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CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[As coal demand drops, so do funding sources](#) - Bill Rau deals in rubies and Rembrandts, and if you told him a year ago he'd be traveling to England to buy an old lump of coal, he would have called you crazy.

[Coal industry on track for record low in mining deaths](#) - Amid layoffs and idled operations, the U.S. coal industry is close to setting a record low for on-the-job deaths in coal mines.

[Wind, solar power soaring in spite of bargain prices for fossil fuels](#) - Wind and solar power appear set for a record-breaking year in 2016 as a clean-energy construction boom gains momentum in spite of a global glut of cheap fossil fuels.

[Britain's last lump of coal](#) - The closure of the only deep-pit mine left in the United Kingdom marks the end of an industry that built an empire.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL

[The 'Green Climate Fund': An end run](#) - The \$1 trillion-plus federal spending bill gives President Obama the flexibility he needs to make his first contribution to the United Nations' wealth-redistributing Green Climate Fund. But that move could backfire badly, observers say.

[Tough race takes shape for Democrats seeking to topple Toomey](#) - A vigorous race is shaping up in Pennsylvania for three Democrats competing to unseat Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey.

[Pennsylvania businesses resist stricter ozone regulations](#) - Stricter ozone limits from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) go into effect Monday, a deadline bemoaned by Pennsylvania businesses and industry groups.

[Viewpoint: Regulation looms for US coal in 2016](#) - The brunt of regulatory pressure on the US coal industry is unlikely to ease in 2016.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE

[New year brings no hint of Pa. budget breakthrough](#) - New year, same old issues. Boosting education funding. Changing the state's pension systems. Reforming how liquor is sold. Modifying taxes on homeowners and natural gas drillers.

[Pennsylvania's new year did not ring out old budget issues](#) - The partial state budget Gov. Tom Wolf signed last week brought good news for Pennsylvania's 500 school districts, provided a stage for political venting by the leaders of state government and underscored the bad news: The budget standoff will stretch into a seventh month.

[Wolf vs. Republicans: Who are the real adults in the room?](#) - If the Democrats and Republicans have anything in common right now, it's that they all think they are the adults in the room.

[Republican state Rep. Julie Harhart won't run for 12th term](#) - Republican state Rep. Julie Harhart says she won't run for a 12th term representing citizens in parts of Northampton and Lehigh counties.

[DEP gets more money in Pa. budget, but no new inspectors](#) - Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday vetoed parts of the Republican budget he called "garbage," but the line item for environmental protection funding made it past his pen.