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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Cuccinelli, Haley campaign together

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131016/WIRE/131019761/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Cuccinelli-Haley-campaign-together->

Bob Lewis

South Carolina Gov. Nikki is campaigning with fellow Republican Ken Cuccinelli in his bid for governor. Haley joined Cuccinelli in Ashland Wednesday to tour a sheet metal fabrication business. The two talked about health care and government regulation with three brothers who started the business in 1990. Haley said the budget and debt ceiling standoff in Washington shouldn't damage Republican prospects in the election less than three weeks away, but underscores the need for governors like herself and Cuccinelli. Haley also challenged Democrat Terry McAuliffe to release his income tax returns to resolve questions about where and how he earned his money

WCIV: Earthquake drill aimed at safety, preparedness

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/23707526/earthquake-drill-aimed-at-safety-preparedness>

Groups across the Charleston will join more than 200,000 people in the Southeast and millions of others across the country on Thursday to participate in an earthquake safety drill. Groups will learn what to do before, during and after an earthquake as part of the event, called the Great Southeast ShakeOut. The event will be signaled at 10:18 a.m. by a special tone on NOAA weather radios. Charleston Mayor Joe Riley is scheduled to join students in the College of Charleston's Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) for the drill.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley declared the week Earthquake Awareness Week to further promote earthquake preparedness around the state.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Haley, Sheheen headline party fundraisers

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/16/3041566/haley-sheheen-headline-party-fundraisers.html>

Adam Beam

South Carolina's two candidates for governor will be headlining fundraisers for their respective political parties -- and both candidates are criticizing each other for it. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley will speak at a Republican Party fundraiser on Nov. 6 at the Lace House, which is on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion. And Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen will appear at a South Carolina Democratic Party fundraiser Thursday night in New York City. Both campaigns said the fundraisers are strictly for the political parties and contributions will not go to the candidates' respective campaign accounts. But that hasn't stopped both sides from criticizing the other.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC pastor announces bid to unseat Rep. Clyburn

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

A Sumter pastor says he wants the Republican Party's nod to run against U.S. Rep. James Clyburn in South Carolina's 6th District. The Rev. Leon Winn made his announcement at the Sumter County Judicial Center on Tuesday. Winn is a 58-year-old Air Force veteran and says he has been the pastor of Rock Hill Baptist Church in Manning for about 15 years. Winn said he wants to break the gridlock in Congress. He says he believes in free enterprise, jobs, and not handouts. If he wins the GOP nomination in June, Winn would most likely face the long-serving incumbent Democrat Clyburn. Winn ran as the Republican candidate for state senator last year, falling to then-state Rep. Kevin L. Johnson Jr., D-Manning.

Associated Press: SC court reverses death sentence in torture case

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6OJzxoKJ

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's high court on Wednesday reversed the death sentence of a man convicted in a teen's 2001 torture and death, ruling that the defendant should have been allowed to represent himself at trial. Steven Barnes, 34, has been on death row since his 2010 conviction. Prosecutors said he beat 16-year-old Samuel Sturup with a pipe after kidnapping him from Augusta, Ga., in September 2001, then stuffed him in a trunk and drove him to South Carolina. Authorities have said that Barnes forced Sturup into the woods, where he ordered four other people to shoot the teen once before Barnes killed him with a shot to the head.

The State: Benjamin Fast Tracking Bond Reform Meeting

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

Harrison Cahill

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin on Wednesday said he is putting on a fast track discussions calling for changes in the legal system to crack down on repeat violent criminals. Surrounded by half a dozen community leaders, Benjamin spoke at a midday press conference on the steps of the Statehouse about the need for judiciary and bond reform. His comments come as the city struggles to deal with the tragic shooting of an 18-year-old USC student Saturday night in Five Points that has left her hospitalized and paralyzed. The man accused in the shooting was a violent offender on probation.

The State: Reps. Kirkman Finlay, Leon Howard call for bond reform for violent crimes

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/16/3041922/rep-kirkman-finlay-leon-howard.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

State Rep. Kirkman Finlay called for bonding reforms outside of his Five Points business, Pawleys Front Porch, on Wednesday afternoon. Finlay, R-Richland County, just a few days after 18-year-old USC student Martha Childress was hit by a stray bullet in Five Points and paralyzed, said something needs to change. The suspect has a criminal past. "This tragedy must be a turning point for the judicial selection process," Finlay said. "A broken system must be reformed." Finlay said he asked Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell, Majority Leader Brice Bannister and Judicial Committee Chairman Greg Delleny to move forward with bonding and judicial selection reforms.

