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Governor Nikki Haley News:

CNN: Perry: 'Time for a little rebellion'

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/03/07/cpac-latest-developments-2/>

Ashley Killough

A fired-up Gov. Rick Perry, who's considering another presidential bid, kicked off Friday morning with a rousing speech, declaring "It's time for a little rebellion on the battlefield of ideas." The longtime Texas governor reiterated his consistent message proclaiming "red state America" is better off than blue states because of conservative governors who push limited government and entitlement reform.

Note: He named Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Florida Gov. Rick Scott, and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker as examples of leaders making progress in their states because of conservative principles.

Politico: Rick Perry brings CPAC crowd to its feet

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/03/rick-perry-brings-cpac-crowd-to-its-feet-104409.html#ixzz2vJGSDaKB>

Katie Glueck

Texas Gov. Rick Perry delivered one of the best-received speeches so far at the Conservative Political Action Conference, bringing the audience to its feet and eliciting loud cheers Friday morning as he outlined a small-government vision and praised the accomplishments of fellow Republican governors.

Note: Perry, who has long argued that the best solutions are found in the states, took swings at liberal New York and California, and nodded to several of his fellow GOP governors: Nikki Haley of South Carolina; Rick Scott of Florida; Bobby Jindal of Louisiana; and Scott Walker of Wisconsin.

Times and Democrat: Core Molding Technologies expands Gaffney facility

http://thetandd.com/business/core-molding-technologies-expands-gaffney-facility/article_151b8b40-a628-11e3-8c36-001a4bcf887a.html?comment_form=true

Core Molding Technologies Inc., a manufacturer of sheet-molding compound and a molder of fiberglass-reinforced plastics, is in the process of expanding its operations in Cherokee County. The company is investing \$6.4 million in machinery and equipment and adding more than 50 new jobs as part of the expansion, which is expected to be completed by the middle of 2014.

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WBTW: Core Molding Technologies Inc. expands Gaffney Facility

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/24917103/core-molding-technologies-inc-expands-gaffney-facility>

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S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Aiken Standard: U.S. senators fight for MOX in letter to DOE

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140307/AIK0101/140309532/1083/us-senators-fight-for-mox-in-letter-to-doe>

Derrek Asberry

South Carolina's senators joined five others in a letter to the Department of Energy asking that construction of the Savannah River Site's MOX facility continue. U.S. Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Tim Scott, R-S.C., joined senators from Georgia, Louisiana and North Carolina in submitting the letter to DOE Secretary Ernest Moniz. The senators cited fiscal year 2014 appropriations for the MOX program, stating the funds were for construction, and not for putting the program on "cold stand-by."

Legislative Session News:

Anderson Independent: School prayer up for debate in the state

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/mar/07/school-prayer-up-for-debate-in-the-state/?partner=RSS>

Sarah Freishtat

Each morning at most Anderson-area public schools, the clatter of students chatting and morning announcements is broken for a moment of silence. Some use that time, which is mandated by state law, to say a quick prayer, while others sit and think. Some teachers appreciate the quiet time because it calms students down, school officials say.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC expects no delay between study and harbor work

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

Bruce Smith

South Carolina ports officials expect a seamless transition from the federal studies of deepening the Charleston Harbor shipping channel to dredging work on the \$300 million project, which could begin next year. President Barack Obama's budget released this week includes almost \$700,000 for the ongoing studies of the harbor deepening.

Local News:

Aiken Standard: Ice storm causes \$24.4M in timber damage locally

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140307/AIK0101/140309537/1004/ice-storm-causes-244m-in-timber-damage-locally>

DeDe Biles

Aiken County forests suffered an estimated \$24.4 million in timber damage because of February's ice storm, according to the S.C. Forestry Commission. A little more than 100,000 acres were affected locally. State Forester Henry Kodama issued a Forest Disaster Declaration on March 5. He reported that 1.5 million acres in South Carolina suffered damage totaling \$363.7 million.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Gaffney manufacturer to invest \$6.4 million, add 50 jobs

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140307/ARTICLES/140309796/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Gaffney-manufacturer-to-invest-6-4-million-add-50-jobs>

Core Molding Technologies Inc. is investing \$6.4 million in machinery and equipment in Gaffney, adding 50 jobs. Core Molding Technologies, a manufacturer of sheet molding compound and a molder of fiberglass reinforced plastics, expects the expansion to be complete by the middle of this year, according to a statement from the governor's office.

Associated Press: Cherokee County manufacturer adding 50 jobs

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

A company that makes plastics reinforced with fiberglass is investing more than \$6 million in its Gaffney operation and adding 50 new jobs. Core Molding Technologies Inc., said the expansion should be completed by the middle of the year. Last year the company announced it had a new contract to make roofs, hoods and other molded parts for a truck manufacturer.

National News:

Politico: Top-line budget numbers but no real details in Obamacare accounting

<http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=3342ABBB-7274-4BC1-BBD7-BD400313083C>

Brett Norman

The Obama administration is offering the most detailed account yet of where it has gotten the money to

implement Obamacare, but it's hardly what Republicans have been asking for and gives no breakdown on exactly how more than \$2 billion has been spent since 2010.

Associated Press: U.S. employers add 175K jobs despite harsh weather

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/mar/07/look-us-job-market-eve-february-data/?partner=RSS>

Christopher S. Rugaber

U.S. employers stepped up hiring in February despite a blast of harsh winter weather, likely renewing hopes that the economy will accelerate this year. The Labor Department said Friday that employers added 175,000 jobs, up from 129,000 in January. The unemployment rate rose to 6.7 percent from a five-year low of 6.6 percent as more Americans began seeking jobs but many didn't find them.

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