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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Times and Democrat:** Readyng the workforce: Region counties working toward certifying to industries that people here can do the jobs

[http://thetandd.com/business/local/readying-the-workforce-region-counties-working-toward-certifying-to-industries/article\\_aa7b4e7e-2d50-11e3-99ac-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/business/local/readying-the-workforce-region-counties-working-toward-certifying-to-industries/article_aa7b4e7e-2d50-11e3-99ac-0019bb2963f4.html)

Gene Zaleski

Local economic development officials and job-training leaders say the region is well on its way to ensuring its citizens are ready to go to work. “We feel confident we will be able to hit our goals,” Orangeburg County Development Commission executive director Gregg Robinson said. “It takes a team effort working with colleges and institutions to help us train these individuals.” The WorkReady SC initiative has been created to give counties a way to show industries they have a skilled workforce ready to fill jobs. Also, potential employees would be able to earn a certificate identifying their skill sets while giving employers another method to screen hires. Gov. Nikki Haley announced the initiative during a November 2012 press conference at Orangeburg’s Zeus Industries.

**The State:** STATE HOUSE FOR SALE: SC Ethics Law A Muddled Mess

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Cm3lwCjt](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Cm3lwCjt)

Adam Beam

State Rep. Grady Brown raised more than \$21,000 for his 2012 re-election campaign, spending it on radio advertisements, get-out-the-vote efforts – and season tickets to USC football games. South Carolina’s ethics law - passed in 1991 after 17 lawmakers were indicted on charges of accepting bribes - says lawmakers only can use campaign money for “ordinary expenses” that are part of a lawmaker’s “duties as a holder of elective office.”

**Note:** The ethics bill is politically charged. While both candidates for governor - Republican Gov. Nikki Haley of Lexington and Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen of Camden - advocate for ethics reform, it is possible the bill could be delayed again.

### Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**The State:** Bolton: South Carolinians should be sad to be ranked No. 1

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/06/3021148/bolton-south-carolinians-should.html#storylink=cpy>

Warren Bolton

South Carolina is breeding men who kill women. Men in the Palmetto State take the lives of wives, ex-wives, girlfriends, ex-girlfriends and other female acquaintances at an alarming rate. We’re so prolific at this horrific act that our state has consistently ranked in the top 10 in the country for the rate of women killed by men at least since 1999. That’s 14 years of killers — one after another — extinguishing the lives of women.

**Times and Democrat:** Prevention, early treatment top list for health care

[http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/prevention-early-treatment-top-list-for-health-care/article\\_dbc8fd68-2e00-11e3-885b-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/prevention-early-treatment-top-list-for-health-care/article_dbc8fd68-2e00-11e3-885b-0019bb2963f4.html)

Editorial

THE ISSUE: T&D health care Sunday; OUR OPINION: Providers join with newspaper to provide information for our times. Today’s T&D looks a bit different than other Sunday editions. It’s a special day for health care at a time when health care is at the top of the national discussion. The Affordable Care Act. Obamacare. Call it what you like. The new federal health care system is poised to make a substantial impact on Americans and their health. With some segments already rolled out, and most becoming effective Jan. 1, 2014, the law essentially aims to ensure that all Americans regardless of health status or pre-existing conditions will have access to quality, affordable coverage.



**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Shutdown shows preference for scoring partisan points over governing  
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131006/OPINION/310061017/1128/opinion?Title=Dumb-and-dumber>  
Editorial

They've been arguing in Washington over who is responsible for the government shutdown. The truth is that they are all responsible, Democrats and Republicans alike. The shutdown is evidence that the members of both parties place a higher priority on scoring points in their constant partisan contest than on effectively governing this nation. There is simply no excuse for the government to be shut down because Congress can't do the job it is required to do — pass an annual federal budget. Rather than pass a budget, or a continuing spending resolution that keeps the government running in lieu of a budget, the members of Congress, and the president for that matter, would rather keep fighting about an issue they've been fighting about for years — Obamacare, also known as the Affordable Care Act.

