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S.C. Political News:

The State: Fiorina signs up for SC primary, 10th to join race

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article36301464.html>

Carly Fiorina, rising in the polls for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, registered for the S.C. primary on Wednesday and became the 10th GOP candidate to enter the Feb. 20 race. The remaining five candidates, including front-runner Donald Trump, have until next Wednesday to submit \$40,000 checks to enter the South's first presidential primary.

Associated Press: In S. Carolina, Fiorina says fed govt needs accountability

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lg1y6M9B

Meg Kinnard

Carly Fiorina focused on economics during a campaign stop in South Carolina, telling several hundred voters in the early voting state she would hold federal agencies accountable for every dime they request in their budgets. The businesswoman told a crowd at a packed barbecue restaurant in Lexington that the federal government should play no role in the minimum wage debate and that people need to be made less reliant on entitlement programs.

Sun News: More than 1,000 clamor to see Carly Fiorina during campaign stop in Myrtle Beach

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article36239658.html#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

Republican presidential candidate and former business executive Carly Fiorina stressed the importance of personal liberty, small government and setting the right tone as president to a packed ballroom of potential voters in Myrtle Beach.

Associated Press: Trump speaks to black business leaders in South Carolina

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

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has brought his campaign back to South Carolina for a speech in front of black business leaders and a town hall with the country's only black GOP U.S. senator. Trump is speaking to the South Carolina African American Chamber of Commerce at 2 p.m. Wednesday in North Charleston.

Associated Press: Mulvaney joins GOP candidate Paul on South Carolina tour

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=k7abM3fx

Republican presidential candidate Rand Paul says his most recent endorsement shows he's serious about competing for the conservative vote. Paul told The Associated Press Wednesday that U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney's backing gives him more credibility among those voters.

Post and Courier: SC Equality's political action committee endorses Ginny Deerin in Charleston mayor's race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150923/PC16/150929697>

Diane Knich

SC Equality's political action committee has endorsed Ginny Deerin in the Charleston mayoral race, according to a news release from Deerin's campaign. The statewide, nonpartisan group works to secure civil and human rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender South Carolinians.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Florence Morning News: Roads, education topics at Florence Chamber Legislative Breakfast

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_c2051830-6206-11e5-85ba-4fc4196720d3.html

Joshua Lloyd

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., Rep. Jay Jordan and Rep. Phillip Lowe took time Wednesday morning to discuss issues South Carolina lawmakers will face during the 2016 legislative session, including road funding and education.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC State contractor: State trying to abandon school's debt

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yHaHq3yZ

Seann Adcox

An attorney for South Carolina State University's property manager DTZ Inc. says the state is trying to ditch its responsibility to pay the historically black college's debts. The financially troubled university acknowledges it owes DTZ more than \$5 million. But a legal panel ruled Wednesday it can't make the state - and therefore taxpayers - responsible for the debt.

Greenville News: Michelin puts plant in standby mode

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/09/23/michelin-puts-plant-standby-mode/72687182/>

Rudolph Bell

Michelin North America will suspend operations at its earthmover tire plant in the Anderson County community of Starr at the end of the year because of a slowdown in the global market for the giant tires, the Greenville-based tire maker said Wednesday. Michelin said it would maintain the plant and its equipment with plans to restart it once market conditions and customer demand improve.

Greenville News: AG rebuffs Hammonds' Supreme Court plea

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/09/23/ag-rebuts-hammonds-supreme-court-plea/72671278/>

Ron Barnett

Tenth Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams should not be removed from the case of an unarmed teenager shot by a Seneca Police officer as requested by the teen's family, because to do so would require the Legislature to change the law pertaining to prosecution of criminal cases, the state attorney general argued in a document filed with the state Supreme Court.

The State: Law meets religion as SC Supreme Court takes on Episcopal split

<http://www.thestate.com/incoming/article36286839.html>

John Monk

The five justices on South Carolina's State Supreme Court heard arguments on Wednesday that combined religion with the law as they grappled with how to handle a schism that has riven the state's once-united Episcopal Church.

Post and Courier: S.C. Supreme Court hears arguments in Episcopal Church breakup saga

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150923/PC16/150929726>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

After almost three years of court wrangling, millions in legal fees, a three-week trial, 1,300 exhibits and an unrequited settlement offer, the local Episcopal Church schism landed before the state's highest court Wednesday. Attorneys and onlookers packed the Columbia courtroom to hear oral arguments in a legal saga that began when most parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and Bishop Mark Lawrence decided to leave the national church in 2012 after years of locking horns.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

CNN: Carson, Bush, O'Malley to see Pope Francis

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/09/23/politics/ben-carson-pope-guest-mark-sanford/index.html>

Elizabeth Landers, Eugene Scott, Eric Bradner

Several 2016 candidates are attempting to sneak peeks of Pope Francis during his first-ever visit to Washington. Ben Carson will see the Pontiff on Thursday when the pontiff addresses a joint session of Congress as the guest of South Carolina Rep. Mark Sanford, the congressman's office confirmed.

Local News:

Island Packet: County students perform well on WorkKeys tests, district says

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article36262977.html>

Beaufort County School District 11th-graders who took South Carolina's first statewide administration of the WorkKeys test outperformed students in other districts, a press release from the district said Tuesday. Students who post qualifying scores earn "portable" certificates at the bronze, silver, gold or platinum levels that can be used to qualify for good-paying jobs anywhere in the nation.

Post and Courier: Mother Emanuel Way Memorial District a monument to faith

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150923/PC16/150929729>

Dave Munday

A new green sign designating the Mother Emanuel Way Memorial District hangs over Calhoun Street in front of the historically black church where nine people were slain this summer. City officials, church leaders and members, and several hundred supporters gathered Wednesday in front of Emanuel AME Church to dedicate the district, which runs between Meeting and Concord streets.

The State: Soldier's death an accident, Lexington County officials say

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article36300879.html>

Tim Flach

A soldier's death while target shooting with friends last weekend was accidental, Lexington County Coroner Margaret Fisher said Wednesday. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Heintz died when a .50-caliber pistol he was using recoiled and fired into him, Fisher said.

National News:

Associated Press: Hillary Clinton aims to tackle out-of-pocket health care costs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150923/PC1603/150929700>

Ken Thomas

Hillary Rodham Clinton proposed a series of steps on Wednesday to lessen the burden of out-of-pocket medical bills for Americans covered by President Barack Obama's health care law. The Democratic presidential candidate said she would require plans to provide three sick visits a year without counting toward a patient's annual deductible, a provision that would apply to both private health plans and those covered through the so-called Obamacare law.

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