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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Post: Bewildered by 2016 race, George W. Bush returns to the trail to boost Jeb
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/bewildered-by-2016-race-george-w-bush-returns-to-the-trail-to-boost-jeb/2016/02/12/49cf7242-d1a6-11e5-abc9-ea152f0b9561_story.html

Philip Rucker, Ed O'Keefe

The 2016 campaign has bewildered and captivated George W. Bush. At home in Dallas, the 43rd president rises before dawn and reads political news online. He fires off emails to his old advisers to check on the latest campaign trail gossip. He tunes into the debates, even though they stretch on past his bedtime.

Note: The former president's approval rating among South Carolina Republicans stands at 84 percent, according to a private poll commissioned two months ago by Katon Dawson, a former state GOP chairman. That would put him in a tie with Gov. Nikki Haley and Sen. Tim Scott as the most popular Republicans in the state.

MSNBC: Confusion over South Carolina ID law could keep voters away
<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/confusion-over-south-carolina-id-law-could-keep-voters-away>

Zachary Roth

Voting rights advocates say confusion around South Carolina's voter ID law could keep would-be voters from the polls in the state's pivotal Democratic primary later this month. And they claim Republican state officials, including Gov. Nikki Haley, are in part to blame.

Note: "Requiring people to show a photo ID before they vote is a reasonable measure," Haley, who's being eyed as a possible Republican vice presidential pick, said during a speech at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., last September, omitting that her state's law does not require it. "Let's figure out ways to make it easy and cost-free for every eligible voter to obtain a photo ID. That way, everyone who wants to vote can vote."

S.C. Presidential Primary News:

Greenville News: Fiscal, social conservatives attack Trump in SC
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/12/club-growth-attack-trump-sc/80281548/>

Rudolph Bell
Fiscal and social conservatives who attacked Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in Iowa began to do the same thing in South Carolina today, eight days before the South's first presidential preference primary. The Club for Growth said its political arm would spend about \$1.5 million to broadcast an anti-Trump ad in South Carolina.

Post and Courier: Trump up by double digits in poll of S.C. Republicans
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160212/PC1603/160219735>

Schuyler Kropf

Presidential front-runner billionaire Donald Trump is maintaining a significant double-digit lead among likely South Carolina Republican primary voters, a new poll shows. Trump is at a 36 percent level of support, according to an Opinion Savvy poll conducted for The Augusta Chronicle, Morris News and FOX 5 Atlanta. Coming in a distant second place are U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio, with 19 and 15 percent, respectively.

The State: Poll: Trump maintains lead in SC
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article60036071.html>

Andrew Shain
Donald Trump remains the top choice among S.C. Republicans, according to the first poll released since

voting in the 2016 presidential race began earlier this month. The New York billionaire was supported by 36 percent of the likely GOP primary voters polled, well ahead of U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, who has second at 20 percent, according to Opinion Savvy.

TPM: Trump Leads GOP Field In South Carolina By 16 Points After NH Win

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/polltracker/trump-leads-sc-16-points>

Conor Dinan

Former reality-television host Donald Trump has a substantial 16-point lead in the Republican primary contest in South Carolina on the heels of his New Hampshire primary victory, according to an Opinion Savvy poll released Friday.

Associated Press: Presidential contenders fight for minority voters in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Y1rAEd80

Seanna Adcox, Kathleen Hennessey

The fight for black voters turned into a tug-of-war over President Barack Obama's legacy Friday as Democratic presidential hopefuls looked for an edge in South Carolina. Republicans, meanwhile, crisscrossed the state in search of a path out of Donald Trump's long shadow.

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Kathleen Ronayne, Kathleen Hennessey

Presidential candidates in both parties battled for the crucial backing of blacks and Hispanics on Friday as the race shifted toward states with more minority voters. Republicans crisscrossed South Carolina looking to derail billionaire Donald Trump and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who each came to the state with a burst of momentum after the first two nomination contests.

Post and Courier: Gov. John Kasich stays positive in S.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160212/PC1603/160219718>

Gavin Jackson

A positive campaign, but one that isn't "a pincushion" for other candidates, is how Ohio Gov. John Kasich described his bid for the Republican presidential nomination. "I want to be fundamentally in a good place in terms of getting Americans together," Kasich said after meeting with state business leaders Friday.

WIS: Ohio Gov. John Kasich makes campaign stop at SC Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31210661/ohio-gov-john-kasich-makes-campaign-stop-at-sc-chamber-of-commerce>

Will Whitson

Ohio Gov. John Kasich spent the day campaigning in the Midlands by addressing a group of business leaders in Columbia. Kasich answered questions at the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce for about an hour, talking about everything from education to the economy and his time in Congress and as governor. But one thing he didn't do was go negative.

Greenville News: Carson makes the cut for GOP debate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/02/12/carson-makes-cut-gop-debate/80297494/>

Elizabeth Sanders

The Wall Street Journal reports Dr. Ben Carson will be on stage at the Peace Center Saturday night for the CBS GOP debate. There had been questions about Carson's participation based on his fourth place finish Iowa and eighth place finished in New Hampshire.

Associated Press: Former SC first lady endorses Bush

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article60036776.html>

Former S.C. first lady Iris Campbell is endorsing Republican Jeb Bush for president, further cementing a long-standing relationship between the two families. The Bush campaign said Friday the wife of late S.C. Gov. Carroll Campbell would be backing the former Florida governor, as she and her husband did for his father and brother.