**Florence Morning News:** Students need to be in schools that help them best develop  
[http://www.scnow.com/opinion/editorials/article\\_75439900-2d3c-11e3-836c-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.scnow.com/opinion/editorials/article_75439900-2d3c-11e3-836c-0019bb30f31a.html)  
Editorial

Parents of special needs children and educators often are frustrated by the public school system that cannot meet the students' needs. The state Department of Education has found Florence School District 1 in violation of federal law dozens of times in the past year or so. Not only that, the district did not follow through with all corrective actions to serve special needs students properly, according to SCDE directions. In fairness, navigating the labyrinth of laws is daunting for both educators and parents. But it also speaks to the need for these students to be in schools that can best serve their needs.

### **South Carolina News:**

**The State:** The Buzz: 'Hello, we're not here; We're shut down'  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/05/3021969/the-buzz-hello-were-not-here-were.html#storylink=cpy>  
Andrew Shain

The Buzz likes reaching out to the nine fellas in the S.C. congressional delegation every now and again. But on Friday (aka Federal Shutdown Day 4), Buzz found a few folks were not answering the phones. We called U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's Russell Building office and received a recorded message about how staffing was limited during the shutdown. The message also shared that the Seneca Republican pledged to donate his pay during the shutdown to the Wounded Warrior program.

**Duncan tweets the shutdown:** By late Friday, the Laurens Republican had tweeted more than 60 times from his congressional account since federal funding was cut – double the amount of the S.C. delegation's eight other members combined.

**For Sanford, the federal shutouts go coastal:** U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford saw something last week that he never has seen in Washington, during one of his nightly runs from the Capitol down the National Mall: The Lincoln Memorial barricaded.

**Ties that bind in the Senate race?** The race for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat held by Lindsey Graham includes a stream of tea partiers looking to knock off the incumbent.

**The State:** SC Lawmakers: Shutdown End Game Elusive  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6uhH1vf1](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6uhH1vf1)  
Jamie Self

Republicans and Democrats who represented South Carolina in Congress during the nation's last government shutdowns, during the 1990s, say the stakes this time are different and no clear resolution is in sight. Perhaps ominously, their Palmetto State successors now in Congress agree. The federal government entered a partial shutdown Tuesday when Congress failed to pass a spending plan. The shutdown has resulted in 800,000 federal workers being furloughed nationwide, including more than 10,000 in South Carolina. Other federal workers are being asked to work without pay. Meanwhile, some federal services are being delayed and national parks closed.

**The State:** Insurance shoppers told to hang in there, study, choose wisely  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/06/3021920/insurance-shoppers-told-to-hang.html#storylink=cpy>  
Joey Holleman

Now that details of the Health Insurance Marketplace plans available for South Carolinians have been revealed, experts worry about how people will deal with the complexity of the plans. They warn shoppers on healthcare.gov not to throw their arms up in confusion and just go with the cheapest plan. Thousands of



South Carolinians will be choosing among 27 plans (32 in some counties) with a wide variety of options. Most of the shoppers have little or no experience in health insurance terms, but they are required to have insurance in 2014 or face penalties under the Affordable Care Act.

**The State:** Where does the money go? Reimbursements

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/06/3021871/sc-statehouse-for-sale-where-does.html>

The state ethics law allows lawmakers to reimburse themselves for campaign or office-related expenses from their campaign accounts. And some do handsomely, leading to questions. One top reimbursing, state Sen. Robert Ford, D-Charleston, resigned last year during an ethics investigation into his use of campaign money. Another, House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston, is the subject of an ongoing investigation into his use of campaign money. A Harrell spokesman said he uses campaign money instead of taxpayer money to support his Charleston office and his legislative travel, including a recent trip to Washington to testify at a federal hearing examining the legality of the state's voter identification law.

