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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Post: Talking to Marco Rubio: A scripted candidate suddenly gets chatty

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/talking-to-marco-rubio-a-scripted-candidate-suddenly-gets-chatty/2016/02/12/2bd9d0e4-d10a-11e5-88cd-753e80cd29ad_story.html

Sean Sullivan

Marco Rubio suddenly wants to talk. At 22,000 feet, sipping Dr Pepper and sharing his stash of Twix bars. In a Cracker Barrel over blueberry pancakes. At a news conference until there are no more questions. He chats about how he couldn't bring himself to tell his sons why front-runner Donald Trump was bleeped. Or how Jeb Bush was "missing in action." Or how he emails Mitt Romney and texts Nikki Haley.

Note: Haley, South Carolina's governor, has not made an endorsement in the race. Rubio said that he would "love" to have her support and that he keeps in touch with her, mostly through texting. It is not clear that she will move off the sidelines.

The Blaze: Rubio Heaps Praises on South Carolina's Job Growth, Promises to Do the Same if Elected President

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2016/02/12/rubio-heaps-praises-on-south-carolinas-job-growth-promises-to-do-the-same-if-elected-president/>

Kaitlyn Schallhorn

Following remarks at the Faith and Family Presidential Forum, Rubio rallied his supporters with his usual stump speech in a chilly airport hanger in Greenville, South Carolina but had nothing but warm words regarding the Palmetto State's economy and job growth. As he listed through his promises should he be the next commander in chief, Rubio said that as president he would "embrace free enterprise."

Note: "We're going to do what you've done here in South Carolina," Rubio said. "Look at South Carolina and look at the rest of the country. This is a state where manufacturing is growing. We have to be an economy that makes sense again."

Note: Emily Hall, 26, told TheBlaze that Rubio's comments on South Carolina's economy were "absolutely" a reference to the work Haley has done in the state

Note: "'It's a great day to be in South Carolina' is always Gov. Haley's tagline, and any day that we can get any national or international company to come in and want to put roots here is always a good thing for South Carolinians and a good thing for America as well," the Clemson graduate said.

S.C. Presidential Primary News:

Associated Press: Cruz's right turn on immigration belies more moderate past

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6mxaGVQ7

Will Weissert

Ted Cruz has for months repeated that when it comes to immigration, he has never supported granting "amnesty" or "legalization" to people in the United States illegally. He's half right. Cruz once advised a White House working group that crafted President George W. Bush's ultimately unsuccessful 2004 immigration overhaul, which sought to offer temporary work visas to millions of people in the country illegally.

New York Times: Republicans Fire Up Immigration Talk Heading Into South Carolina

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/13/us/politics/republicans-fire-up-immigration-talk-heading-into-south-carolina.html?_r=0

Alexander Burns

The Republican presidential race has erupted in an incendiary new round of attacks over immigration, laying the groundwork in South Carolina for a monthslong fight that is likely to amplify hard-line talk about border security and migrants before a national audience.

CBS News: Ted Cruz pushes back on Trump accusation of "dishonest" polling in S.C.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/ted-cruz-pushes-back-on-trump-accusation-of-dishonest-polling-in-s-c/>

Reena Flores

Ted Cruz's campaign is denying a charge levelled by Donald Trump that the Texas senator was engaged in "sleazy and dishonest" polling against Trump in South Carolina, just weeks before the state's Republican primary. Trump tweeted the accusation Thursday:

Associated Press: Rubio under pressure as Republicans debate in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=P8rHttjN

Julie pace, Will Weissert

Marco Rubio enters Saturday night's Republican presidential debate facing immense pressure to right his campaign after faltering badly in the last contest and finishing a disappointing fifth in New Hampshire. Rubio's stumble re-energized some of his rivals as the race heads to the South and reignited questions about whether the 44-year-old first-term senator has the experience to be president.

MSNBC: Republican candidates throw red meat at South Carolina evangelicals

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/ben-carson-throws-red-meat-south-carolina-evangelicals>

Emma Marolin

Republican presidential candidates threw red meat at South Carolina's powerful evangelical voting bloc Friday, successively denouncing the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing marriage equality and vowing to protect Americans who oppose same-sex nuptials on religious grounds.

The State: Trump targeted ahead of SC debate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article60175131.html>

Andrew Shain

Donald Trump better buckle up. After his New Hampshire primary win and a new poll showing him continuing to lead in South Carolina, the New York billionaire will be the top target during Saturday's Republican presidential debate in Greenville.

Post and Courier: Republican candidates court faith and evangelical voters in Upstate forum

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160212/PC1603/160219674>

Cynthia Roldan

The fight among Republican presidential candidates for the evangelical vote officially started Friday on the eve of the only GOP debate before next Saturday's primary. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, and U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio participated in the Faith and Family Presidential Forum at Bob Jones University.

