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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Haley talks jobs with Daimler Vans executives in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131011/PC05/131019793/1010/haley-drops-in-on-daimler-van-plant>

Abigail Darlington

Gov. Nikki Haley dropped by the Daimler Vans Manufacturing factory for the first time Friday, a month after the company announced plans to invest \$4.6 million and create about 60 new jobs. While production declined for a time because of the recession, demand for the German automaker's Sprinter utility vehicles has jumped recently, creating a favorable climate for the expansion, said Marco Wirtz, president and CEO of the local operation. "My team and I really appreciate the visit and the support of the state, the City of North Charleston and Charleston County over the last seven years," Wirtz said. "It's a great relationship between all involved parties." Daimler Vans currently employs about 123 workers.

Note: "Your job should be easy," Haley said. "If you have any problems, I'll give you my cell number. Call me, and we'll work with you to do whatever you need."

Aiken Standard: Nuclear forum to address local economic impact

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131012/AIK0101/131019855/1004/nuclear-forum-to-address-local-economic-impact>

Derrek Asberry

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, or her designee, will deliver a keynote address at a nuclear impact forum scheduled for Oct. 24. The forum will be held at the USC Aiken Etheredge Center, located at 471 University Parkway, and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness – or CNTA – the forum will include experts who will head discussion panels on the impacts of the nuclear industry on the Central Savannah River Area.

Associated Press: Darlington will be run a month before Mother's Day

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131011/WIRE/131019898/0/search?p=2&tc=pg>

The Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway will be run in April next year after nearly a decade of racing on Mother's Day weekend. Track President Chip Wile said Friday the Sprint Cup event would be held Saturday, April 12. The Nationwide race will be run Friday, April 11. Both those races are run under Darlington's lights. It's the second time Darlington has shifted from a holiday weekend. The track "Too Tough To Tame" ran the Southern 500 on Labor Day weekend for over half a century until shifting to larger California Speedway. Atlanta Motor Speedway currently holds a Labor Day weekend race. "We all believe in Darlington's future," Wile told The Associated Press.

Note: He met with Gov. Nikki Haley earlier this month and is confident she wants to do everything possible moving ahead.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The Item: Area donors favoring Haley over Sheheen

http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/area-donors-favoring-haley-over-sheheen/article_efa5f21b-b965-5f47-b008-9289c79e46b6.html?_dc=723584181861.9519

Braden Bunch

Mirroring the overall fundraising efforts of both candidates, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley easily raised more money in the tri-county area during the past three months for her re-election bid than her expected challenger, State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden. According to the campaign disclosure forms for each candidate, Haley raised \$29,867 from Sumter, Lee and Clarendon county voters and businesses, while Sheheen's campaign brought in \$18,750 from the three counties during the third quarter of 2013. For Haley,

all but \$1,020 of her tri-county fundraising dollars came from Sumter County, with the remainder coming from Clarendon County. Sheheen's local area fundraising was slightly more balanced, with \$15,150 coming from Sumter County voters and businesses, \$2,500 coming from Clarendon County and \$1,100 coming from Lee County.

The State: Ally of SC Gov. Haley to run for lieutenant governor

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/11/3033666/exclusive-ally-of-sc-gov-haley.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

The race to be the state's No. 2 executive is getting a candidate with strong ties to S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley. Charleston developer Pat McKinney plans to announce Monday that he will seek the GOP nomination for the job of lieutenant governor, a post currently held by Republican Glenn McConnell. Democratic state Rep. Bakari Sellers of Bamberg also plans to run. McKinney, a partner in the company responsible for turning Kiawah Island into a major high-end beach destination, has a close relationship with Republican Haley. Haley and McConnell, a former state Senate leader from Charleston, have not always gotten along, though supporters insist they are on good terms.

Note: "Gov. Haley is staying out of the lieutenant governor's race, but she always thinks it's wonderful when great people choose to get involved with their government, and Pat and Pam McKinney are most definitely great people and great friends," spokesman Rob Godfrey said.

