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## Morning Clips – Wednesday, October 16, 2013

### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Associated Press:** Cuccinelli, SC GOP Gov. Nikki Haley stump together

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xCknCiK2](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xCknCiK2)

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley heads to Virginia on Wednesday to campaign with fellow Republican Ken Cuccinelli in his bid for governor. Haley joins Cuccinelli in the Richmond suburb of Ashland for an early Wednesday afternoon tour of a sheet metal fabrication business and then travels with him to Charlottesville. Haley, who came to power in her state with tea party support, is among political heavyweights coming to Virginia in the closing three weeks of the nation's lone competitive governor's race. Conservative talk show host and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee leads Cuccinelli rally Saturday in Lynchburg.

### Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**Post and Courier:** Follow Haley's cost-cutting lead

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131016/PC1002/131019579/1021/>

Editorial

Consolidating state operations can save taxpayers big bucks — witness the \$1 million in cost cuts achieved by the Department of Social Services just by reducing office space. But an essential requirement of that process is knowing exactly where adjustments can be made, and that requires knowing exactly what property is held by the state. And apparently not even Gov. Nikki Haley has that information at hand. But that shortcoming should be soon remedied, via her executive order requiring all agencies to comply by Dec. 15. Apparently the order took some agency officials aback. It shouldn't have. Agencies have been required to list all surplus property by law since 1997. And if you know what is surplus, you must first know what isn't.

**Aiken Standard:** Independent ethics panel most apt for legislature

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131016/AIK0201/131019633/1018/AIK02/editorial-independent-ethics-panel-most-apt-for-legislature>

Editorial

The fox needs to stop watching the hen house in Columbia. That's essentially the unnerving setup our legislature has created as one of only seven states with self-policing for ethics violations. Although there hasn't been an egregious overstep in recent memory, our ethics laws are clearly an amalgam of interweaving laws that leave the door open to abuse. In South Carolina, we have three different entities interpreting the state's ethics laws — the State Ethics Commission and the House and Senate ethics committees. Each one has a different opinion on how elected officials can or cannot spend campaign money.

**Greenville News:** S.C. needs roads funding solution

[http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310160006&gcheck=1&nclink\\_check=1](http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310160006&gcheck=1&nclink_check=1)

Editorial

A recent meeting of the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank at which a slate of highway improvements was considered underscores the still unsolved problem with this state's deteriorating infrastructure: There simply is not enough money to go around. Two events at the board meeting stress the urgency of that problem. First, the fact that the board delayed a vote on the list of projects that would be funded by using \$550 million in bonds leveraged with \$50 million appropriated by the state Legislature. The delay is unfortunate. These needs are immediate. The second event was the encouraging comments by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Hugh Leatherman, also a member of the Infrastructure Bank Board, that the Upstate has not received its fair share in infrastructure spending in recent history.

**Post and Courier:** Let's make a deal — now



<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131016/PC1002/131019578/1021/let-x2019-s-make-a-deal-x2014-now>

Editorial

Republican lawmakers have a right to use their legislative prerogatives to counter the unaffordable Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. But that doesn't mean the GOP House's misguided mission to "defund" Obamacare, triggering a federal government shutdown in the futile process, was the right political move. And refusing to raise the debt ceiling by Thursday's deadline would be an even bigger error in judgment — for both the GOP and the nation. So it was reassuring Monday night to see the Democratic Senate moving toward a bipartisan compromise to boost that debt limit.

**The State:** Columbia Should Unite Over Five Points To Fight Crime Citywide

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KRjC7PSK](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KRjC7PSK)

Warren Bolton

This past weekend, a bullet came perilously close to striking that powder keg I wrote about back in March. Thank God it didn't end in death. But it was tragic: An 18-year-old USC student was critically injured and could be paralyzed for life. Let's all pray for Martha Childress' complete healing and strength for her and her family. We all ought to be angry: First at the shooter's utter disregard for life; he should be punished to the full extent of the law. But we also should be angry that we've been watching this unfold and predicting such an event - or worse - while obviously not taking sufficient steps to prevent it.

