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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Rubio builds momentum, Cruz campaign shows signs of struggle

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Steve Peoples, Nicholas Riccardi

Marco Rubio amassed increasing support for his candidacy while Ted Cruz's campaign showed signs of struggle as Republican presidential candidates crisscrossed Nevada on Monday on the final day of campaigning ahead of the state's GOP caucuses. Cruz told reporters Monday he has asked his campaign spokesman, Rick Tyler, to resign for tweeting a story that falsely alleged Rubio insulted the Bible.

Note: Cruz on Saturday characterized a two-man contest as well - between him and Trump. But Rubio, who campaigned in South Carolina alongside the state's GOP Gov. Nikki Haley, has continued to capitalize on the momentum from his second-place finish.

National Review: How Marco Rubio Won Nikki Haley's Endorsement, and Clinched Second in South Carolina

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/431670/nikki-haley-marco-rubio-endorsement-details>

Eliana Johnson

Nikki Haley made her decision over dinner. Three dinners, to be exact. They were casual, held at the South Carolina governor's mansion, in the family quarters rather than in the formal dining room. Having long decided that she would wait until after the New Hampshire primary to make her decision, the South Carolina governor was genuinely undecided.

WYFF: Gov. Haley's endorsement for Rubio 'stroke of genius', Greenville Co. GOP chair says

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/gov-haleys-endorsement-for-rubio-stroke-of-genius-greenville-co-gop-chair-says/38128716>

Nigel Robertson

Donald Trump was the clear winner in Saturday's GOP Primary in South Carolina. However some would say Gov. Nikki Haley was a winner as well. Just two days before the GOP primary, Haley endorsed Marco Rubio for the Republican nomination for president.

WYFF (Video): The impact of Governor Nikki Haley's endorsement for Marco Rubio reexamined

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/the-impact-of-governor-nikki-haleys-endorsement-for-marco-rubio-reexamined/38133278>

Nigel Robertson

S.C. Political News:

McClatchy DC: Sanders, Clinton scour S.C. black colleges for votes

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article61803667.html>

William Douglas

When the Bernie Sanders-aligned Nurses on the Bus vehicle rolled onto the campus of South Carolina State University recently, Aaliyah Loadholt bolted from the cafeteria to greet it. "They were right outside the cafeteria, and they were, like, 'Do you like Bernie?'" said Loadholt, a 20-year-old social work major from the tiny town of Estill. "I was, like, 'I love Bernie.'"

WIS: Large gap separates Democratic candidates ahead of S.C. primary

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31285766/large-gap-separates-dem-candidates-ahead-of-sc-primary>

Will Whitson

It's one down and one to go for Palmetto State voters. In less than a week, the state's Democrats will go to

the polls for their South Carolina primary and there's a major gap between Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton.

The State: Bernie Sanders won't be in SC for two days before primary

Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton has announced nine events from Tuesday through Friday
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article61845947.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont will spend Wednesday and Thursday campaigning in other states instead of South Carolina, where Democrats hold their primary Saturday. After participating Tuesday in a CNN town-hall meeting in Columbia, the Democratic presidential hopeful will not campaign again in South Carolina until Friday, his state director Chris Covert confirmed.

Post and Courier: Hillary Clinton to campaign in S.C. daily, while Bernie Sanders splits his time elsewhere
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC1603/160229784>

Cynthia Roldan, Gavin Jackson

With Super Tuesday taking place just days after South Carolina's Democratic primary — and Hillary Clinton far ahead in most polls — Clinton and Bernie Sanders are employing different approaches to courting South Carolina voters. While Hillary Clinton will spend every day through Saturday in South Carolina, Sanders is setting his eyes on Super Tuesday states, raising questions about his viability in the Palmetto State.

Greenville News: Democratic candidates spending most of their time outside of the Upstate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/02/22/democratic-candidates-spending-most-their-time-outside-upstate/80757826/>

Rudolph Bell

The Greenville Chamber invited all presidential candidates, Democrats and Republicans, to speak to its members as part of a series leading up to the state's first-in-the-South Democratic and Republican presidential primaries. Almost all of the Republicans agreed, but none of the Democrats.

The State: Former Trump campaign bus now rolling anti-Trump art piece

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article61912137.html>

Erin Shaw

On Saturday, as Donald Trump cruised to a victory in the South Carolina Republican primary, Mary Mihelic and David Gleeson were in Charleston behind the wheel of a big blue campaign bus formerly used by the business mogul. They bought the bus off Craigslist for \$14,000 last fall and turned it into an anti-Trump art project on wheels.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Greenville News: Chambers calls out Senate on roads, cites I-85 wrecks

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/22/chambers-calls-out-senate-roads-cites--85-wrecks/80767842/>

Tim Smith

The state's business community has heard enough of a Senate filibuster on roads and wants senators to begin voting on something this week. The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce on Monday asked members to contact senators and demand that they begin voting, citing accidents on Interstate 85 in the Upstate as one reason the state cannot afford to wait any longer.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley last year told lawmakers she would support a 10-cent gas tax increase if they also scrapped the current method of picking highway commissioners and offered a reduction in the state's income tax.

The State: S.C. Chamber of Commerce urges senators to pass roads bill

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article61821242.html>

Cassie Cope

The S.C. Chamber of Commerce is pressuring state senators to pass a road-repair bill when they return to Columbia Tuesday. The chamber said it is encouraging its members to contact their state senators and tell them to end a filibuster by state Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort.