**The State:** Where does the money go? Gifts and charities

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/06/3021870/sc-statehouse-for-sale-where-does.html#storylink=cpy>

The state Senate's ethics rules allow senators to donate campaign money to churches and charities. But the S.C. House requires its members to at least get some type of publicity from the donation, likening it to a paid advertisement. The Top 10 S.C. lawmakers ranked by their spending of campaign money on gifts for constituents or donations to churches and charities. (The numbers come from the previous election cycle for the Senate, 2009-12, and the House, 2011-12, in addition to the first two fundraising quarters of 2013. The totals do not include sponsorships.)

**The State:** The Cost Of Election? The Top 10 Legislative Spenders

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ofh7A2F5](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ofh7A2F5)

S.C. legislators are paid salaries of \$10,400 a year, excluding benefits that can add, in some cases, tens of thousands more for their two- or four-year terms in the House and Senate, respectively. But many legislators spend far more to win those jobs. A look at how much the top 10 lawmakers said they spent from their campaign accounts to win or hold their seats in the most recent elections. (The numbers are from the most recent election cycle for the House, 2010-12, and the Senate, 2009-2012, plus the first two fund-raising quarters of 2013.)

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Education Department proposes eliminating class size maximums for many grades, subjects

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131005/PC16/131009697/1389/sc-education-department-proposes-eliminating-class-size-maximums-for-many-grades-subjects>

Diette Courrage Casey

Fifth-graders' desks in Vicki Robertson's class are arranged in clusters for two reasons: It's easier for students to do group work, and it gives her 29 students more space to move around the room. That's one of the adjustments the Pinckney Elementary teacher has made to accommodate her large classes. She has 30 students in one English lesson, which is the maximum allowed by state regulation. So what does Robertson think about the state potentially eliminating the cap on the size of some classes statewide?

**Post and Courier:** Sanford holds town hall meeting on government shutdown, Affordable Care Act

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131005/PC16/131009583/1006/sanford-holds-meeting-on-shutdown-health-care-act>

Christina Elmore

A crowd of about 150 people vented their frustrations with Congress and the ongoing government shutdown in a town hall-styled meeting held by U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford Saturday night. The crowd filled the North Charleston City Council chambers while discussing the congressional stalemate and its impact on the Lowcountry. Early on in the meeting, Sanford encouraged attendees to remain tolerant of one another's opinions, saying the group should take care to "kick around ideas, not each other." He welcomed the participation of a number of audience members who raised poster board and torn pieces of cardboard etched with statements like "Liberation in Our Lifetime" and "The ACA Will Help USA!!"

**Post and Courier:** Marlon Kimpson says goal is 'make sure government works for the people'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131005/PC16/131009721/1006/from-seed-cotton-to-state-senate>

Robert Behre

State Sen.-elect Marlon Kimpson credited many people for his landslide win Tuesday — his wife and family,



his campaign staff, advisers and volunteers, Democratic leaders — and tea party Republicans in Congress. That might sound strange coming from Charleston's newest Democratic lawmaker, but Kimpson thinks last week's government shutdown helped push his vote toward 80 percent. "In this district where President (Barack) Obama won in large numbers, people were sick and tired of being sick and tired," he said. "They channeled that frustration to going to the polls to make a difference in the form of a vote for Marlon Kimpson."

**Island Packet:** ACLU: Equal justice for poor remains unfulfilled in SC municipal courts

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/05/2723229/aclu-equal-justice-for-poor-remains.html#storylink=cpy>

Tom Barton

Fifty years after the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark right-to-counsel decision, poor residents in many places in South Carolina -- including Beaufort County -- still are tried without a lawyer. Funding shortages, lack of manpower and ambiguity in state law has led to an inconsistent system for providing legal representation to low-income individuals in municipal courts, according to South Carolina civil liberties experts and court officials. As a result, thousands of defendants are often not informed of their constitutional right to counsel or are coerced into waiving that right to avoid having to spend additional time in jail, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina.

