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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Leaders hail Mitsubishi expansion as economic win

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/09/29/leaders-hail-mitsubishi-expansion-economic-win/73021732/>

Michael Burns

Mitsubishi Polyester Film Inc., which has produced an array of specialty films in Greer since 1964, is investing \$100 million in the expansion of its facility of nearly a million square feet over 193 acres on Hood Road, where it employs 500 fulltime and 100 contract workers. State, county and local political leaders score it an economic win.

Note: "Mitsubishi Polyester Film has been operating in South Carolina for more than five decades, and their continued commitment to our state is something we are extremely proud of," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "This \$100 million investment to upgrade their existing facility is a tremendous win for Greenville County and for the state of South Carolina as a whole."

Charleston Business Journal: Mitsubishi Polyester investing \$100 million in production expansion

<http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/55782-mitsubishi-polyester-investing-100-million-in-production-expansion?rss=0>

Mitsubishi Polyester Film Inc., a supplier of polyester film, is expanding production at its 193-acre site in Greenville County. The company is investing \$100 million in the equipment upgrade at its almost 1 million-square-foot Greer facility, the largest polyester film plant in the United States. The American affiliate of Japan-based Mitsubishi Plastics Inc. opened the then-95,000-square-foot plant in 1964.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley said in the statement that the "\$100 million investment to upgrade their existing facility is a tremendous win for Greenville County and for the state of South Carolina as a whole."

Associated Press: Key GOP group stops running ads in Kentucky race for governor

http://www.kentucky.com/2015/09/28/4061032_rga-stops-running-tv-ads-in-kentucky.html?rh=1

Adam Beam

The Republican Governor's Association has stopped running TV ads for Matt Bevin with a little more than a month to go in Kentucky's competitive governor's race. The association has spent \$3 million on six ads for Bevin, mostly attacking his Democratic opponent, Jack Conway, for supporting the policies of Democratic President Barack Obama.

Note: Tuesday, South Carolina Republican Gov. Nikki Haley is scheduled to attend a joint fundraiser in Lexington for Bevin and the Republican Party of Kentucky.

Post and Courier: Haley, DSS chief agree to increase protections for children in foster care

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150929/PC16/150929268/haley-dss-chief-agree-to-increase-protections-for-children-in-foster-care>

Glenn Smith, Jennifer Berry Hawes

Gov. Nikki Haley and the state Department of Social Services' director have agreed to examine the placement needs of foster children and adopt workload limits for caseworkers in response to a class-action lawsuit that alleges "dangerous deficiencies" in the system.

Greenville News: Columbia abortion clinic avoids closure, for now

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/09/28/columbia-abortion-clinic-avoids-closure-now/72965700/>

Tim Smith

South Carolina health officials have halted a suspension order against a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic after the organization requested a review of some of the violations alleged by state inspectors Sept. 11.

Note: The inspections were ordered by Gov. Nikki Haley in August, following the public release of videos secretly recorded by abortion opponents showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing the transfer of fetal tissue to medical researchers.

Note: Haley also said earlier this month that the State Law Enforcement Division had been asked to look at what inspectors found.

Note: "I fully support DHEC's actions, including its referral of the matter to SLED," she said then. "South Carolina is a compassionate state, and we are a state of laws. We will not tolerate law breaking of any kind, particularly as it relates to the callous treatment of human life."

WACH: Gov. Haley orders flags to be flown at half staff for fallen firefighter

<http://wach.com/news/local/gov-haley-orders-flags-to-be-flown-at-half-staff-for-fallen-firefighter>

Matthew Stevens

Governor Nikki Haley has ordered flags to be flown at half staff Thursday, October 1 in honor of fallen Burton firefighter Stuart Hardy. Hardy was responding to a car crash September 13 in Beaufort County, when he suffered a medical emergency. Hardy remained hospitalized, as he suffered extensive brain damage from the medical matter. He died 11 days later.

USTA: Maynard awarded highest civilian honor in South Carolina

http://www.southcarolina.usta.com/adult_seniors/maynard_awarded_highest_civilian_honor_in_south_carolina/

Jonathon Braden

Rex Maynard has a new award for his already crowded trophy case, and it might be the most prestigious honor the longtime tennis advocate has earned. Maynard was presented with the Order of the Palmetto on Thursday night in Belton, his hometown and where he's spent almost all his life.

Note: "The generous contribution of your time and talents to so many organizations throughout the area and your passion for the game of tennis have not gone unnoticed and will have a lasting impact for years to come," Gov. Nikki Haley wrote in a letter to Maynard. "In the world of making a positive difference, you have been an incredibly effective leader to those around you."

