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Presence News: January 2026 Top 20 Articles

A Month in Motion — Culture, Crisis, Creativity, and Community

January is always a strange month.

It's part reset, part reality check. The calendar flips, the news cycle doesn't slow down, and people quietly decide what they're going to pay attention to—and what they're going to ignore.

At Presence News, January 2026 made one thing very clear: readers weren't looking for noise. They were looking for context, credibility, and stories that actually connect the dots between culture, power, and everyday life.

This ebook brings together the Top 20 most-read Presence News articles from January 2026—a cross-section of what mattered most to our audience over the past month. These weren't selected by editors. They weren't boosted by paid campaigns. They rose to the top because readers clicked, shared, saved, and returned.

Together, they tell a larger story about where public attention is going—and why independent journalism still matters.

Each month, Presence News publishes its Top 20 articles as a free ebook across more than 20 global distribution channels, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple Books, and additional digital libraries. Our goal is simple: make journalism accessible, permanent, and easy to revisit—without paywalls.

What follows isn't just a list. It's a guided walk through the stories that shaped January.

1. Scott Adams and the End of an Era

Our most-read article of January was a career retrospective on Scott Adams, creator of *Dilbert*. The response wasn't driven by nostalgia alone—it reflected a broader public conversation about creators, accountability, and what happens when cultural influence outlives its original context.

Readers weren't just interested in Adams as a cartoonist. They were interested in how media legacies evolve, fracture, and sometimes collapse under the weight of public scrutiny. The article traced Adams' rise, influence, controversies, and the uncomfortable reality that modern audiences no longer separate art from artist as easily as they once did.

The takeaway wasn't judgment—it was examination. And readers responded.

2. Saadite Green Jr. and the Hollywood Hustle

Hollywood stories don't usually resonate unless they feel honest.

This profile of actor and creative Saadite Green Jr. stood out because it didn't sell a fantasy. It documented the real grind—auditions, setbacks, visibility, and self-made momentum. Readers connected with a narrative that felt grounded, not glossy.

In an industry built on image, authenticity cut through.

3. Tiffany Haddish at the Saban Theatre

Advocacy and celebrity coverage often live in separate lanes. This article merged them.

Our coverage of Tiffany Haddish's appearance at the Saban Theatre highlighted activism without spectacle. Readers engaged with the idea that celebrity influence still holds power—but only when it's tied to something tangible.

The story worked because it respected the audience's intelligence.

4. Remembering TK Carter

Quiet legacies matter.

This remembrance of TK Carter resonated deeply with readers who value long careers built on consistency rather than flash. It wasn't a viral headline—it was a respectful acknowledgment of contribution.

Sometimes the most meaningful stories are the ones that slow down.

5. Mississippi's Presidential Voting History

Historical context continues to outperform hot takes.

This breakdown of Mississippi's political history attracted readers looking to understand patterns—not just outcomes. In a polarized climate, context is currency. The article didn't tell readers what to think. It showed them where things came from.

6. The Blackout Challenge Lawsuit in Los Angeles

This piece addressed one of the most uncomfortable intersections of modern life: social media virality and real-world harm.

Readers followed closely as the article examined jury selection, legal responsibility, and the growing legal reckoning facing platforms built on engagement at any cost.

It was serious journalism—and readers treated it that way.

7. Historic Snowfall in Russia

Global stories still matter.

Coverage of Russia's historic snowfall drew international readership and reminded audiences that climate events don't respect borders. The article balanced data, imagery, and lived impact without sensationalism.

8. Riverside Reptiles in Enfield

Local business stories continue to be a quiet strength for Presence News.

This feature proved that readers care deeply about community-based enterprises when they're covered with respect and curiosity. It wasn't about novelty—it was about place.

9. Maiara Walsh and *The Bight*

Independent film coverage is often overlooked. This article didn't overlook it.

Readers responded to a thoughtful look at psychological thrillers, creative risk, and what it means to tell darker stories outside major studio systems.

10. Spotlight with Sharona on Rodeo Drive

Beverly Hills stories perform best when they avoid clichés.

This profile balanced leadership, civic presence, and the evolving identity of Rodeo Drive. Readers appreciated insight over hype.

11. Independent Film Release Panel 2026

Industry transparency matters.

This article offered readers a rare look behind the curtain of independent film distribution—what works, what doesn't, and what's changing. Creators, students, and industry professionals all found value here.

12. Connecticut Snowstorm Coverage

Local reporting saves people time.

Our Connecticut snowstorm coverage wasn't dramatic—it was useful. Readers returned because the article prioritized clarity, safety, and real information.

13. Jackson, Mississippi: Big City, Small Town

This cultural portrait resonated because it avoided stereotypes.

Readers connected with a nuanced look at identity, growth, and contradiction—qualities many cities quietly share.

14. Water Dowsing and Groundwater

Sometimes curiosity wins.

This explainer on water dowsing attracted readers interested in alternative practices, history, and science. It didn't dismiss or endorse—it explored.

15. Emergency Care 90 Minutes Away

Few stories hit closer to home.

This article examined healthcare access gaps in rural and underserved regions. Readers shared it widely because it reflected lived reality.

16. Latin America and Maduro's Capture

Geopolitics remains a high-trust beat.

Readers engaged with a clear, grounded breakdown of regional division, political consequences, and international response.

17. Moonstone Mist Bookshop

Independent bookstores continue to symbolize something bigger.

This feature resonated with readers who value physical spaces, local culture, and slow community building.

18. Disasters Expo USA: Miami

Industry meets reality.

This coverage highlighted preparedness, innovation, and the business of crisis response—without glossing over stakes.

19. Midwest Antics and Local Accountability

Accountability journalism still draws readers.

This case study examined how local systems protect power—and what happens when they're challenged. Readers stayed with the piece because it was careful, sourced, and patient.

20. Glen Helen Raceway: A Motocross Legacy

We closed the month with history and horsepower.

This article captured why Glen Helen Raceway matters—not just to motorsports fans, but to Southern California's cultural landscape.

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And if you're new to Presence News, this is a good place to start.

Thanks for reading. Thanks for sharing. And we'll see you next month.