The State: New USC Law School, Farmers Market Purchase Win Key Go-aheads

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YV28TZz2

Andrew Shain

The University of South Carolina's new \$80 million law school won a key approval Wednesday. The legislative Joint Bond Review Committee gave the go-ahead to the new law school in the block bounded by Gervais, Pickens, Senate and Bull streets that will open in two years. The bond committee also agreed to buy nearly 10 acres and several buildings at the new State Farmers Market in Lexington County for \$7 million in state money. The law school and Farmers Market land purchase need approval from the Budget and Control Board to become final.

Greenville News: Nearly 200K in S.C. will fall through health-care gap, foundation reports

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131016/NEWS/310160060/Nearly-200K-S-C-will-fall-through-health-care-gap-foundation-reports>

Liv Osby

Some 5.2 million Americans, including 194,330 South Carolinians, won't qualify for either Medicaid or subsidies to purchase insurance under the Affordable Care Act, the Kaiser Family Foundation reported today. Under the new law, most people must purchase insurance or pay a penalty beginning in January. Those making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level — or \$15,856 for an individual and \$26,951 for a family of three, according to Kaiser — were supposed to be covered by an expansion of the federal Medicaid program. But the Supreme Court ruled that states could decide whether to expand or not.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Inland Port near Greer to begin accepting cargo next week

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131014/ARTICLES/131019836?Title=Inland-Port-near-Greer-to-begin-accepting-cargo-next-week>

Lee G. Healy

S.C. Ports Authority officials say cargo activity at the new Inland Port in Spartanburg County is expected to begin next week. Ports Authority staff was at the site Monday, testing information technology systems,

coordinating schedules and running through preliminary operations, said Erin Pabst, manager of public relations for the S.C. Ports Authority. "We are open," Pabst said. "We have staff on site." Opening was delayed due to heavy rains earlier this year.

Local News:

The State: Five Points Alleged Shooter Got Chances To Stay Out Of Trouble

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

John Monk

Michael Juan Smith, who was roaming Five Points with a stolen Glock handgun early Sunday, had for three years avoided lengthy sentences in Richland County courtrooms on two burglary charges. Smith, a convicted felon who is either 20 or 21 – he has two birthdates in official records – is now the only suspect in the random shooting that left an innocent University of South Carolina student paralyzed and likely never to walk again. A look at Smith's criminal history – contained in state prison records, Richland County courthouse files and Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center records – shows a young man given several chances to go straight and who wound up each time tangling with the law. After his first burglary conviction, when he was given probation, Smith fairly quickly burglarized another dwelling, according to records.

Associated Press: Magazine ranks Charleston tops in U.S., 5th in world

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/16/magazine-ranks-charleston-tops-us-5th-world/>

For the third consecutive year, Charleston has been ranked the top travel destination in the nation by the readers of Conde Nast Traveler magazine. Charleston also was ranked the No. 5 tourist destination in the world. The readers' survey released Tuesday included comments about the city's "insanely nice" locals, "magnificent" bed and breakfasts and "amazing shopping." One reader termed Charleston "a bucket list city." The international rating for Charleston is down a bit from a year ago when the city was judged the top tourist town in both the nation and the world. This year, readers judged San Miguel de Allende in Mexico as the world's best tourist town.

Post and Courier: Two big issues on horizon for Charleston County schools include Common Core, salary changes for employees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131016/PC16/131019530/1177/two-big-issues-on-horizon-for-charleston-county-schools-include-common-core-salary-changes-for-employees>

Ditte Courrege Casey

Charleston County parents who are concerned or confused about the Common Core State Standards soon will have the chance to learn more about those. And some Charleston County School District employees might see changes in their pay as a result of a new salary study. Both issues came up earlier this week during a Charleston County School board meeting and workshop, and board members spent time discussing both. On Common Core, the school board appeared united in its desire to provide more information about the new requirements for what kindergarten through 12th graders must learn in English and math to parents and community members. Board members disagreed about the best way to do that.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Spartanburg oncologist receives the Order of the Palmetto award

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131015/ARTICLES/131019791/1112?Title=Longtime-oncologist-earns-state-s-highest-civilian-honor>

Dustin Wyatt

A longtime Spartanburg oncologist humbly accepted two surprise recognitions Tuesday evening outside the Gibbs Cancer Center in Greer. The garden outside the cancer center, which contains plants and a fountain, was named in Dr. Julian Josey's honor. Then, in front of a crowd of friends, co-workers and family, Josey, who has worked for Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System since 1970, was given the Order of the Palmetto award, the state's highest civilian honor. "This is a mostly undeserved honor," he said as he accepted the award given to him by Rep. Rita Allison, R-Lyman, and Rep. Eddie Tallon, R-Spartanburg, on behalf of Gov. Nikki Haley. "There are no words to express my gratitude."

