Sanders 58.2 to 30.7 on the day of the race.

Note: Clyburn's endorsement was to Clinton what Gov. Nikki Haley's endorsement was to Marco Rubio.

Aiken Standard: State, Aiken County voters give Clinton a big win

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160227/AIK0101/160229435>

Larry Wood

African-Americans across South Carolina overwhelmingly supported Hillary Clinton in her bid to become the Democratic candidate for president of the United States in the state Democratic primary Saturday. Clinton, a former first lady, senator from New York and U.S. Secretary of State, won the support of nearly 9 in 10 black voters, according to The Associated Press.

Times and Democrat: Clinton gets big win in region

http://thetandd.com/news/clinton-gets-big-win-in-region/article_cb86ff66-eb48-590c-a715-b01b189ba6df.html

Princess Williams

Hillary Clinton won The T&D Region in a landslide Saturday, just as she won the state. The former secretary of state overwhelmed her Democratic opposition in a race that drew more local voters than the Republican presidential primary the week before. Turesa Perry of Orangeburg said she voted for Clinton, who "is going to carry on the legacy of Obama. I'm humble and I thank God for her."

Sun News: Hillary Clinton wins Democratic primary in Horry, Georgetown counties
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article62962277.html>

Audrey Hudson

Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton handily won the party's statewide primary on Saturday as well as in Horry County, where unofficial results from the state election commission show she captured 67.20 percent of the vote to U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders' 32.47 percent.

Post and Courier: Really feeling the Bern: Democrat running for U.S. House gets Bernie Sanders tattoo
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160228/PC1603/160229473>

Schuyler Kropf

The only announced Democrat looking to take on Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford has inked his lifetime support for Bernie Sanders. Dimitri Cherny was one of about 20 people who got the image of Sanders' balding head and glasses tattooed on their bodies last week in advance of Saturday's Democratic primary.

Colbert gives Bush the clap treatment: Charleston's own Stephen Colbert, host of "The Late Show," piled more dirt on the South Carolina grave of Jeb Bush's failed White House campaign.

Anderson Independent: Clinton sees smaller margin of victory in Upstate amid low voter turnout
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/no-voting-problems-seen-in-anderson-2cb49071-bab3-5b14-e053-0100007f597b-370372471.html>

Kirk Brown

Hillary Clinton racked up the most votes in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties in the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary on Saturday. But her margin of victory over U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders was smaller than in other parts of the state.

Rock Hill Herald: Clinton wins handily, both locally and statewide. "People are in shock."
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/national-politics/article62970722.html>

Bristow Marchant

Bernie Sanders may have had a chance to win over Democratic voters in South Carolina, especially after beating Hillary Clinton with more than 60 percent of the vote in the New Hampshire primary two weeks earlier. But whatever chances the Vermont senator had evaporated as the former first lady and secretary of state won nearly 75 percent of the vote in Saturday's South Carolina primary.

The State: How Hillary Clinton won South Carolina
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article62932607.html>

Jamie Self

Displayed on the wall of Catherine Kelly's downtown beauty salon are newspaper articles from Barack Obama's historic 2008 S.C. primary win, and thank-you postcards from the president and first lady. Recently, the display also included a photo of Obama and Hillary Clinton.

Associated Press: Exit poll: Black voters lead Clinton to resounding victory
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fjvMwwal

Emily Swanson

Hillary Clinton won the support of an overwhelming majority of black voters, large majorities of men and women, and even a majority of voters under 45 on her way to a claiming a commanding victory in South Carolina's Democratic primary Saturday.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Sun News: Deer hunting bill altered, again making its way through legislature
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article62815332.html>

Gregg Holshouser

Legislation that aims at restructuring South Carolina's hunting laws on white-tailed deer is undergoing some changes during the South Carolina Legislature's 2016 session. Bill S 454 was approved by the Senate in March, 2015, but did not pass the House of Representatives and was left on the table for the 2016 session.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Offshore oil not right for S.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160228/PC1002/160229396>

Editorial

Tourism is booming in South Carolina with a third record-breaking year demonstrating its continued strength as one of the state's leading industries. Though centered along the coastal region, tourism has statewide economic benefits. One in 10 South Carolinians is employed by the tourism industry, and the overall economic impact was \$19.1 billion in 2014, the most recent year for which figures are available.

Note: Of course, the health of tourism is closely related to the health of the state's beaches and other public, coastal resources. So why do state officials, including Gov. Nikki Haley continue to push for offshore drilling for oil and natural gas, that could jeopardize the health of the state's tourism industry?

Note: With a decision from federal officials expected in mid-March, it's past time for Gov. Haley to reject this ill-advised change in federal policy.