The State: Hillary Clinton in SC touts plan for poor, rural communities

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article60084221.html>

Jamie Self

In a packed gymnasium of Denmark Olar Elementary School, where 94 percent of children live in poverty, the Democratic presidential frontrunner also touted work she said she did in the 1970s with the Children's Defense Fund, fighting for better treatment for juvenile offenders, including in Bamberg and Pickens counties.

Associated Press: Top Republicans stay quiet on release of their tax returns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160212/PC1603/160219730>

Jeff Horwitz, Will Weissert

Republican presidential candidates Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio have failed to release their tax returns despite promises to do. Mitt Romney offered Republican presidential candidates this advice about a hard-won lesson: Release your tax returns before the primaries and avoid tough scrutiny later. But the top three Republicans leading in national polls don't appear to be listening.

Post and Courier: Husband of Emanuel AME shooting victim in new Hillary Clinton for president ad

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160212/PC1603/160219787>

Schuyler Kropf

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton is airing a new TV ad in South Carolina that features the husband of one of the nine Emanuel AME Church shooting victims. The Rev. Anthony Thompson, whose wife Myra was killed at the church, describes receiving a phone call about what transpired the night of June 17.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: Best GOP vote is against Trump

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/02/12/editorial-best-gop-vote-against-trump/80190978/>

Editorial

On Feb. 20, South Carolina Republicans go to the polls with an important responsibility as the first primary in the South and one that has voted for the eventual nominee every time since 1980 with one exception. This is an opportunity for voters here to send a clear message about the qualities they want (or don't want) in the next president.

S.C. Agency News:

Associated Press: Carnegie Hall brings more than musical harmony to SC prison

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/4b130d11bc684e318f74e6e07e259827/carnegie-hall-brings-more-musical-harmony-sc-prison>

Meg Kinnard

One of South Carolina's most dangerous prisons is also home to beautiful music, occasions when gate alarms and tower sirens are replaced by guitar riffs, beat box rhythms and the strains of Vivaldi. Thanks to a partnership with a chamber ensemble affiliated with Carnegie Hall, several dozen inmates at Lee Correctional Institution will be putting on a concert Saturday they've written themselves.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Solicitor Chrissy Adams to retire

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/02/12/solicitor-adams-retire/80283800/>

Elizabeth Sanders

10th Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams will retire at the end of her term. In a statement released Friday, she said "While it certainly had been my intent to seek another term, after a great deal of prayer and reflection, as well as discussions with my medical team and family, I have come to this difficult but appropriate decision."

Post and Courier: SLED: Violent and property crimes down in South Carolina, assaults on officers up

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160212/PC16/160219758>

Dave Munday

Violent and property crimes declined in the most recent information available from the State Law Enforcement Division, but assaults on officers increased. The violent crime rate was down 12.2 percent in 2013 compared with 2012, according to the 2013 Uniform Crime Report, which was released Friday. The

biggest decrease was a 14.7 percent drop in murder and non-negligent homicides.

The State: SLED report shows state's violent, property crime rates down in 2013

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article60045221.html#storylink=cpy>

Harrison Cahill

The state's overall rates in violent and property crimes decreased in 2013, according to the latest data released from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. SLED Chief Mark Keel said the rate of violent crime decreased 12.2 percent in 2013 compared to 2012. The rate of property crime also decreased in 2013 by 5.7 percent from the previous year.

Associated Press: SLED: Violent crime rate down 12 percent in SC in 2013

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VaJ4S1lq

The rate of violent crime dropped more than 12 percent while the rate of property crimes was down almost 6 percent in South Carolina from 2012 to 2013. Assaults on law enforcement officers increased. The figures are contained in the SLED Uniform Crime Report released Friday. The rates are per 100,000 inhabitants.

Associated Press: Rubio family stars in South Carolina comeback attempt

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=b8TSNimF

Steve Peoples

Just for a moment, Marco Rubio stops trying to explain what went wrong in New Hampshire. He needs to find out why Dominick is crying. "She pinched me," the teary 8-year-old tells his father, who's in the midst of an interview, pointing to a small red welt on his left hand.

Greenville News: 15 tested for Zika in SC

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/02/12/15-tested-zika-sc/80294480/>

Liv Osby

Fifteen people have been tested for Zika virus so far in South Carolina, state health officials said Friday. Eleven tests have come back negative and results are still pending for the others, said Robert Yannity, spokesman for the state Department of Health and Environmental Control.

The State: From humble roots: Ernest Finney's rise to the SC Supreme Court

<http://www.thestate.com/news/special-reports/state-125/article59647761.html#storylink=cpy>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Some people break down barriers. Others, such as Ernest Finney, shatter them. Finney came into the world in the tiny town of Smithfield, Va. His mother died shortly after giving birth, and Finney himself barely survived delivery. But survive he did, with a toughness that would serve him well as an ambitious African-American man coming of age in a time of turmoil.

Local News:

Sun News: Solicitor's office hoping to build \$1.2 million center for drug court, intervention programs in downtown Conway

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article60082271.html#storylink=cpy>

Charles D. Perry

When Mary Powell started working with the solicitor's pretrial intervention program in 1991, she saw maybe a few hundred clients each year. That was long before the addition of the juvenile diversion program, before juvenile arbitration, before her office's alcohol and traffic education efforts.

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