Greenville News: Southernside bridge needs local fix, transportation secretary says

http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131016/NEWS/310160058/Southernside-bridge-needs-local-fix-transportation-secretary-says?nclick_check=1

Anna Lee

On a trip to Greenville Wednesday, Transportation Secretary Robert St. Onge told community leaders he'd work on finding ways to build a replacement bridge on Hampton Avenue that would fill the hole that is there

now. His comments came after local ministers and state Sen. Karl Allen spoke of families in Southern side divided, access to healthcare and grocery stores limited since the original bridge was demolished last year. The hour-long meeting was organized by Allen, who said he hoped to find a "harmonious solution" to the issue that involves all parties, including the state Department of Transportation and the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study.

Florence Morning News: No ruling yet on penny tax lawsuit from SC Supreme Court

http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_cb14ab32-366d-11e3-86c6-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

The Capital Project Sales Tax referendum lives to stay on the ballot another week after the South Carolina Supreme Court did not pen an opinion on the lawsuit stemming from the referendum's presence on the Nov. 5 ballot. With no ruling more than two weeks after hearing the case of State of South Carolina and the S.C. Department of Revenue v. the County of Florence, Florence County Council and the Florence County Registration and Elections Commission. Florence County is continuing its public service campaign to get the word out to voters about the upcoming election and published a three-page advertisement in the Wednesday issue of the Morning News featuring the entire referendum and precinct polling locations.

Post and Courier: NAACP calls for U.S. Justice Department investigation of police shootings of black men

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131016/PC16/131019540/1177/naacp-calls-for-us-justice-department-investigation-of-police-shootings-of-black-men>

Glenn Smith

Charleston NAACP officials this morning called on the U.S. Justice Department to launch a broad investigation into what they described as a "troubling and outrageous trend" of area police using lethal force against black men. Dot Scott, president of the civil rights organization's Charleston branch, said Saturday's fatal shooting of Derryl Drayton by Charleston County sheriff's deputies is one of four police-involved shootings since March 2012 that demand greater attention. Though police have a right to defend themselves, Scott said, officers who have declared "open hunting season on black men" need to be removed from the ranks of law enforcement, she said.

Island Packet: Jasper County School District's appeal of 'F' grade unsuccessful

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/16/2740602/jasper-county-school-districts.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Bowman

The Jasper County School District's appeal of its lowest-in-the-state score on federal accountability standards was unsuccessful, the state Department of Education announced Tuesday. The state announced that it was upholding the district's second consecutive "F" grade. In an Aug. 28 letter, the district asked the state to review and recalculate the grade it received on standards that are part of the federal No Child Left Behind law. In the letter, the school district says the Department of Education did not take into account the consolidation of two middle schools and two high schools between the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

National News:

Associated Press: Deal reached to avoid default and open government

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_325150/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uKsXXhb1

Alan Fram and Donna Cassata

Senate leaders announced last-minute agreement Wednesday to avert a threatened Treasury default and reopen the government after a partial, 16-day shutdown. Congress raced to pass the measure by day's end. The Dow Jones industrial average soared on the news that the threat of default was fading, flirting with a 200-point gain in morning trading. "This is a time for reconciliation," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of the agreement he had forged with the GOP leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. It was a jubilant moment in the chamber, which on Tuesday was forced to sit back and watch as the effort by House GOP leaders for a bill collapsed in disarray.

Associated Press: Stocks rally after Senate announces debt deal

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_325150/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eM4o1m0J

Steve Rothwell

A last-minute Senate agreement to avoid a U.S. default and reopen the government boosted the stock market Wednesday, pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index close to a record high. Senate leaders announced the agreement following a partial, 16-day government shutdown. Congress raced to pass the measure by day's end. Without a debt deal, the U.S. will hit a Thursday deadline after which it could no

longer borrow money to pay its bills, increasing the chance of a default on government debt. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 174 points, or 1.2 percent, to 15,342 as of 2:08 p.m.

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