Associated Press: Pressure builds on South Carolina Senate to pass roads bill

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oe3ZWAIZ

South Carolina senators will again debate sending more money to the state's roads, and all signs point to some late nights. The Senate comes into session at noon Tuesday. Sen Tom Davis will be on the floor when the debate starts. The Beaufort Republican blocked action on the bill last week, seeking to change the board that governs the Department of Transportation.

Greenville News: Legislators seek audit of GHS philanthropy

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/02/22/legislators-seek-audit-ghs-philanthropy/80769158/>

Liv Osby

Ten members of the Greenville County legislative delegation have requested that the South Carolina Legislative Audit Council conduct an audit of Greenville Health System's Office of Philanthropy and related departments engaged in solicitation of charitable donations for GHS projects.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: Bizarre? Desperate? Brazen? Bobby Harrell must be back

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article61777067.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

THE LATEST — and we hope upon hope final — chapter in the Bobby Harrell saga is bizarre and desperate and brazen. Which is to say that it's like pretty much every other chapter in the Icarian fall of the former House speaker.

Post and Courier: Start small with S.C. term limits

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160223/PC1002/160229771>

Editorial

South Carolina legislators who support term limits for Congress have filed resolutions with the avowed aim of a constitutional convention that would take up the issue. Better that those legislators first look closer to home for term limits in the General Assembly.

Post and Courier: Senate filibuster may save state's transportation system

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160223/PC1002/160229766>

Dana Beach

One South Carolina presidential primary is now over, dampening the succession of robocalls, ominous videos and lurid mailers. So the prospect for a calmer, more rational week seemed within reach. Ron Brinson's Sunday op-ed, attacking Beaufort Sen. Tom Davis, dashed those hopes

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Congressional delegation braces for fight on Gitmo relocation recommendation report

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC1603/160229761>

Emma Dumain

South Carolina Republicans in Congress have said repeatedly they'd fight President Barack Obama should he, as rumored, be eying Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston as a potential relocation site for Guantanamo Bay prisoners. Lawmakers are about to find out whether they have to make good on that promise.

Post and Courier: Doors closing for now on North Charleston container manufacturer

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC05/160229764>

John McDermott

The owner of a metal container manufacturer on the former Navy base is closing its North Charleston plant, blaming a slowdown in orders from the federal government. San Diego-based Kratos Defense & Security Solutions Inc. will be shutting down Charleston Marine Containers Inc. by late April. It will keep the factory in the hopes it will reopen it if business rebounds.

Post and Courier: Boeing CEO adds chairman to title as McNerney steps down

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC05/160229765>

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The board of Boeing Co. elected CEO Dennis A. Muilenburg as its next chairman in a widely expected transition that takes effect March 1, the aerospace giant said Monday. He succeeds Jim McNerney. Boeing

said its independent lead director Kenneth M. Duberstein continues in that role.

Local News:

Associated Press: Lexington prosecutor arrested, charged with DUI

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kn5uQutO

Donnie Myers, the solicitor of the 11th Judicial Circuit, has been arrested by the South Carolina Highway Patrol on driving under the influence charges. South Carolina Department of Public Safety spokesman Lt. Kelley Hughes tells media outlets that the incident occurred Monday night in North Lexington. Troopers found a Lexus that had driven off the road and struck a utility pole.

Associated Press: Reported SC mall shooting may not have involved gunfire

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pbtCVvk4

Jeffrey Collins

Police now say the reported shooting at a South Carolina mall this past weekend may not have involved any gunshots at all. Investigators have not found any shell casings at the Columbiana Centre, and the surveillance video reviewed so far hasn't given authorities any solid leads, Columbia Police said in a news release Monday.

Rock Hill Herald: No lead here. Rock Hill trumpets safe drinking water

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article61883597.html>

Bristow Marchant

In response to national news about the water crisis in the Michigan city – where lead-contaminated drinking water has prompted a state of emergency and calls for the governor's resignation – and recent reports of high lead levels in drinking water in some parts of South Carolina, including some sources in York County, Rock Hill officials took time this week to not only reassure city residents their water is safe, but even celebrate local water's quality.

Post and Courier: Quick erosion fix for Folly nixed but long-term project on horizon

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160222/PC16/160229780>

Prentiss Findlay

Folly Beach will weather the upcoming storm season without the benefit of an \$8 million emergency beach restoration project for its erosion-scarred shoreline. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Monday that the island did not qualify for the federally-funded quick fix. Folly sought the help because of damage that storms inflicted in October.

Greenville News: Judge denies MRR injunction; no coal ash in Pickens until lawsuit resolved

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/02/22/judge-denies-mrr-injunction-no-coal-ash-pickens-until-lawsuit-resolved/80772156/>

Ron Barnett

A circuit court judge on Monday denied a request by MRR Pickens, LLC for an injunction that would allow it to move ahead with plans to build a coal ash landfill in Pickens County. Judge Robin Stilwell said the company failed to show that it would suffer "irreparable harm" if the injunction were not granted and failed to demonstrate that there was "an inadequate remedy at law."

National News:

Associated Press: Pentagon's Guantanamo closing plan lays out costs, savings

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=95oDM6AR

Lolita C. Baldor

U.S. officials say the Pentagon's long-awaited plan to shut down the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and transfer the remaining detainees to a facility in the United States calls for up to \$475 million in construction costs that would ultimately be offset by as much as \$180 million per year in operating cost savings.

Washington Post: Analysis: Trump candidacy could cost GOP seats in Congress

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article61901627.html>

Kelsey Snell

Candidates in any race spend a lot of time and money telling voters exactly who they are. This year,

moderate House Republicans like Bob Dold are investing even more time telling voters who they aren't – in this case, Donald J. Trump.

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