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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Gov. Haley touts job creation

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131007/ARTICLES/310071012/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Gov-Haley-touts-job-creation>

Felicia Kitzmiller

Gov. Nikki Haley touted economic growth during a luncheon at the Piedmont Club with the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday and urged support for several initiatives. During her tenure, Haley said 38,500 jobs have been created across South Carolina, and new positions were announced in every county except McCormick. South Carolina is the No. 1 tire producer in the country because of Michelin, Bridgestone and Continental Tire, and is poised to become the No. 1 BMW manufacturer in the world, Haley said.

Note: “They don't want to sit on the couch. They want to work. They want to be independent. They want to make their kids proud,” Haley said.

Note: “You never let your government shut down,” Haley said. “... In South Carolina, fortunately, we've got pockets ... My concern is making sure people don't feel the shutdown.”

Associated Press: S.C. Governor Haley signs reimbursement plan

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131007/AIK0105/131009563/1015/AIK0105/sc-governer-haley-signs-reimbursement-plan>

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and the heads of state police and ethics agencies have signed an agreement on the handling of security expenses when governors attend political events, according to documents obtained on Monday by The Associated Press. The agreement, signed Friday by Haley, State Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel and State Ethics Commission director Herb Hayden, defines what sorts of costs should be reimbursed by Haley and future South Carolina governors. Questions about Haley's reimbursements arose after she attended a June fundraiser supporting North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory's agenda.

Note: “We have always followed the guidance of law enforcement and the ethics commission, did so in this instance, and will continue to do so going forward,” Godfrey said. “But we also look for opportunities to clarify and strengthen these guidelines not just for us but for future governors, and, in working with the ethics commission and law enforcement to finalize this unprecedented agreement, Governor Haley's successors can be clear on reimbursement issues.”

Island Packet: Gov. Haley to headline chamber luncheon

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/07/2726587/gov-haley-to-headline-chamber.html>

The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the Region luncheon will feature Gov. Nikki Haley. Haley will discuss regional issues with a panel that includes Beaufort County Council Chairman Paul Sommerville, Hilton Head Island Mayor Drew Laughlin and Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka. The luncheon begins at 11:15 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa and costs \$33 for chamber members and \$43 for nonmembers.

The State: Haley campaign agrees to pay state for political expenses

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131008/NEWS10/310080009/Haley-campaign-agrees-pay-state-political-expenses>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley's campaign has reached an agreement with S.C. law enforcement and campaign watchdogs on paying to use state vehicles and security officers for campaign-related events. The agreement comes six weeks after news reports about Haley and two campaign staffers riding in a state-issued SUV

involved in a minor wreck at a Greensboro event for a political group with ties to Republican N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory. Republican Haley collected more than \$35,000 from N.C. donors in the days around the June event. The wreck raised questions about the governor's use of a state vehicle for what appeared to be a campaign event. State ethics officials told The Associated Press that the Greensboro visit was not campaign-related.

NPR: GOP Governors Chart Different Paths On Shutdown

<http://www.wbur.org/npr/229273304/gop-governors-chart-different-paths-on-shutdown>

Adam Wollner

The federal government shutdown has given governors across the country an opportunity to take part in one of their favorite pastimes: scolding Washington. Among Republicans, though, there appears to be some disagreement over exactly who's to blame for the latest budget impasse. One camp of GOP governors — often those in blue states or with national ambitions (if not both) — has largely chastised all parties involved. They're eager to distance themselves from Washington and portray themselves as results-oriented "outsiders." A handful of others are largely in sync with their Capitol Hill colleagues, pointing to President Obama as almost solely responsible for the shutdown.

Note: Haley, who is up for re-election next year and a prospect for national office, wrote on her official Facebook page that "a complete lack of leadership," particularly from the White House, is to blame for the shutdown. "No Governor of a state would let this happen," the South Carolina conservative went on to write. "It is inexcusable for the President to allow this to happen in our country."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Rock Hill Herald: Battling domestic violence

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/07/5282986/battling-domestic-violence.html>

Editorial

South Carolina once again has topped a list as first in the nation, but it's nothing to be proud of. The state has been ranked as the No. 1 state when it comes to men killing women. The ranking was based on 2011 crime data that showed 61 women in the state killed at the hands of men. That represents a rate of 2.54 per 100,000 of females murdered by males, more than double the national average. Sadly this is no rare glitch in the statistical data. Rather, it almost seems to be ingrained in the state's DNA. This is the third year in the past 10 years that the Violence Policy Center has ranked South Carolina in the top spot. Last year and in 2006, South Carolina ranked second.