### South Carolina News:

**The State:** U.S. Sens. Graham, Scott Post \$6.9M And \$2.8M On Hand

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Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham raised \$1.17 million from July through September, bringing his cash on hand to more than \$6.9 million -- the most the campaign has ever had -- Graham's campaign said Tuesday. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-North Charleston, raised \$762,000 during the same time period, a spokesman with his campaign said. Scott has \$2.87 million cash-on-hand. Scott, who Gov. Nikki Haley appointed to the Senate seat following Jim DeMint's resignation, had a less impressive third quarter for fundraising than the year's first six months, when he raised more than \$2.3 million combined. The fund-raising quarter marks the third in a row that Graham, a Seneca Republican, has raised more than \$1.1 million, the campaign said in a news release.

**Greenville News:** Graham supports evolving shutdown proposal

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310160026>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

Sen. Lindsey Graham, citing his battle scars from the 1995 government shutdown, said Tuesday it's time for members from both parties to stop trying to score political points and instead nurture a budding compromise. "What is your oath? What is your reason for being here? Are you going to stop our ability to reopen the government forever and honor our obligations come the 17th?" the South Carolina Republican said after lunch with his GOP colleagues. "I can understand fighting for your cause, but there comes a point where you have an obligation to the country as a whole." Graham's comments reflected a generally sour mood on Capitol Hill Tuesday as House Republicans balked at an emerging bipartisan deal in the Senate, and then struggled to secure enough support for their own version.

**The State:** Manning Minister Hopes To Challenge Clyburn For 6th District

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

Jade Anderson

The Rev. Leon Winn announced his intention to run for South Carolina's 6th District congressional seat in front of the Sumter County Judicial Center on Tuesday morning. "We need change, and the only way to do that is through the people we elect to Congress," said the 58-year-old Republican candidate. "I will work every day to better lives and break the gridlock in Congress not by trying but by doing. I don't believe in trying. I believe in doing." Should he win his party's nomination, Winn will most likely face long-serving Democrat incumbent Rep. James E. Clyburn. The newly announced campaign is Winn's second local attempt at local office. While not a Sumter native as Clyburn is, the Georgia-raised Winn ran as the Republican nominee for state senator in District 36 last year, falling to then-state Rep. Kevin L. Johnson Jr., D-Manning.



**Times and Democrat:** GOP candidate: 6th District needs jobs

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/gop-candidate-th-district-needs-jobs/article\\_991e7f76-360f-11e3-9ec4-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/gop-candidate-th-district-needs-jobs/article_991e7f76-360f-11e3-9ec4-0019bb2963f4.html)

Martha Rose Brown

The Rev. Leon Winn says he's ready to get people working in the Sixth Congressional District and is confident voters feel the same way. "I'm running for Congress because it's time for a change. Einstein's theory of insanity: Keep doing the same thing and expect different results. The people we are putting in Congress are not helping us at this particular point – especially in the Sixth District," Winn said to gathering of about two dozen Republican supporters. Winn made a stop at Rosalia's Restaurant in Orangeburg on Tuesday to officially announce that he's running as a Republican candidate for the Sixth Congressional District seat held by Congressman Jim Clyburn, a Democrat.

**Note:** He gave credit to Gov. Nikki Haley, a fellow Republican, for bringing jobs to the Sixth District, but said the Sixth District needs more jobs — not folks who don't want to work.

**The Florence Morning News:** Senate hopeful Mace says change needed for SC

[http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article\\_47d3c17a-360b-11e3-972f-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_47d3c17a-360b-11e3-972f-001a4bcf6878.html)

David had to overcome many obstacles before he got to fling a rock square into Goliath's forehead, knocking the towering giant down allowing David decapitate the giant, freeing the Israelites and defeating the Philistines, according to the Bible. Republican Nancy Mace said she is overcoming similar obstacles as David did, 10 weeks into her campaign against her Goliath, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham. She has zero political experience and on the day Graham, who is running for his third term in 2014, announced his war chest of nearly \$7 million, Mace stumped with Florence Tea Party Patriots on Tuesday asking for support — and gas money.

