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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Associated Press:** Haley opens up \$1M to help after Georgetown fire

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/08/2727762/haley-opens-up-1m-to-help-after.html#storylink=cpy>  
Gov. Nikki Haley has opened up \$1 million in public funds to help rebuild Georgetown's historic waterfront. Haley issued an executive order Tuesday declaring an emergency for the city and county in relation to the Sept. 25 fire. The order makes available up to \$1 million of Community Development Block Grant Program funds held by the state Department of Commerce. Last week, a contractor removed the remaining facades from the fire that raced through the city's shopping and dining district, gutting seven waterfront buildings and putting 130 people out of work.

**Florence Morning News:** Gov. Haley's foundation to bring books to Marion Intermediate School

[http://www.snow.com/news/local/article\\_a6bbb4c6-302b-11e3-a3aa-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.snow.com/news/local/article_a6bbb4c6-302b-11e3-a3aa-0019bb30f31a.html)

The Original Six Foundation and Gov. Nikki Haley will be at Marion Intermediate School on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. to read with the third graders. The event is in coordination with The Original Six Foundation's statewide book drive that was held in August. The event will include South Carolina Children's Author Ashlye V. Rumph-Geddis. Gov. Haley and Ashlye will read to students and each child will leave with a new children's book. Organizers said the topic of the day will be touring the state of South Carolina. The books are made possible from AT&T and WNS. The Original Six Foundation founded by Gov. Haley unites private support to solve public challenges and does not use any government funding.

**Baltimore Sun:** While Washington bickers, Republican governors solve problems

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bs-ed-thomas-gop-governors-20131008,0,1514365.story>  
Cal Thomas

With frustration building over Washington's refusal to behave in the public interest, perhaps it's worth noting a drastic solution tried by the Irish. Last Friday, Irish voters cast ballots on a referendum to abolish the country's Upper House, known as the Seanad. Prime Minister Enda Kenny said Ireland didn't need all of its politicians and they should be made to suffer along with everyone else as the country continues to struggle economically.

**Note:** Nikki Haley (South Carolina) pushed through tax reform on small businesses, which she claims resulted in South Carolina having the fastest growing manufacturing sector on the East Coast, creating 38,000 new jobs, which have contributed \$9 billion in new investment.

**WTMA:** Gov. Haley Declares Statewide Fire Prevention Week

[http://www.wtma.com/common/more.php?](http://www.wtma.com/common/more.php?m=58&ts=1381248312&article=696DFB40303311E386DEFEFDADE6840A&mode=2)

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Governor Nikki Haley has designated the week of Oct. 6 as Fire Prevention Week in South Carolina. The week will focus on honoring the commitment of first responders as well as working to raise awareness about fire prevention and safety. The state reports that 72 people died from fire in South Carolina in 2012. Out of those deaths, 97% were in houses.

### South Carolina News:

**Associated Press:** GOP to Obama: Send Libyan suspect to Guantanamo

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=K8iG71IW](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=K8iG71IW)

Bradley Klapper

The Obama administration's detention of a high-profile terrorist suspect aboard a Navy vessel drew sharp opposition Tuesday among Republicans in Congress, who said Abu Anas al-Libi should be sent to the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay for indefinite interrogation. Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham, Kelly Ayotte and

Saxby Chambliss said intelligence officials need far more than a couple of months at sea to sufficiently question al-Libi over the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Africa and any other al-Qaida terrorist plots he participated in. They also called a potential civilian trial in New York for al-Libi misguided.

**Associated Press:** DHEC, SLED tweak approach on prescription drugs

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RHsGE3m6](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RHsGE3m6)

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina health officials said Tuesday they're shortening the amount of time pharmacists have to turn over prescription information as part of a collaborative effort to clamp down on prescription drug abuse. Department of Health and Environmental Control director Catherine Templeton told reporters that the cooperative effort would help officials more quickly identify people who might be doing things like filling the same prescription in multiple counties. The initiative will involve state and federal law enforcement agencies working closely together. "This is an epidemic in South Carolina, and it's hard to track because people shop doctors. They shop pharmacists. They go over county lines," Templeton said.

**The State:** Former HHS employee pleads guilty in data breach

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/08/3027154/former-hhs-employee-pleads-guilty.html>

Chris Winston

A former state employee pled guilty in Richland County on Tuesday to stealing confidential records from the state Department of Health and Human Services. Christopher R. Lykes Jr., 38, of Swansea admitted to four counts of willful examination of private records by a public official and one count of criminal conspiracy, Attorney General Alan Wilson announced. All offenses are felonies and are punishable by up to five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine, or both. Lykes, who was indicted in February 2013, date back to early 2012, when Lykes was employed by SCDHHS. The indictments read that Lykes examined confidential records for an unlawful purpose. The other charge stated he was conspiring with someone.