**Times and Democrat:** Stronger enforcement, education seen as keys to reducing S.C.'s domestic violence

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/stronger-enforcement-education-seen-as-keys-to-reducing-sc/article\\_962a662a-2e37-11e3-90da-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/stronger-enforcement-education-seen-as-keys-to-reducing-sc/article_962a662a-2e37-11e3-90da-001a4bcf887a.html)

Dionne Gleaton

Tougher law enforcement and stronger community efforts can help South Carolina lose its status as first in the nation for having women killed by men, local officials say. The Violence Policy Center's 2013 report "When Men Murder Women" revealed that 61 women were murdered by men in the state in 2011. That's 2.5 women per 100,000 murdered by men, which is twice the national average. The victims knew their attackers in 93 percent of the cases where the information was available to the center. Law enforcement officials and those who work with the victims of domestic violence struggle to understand why the state has that level of violence.

**The State:** Online Application Makes Medicaid Registration Easier

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=53Am65cj](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=53Am65cj)

Joey Holleman

In the past, anyone who needed to sign up for Medicaid coverage in South Carolina had to fill out a paper form and take it to a local office. Most had to do it at least once a year, and some had to do it more often. Now, they can fill out an application online and submit it from home through the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy Connections website. More than 300 people submitted applications on the first day the site was operational on Oct. 1— the same day the federal Health Insurance Marketplace sputtered out of the starting block.

## Local News:

**The Item:** Sen. McElveen: D.C. shutdown could hurt Shaw

[http://www.theitem.com/news/local\\_news/sen-mcelveen-d-c-shutdown-could-hurt-shaw/article\\_dbf0f470-3bf3-54ba-aac8-34dd1df2b95e.html](http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/sen-mcelveen-d-c-shutdown-could-hurt-shaw/article_dbf0f470-3bf3-54ba-aac8-34dd1df2b95e.html)

Braden Bunch

The continuing deadlock in Washington, D.C., causing the federal government shutdown could end up having a harmful impact on Shaw Air Force Base, state senator Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, said Friday. Because of this, the local state senator said a resolution needs to be reached soon and called specifically on the elected officials from South Carolina - who are primarily Republican - to address the issue. "It's past time for Congress to give partisan bickering a rest and get to work doing the people's business," McElveen said, later adding, "I am concerned that our representatives in Washington are so distracted by Capitol Hill politics that they forget that their actions are causing problems for people back in their home districts."

**Anderson Independent:** Corps dealing with shrinking recreation budgets, including for Hartwell Lake

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/05/corps-dealing-shrinking-budgets-lake-hartwell/>

Michael Eads

Federal money for recreation around Hartwell Lake is drying up, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' officials. Commander Col. Thomas Tickner of the corps' Savannah District and a handful of staff members



for that district updated Lake Hartwell Association members about several issues Saturday. The discussion happened near Pendleton at the association's annual meeting. Regardless of how soon the current federal government shutdown is resolved, Hartwell Lake users need to get used to seeing less spending from the corps on recreational facilities such as beaches, campgrounds and boat ramps, officials said. District recreation spending has dropped to \$7.8 million this year from \$10.8 million in 2006, Tickner said.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Clinics informing Spartanburg County's uninsured about law

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131005/ARTICLES/131009801/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Clinics-informing-Spartanburg-County-s-uninsured-about-law>

Dustin Wyatt

With the final provisions of the Affordable Care Act going into law in a few months, community health clinics and nonprofits in Spartanburg are working to educate uninsured patients countywide about how the law will affect them. "We are getting a number of phone calls from people who have questions," said Carey Rothschild, executive director of AccessHealth Spartanburg, a nonprofit that helps low-income patients find affordable health care options. But how do health care providers explain to patients why they still will not qualify for insurance even after the Affordable Care Act becomes law?

**Florence Morning News:** Penny tax decision looms

[http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article\\_61e34fac-2e10-11e3-998e-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_61e34fac-2e10-11e3-998e-0019bb30f31a.html)

Gavin Jackson

The South Carolina Supreme Court issues its opinions on Wednesdays, meaning the court's opinion from last week's hearing involving Florence County's capital sales tax referendum, which expires next April, on the November ballot could be soon known. If the referendum goes to the polls for the roughly 85,000 registered voters in the county to vote on (of which only 20 to 25 percent are expected to turnout, officials estimate) the question will read: "Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Florence County for not more than seven years to raise the amounts specified for the following purposes..."