Times and Democrat (Guest Column): 'No Child' law continues its record of failure

http://thetandd.com/news/no-child-law-continues-its-record-of-failure/article_92a50300-2f92-11e3-9aa3-001a4bcf887a.html

Kristin Coker

THE ISSUE: School reform. OUR OPINION: At classroom level, 'No child' law presents an impossible standard. Education is evolving at lightning speed. High school students are earning college credits before their graduation. Students are blogging homework assignments so their work can be evaluated by peers as well as teachers. Schools are putting laptops and tablets in the hands of every student, allowing access to online instruction, video production and global research. More students than ever are enrolled in preschool. Common Core curriculum is sweeping the nation. Still, American schools are mired in the mess of No Child Left Behind, a failed reform that keeps on sharing its failures with students and faculty.

The State: Columbia Failed Public By Running Water, Sewer System In Ground

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

Editorial

Water and sewer lines are supposed to be buried, but the extent to which Columbia has run its utilities into the ground is inexcusable. The spill-prone sewer system is in such poor condition that it has become a constant threat to our rivers. So much so that the federal government has fined the city, ordered it to clean the pollution out of local tributaries and demanded hundreds of millions of dollars in upgrades. Frankly, it is disconcerting that the Environmental Protection Agency had to intervene at all. Surely our capital city, which owns the largest sewage plant and one of the largest collection systems in the state, has the knowledge and resources to deliver high-quality service in a safe, responsible, environmentally friendly manner.

Greenville News: City stepping forward on texting

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131008/OPINION/310080001/Greenville-News-editorial-City->

[stepping-forward-texting](#)

Editorial

The city of Greenville has become the latest in South Carolina to study a local ban on texting and driving. It is a welcome push in a state where the Legislature has stubbornly resisted passing a state law to rein in what is a dangerous, often deadly, activity. There are at least 13 cities in South Carolina that have some sort of texting and driving ban in place, according to a recent report in The Greenville News; however, the state is one of just three that does not have at least some sort of a statewide ban in place, and lawmakers do not appear to be close to implementing one.

South Carolina News:

Politico: GOP senators weigh blocking Democrats on debt ceiling

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/debt-ceiling-gop-senators-democrats-97965.html#ixzz2h7q8TqH1>

Burgess Everett and Manu Raju

Senate Republicans are weighing whether to kill a bill to increase the debt ceiling later this week, a procedural decision fraught with major political and economic ramifications as the country confronts an Oct. 17 deadline. Sens. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) were the only two members of the 46-member GOP caucus to say Monday evening they support advancing a bill to increase the debt ceiling. Graham said he could back a clean increase — but not of the length being mulled by Democratic leaders through the 2014 midterm elections. Hungry for a big deal, Graham said he could only support a short-term increase that allows Washington leaders to finally craft a long-sought deficit reduction “grand bargain.”

Island Packet: Sanford: Appropriations process, not Obamacare, led to shutdown

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/07/2726559/sanford-appropriations-process.html#storylink=cpy>

Tom Barton

During a visit to Hilton Head Island on Monday, U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford blamed the federal government shutdown on a failed congressional appropriations process, denying that a Republican effort to limit or block the health care law is the culprit. "The current debate in Washington, at the end of the day, is not really about the Affordable Care Act," Sanford, R-Charleston, told the Hilton Head Island First Monday Republican Lunch Group. "It is about a fundamental breakdown that has occurred in this country on the way we spend money in Washington." Congress failed to pass any appropriations bills this year, relying instead on continuing resolutions to fund the government temporarily, Sanford said.

Post and Courier: Gitmo still good site for terrorist interrogation, Graham says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131007/PC16/131009495/1009/gitmo-still-good-site-for-terrorist-interrogation-graham-says&source=RSS>

Schuyler Kropf

South Carolina U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham says America's fleet of Navy ships aren't meant to be holding sites for terrorists. Two days after the alleged mastermind in the bombings of U.S. embassies was snatched from a car in Libya, Graham said terror suspect Abu Anas al-Libi should not be housed indefinitely on a Navy vessel ahead of his eventual return to the U.S. "I believe the most responsible course of action would be to hold him as an enemy combatant at Guantanamo Bay for intelligence-gathering purposes," Graham, R-S.C., said. "U.S. Navy ships were never intended to be confinement and interrogation facilities in the war on the terror," he added.