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: S.C. House speaker: Rescind Abbeville deadline or get off task force

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150929/PC1603/150929276>

Cynthia Roldan

A frustrated House Speaker Jay Lucas has fired off a letter telling the attorney representing rural school districts in a 22-year-old lawsuit to choose between helping a task force find a fix or sticking with a court-ordered deadline. Lucas demanded that the attorney, Carl Epps, choose between fulfilling his "commitment to participate in the task force" or continue to litigate the case through the Supreme Court.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley, Lucas and other legislative leaders denounced the ruling and asked the court to reconsider its decision, but the justices refused.

Associated Press: Lucas wants districts to ask high court to rescind deadlines

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ATV6bUEu

House Speaker Jay Lucas says school district officials can't continue to sit on a task force he created to improve South Carolina public schools if they insist on a Feb. 1 deadline for proposals. Lucas wants the state Supreme Court to rescind its timeline for responding to last November's order that legislators fix the state's education system. That order provided no direction.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Sen. Lindsey Graham gabs, promotes his campaign on The View

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150929/PC1603/150929292>

Schuyler Kropf

Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Lindsey Graham said he wants "to go over there and kill as many of the bastards as we can," about the terror group ISIS during an appearance on the talk show "The View." Additionally, he said he would support Donald Trump if he became the GOP nominee, but that Trump's foreign policy stances "makes no sense to me" and that he isn't qualified to be president.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

New York Times: House Conservatives Push Trey Gowdy for Leadership Job

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/30/us/politics/house-leadership-race.html?_r=0

Jennifer Steinhauer

House conservatives, fearful that the post-John A. Boehner era of leadership may look more like a modestly renovated old house than a newly built one, have begun to cast about for one of their own to join the upper ranks: the head of the committee that has been ripping into Hillary Rodham Clinton for well over a year.

Post and Courier: S.C. Rep. Trey Gowdy appears not interested in No. 2 leadership slot

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150929/PC1603/150929277>

Schuyler Kropf

Looks as if South Carolina U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy is taking himself out of the running for House majority leader. After a day of speculation and encouragement from his fellow Republicans, Gowdy, of Spartanburg, and a tea party favorite, said he doesn't want the job.

Greenville News: Trey Gowdy eyed for GOP majority leader

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/09/29/trey-gowdy-eyed-gop-majority-leader/73021100/>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

Several House Republicans are trying to recruit Rep. Trey Gowdy to seek the No. 2 job on the House Republican leadership team. Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, told Fox and Friends today that he supports Gowdy for House majority leader, which is one step below House speaker. "Trey Gowdy as majority leader would be heaven-sent," Chaffetz said. "It would really propel Republicans in the right direction."

Politico: Chaffetz: Trey Gowdy could be next majority leader

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/the-gavel/2015/09/jason-chaffetz-says-trey-gowdy-could-be-next-majority-leader-214196#ixzz3nAAHiJZE>

Rachael Bade

Oversight Chairman Jason Chaffetz said Rep. Trey Gowdy could be the next Majority Leader of the House, adding that he'd personally spoken to Gowdy about it and believes the former federal prosecutor and current Benghazi panel chairman would be willing to do it.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Family of Zachary Hammond files federal lawsuit

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/09/29/family-zachary-hammond-files-federal-lawsuit/73026696/>

David Dykes

Zachary Hammond turned toward his date in stunned disbelief after the first shot and stared at her when the second and fatal shot rang out from a Seneca police lieutenant's handgun, according to a federal lawsuit that alleges the 19-year-old was killed by a "misguided and improperly trained" law enforcement officer.

Associated Press: Family lawsuit: Killing of teen by officers not justified

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3CiEP2IQ

Jeffrey Collins

The police officer who shot and killed a 19-year-old man in South Carolina threatened to blow his head off before firing, and another officer gave the teen's lifeless body a high-five not long after he was killed, according to a lawsuit filed by the teen's family. The lawsuit contains a number of new details about the killing that are difficult to verify because state agents and a prosecutor reviewing the case haven't released dashboard camera video or other documents.

Associated Press: Lawsuit results in new guidelines on tuition

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

Seanna Adcox

Students who live in South Carolina and are U.S. citizens but whose parents can't prove they're in the country legally should be considered for in-state tuition, according to new guidelines under consideration. The recommendations proposed by the Commission on Higher Education come after the Southern Poverty Law Center sued in June.

Associated Press: Church shooting suspect's friend seeks bond reduction

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

Meg Kinnard

The friend of a white man charged with killing nine black churchgoers has asked a judge for another chance to get out of jail before his trial, saying his family will help support him in the meantime. Attorneys for Joey Meek, 21, asked a federal judge on Monday to lower his \$100,000 bond, according to court records.

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