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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: "Full plate" awaits lawmakers returning Tuesday

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/01/10/full-plate-awaits-lawmakers-returning-tuesday/78498520/>

Tim Smith

When legislators return to work Tuesday, they will be greeted by a surplus of almost \$1.3 billion, a desire to put the long-standing issues of roads and rural schools behind them and optimism that they can accomplish great things in an election year.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley last year proposed raising the gas tax by 10 cents per gallon but only if lawmakers changed the current system of selecting highway commissioners and approved an income tax cut.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Sun News: South Carolina lawmakers prepare to tackle divisive HOA issues

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article53784355.html>

Audrey Hudson

A committee appointed by the South Carolina legislature to study contentious issues surrounding homeowners associations (HOA) identified numerous problems that require the state assembly's attention, but failed to agree on solutions for key issues. There was no consensus on whether HOA managers should be licensed or certified, and the panel was split on the question of how long developers should be allowed to control an association.

Florence Morning News: S.C. Rep. Jay Jordan to host town hall meeting Monday night

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_be403aba-b7e0-11e5-b3ab-eb4fbef4ed94.html

S.C. Rep. Jay Jordan (R-Florence) will host a legislative town hall at 5 p.m. Monday at the West Florence Fire District, 3379 Pine Needles Road in Florence. Florence County Councilman Willard Dorriety also will participate in the session.

S.C. Political News:

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Huckabee's wife set to visit Boiling Springs

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160110/ARTICLES/160119971/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Huckabee-s-wife-set-to-visit-Boiling-Springs>

Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee's wife is scheduled to make a campaign appearance in Boiling Springs. "I'm so excited to be back in South Carolina campaigning for Mike," wife Janet Huckabee said in statement released by the campaign. "He's already been to the Palmetto State more than any other candidate and we know the state very well."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Wanted: Government efficiency

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160111/PC1002/160119922>

Editorial

"The era of big government is over," President Bill Clinton proclaimed in his 1996 State of the Union address. That was two decades ago. But the era of big government clearly continues. Yes, the number of federal employees is slightly smaller than it was in 1996.

Post and Courier: Welcome Waterway dredging

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160111/PC1002/160119921>

Editorial

When federal officials talk about infrastructure, they usually mean roads and bridges. With the dredging nearing completion on the Intracoastal Waterway behind Sullivan's Island and the Isle of Palms, they are recognizing that navigable waters also are important for moving people and goods from one place to another.

The State: Another invitation to corruption for SC politicians

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article53763735.html>

Lynn Teague

Most serious ethics violations that we've seen in South Carolina have involved officials using their campaign funds as if they were their own. This is dangerous because it increases the possibility that donors will expect special favors in return for that money.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: State agency investigating Horry County Police Department

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

Court records show the State Law Enforcement Division is investigating the Horry County Police Department. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/1VX3QFM>) the investigation comes as a Georgetown County woman sued Horry County and the police department last month, saying a detective sexually assaulted her after she reported being raped in 2013.

Local News:

Greenville News: Taxpayers out millions as tourism projects fail

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/01/10/taxpayers-out-millions-tourism-projects-fail/77719268/>

Rudolph Bell

Greenville County taxpayers appear to be out at least \$4.7 million in a failed plan to develop a downtown visitors center and a related education and adventure center in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Dream Big Greenville, a nonprofit organization formed to develop the projects, spent about \$8.7 million in hospitality tax revenue trying unsuccessfully to bring them about, according to county financial records.

The State: Midlands police agencies move ahead with body cameras amid concerns about cost

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article53999475.html#storylink=cpy>

Glen Luke Flanagan

It will take about \$1.2 million to outfit the Richland County Sheriff's Department with body-worn cameras, and it's unclear where that money will come from. But come it must, after state legislators mandated cameras for all South Carolina police agencies.

The State: 'I feel comfort knowing that I am recording' – Richland investigator welcomes body cameras

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article53999305.html#storylink=cpy>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Aubree Taylor is a model of efficiency. She stands straight and speaks crisply, no energy or words wasted. Taylor just recently made investigator at the Richland County Sheriff's Department, and before that, spent about a year and a half testing body-worn cameras for the agency. The department does not yet have the money to outfit deputies.

Post and Courier: John Tecklenburg to begin West Ashley redevelopment plans immediately after inauguration

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160111/PC16/160119947>

Diane Knich

The city of Charleston on Monday will inaugurate John Tecklenburg as mayor, the first person elected from West Ashley to hold that office. The swearing-in ceremony begins at noon, in front of City Hall. There is a pre-program, which begins at 11:45 a.m. and includes speakers and music. The public then is welcome to attend a reception in Washington Square.

National News:

Associated Press: Obama's State of Union proposals often hit wall in Congress

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_STATE_OF_UNION_2015_PROMISES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-01-11-03-16-26

Kevin Freking

"Dead. Real Dead." That was the verdict by then-House Speaker John Boehner on President Barack Obama's proposal to impose higher dividend and capital gains taxes on the wealthy.

New York Times: Obama's Last State of the Union Address Aims to Set Tone for '16 Campaign

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/11/us/politics/obama-last-state-of-the-union.html?_r=0

Peter Baker

For the final time, President Obama will mount the rostrum in the House chamber on Tuesday to deliver a State of the Union address. But this time, aides said, he will not bring with him a long list of proposals that will languish in Congress — after all these years, a victory of experience over hope.

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