The State: 2,000 S.C. Defense Workers Return To Work

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TK4PGTDB

Jamie Self

Almost 2,000 civilian workers at South Carolina's military bases returned to work Monday. The workers had been furloughed and sent home without pay last week by the still-ongoing partial shutdown of the federal government. "It's is very good to be back at work," said Maj. Cindi King with the S.C. National Guard, which had about 800 employees on furlough last week. "All of us are honored to serve the state of South Carolina and our nation. It's why we put on the uniform and answered the call to serve." The shutdown, which required federal employees deemed nonessential to go on furlough, started last Tuesday after the U.S. Congress failed to agree on a spending plan.

The State: One Week Later, ACA Enrollment In SC Sputtering

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

Joey Holleman

The new Health Insurance Marketplace has stumbled out of starting gate, with seven days of performance ranging from slow service to no service on the healthcare.gov website. But the people who are trying to help people sign up for health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act say the start isn't as important as the finish in what they see as a marathon. Cooperative Ministries earned the federal grant to help people in the Midlands navigate the online marketplace, and it brought in the S.C. Progressive Network and the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council as partners. But the navigators had to come up with other plans for the first week.

Post and Courier: Citadel earns national award for community service

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131007/PC16/131009512/1389/citadel-earns-national-award-for-community-service>

Diane Knich

Citadel cadet Terrance Martin worked with fifth - and sixth-graders Monday morning at Daniel Jenkins Academy helping them to identify their strengths so they could build on them. Then, in the afternoon, the senior from Cowen, Tenn. spent time at Healing Farms Ministries, helping young adults with intellectual disabilities with their daily routines. Martin and his fellow cadets and staffers at the military college contribute thousands of hours of service work to the Charleston-area each year. On Monday, the school was recognized for those efforts.

Associated Press: Donors pledge up to \$10 million to fund Head Start

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/07/donors-pledge-10-million-fund-head-start/>

National Head Start Association officials say a donation of up to \$10 million from two philanthropists will help keep Head Start programs running during the federal government shutdown. NHTS officials said in a release Monday that Laura and John Arnold's donation will help serve more than 7,000 at-risk children while the government shutdown continues. Programs in Georgia, Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, South Carolina and Missouri were closed at the end of the first week of the shutdown. NHTS officials say the programs have been allocated federal funding, but administrators are blocked from accessing the money because of the stalemate in Washington.

The State: Santee-Cooper awards contract to build state's first solar farm

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/07/3025618/santee-cooper-awards-contract.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Santee Cooper has awarded a contract to Liberty Sun Energy to build and operate the state's largest solar farm, a 3-megawatt project near Walterboro in Colleton County. Construction is expected to begin on the 18- to 20-acre site Oct. 14, with project completion anticipated by the end of 2013. State-owned Santee Cooper will purchase the farm's solar power in collaboration with Central Electric Power Cooperative and the state's electric cooperatives. The solar farm site is at 1751 Hiers Corner Road in Walterboro. That rural site, just west of the town of Walterboro off I-95, is about 20 miles south of the intersection of I-95 and I-26.

Associated Press: DHEC, SLED discussing prescription drug abuse

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RHsGE3m6

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina officials are gathering to discuss prescription drug abuse in the state. State Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel is holding a news conference Tuesday with Department of Health and Environmental Control director Catherine Templeton. Officials say they are planning to talk about a new effort to combat prescription drug abuse in the state. DHEC says in 2011 South Carolina ranked 23rd highest per capita in overdose deaths from prescription medication. Several state lawmakers and local law enforcement officials are expected to join Keel and Templeton on Tuesday.

The State: S.C. Commerce Department names two to positions

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/07/3026112/business-notebook.html#storylink=cpy>

Allison Skipper has joined the S.C. Department of Commerce as marketing and communications director, the agency said Monday. Skipper replaces Amy Love, who will launch and direct the department's new Office of Innovation. Skipper, a University of South Carolina graduate who previously worked for nine years at the S.C. State Ports Authority in Charleston, will serve as spokeswoman for the department and will lead the strategic communications initiative. Love, a Furman University graduate who earned her master's in public relations from USC, will lead the state's effort to support and grow a technology-based, entrepreneurial business environment, the department said.

