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S.C. General Assembly News:

SCRN: Senate panel to discuss allowing prison inmates to attend funerals

<http://www.southcarolinaradionetwork.com/2016/02/04/senate-panel-to-discuss-allowing-prison-inmates-to-attend-funerals/>

Matt Long

A state Senate panel plans to discuss legislation Thursday morning that would allow South Carolina prison inmates to attend funerals of loved ones while under guard, but the idea is opposed by corrections officials.

Greenville News: Legislation introduced to stop Pickens County coal ash landfill

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/02/05/legislation-introduced-stop-pickens-county-coal-ash-landfill/79875924/>

Ron Barnett

Legislation has been introduced in the state Senate and is expected to be entered in the House next week that would require that coal ash generated by an electric utility be disposed of only in a Class 3 landfill. Sen. Larry Martin, R-Pickens, said he brought the bill to the floor to keep coal ash out of Pickens County.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Lowcountry support grows for Rubio

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160205/PC1603/160209650>

Gavin Jackson

GOP presidential candidate Florida Sen. Marco Rubio is capping a week of endorsements with some fresh Lowcountry support. The Rubio campaign told The Post and Courier that eight current and local elected officials now endorse Rubio for president.

Note: As endorsements for Rubio and other candidates roll in across the state, Gov. Nikki Haley's endorsement is still unknown. Reporter Cynthia Roldan's story today looks into who Haley could end up endorsing, if anyone.

Post and Courier: Presidential endorsements of note in South Carolina today

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160205/PC1603/160209638>

Gavin Jackson

Endorsements from South Carolinians and others for presidential candidates continue on Friday, weeks before the state primaries. The campaign for Republican presidential candidate Florida Sen. Marco Rubio announced eight endorsements, primarily from Lowcountry county council members and school board officials.

Greenville News: Donald Trump rallies at Clemson on Wednesday

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/02/05/donald-trump-rallies-clemson-wednesday/79870420/>

Amanda Coyne

Donald Trump will hold a rally at Clemson University on Wednesday, the day after New Hampshire primary voters go to the polls. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the T. Ed Garrison Arena. The public can register for free tickets here.

South Carolina News:

WHNS (Video): DSS director working to get department on right track

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/Clip/12191799/dss-director-working-to-get-department-on-right->

Local News:

Post and Courier: First phase of Tent City shutdown underway

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160205/PC16/160209649>

Dave Munday, Diane Knich

Several tents and a huge pile of trash under the bridge ramps on the east side of Meeting Street were cleared out. The cleanup came a day after city leaders and advocates for the area's homeless announced a 10-point plan for closing down the encampment, which had been growing on the city's upper peninsula for about a year.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Economy expected to grow slowly this year

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160205/ARTICLES/160209802/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Economy-expected-to-grow-slowly-this-year&tc=ar>

Spartanburg County business leaders were told Friday that the U.S. economy will grow slowly this year but isn't likely to fall into recession. Dr. Eugenio Aleman, an economist with Wells Fargo Bank, spoke to the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Economic Forecast Breakfast.

National News:

Wall Street Journal: Jobs Report Keeps Fed's March Rate Decision in Limbo

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/jobs-report-keeps-feds-march-rate-increase-decision-in-limbo-1454682094?>

Jon Hilsenrath

Growth in employment was expected to slow down after hefty increases late in 2015. The reported increase of 151,000 jobs in January was a bit less than Wall Street analysts expected, but still enough to absorb new entrants into the labor force and reduce economic slack.

Wall Street Journal: Donald Trump Holds Substantial Lead in New Hampshire, According to Poll

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/poll-trump-keeps-n-h-lead-rubio-and-cruz-gain-1454670001>

Janet Hook

Donald Trump maintains a substantial lead in New Hampshire ahead of Tuesday's presidential primary, but his two principal rivals, Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz, have gained support after strong finishes in Iowa, a new Wall Street Journal/NBC News/Marist Poll has found.

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