**The State:** Enrollment for new SC hacking monitoring starts Oct. 24

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/08/3027037/enrollment-for-new-sc-hacking.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Enrollment for a second year of free, state-funded identity and credit monitoring starts Oct. 24 for victims of the massive breach of S.C. tax records, the state Department of Revenue said Tuesday. Hacking victims can visit <http://www.scidprotection.com> or call (855) 880-2743 for information about Texas-based CSID's services. CSID received a contract worth up to \$8.5 million to monitor data from the TransUnion credit bureau, track online black markets and check court records, pay day loans, change of address alerts and sex offender registries.

**Politico:** Mark Sanford in the hot seat over government shutdown

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/mark-sanford-government-shutdown-97949.html#.UIP76r7Y3vk.twitter>

Ale Isenstadt

Of all the House Republicans taking a hard line on the government shutdown, Rep. Mark Sanford may be in the hardest spot of all. Reminders of how heavily Sanford's congressional district leans on the federal government are everywhere: Charleston's 24,000 federal workers, more than 7 percent of its workforce, the 10th-highest proportion of any city in the country; the veterans who make up nearly one in seven residents; the thousands of defense contractors who count on Washington's largesse; and the multiple military facilities, including the Marine Corps' famous training base and air station, Parris Island, where nearly 300 workers were furloughed.

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**Associated Press:** Fort Jackson At '90 Percent' Staffing

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=EcRoOxvt](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=EcRoOxvt)

Jamie Self

Most of the furloughed civilian defense employees at Fort Jackson, Columbia's U.S. Army training facility, have returned to work this week. About half of the fort's 3,500 civilian workers were furloughed last week following the federal government's partial shutdown, spokesman Pat Jones said. About 90 percent of the fort's employees are working, he said. Nearly 2,000 employees of the S.C. National Guard and Marine Corps also reported back to work this week.

#### **Local News:**

**USA Today:** Greenville in AARP's top 5 cities for retiring on the cheap

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131008/NEWS/310080028/Greenville-AARP-s-top-5-cities-retiring-cheap>

Hadley Malcolm

Given how many Baby Boomers are entering retirement with little to no savings, the Golden Years have become the Frugal Years for an entire generation of retirees. With that in mind, AARP The Magazine published a list this month of the best places to retire on \$30,000 a year. Surveys show Boomers have not saved enough for retirement, and many rely solely on Social Security payments. Boomers are nearly half a million dollars short when it comes to how much they've saved for retirement compared with how much they think they need, according to a TD Ameritrade survey from last year. And nearly a third say they wouldn't be able to live comfortably in retirement without Social Security benefits.

**Note:** Greenville, S.C.: You don't have to give up the city to live cheaply. A lower cost of living attracts retirees to this Southern city, where the median home price is \$127,600.

#### **National News:**

**New York Times:** Cuomo's Office Is Said to Rein In Ethics Board He Created

<http://mobile.nytimes.com/2013/10/08/nyregion/cuomos-office-is-said-to-rein-in-ethics-board-he-created.html?smid=tw-share&>

Jesse McKinley and Thomas Kaplan

When Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo created the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption in early July, he promised a muscular response to bad behavior by legislators that included allegations of bribe taking, favor trading and embezzlement. But three months later, according to people familiar with the commission's work, the effort to investigate corruption in Albany is burdened by resistance from the Legislature, which has refused requests for information about lawmakers' outside income, and by unexpected involvement by the governor's office, which has leaned on the commission to limit the scope of its investigations.

**Associated Press:** U.S. Supreme Court tackling caps on campaign contributions

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131008/PC16/131009474/1031/us-supreme-court-tackling-caps-on-campaign-contributions>

Mark Sherman

The Supreme Court is tackling a challenge to limits on contributions by the biggest individual donors to political campaigns. The case being argued at the high court Tuesday is a test of the Roberts court's readiness to take its most aggressive swipe at campaign finance laws since its Citizens United decision in 2010 took the lid off independent spending by corporations and labor unions. Supporters of campaign finance laws say the case poses a threat to the contribution limits that Congress first enacted in 1974, in the wake of Watergate abuses.

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