Local News:

The Item: Baker wants to retain post

http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/baker-wants-to-retain-post/article_1827f052-50bb-516c-a99d-cfab1f412fe3.html

Braden Bunch

Dr. Frank Baker, the current interim superintendent of Sumter School District, said he would like to see his position become permanent. The former superintendent of Sumter School District 2, Baker was first hired to lead the local school district in July, after the consolidated district parted ways with its first superintendent, Randolph Bynum, following two increasingly tumultuous years. Since taking the helm, Baker said he has instituted a number of changes, including cutting back on personnel in the administration office, which, according to his figures, has led to \$800,000 in savings.

Post and Courier: Charleston County school officials looking at November 2014 school building referendum but need lawmakers help

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131007/PC16/131009488/1389/charleston-county-school-officials-looking-at-november-2014-school-building-referendum-but-need-lawmakers-help>

Diette Courrege Casey

Charleston County school leaders need lawmakers help if they want to ask voters in November 2014 to extend the 1 percent sales tax for school building construction. School district officials have been eyeing next year's general election as ripe for putting the referendum on voters' ballots, but Mike Bobby, the district's chief of finance and operations, said Monday that can't happen until November 2016 unless state law is changed. State law doesn't allow the school district to make that request of voters until two years before the tax ends. That means they couldn't put the issue on voters' ballots until December 2014, which would be a month too late for the November general election.

Aiken Standard: Lower Savannah COG's Workforce Development Board receives award

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131007/AIK0101/131009529/1007/AIK0101/lower-savannah-cog-x2019-s-workforce-development-board-receives-award>

The Lower Savannah Council of Governments' Workforce Development Board in Aiken recently received a 2013 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation for the GPS Your Career Destination Youth Forum. More than 300 students in the Lower Savannah Region attended the Youth Forum. It featured speakers who encouraged youngsters to stay in school, seek post-secondary opportunities and become productive citizens.

The State: Panel On Bond Reform Supports Police, Prosecutor Cooperation

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GaEusP1J

Noelle Phillips

A Columbia panel tasked with making recommendations for improving the criminal bond system wants an early legal assistance program between local police and prosecutors to continue. The program, which has been in place in the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office since 1975, allows police officers to seek advice from attorneys before making an arrest. However, it came under scrutiny after the July 1 killing of 33-year-old Kelly Hunnewell, who was working alone in a commercial bakery when she was shot. In that case, one of the three accused killers had been identified as a burglary suspect days earlier but had remained on the streets after a Columbia police investigator and an assistant solicitor failed to reach an agreement on issuing an arrest warrant for him.

National News:

Politico: House unlikely to pass debt ceiling bill this week

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/house-debt-ceiling-bill-97950.html>

Jake Sherman

It will be more of the same this week in the House. House Republicans have no plans to try to pass a bill to hike the nation's borrowing limit this week, according to Republican aides. Instead, Speaker John Boehner's (R-Ohio) chamber will use the week to continue to pass targeted spending bills in an attempt to reopen parts of the currently shuttered government. Those bills have been rejected by Senate Democrats and President Barack Obama. Time is running short. The Treasury Department says the debt ceiling must be lifted in the next ten days — the most current projection is Oct. 17. Since taking the majority, Boehner's House has typically preferred to lay down a legislative marker at the outset of a fight by passing a bill with only

Republican votes.

Associated Press: Senate Dems to try passing debt ceiling increase

http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_bc42bbec-3007-11e3-9fe4-0019bb30f31a.html

Democrats controlling the Senate are planning to try to pass a stand-alone measure to increase the government's borrowing cap, challenging Republicans to a filibuster showdown that could unnerve financial markets as the deadline to a first-ever default on U.S. obligations draws closer. A spokesman said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid could unveil the measure as early as Tuesday, setting the table for a test vote later in the week. The measure is expected to provide enough borrowing room to last beyond next year's election, which means it likely will permit \$1 trillion or more in new borrowing above the current \$16.7 trillion debt ceiling that the administration says will be hit on Oct. 17.

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