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Governor Nikki Haley News:

New York Times: In Nevada, the Marco Rubio Entourage Is Lacking in Diversity

http://www.nytimes.com/politics/first-draft/2016/02/22/in-nevada-the-marco-rubio-entourage-is-lacking-in-diversity/?_r=0

Jeremy W. Peters

The diversity of Marco Rubio's political team in South Carolina was so striking that his campaign boasted they were the face of the new conservative movement. Mr. Rubio, a Cuban-American, Gov. Nikki Haley, an Indian-American, and Senator Tim Scott, who is black, were like a Republican Benetton ad, as Ms. Haley joked at every event.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Behind the numbers of South Carolina's presidential primary

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC1603/160229796>

Jeffrey Collins

While Donald Trump's win by 10 percentage points dominated the headlines after Saturday's Republican presidential primary, the numbers show other stories, too. Nearly 740,000 people cast ballots — shattering the previous record by 132,000 voters.

The State: A history of the S.C. Democratic presidential primary

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article61751227.html>

Jamie Self

In Saturday's Democratic primary, African-American voters are expected to cast more than half the ballots. It is a right they only have had for 68 years, after a Richland County resident challenged what had been, until 1948, an all-white primary.

Post and Courier: Thomas Dixon to challenge U.S. Sen. Tim Scott

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC16/160229815>

Brenda Rindge

Thomas Dixon, 63, co-founder of The Coalition: People United to take Back our Community, launched a grassroots campaign in front of about 75 people at the International Longshoremen's Association Hall to challenge Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott. Dixon will kick off his campaign March 1.

Associated Press: N Charleston pastor challenging Scott for Senate re-election

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=G8MFuqKo

A North Charleston pastor is challenging U.S. Sen. Tim Scott in his bid for re-election. Pastor Thomas A. Dixon announced his decision at a news conference Monday. In a news release, Dixon says he is a "tireless advocate" and will work to reach out to people who feel they are underrepresented by current elected officials.

Washington Post: Trump takes a victory lap in Atlanta after S.C. win, confident he'll sweep the South

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/02/21/trump-takes-a-victory-lap-in-atlanta-after-s-c-win-confident-hell-sweep-the-south/>

Jose A. DelReal

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump took a victory lap here Sunday after a decisive win in the South Carolina primary, an instructive performance that the campaign believes could foretell a strong showing in the upcoming bloc of Southern primaries.

Post and Courier: Jane Sanders: Final push in SC should boost Bernie's support heading to Saturday's presidential primary

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC1603/160229797>

Maya T. Prabhu

Jane Sanders hopes her husband, Sen. Bernie Sanders, is able to improve upon his surge in Nevada's Democratic presidential caucus in time for the Palmetto state's Democratic primary Saturday. Sanders lost to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton last week in Nevada, getting about 47 percent of the vote.

Aiken Standard: Political expert: Minority votes raise competition in S.C. Democratic primary

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160221/AIK0101/160229916>

Christina Cleveland

Owners of Axis Barber Salon in Aiken say there aren't many topics that are off limits when their seats fill up on most Fridays and, during an election year, politics are no exception. In between the usual banter and laughter at the predominately African-American barber shop are several opinions about the 2016 presidential candidates.

Post and Courier: Hillary Clinton appearing at a town hall in North Charleston Thursday night

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC1603/160229798>

Schuyler Kropf

Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton will spend Thursday night in North Charleston taking part in a town hall that could give her a Lowcountry advantage heading into Saturday's primary. State Sen. Marlon Kimpson, D-Charleston, will host a town hall meeting in his Senate District 42 with Clinton on the stage.

McClatchy DC: Can Democrats' love for Bill Clinton carry over to his wife?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article61778067.html>

Anita Kumar, Lesley Clark

Debbie Lodge, a retired librarian from Summerville, voted twice for Bill Clinton for president. "He was a breath of fresh air," she said. "And he was an excellent president." This year, though, Lodge isn't voting for the former president's wife, Hillary Clinton. Instead, Lodge strongly supports Bernie Sanders for the Democratic nomination for president.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Index-Journal: White to address business leaders

<http://indexjournal.com/news/White-to-address-business-leaders>

Greenwood Chamber is having its annual Legislative Breakfast featuring members of Greenwood's legislative delegation from 8:15-9:30 a.m. Friday at Harris Baptist Church, 300 Center St. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The featured speaker will be state Rep. W. Brian White, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

New York Times: The Case for Rubio-Kasich

<http://douthat.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/02/22/the-case-for-rubio-kasich/>

Ross Douthat

Saturday's Republican primary in South Carolina was not quite the train wreck for the not-Trump portion of the party that seemed likely after New Hampshire's multi-candidate pileup. Boosted by Nikki Haley's endorsement, Marco Rubio basically saved his campaign with a second-place finish, while Jeb Bush finished far enough back that dropping out became the only honorable option.

Note: Yes, a lot of prominent Republicans were salivating over the idea of a Rubio-Haley ticket when the two shared a stage in South Carolina — so much youth and multiculturalism!

Washington Post: The moment of truth: We must stop Trump

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/moment-of-truth-we-must-stop-trump/2016/02/21/0172e788-d8a7-11e5-925f-1d10062cc82d_story.html?postshare=1141456086230214&tid=ss_fb

Danielle Allen

Like any number of us raised in the late 20th century, I have spent my life perplexed about exactly how Hitler could have come to power in Germany. Watching Donald Trump's rise, I now understand. Leave aside whether a direct comparison of Trump to Hitler is accurate. That is not my point. My point rather is about

how a demagogic opportunist can exploit a divided country.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Travel group: Presidential primary gives South Carolina tourism a boost

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC05/160229826>

Allison Prang

South Carolina's tourism industry could yield a tidy wintertime boost from all the presidential primary politicking. The U.S. Travel Association estimates that as many as 230,000 more hotel rooms could be booked in the Palmetto State as a result of the primary campaigning compared to non-election years. For the lodging business, that would bring in \$24.2 million more in revenue, U.S. Travel said.

Post and Courier: S.C. gasoline price down to \$1.50/gallon; Missouri lowest in nation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC05/160229824>

Warren L. Wise

Motorists across South Carolina continue to enjoy plummeting gasoline prices. The price now averages \$1.50 a gallon after falling another 2 cents during the past week, according to gas price service GasBuddy and motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. That's about 55 cents lower than this time last year.

National News:

TIME: Rubio Picks Up Endorsements After Bush Ends Campaign

<http://time.com/4232937/marco-rubio-republican-endorsements-south-carolina/>

Daniel White

The end of Jeb Bush's campaign led to a flurry of big-name Republican endorsements over the weekend. After the former Florida Governor left the GOP primary, a number of big names weighed in, with Bush's former protege, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, by far the clear winner.

Associated Press: Senate back in session to battle over Supreme Court slot

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:cc01e2bf448f474287af6d954d40579c>

Alan Fram

A divided Senate convened Monday for the first time since Justice Antonin Scalia's death injected a heated new issue into this year's presidential and congressional campaigns. In one of the few chinks in Republicans' solid opposition to letting President Barack Obama fill the pivotal vacancy, one GOP senator cited a "duty" to vote on a nominee.

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