**The Item:** Winn says he will challenge Clyburn for 6th District

[http://www.theitem.com/news/local\\_news/winn-says-he-will-challenge-clyburn-for-th-district/article\\_e417268a-25ab-5f02-b263-04d3ca9f7a56.html](http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/winn-says-he-will-challenge-clyburn-for-th-district/article_e417268a-25ab-5f02-b263-04d3ca9f7a56.html)

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**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Gowdy to question National Park Service officials on park regulations during shutdown

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131015/ARTICLES/131019790/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Gowdy-to-question-National-Park-Service-officials-on-park-regulations-during-shutdown>

Lynne P. Shackleford

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy wants to know why the National Park Service allowed Occupy Wall Street protesters to camp on McPherson Square against park regulations, but barricaded the World War II memorial to veterans during the shutdown. Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, will have an opportunity to quiz NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis during a joint committee hearing Wednesday morning. This will be the second time Gowdy has questioned Jarvis, the first during a hearing after the Occupy protest last year. Gowdy, a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, sent Jarvis a letter late last week outlining his concerns regarding the park service's "selective enforcement of policy and regulations in the name of the First Amendment."

**The State:** S.C. business leaders cautiously optimistic

[http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310160014&nclink\\_check=1](http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310160014&nclink_check=1)

Roddie Burris

South Carolina's economic growth is steady, but the growth rate has slowed this year, according to Joey Von Nessen, a research economist with the University of South Carolina. "We're still growing, but growing at a slightly reduced rate compared to 2012 and even 2011," Von Nessen told a sold-out room of business leaders Tuesday at the 2013 Central Carolina Commercial real estate market forecast. A panel provided industry perspectives on future commercial prospects in the Columbia on banking, construction and development, real estate development and property investment.

**Associated Press:** Oconee nuke plant has most violations in Southeast

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BNs1sirw](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BNs1sirw)



The Oconee Nuclear Station near Seneca reported the most safety violations of any nuclear plant in the Southeast since 2000. A Government Accountability Office report obtained by The Associated Press shows the plant reported 163 lower-level violations and 14 higher-level violations. The plant is only one of two in the Southeast with three reactors. Lower-level violations pose very low risk, such as improper upkeep of a transformer, while higher-level violations range in significance, such as an electrical system that caused a fire. The Catawba Nuclear Station in York County reported 98 lower-level violations and two higher-level violations.

**Post and Courier:** InfiLaw open to discussing sale of Charleston School of Law with the College of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131014/PC16/131019662/1389/infilaw-open-to-discussing-sale-of-charleston-school-of-law-with-the-college-of-charleston>

Diane Knich

InfiLaw System has a binding agreement to purchase the Charleston School of Law, but the company is going to give the College of Charleston some time to consider buying it. In a statement Monday, the company said it also was willing to discuss the matter with the University of South Carolina. But it will continue to pursue the process of obtaining an operating license for the law school from the state's Commission on Higher Education. InfiLaw wants to determine if either of the public schools truly is interested in purchasing the private law school, and whether they have the means and capability to do it, according to the statement.

**Post and Courier:** College of Charleston plan for new North Campus would use site of current mobile home park

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131015/PC16/131019587/1006/college-of-charleston-plan-for-new-north-campus-would-use-site-of-current-mobile-home-park>

David Slade and Diane Knich

A plan to build a new North Campus building for the College of Charleston appears to be on the fast track toward approval in North Charleston, to the dismay of mobile home park residents who would be displaced by the project. The college is on a tight schedule to relocate its North Campus and Lowcountry Graduate Center from the current location near the Charleston International Airport, by the end of July. Boeing Co. purchased the office complex on International Boulevard in December, and all the building's tenants must find new space. The college is pursuing a plan to lease a building that Holder Properties has proposed constructing on land adjacent to Interstate 526 and Dorchester Road.

