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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WBTV: 125 new jobs announced in Lancaster with company expansion

<http://www.wbtv.com/story/31111685/125-new-jobs-announced-in-lancaster-with-company-expansion>

Michael Clark

An estimated 125 new jobs will come to Lancaster with the expansion of Nutramax Laboratories, leaders announced Monday. The company is known for several animal health products and has invested \$29 million in Lancaster County since 2010. Currently, the company employs 250 people.

Note: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley was on hand for the announcement and thanked the company for choosing the Palmetto State.

Note: "They took a chance on South Carolina a few years ago, created 250 jobs," Haley said. "Today they're expanding another 125 jobs, this is a company that isn't just about family on the inside, they're family for everybody that works for them, they put their faith and their love into their product."

Rock Hill Herald: Nutramax labs expanding facilities in Lancaster; 125 new jobs coming

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/business/article57779513.html>

Don Worthington

Gov. Nikki Haley joined the list of testimonials for the Cosequin joint supplement for animals, which is made at the Nutramax Laboratories in Lancaster. Haley promised Monday that the new first dog, Bentley, a labradoodle, will only use Cosequin. She joins Jack Hanna, zookeeper and television personality, in endorsing the supplement.

S.C. General Assembly News:

The State: MORNING BUZZ: S.C. senators return to work on a roads deal

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article57829873.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

State senators laid the framework for a road-repair bill last week as the Senate Transportation Committee approved changing the Transportation Department's oversight. The Senate Finance panel discussed raising an added \$665 million a year for road repairs and cutting nearly \$400 million in income and business taxes. The Senate Finance Committee will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

WIS: Bill could give teachers ability to carry guns in class

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31113646/bill-could-give-teachers-ability-to-carry-guns-in-class>

Kaitlin Stansell

Protecting students at school, one local lawmaker wants to boost security in the classroom by giving teachers and other school employees permission to carry guns on campus. Representative Phillip Lowe says this proposal is all about safety. He wants to give teachers and other school employees the ability to defend themselves and your children while on school grounds.

Associated Press: Legislators tracking their steps in healthy competition

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3V4peLlc

Seanna Adcox

Legislators in one of the nation's fattest states are competing to see who can literally step up to better health. Nearly 200 legislators, Statehouse staff and lobbyists are logging their steps and tracking their colleagues' activity with Fitbits provided at a discount. Competitions for the legislative session include pitting state senators against House members.

Post and Courier: Lawmakers, health groups launch 'Healthier State House' campaign

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160202/PC1211/160209943>

Lauren Sausser

The South Carolina Hospital Association, the Alliance of YMCAs and Rep. Neal Collins, R-Easley, want to make the State House in Columbia a healthier place to work. They have teamed up for a new campaign called "A Healthier State House." Dozens of lawmakers will track their steps — and each other's progress — by wearing Fitbit activity trackers this session.

S.C. Political News:

New York Times: Senator Tim Scott Expected to Back Marco Rubio

<http://www.nytimes.com/live/iowa-caucus-2016-election/senator-tim-scott-expected-to-back-marco-rubio/>

Alexander Burns

Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina is expected to back Senator Marco Rubio of Florida for president in the immediate aftermath of the Iowa caucuses, according to three people familiar with his plans, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss them.

Post and Courier: Tim Scott endorsing Marco Rubio for president Tuesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160201/PC1603/160209893>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott is asserting his role as a Republican king-maker in South Carolina by endorsing Florida Sen. Marco Rubio for president Tuesday. The move is expected to give Rubio a significant bounce as Scott, R-S.C., remains the most popular elected figure in the state, while Rubio is chasing Donald Trump and Ted Cruz for top billing.

The State: Sen. Scott to endorse Rubio for president

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article57828458.html>

Andrew Shain

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-North Charleston, will endorse U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida for president on Tuesday, a source told The State on Monday. Scott was expected to back Rubio, the top establishment GOP candidate, after U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, supported the senator. Gowdy and Scott are friends. Both were elected to Congress in 2010.

Greenville News: Cruz in Greenville Tuesday

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/02/01/gop-official-cruz-coming-greenville-not-anderson/79645894/>

Rudolph Bell

Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz campaigns in Greenville Tuesday. The Texas senator's rally was originally scheduled to take place Tuesday at Wren High School in Anderson County, but on Monday his campaign unexpectedly announced that Cruz would instead appear at the TD Convention Center in Greenville.

Associated Press: Cruz brings campaign back to SC with rally in Greenville

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cEo4noV2

With less than three weeks to go until South Carolina's primary, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz is bringing his campaign back to this early voting state. Cruz is scheduled to hold a rally in Greenville on Tuesday. Campaign organizers say the event is planned to start at 7 p.m. at the TD Convention Center.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: This is the Holy City, not the Tent City

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160202/PC16/160209918>

Frank Wooten

Affordable housing is sadly lacking in Charleston. Another sad trend: Our supply of apparently affordable tenting is rapidly rising. Unsightly evidence of that increase has been hard to miss for those of us who regularly take the Meeting Street exit off of the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge.

The State: When do you believe police, and when do you believe critics?

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article57737693.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

WHAT WAS YOUR reaction to news that federal agents had killed one of the Oregon militants and that conflicting eyewitness reports said the man was either charging the officer or on his knees with his hands up? Did you believe this was a cold-blooded murder, or did you believe police shot in self defense?

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Manufacturing leaders cite bright future if workforce, policy challenges are addressed
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160201/PC05/160209955>

David Wren

Instead of worrying about economic woes in other countries, Jay Timmons wants U.S. lawmakers to focus on what they can fix at home — namely, an antiquated tax code that penalizes small businesses and burdensome regulations that stifle growth.

Post and Courier: For Emanuel AME Church, Nobel Peace Prize nomination a ‘phenomenal’ honor
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160201/PC16/160209919>

Andrew Knapp

How Emanuel AME Church reacted to the 90 seconds of terror that unfolded within its walls last year has some people mentioning the Charleston congregation in the same breath as the pope and others who have sought world peace.

The State: Emanuel AME nominated for Nobel Peace Prize
<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/article57809893.html>

A group of Illinois politicians has nominated Charleston’s Emanuel AME Church for the Nobel Peace Prize, a Chicago TV station reported Monday. Nine members of the congregation were slain by a self-avowed white supremacist in June. In a response that stunned many, church members told accused killer Dylann Roof that they forgave them.

Greenville News: Tucker Hipps lawsuits consolidated

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/02/01/tucker-hipps-lawsuits-consolidated/79661826/>

Ron Barnett

The judge in the Tucker Hipps legal case has issued an order consolidating the two lawsuits the family had filed in Pickens County court. The consolidation was done “for the convenience of Court and in the interest of efficiency,” the order says

National News:

Associated Press: Cruz, Rubio eye NH momentum as Dems gird for long fight
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160202/PC1603/160209884>

Josh Lederman, Kathleen Ronayne

A victorious Ted Cruz and buoyant Marco Rubio emerged from Iowa with compelling claims to the outsider and mainstream mantles in the fractured Republican primary, as the presidential race shifted overnight to New Hampshire. Democrats were girding for a protracted slugfest between Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton, locked in a virtual tie.

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