**Anderson Independent:** Pickens lawmakers consider expanding school board

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/05/pickens-lawmakers-consider-expanding-school/>

Vince Jackson

The Pickens County legislative delegation is considering a plan that would increase the number of seats on the School District of Pickens County Board of Trustees to seven. The plan could change the boundaries of the six current school board districts by adding a seventh district in Easley. Under discussion will be whether to add an at large member or to add a second representative for Easley. In South Carolina, the state Legislature determines the size of local school boards, while local school boards manage the day-to-day operation of county schools. A law passed in 2007 reduced the size of the then nine-member Pickens County school board to six members by eliminating at large positions, according to state records.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Rock Council set to double pay for itself, mayor

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/05/5278179/rock-council-set-to-double-pay.html#storylink=cpy>

Anna Douglas

Rock Hill City Council members and Mayor Doug Echols are set to become the highest-paid elected officials in York County, if the council gives final approval in two weeks to a pay raise for themselves. Last month, the council voted unanimously to nearly double the council and mayor's pay after discussing the issue for more than an hour. The recommendation to boost the council's pay came from a compensation committee appointed in August by Rock Hill Mayor Doug Echols. Council members now receive \$8,000 in salary and \$1,800 annually for expenses. The mayor receives \$12,542 in salary and \$3,600 annually for expenses.

**The State:** Richland County Flood Program Cuts Premiums

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

Richland County residents living in low-lying areas will get discounts on their flood insurance premiums because of local government initiatives. The county participates in a voluntary national program that encourages communities to alleviate damage and loss from floods. As a result, an estimated 1,370 property owners will save 5 percent to 10 percent on their premiums, a news release from Richland County stated. In addition to lowering flood insurance rates, the county's efforts enhance public safety, reduce damage to property and avoid economic loss, it said.

**The State:** Faith-based program gives Midlands homeless families a second chance

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/06/3021950/new-faith-based-program-in-midlands.html#storylink=cpy>

Carolyn Click

Midlands area congregations are preparing to offer their Sunday school rooms and gymnasiums as temporary housing for homeless families in economic crisis. The houses of worship, united under the nonprofit Family Promise of the Midlands, hopes to add an additional layer of support for the families by providing interim lodging, food and support. Once up and running, Family Promise of the Midlands would be the seventh South Carolina affiliate of the national interfaith nonprofit organization. Family Promise operates in 41 states.

**Greenville News:** Upstate schools hope to weather shutdown

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131006/NEWS/310060017/Upstate-schools-hope-weather-shutdown>

Ron Barnett

School districts across South Carolina are counting the days they can keep running until Uncle Sam's shutdown begins starving out federally funded programs such as school lunches and special education. Greenville County Schools officials said they expect to be able to hold on for 90 to 100 days, largely because of the way the funding cycles work. The federal fiscal year starts on Oct. 1, which is when the shutdown of federal agencies considered non-essential went into effect after the Republican-controlled House and Democratic-majority Senate couldn't agree on a funding bill.

**National News:**

**Associated Press:** Obama on Obamacare, Afghanistan, the Senate and a name change for Washington Redskins

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131005/PC1601/131009609/1031/obama-on-obamacare-afghanistan-the-senate-and-a-name-change-for-washington-redskins-has-video>

Julie Pace

Defending the shaky rollout of his health care law, President Barack Obama said frustrated Americans "definitely shouldn't give up" on the problem-plagued program now at the heart of his dispute with Republicans over reopening the federal government. Obama said public interest far exceeded the government's expectations, causing technology glitches that thwarted millions of Americans when trying to use government-run health care websites. "Folks are working around the clock and have been systematically reducing the wait times," he said. The federal gateway website was taken down for repairs over the weekend, again hindering people from signing up for insurance. Obama, in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, also disclosed that U.S. intelligence agencies believe Iran continues to be a year or more away from having the capability to make a nuclear weapon.

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