**The State:** AG Asks SLED To Investigate Phone Scam

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=q2Xid96X](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=q2Xid96X)

State Attorney General Alan Wilson asked Tuesday for a SLED investigation into a sophisticated phone scam that is defrauding utility customers across the state, South Carolina's electric cooperatives said. Scammers have been calling consumers around the state pretending to be electric cooperative employees and threatening disconnection of service if immediate payment is not made. Consumers are then told to purchase pre-paid debit cards and call a toll-free number with the serial number listed on the card, giving the scammers access to the card. Scammers have targeted the state's Hispanic communities and small business owners and restaurants, officials said. Wilson asked the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division to investigate because of the volume of complaints.

**Greenville News:** Natural gas poised to expand presence in Upstate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131016/NEWS07/310160008/Natural-gas-poised-expand-presence-Upstate>

Nathaniel Cary

The white, oversized work truck pulled into the refueling station and swung around to face the gas pump. Hugh Andrews hopped out, popped open his truck's hood and inserted the pump nozzle into a receptor underneath it. Andrews pressed the trigger, and natural gas began to fill three empty tanks strapped down in his truck bed. Andrews, of Inman, is among a small but growing number of drivers who have rejected the instability of gasoline prices in favor of compressed natural gas. Andrews made the switch two years ago. He drove to Utah, where a friend helped him install a conversion kit in his diesel truck.

**Index-Journal:** City, legislative leaders gather for pizza lunch, civic discussion

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=21426>

Chris Trainor



Pizza makes everything better. Even discussions between governmental entities. On Tuesday, Greenwood City Council and Greenwood CPW met with the Greenwood legislative delegation at The Mill House pizzeria on Maxwell Avenue. State legislators in attendance for the informal gathering included state Sens. Floyd Nicholson and Billy O'Dell, as well as state Reps. Shannon Riley, Mike Pitts and Anne Parks. The City of Greenwood hosted the meeting to discuss with state legislators some of the success the city enjoyed in its efforts to revitalize Uptown Greenwood. Barrineau told the legislators city officials are thrilled when they learn of major industrial announcements in the community, but noted the city also works hard to foster a positive environment for small business.

## **Local News:**

**Aiken Standard:** School Board likely faces new health care costs

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131016/AIK0101/131019559/1007/AIK0101/school-board-likely-faces-new-health-care-costs>

Rob Novit

Implementation of the Affordable Care Act eventually could cost the Aiken County School District from \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year, District Comptroller Tray Traxler told School Board members during a budget workshop on Tuesday. Those costs are rough estimates based on the number of employees who may or could average 30 hours of service every week. Traxler said about 97 would appear to potentially meet that criteria and thus be considered permanent employees and eligible for the District's health insurance program. Each employee formally added to the program could cost the District \$3,000 to \$6,000 annually as its contribution, depending on whether the employee has a child who qualifies.

**The State:** Hundreds Protest Lexington 1's New Grading System

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

Carolyn Click

Several hundred Lexington 1 parents mobilized Tuesday night to protest a new grading policy that relies on major test grades only and diminishes homework, quizzes and class participation. The seven-board listened as parents and students, many highly emotional and some in tears, spoke of the stress and anxiety spawned by the Grading for Learning system that has been implemented in all of the middle schools and partially in the high schools. "I'm telling you we are not happy; your teachers are not happy," said Kimberly Stammire-Cockrell, a parent of two students who created a Facebook page, "End 'Grading for Learning,'" that had garnered 761 "likes" and dozens of comments by Tuesday night.