Island Packet: Map: Contributions to Nikki Haley's 2014 Campaign for Governor

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/10/2732082/map-contributions-to-nikki-haleys.html#storylink=cpy>

This map shows where Haley's more than 4,000 contributions totaling more than \$2 million have come from in South Carolina. Just click on a circle to zoom in to see where supporters of Haley's campaign live and how much they contributed. If you cannot see the map below, click this link.

To view map: [https://www.google.com/fusiontables/embedviz?q=select+col3%3E%3E1+from+1Xy_NctsqaDzOmdrp_jrdDhsa-](https://www.google.com/fusiontables/embedviz?q=select+col3%3E%3E1+from+1Xy_NctsqaDzOmdrp_jrdDhsa-9Y76yBX4O9zFyA&viz=MAP&h=false&lat=35.28421114977199&lng=-90.92862812500005&t=1&z=4&l=col3%3E%3E1&y=2&tmplt=2&hml=KML)

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Post and Courier: Lowcountry businessman to enter lieutenant governor race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131011/PC16/131019885/1031/lowcountry-businessman-to-enter-lieutenant-governor-race>

A local developer will formally enter the Republican race for lieutenant governor on Monday. Pat McKinney will challenge for the seat currently held by GOP incumbent Glenn McConnell. McKinney recently retired from Kiawah Partners, where he served as managing partner of the real estate company. He was among the original investors in Kiawah Resort Associates, which invested \$105 million to buy Kiawah Island in 1988. KRA then developed the residential portion of the property into a high-end vacation home and golf destination.

The State: Democratic Challenger Raises More Than Incumbent SC Schools Chief

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xe9cEC6R

Jamie Self

Democratic state Rep. Mike Anthony closed his first fundraising quarter in the race for state superintendent of education ahead of Republican incumbent Mick Zais. Anthony, a retired public-school football coach and teacher from Union, raised \$27,575 and has \$19,219 cash on hand, campaign finance reports filed Thursday show. Zais, of Columbia, raised \$11,406 during the quarter and has \$13,238 in cash on hand. He owes \$45,578 on a campaign loan from his 2010 campaign. VIEW: Contributions and expenditures in 2014 state superintendent race

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: People want ethical government

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131012/PC1002/131019788/1022/people-want-ethical-government>
Editorial

A committee of state senators thinks that South Carolina's ethics laws are just as fine now as they were in 1991 when they were passed. An impressive committee, put together by Gov. Nikki Haley to recommend ethics reforms, found many reasons to reform the laws, and many ways to improve the laws to protect the state from corruption. It was chaired by two former attorneys general, and it included highly regarded state leaders, none of them office holders. The South Carolina Press Association was represented as well.

Sun News (Guest Column): Georgetown comes together in wake of Front Street fire
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/12/3765996/georgetown-comes-together-in-wake.html#storylink=cpy>

Holly Causey

On the morning of the Front Street fire, I first saw the smoke when I opened the door to let the dog out. I called a friend and together we walked down the few blocks from home to what turned out to be a nightmare scene. We watched firefighters work to control the flames that ravaged the 700 block, eventually destroying seven buildings. It was devastating to watch people I knew in tears as their homes and businesses burned in front of their eyes. Some people lost everything. That fire also took with it part of Georgetown's history and a part of our community that was very special to residents from throughout the county.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC pension board exec says treasurer bullied him
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=O9veNRDu

Jeffrey Collins

The chief operating officer for the agency that invests pension money for South Carolina workers announced his resignation Friday, saying he is leaving after seven months on the job because he can't stand being bullied by state Treasurer Curtis Loftis. Retirement System Investment Commission showed its support of Darry Oliver's decision at a special meeting by passing a new anti-bullying policy. "We do not expect our people to endure being called names I am not going to say on television. It is not permissible in polite society," said board Chairman Reynolds Williams.