The State: Donnie Myers should resign if convicted

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/editorials/article62720747.html>

Editorial

IF DONNIE MYERS is found guilty of his most recent DUI charge, he should resign as 11th Circuit solicitor. Mr. Myers on Monday was charged with DUI after his car left a Lexington County road and hit a utility pole. Highway Patrol troopers smelled alcohol in Mr. Myers' car; the solicitor failed a field sobriety test; and his blood-alcohol level registered 0.09 percent, according to reports.

Post and Courier: Follow court nomination rules

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160228/PC1002/160229397>

Editorial

Politicians play politics, especially during election years. Lamenting that eternal reality is akin to complaining about death and taxes. In other words, presidents make Supreme Court nominations, and senators decide whether to confirm them.

Washington Post: How to cool off Trump's hot streak

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160228/PC1001/160229394>

George F. Will

"Hell," said Alabama's Democratic Gov. George Wallace before roiling the 1968 presidential race, "we got too much dignity in government now, what we need is some meanness." Twelve elections later, Wallace's wish is approaching fulfillment as Republicans contemplate nominating someone who would run to Hillary Clinton's left.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Ports Authority consulting work 'vital,' but documentation issues worry government watchdog

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160228/PC05/160229430>

David Wren

The State Ports Authority has paid nearly \$1.5 million over the past three years to politically connected South Carolina consulting firms and Washington, D.C., lobbying groups without any written contracts, performance reviews or competitive bidding for the work.

WIS: DJJ: "significant amount of property damage" caused by juveniles

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31334728/djj-significant-amount-of-property-damage-caused-by-juveniles>

The Department of Juvenile Justice says some kids being held at the Broad River Road Complex in Columbia got out of control Friday night. In a statement released to WIS, DJJ says "a group of 14 juveniles became aggressive and did a significant amount of property damage to their dormitory, some surrounding DJJ properties, and two automobiles."

Post and Courier: Federal spending cuts come back to bite on Charleston's ex-Navy base

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160227/PC05/160229434>

John McDermott

Two decades after federal cutbacks led to the shutdown of the Navy base, a longtime business on the former military installation finds itself in a similar predicament. The fallout is pretty much the same, at least for now. The owner of Charleston Marine Containers Inc. announced about 10 days ago that it will be closing the North Charleston site over the next two months, blaming a slowdown in government orders.

Local News:

The State: State transportation agency to get long-awaited Bull Street traffic study next week

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article62673947.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

A long-awaited traffic impact study for the Bull Street complex will be in the hands of state transportation officials for review next week, easing their worries about how long the master developer has taken to complete the study.

Island Packet: Plans progress to pave Hilton Head dirt roads

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article62252052.html>

Rebecca Lurye

If included in Beaufort County's referendum question and approved by voters in November, the revenue from a 1 percent sales-tax increase could smooth roads reaching about 125 homes on the north end and mid-island, in primarily low- and medium-income communities.

Post and Courier: Will the final bell soon ring for historic Mount Pleasant school?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160227/PC16/160229489>

Robert Behre

The narrow African-American school building at Long Point Road and Interstate 526 is a rare survivor of pre-integration schools here, but it might not survive much longer. The old school sits on a 4-acre parcel that the Mazyck family has owned for a century, but the family has a contract to sell it to a company that plans to build a new health care building there.

Greenville News: Greenvillians with mental illness struggle behind the scenes

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/health/2016/02/27/greenvillians-mental-illness-struggle-behind-scenes/78500444/>

With a steady job, a reliable car and a small but comfortable apartment, Kris Whitlock's life appeared to be on track. But at 26, things started falling apart. She felt strange, confused, depressed. She didn't know what was happening to her. She ended up in the hospital, where she was told that she had bipolar disorder.

National News:

Associated Press: Trump defends 'Trump University' from Rubio, Cruz attacks

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ext7eSFY

Jill Colvin, Jeff Horwitz

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump is playing defense on at least one issue these days: his role in a now-defunct real estate seminar business called Trump University. At a rally in Arkansas on Saturday, Trump took a break from his stump speech to downplay a class-action civil lawsuit pending against the business, which was founded by Trump and offered students instruction on real estate investments.

Associated Press: Rubio, Cruz release tax summaries in challenge to Trump

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OQ3mNDHJ

Jeff Horwitz, Chad Day

Republican presidential candidates Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz released summary pages of their recent tax filings on Saturday, seeking to capitalize on GOP front-runner Donald Trump's refusal to release similar information. Despite making promises to release his tax records, Trump has balked at doing so, saying he won't disclose the filings until the IRS finishes auditing his returns.

USA Today: Cyber hack got access to over 700,000 IRS accounts

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2016/02/26/cyber-hack-gained-access-more-than-700000-irs-accounts/80992822/>

Kevin McCoy

A 2015 cyber hack of the IRS potentially gained access to personal data from more than 700,000 taxpayer accounts, more than double the total previously estimated, the tax agency said Friday. The information potentially stolen includes Social Security numbers, birth dates and other data that cyber thieves could use to impersonate a real taxpayer, file a false federal tax return and collect a refund.

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