**Anderson Independent:** State education superintendent to visit Anderson School District 5

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/15/state-education-superintendent-to-visit-anderson/>

Sarah Freishtat

South Carolina Superintendent of Education Mick Zais will be in Anderson on Wednesday to meet with local district leaders and tour two schools. The superintendent will visit Nevitt Forest Community School of Innovation in the morning and Anderson 5 Charter School in the afternoon. In between, he will speak about education strategies at a State of Education Summit with the superintendents of the five Anderson County school districts at the Anderson campus of Tri-County Technical College. At the summit, Zais will compare the Anderson school districts with the state as a whole, discussing test scores as well as how each district is using its money, said Rachel Kerley, spokeswoman for the state Department of Education.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Social Security increase not enough for Rock Hill seniors

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/15/5308003/social-security-increase-not-enough.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

The home-delivered lunch Mary Williams gets from the York County Council on Aging means a lot. A monthly Social Security check is all the 79-year-old Rock Hill woman gets to make bills go away until next month. "It's rough to make it stretch," said Williams, a retired cafeteria worker. Asked what she thought of the 1.5 percent cost-of-living increase that she and tens of millions of other Americans who worked all their lives will get next year, Williams was succinct. These seniors know that utility bills from the city of Rock Hill or Duke Energy went up by 5 or 6 percent again this year after the same thing last year. Food costs more than ever. In Rock Hill, utility costs have gone up 30 percent in a decade.

**Associated Press:** USC warns students about Five Points area

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

The University of South Carolina is warning students that an entertainment district near campus is not safe



after midnight. The warning Tuesday comes after a female student was shot and wounded last weekend. The school did not tell its 31,000 students to stay away from the bars, restaurants and shops in the Five Points neighborhood in Columbia. USC president Harris Pastides (Pas-tee-DEES) talked with city officials Tuesday about how to make the area safer.

**Times and Democrat:** Groups joining together for 'Obamacare' forum

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/groups-joining-together-for-obamacare-forum/article\\_d1da5f18-360c-11e3-85cb-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/groups-joining-together-for-obamacare-forum/article_d1da5f18-360c-11e3-85cb-0019bb2963f4.html)

Dionne Gleaton

The Orangeburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., District 95 Rep. Jerry N. Govan Jr., the Regional Medical Center and Family Health Centers Inc. are sponsoring a forum designed to educate the public about the federal Affordable Care Act. The forum will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Rocquemore Auditorium, Building R, at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. Light refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. "We're trying to get the word out to not only individuals, but other stakeholder groups such as small businesses. The Orangeburg County Development Commission has also agreed to join us as a sponsor of this forum as well," Govan said.

### **National News:**

**McClatchy DC:** Default or not, U.S. already has endangered its credit rating

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/10/15/205463/default-or-not-us-already-has.html#storylink=cpy>

Kevin G. Hall

Credit ratings agencies may not wait for a default to downgrade U.S. government creditworthiness. Standard & Poor's downgraded U.S. government bonds to AA from AAA amid the August 2011 debt-ceiling debacle. The other two major ratings agencies \_ Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings \_ didn't follow suit at the time, but Fitch said late Tuesday that it had put the United States on a watch list, meaning U.S. bonds might be downgraded. Fitch promised to resolve the status before the end of March, depending on the outcome of the political squabbling, which could extend into next year even with a short-term resolution now. And S&P doesn't rule out a downgrade.

**Politico:** Senate leaders finalizing deal

[http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/senate-update-debt-ceiling-government-shutdown-98368.html?hp=t3\\_3](http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/senate-update-debt-ceiling-government-shutdown-98368.html?hp=t3_3)

Manu Raju and Burgess Everett

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell are finalizing a deal to avert a debt default and reopen the government, capping a frantic day that had Washington bracing for an economic crisis of its own making. The deal is essentially done, sources say, as aides for the two leaders finished drafting the legislative language Tuesday night. The Senate adjourned at about 10 p.m. with no official word on a deal and will reconvene at noon Wednesday. Reid and McConnell are expected to brief their respective caucuses Wednesday, hours before the country could fail to pay its bills for the first time in history. Cooperation will be needed from members of both parties in order to avoid default as well as to end the first government shutdown in 17 years. And a Senate plan will need to clear the House, which has struggled to pass any bill to raise the national debt limit.

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