The State: Kasich: Voters not 'angry,' they're 'concerned'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article60041086.html>

Tim Flach

Republican presidential candidate John Kasich championed compassionate conservatism Friday as the direction the nation should take. "When we have economic growth, we need to reach to people in the shadows," the Ohio governor told about 75 members of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce.

Greenville News: Twitter turns debate into an open conversation

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/02/12/twitter-turns-debate-into-open-conversation/80285776/>

Elizabeth Sanders

Last November a debate moderator in Iowa read a voter's tweet aloud to Hillary Clinton in the middle of a nationally-televised CBS debate. It was a reaction to a statement Clinton made regarding campaign donations from Wall Street donors.

Greenville News: Without strong showing, SC could be end of line for Bush

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/02/12/without-strong-showing-sc-could-end-line-bush/80236722/>

Amanda Coyne

In a packed event room at the Anderson Civic Center on Friday morning, Jeb Bush asked South Carolina to switch the trajectory of the Republican presidential race by choosing him in next Saturday's primary. "You

can change this race,” Bush said. “You can change this by supporting someone who is a conservative reformer.”

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 the packed gymnasium of Denmark-Olar Elementary School, the Democratic presidential front-runner was surrounded by about 300 people, who asked about her plans for Social Security, how she will work to unite Congress and whether she can help them solve water-quality problems.

Post and Courier: Hillary Clinton unveils ‘economic revitalization plan’ during Denmark town hall

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160212/PC1603/160219764>

Maya T. Prahu

Hillary Clinton returned to South Carolina on Friday for a town hall in one of the state’s poorest counties where nearly one-third of the residents live in poverty. More than 400 supporters enthusiastically welcomed the Democratic presidential candidate to Denmark-Olar Elementary School where she told them her policies would help create a level playing field.

Associated Press: Fast-food Workers plan demonstration outside GOP debate

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JBcFZjR7

As the Republican presidential hopefuls gather to debate in Greenville, low-wage workers again plan to march to the debate site as part of their campaign for higher pay. Workers also plan to walk off the job at a local fast food restaurant prior to the debate on Saturday as part of their efforts seeking \$15 an hour in pay and the right to organize.

Associated Press: Black Democrats question Sanders' commitment to Obama

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bEe0DhaK

Ken Thomas

Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign enlisted the support of black Democrats on Friday to undermine Bernie Sanders' push to claim a piece of President Barack Obama's legacy, arguing she is the rightful heir to the nation's first black president.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Stakes high for ignoring FOIA

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160213/PC1002/160219670>

Editorial

Anyone with doubts about the value of open government need only look to Summerville for assurance. Because Summerville police and municipal court officials refused to release public information, citizens were unaware that a man who had been charged with rape was on bail, walking freely among them for five days. They didn’t even know to be cautious.

Post and Courier: NATO’s revived relevance

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160213/PC1002/160219668>

Editorial

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, founded in 1948 to protect Europe against Soviet aggression, is finding a commendable new relevance in dealing with crises on Europe’s borders, ranging from the civil war in Syria to Russia’s covert war against Ukraine.

South Carolina News:

The State: Is S.C. Supreme Court’s chief justice seat in play?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article60134261.html>

John Monk

A decades-long tradition whereby the S.C. General Assembly automatically elects the most senior associate justice of the S.C. Supreme Court to succeed a retiring chief justice might die this year. In interviews with The State newspaper this week, Rep. Rick Quinn, R-Lexington, and other Republicans indicated they hope the next-most-senior associate justice, John Kittredge, challenges Beatty.

Aiken Standard: Obama's budget proposal details plans for processing plutonium

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160212/AIK0101/160219806/obama-x2019-s-budget-proposal-details-plans-for-processing-plutonium>

Derrek Asberry

Continued efforts to gather 3.7 metric tons of plutonium from around the globe and process the material at the Savannah River Site is another major part of President Barack Obama's budget request for the Department of Energy. Released on Feb. 9, Obama's budget request calls for \$1.45 billion for site activities, an increase of \$111 million from the current SRS appropriation.

Post and Courier: U.S. Agriculture chief launches support program for wary black forestland owners

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160212/PC16/160219781>

Bo Petersen

When Yvonne Cooper-Carter heard about a federal program offering help for forest owners who are black, she was wary. When U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack showed up in her community Friday, he faced some pointed questions. Members of the Cooper family own a total of more than 300 acres in the Cherry Hill community outside Moncks Corner.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Charleston churches take a hard look at their own racial divide

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160213/PC1204/160219761>

Paul Bowers

It was the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. who famously said that 11 a.m. Sunday is the most segregated hour of the week. But at a conference on church diversity and racial reconciliation at Charleston Southern University, the first speaker of the day issued a challenge from a source less familiar to white Christian ears: Malcolm X.

Rock Hill Herald: York Tech unveils renovated building, opens \$6.5 million fundraising campaign

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article60006876.html>

Jennifer Becknell

York Technical College showed off a roughly \$3 million renovation to the oldest campus building Friday, and launched the public phase of a \$6.5 million fundraising campaign that officials say is already more than 75 percent complete.

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