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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Planned Parenthood: Correction plans should address concerns

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Seanna Adcox

Planned Parenthood will submit correction plans to South Carolina's public health agency in hopes of bringing its Columbia clinic into compliance and removing the possibility of forced closure, according to a statement Monday from regional CEO Jenny Black.

Note: They came less than a month after Gov. Nikki Haley, who appoints all of DHEC's board members, asked the agency to investigate the three clinics' policies and practices.

Post and Courier: Planned Parenthood: Correction plans should address concerns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150928/PC1603/150929354>

Cynthia Roldan

One of the state's two abortion clinics facing closure will submit a plan of correction to the state's public health department to ensure it comes into compliance. Earlier this month, the Department of Health and Environmental Control suspended the licenses of Planned Parenthood of South Atlantic in Columbia and Greenville Women's Clinic in Greenville, for a series of violations of state law.

Note: The review of the state's three abortion clinics came after Haley instructed DHEC's chief Catherine Heigel on Aug. 18 to review the policies and the practices of the state's abortion clinics, while making those owned by or affiliated with Planned Parenthood a priority.

Note: Haley is among several Republicans who demanded reviews of Planned Parenthood clinics after edited videos secretly recorded by anti-abortion activists became public that showed Planned Parenthood officials matter-of-factly describing how they sometimes provide fetal tissue to medical researchers.

GSA Business: Volvo to build S60 exclusively in Berkeley County

<http://gsabusiness.com/news/55771-volvo-to-build-s60-exclusively-in-berkeley-county?rss=0>

Liz Segrist

Volvo Cars executives are hoping to renew U.S. demand for the Volvo brand with a new car plant in Berkeley County and a new model — the S60 sedan — built exclusively in South Carolina. "This is the one and only factory where we are going to produce the S60.

Note: The massive site stretches for miles beyond several white tents where, the day of the groundbreaking, Gov. Nikki Haley, U.S. Sens. Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham, and S.C. Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt gathered for the news conference.

Note: "The auto industry is more than just car lots now," Haley said. "It's very much about people wanting to see how their cars are made. They are wanting to be able to drive them on the test track. ... It really has become somewhat of a hobby and something people are very proud of."

Greer Today: \$100 million expansion ahead for Mitsubishi Polyester Film

<http://greertoday.com/greer-sc/100-million-expansion-ahead-for-mitsubishi-polyester-film/2015/09/28/#sthash.IfOgjAPB.dpuf>

Jim Fair

Greer received another economic jolt of optimism today as Mitsubishi Polyester Film (MTF), Inc., announced it is investing \$100 million in the expansion of one of the world's largest suppliers of polyester film. The announcement coincides with the 51st anniversary of the plant in Greer.

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," stated Gov. Nikki Haley.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Mitsubishi Polyester Film plans \$100 million expansion in Greer

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20150928/ARTICLES/150929745/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Mitsubishi-Polyester-Film-plans-100-million-expansion-in-Greer>

Mitsubishi Polyester Film will invest \$100 million to expand its Greer plant, Gov. Nikki Haley's office announced Monday. The company, which is the American subsidiary of Japan-based Mitsubishi Plastics, will install a polyester film production line to support the growth of its U.S. and overseas business, according to the governor's office.

S.C. Political News:

Sun News: Lindsey Graham says GOP must improve relationships with minorities, middle class

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article36845745.html>

Maya T. Prabhu

Lindsey Graham told a room of about 100 potential voters Monday that a focus on policies that benefit the middle class and minorities is what will help to bring the country together under Republican leadership. Graham, Republican presidential candidate and U.S. Senator from South Carolina, said the party is full of people who can lead the Republican party into the future.

Note: "The Hispanic vote [for Republicans] has dropped from 44 to 27 percent in the last eight years," Graham said during a town hall-style meeting hosted by U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, at the Crown Reef Resort in Myrtle Beach. "Look at Tim Scott. Look at [Gov.] Nikki Haley. The party is full of young, bright, energetic people who are dying to do good."

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Federal lawsuit planned in Seneca police-shooting case

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/09/28/federal-lawsuit-planned-seneca-police-shooting-case/72968292/>

Ron Barnett

An attorney for the unarmed teenager who was shot and killed by a Seneca police officer in July said he plans to file a federal lawsuit today in the case. Attorney Eric Bland said he is working on final edits and plans to file the suit this afternoon. The suit is the latest in a series of legal efforts in the case of 19-year-old Zachary Hammond, who was shot by Lt. Mark Tiller in the parking lot of a Hardee's restaurant during a marijuana sting aimed at a passenger in his car.

Post and Courier: S.C. gasoline prices end tumble, rise while national price holds steady

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150928/PC05/150929370>

Warren L. Wise

After weeks of steadily declining, gasoline prices jumped 6 cents per gallon in South Carolina during the past week. The average price is now \$1.95 a gallon, according to gas price service GasBuddy's daily survey of more than 3,000 gas outlets across the Palmetto State. Still, the price is \$1.13 lower than one year ago and about 9 cents lower than one month ago across the state.

Associated Press: Drought ends on SC's south coast, rain helping elsewhere

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

Bruce Smith

Rain in recent months that has totaled almost 2 feet in some places has ended the drought along South Carolina's south coast. And state and local officials say that rains in recent days should also help ease the grip of the drought elsewhere in the state. The South Carolina Drought Response Committee removed Charleston, Jasper and Beaufort counties from drought status during its meeting late last week.

Anderson Independent: Rainey ally thinks school funding reforms likely

http://www.independentmail.com/news/rainey-ally-thinks-school-funding-reforms-likely_74128661

Michael Eads

Bud Ferrillo thinks real action could be on the way to fix the public education problems he and Anderson native John Rainey campaigned against for decades. Ferrillo attended a ceremony Thursday at Anderson University honoring Rainey, who died earlier this year.

Note: The state Supreme Court ended the two-decade-old Abbeville case last year by ordering the Legislature to fix school funding inequalities. It followed up that ruling this week by imposing a timeline for the Legislature and Gov. Nikki Haley to act.

Associated Press: Same judge to hear cases of church shooting suspect Dylann Roof, friend Joey Meek
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150928/PC16/150929356>

Meg Kinnard

The same judge will oversee the federal cases against the white man charged with killing nine black churchgoers and his friend, who is accused of lying to authorities about the attack. U.S. District Court Judge Richard Gergel was assigned late last week to hear the case against 21-year-old Joey Meek, according to court records.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Nearly 1,200 pounds of unused pills collected in Lowcountry

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150928/PC16/150929372>

Dave Munday

Lowcountry residents turned in nearly 1,200 pounds of unused pills to local law enforcement agencies Saturday. About 1,182 pounds of potentially dangerous pills were collected during the 10th annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, according to Robert Murphy, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's assistant special agent in charge for South Carolina.

Rock Hill Herald: Chester's Giti Tire fires up branding effort with Rose Parade sponsorship

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/business/article36785379.html#storylink=cpy>

Don Worthington

A while ago I suggested that Giti Tire add some boom-shaka-laka to its branding efforts. What better way to reach local residents than by trading paint on the region's dirt tracks while running on Giti Tires? I never heard back from the Giti folks. Maybe they didn't like the idea.

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