The State: SC Pension Chief Quits; Loftis Storms Out
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=p0nrxAiK

Adam Beam

State Treasurer Curtis Loftis cursed out a state official last month, that executive said. Darry Oliver resigned in protest Friday, and the Retirement System Investment Commission immediately replaced him with former state Sen. Greg Ryberg, R-Aiken, who will be paid a \$161,000 salary. Oliver, who had only been on the job as the Investment Commission's chief operating officer for seven months, resigned after saying Loftis cursed at him during a Sept. 30 phone call. "I can no longer put up with the games, hypocrisy and abusive bullying tactics by the treasurer," Oliver wrote in an email to commission chairman Reynolds Williams shortly after the phone call with Loftis. "I was put into a toxic position as (chief operating officer) and have been in firefighting mode since Day 1. I refuse to take these personal attacks."

Aiken Standard: Educators concerned about state superintendent's proposals
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131012/AIK0101/131019835/educators-concerned-about-state-superintendents-proposals>

Rob Novit

When King Laurence taught fifth grade in the 1980s, he worked with 33 students every day. Decades later, the maximum classroom size is about 27 to 1 teacher, "and those six or seven students less make a big a difference," he said. Mick Zais, the state superintendent of education, recently proposed significant changes that, in part, would allow individual school districts the flexibility to increase the number of students in a classroom – beyond the maximums now based on grade and subject areas. In addition, he suggested other changes that could affect how assistant principals, guidance counselors and even principals are reduced in numbers within schools in some situations.

Aiken Standard: 270 Wackenhut security employees furloughed at SRS
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131012/AIK0101/131019874/1004/270-wackenhut-security-employees-furloughed-at-srs>

Derrek Asberry

Wackenhut Services Incorporated, the security contractors at the Savannah River Site, announced it is furloughing 270 employees from its workforce beginning today. The furloughs will run through next week. "The Department of Energy directed the company to ramp down operations to perform only those activities necessary to protect DOE security interests at the site based on the current reduction of site operations," said Bill Taylor, public information officer with DOE-SRS. The security contractor has a workforce of 706 employees that will be reduced to 436 workers after next week until DOE can bring back the furloughed workers.

The State: Furloughs announced for 270 SRS security contractors

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/11/3033137/furloughs-announced-for-270-srs.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

The company that provides security to the Savannah River Site said Friday it will furlough 270 of its 706 employees at the nuclear site near Aiken. Wackenhut Services will begin furloughing the workers this week. The process will take about a week, said spokesman Rob Davis. The company had not been impacted by the federal government's partial shutdown until this week, Davis said. "We still have a mission here – to protect the interests at the site – and we will continue to do that."

Local News:

The State: Midlands Hospitals Aren't In Some New Insurance Provider Networks

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4eu6jbcG

Joey Holleman

People shopping for coverage through the Affordable Care Act need to pay close attention to the provider networks, which are narrower than many private insurance plans were in the past – so narrow that some major hospitals aren't in-network in some plans. If a doctor you are accustomed to visiting isn't in an insurance company's provider network, you will have to change doctors or have no insurance coverage – at all – for treatment by your old doctor. The same goes for hospitals. If you live in Lexington County and expect to go to Lexington Medical Center, the hospital is only in-network on one of the four companies providing coverage on the Health Insurance Marketplace in South Carolina, Coventry Health Care of the Carolinas.

Island Packet: Shutdown forcing Beaufort County food banks to prepare for loss of WIC benefits

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/11/2733566/shutdown-forcing-beaufort-county.html#storylink=cpy>

Dan Burley

Beaufort County food banks are stocking supplies to meet a possible influx of low-income mothers whose checks from a federal nutrition program might stop, if the partial government shutdown continues beyond the end of the month. Workers at area food banks said Friday they are calling frequent donors for supplies and stocking up on milk, fruit, vegetables and baby formula -- especially soy-based blends for infants with special dietary needs. "If we do have a greater need, especially when it comes for items for children, we reach out to the community," said Julie Delguercio, assistant director at Bluffton Self Help.

Anderson Independent: Jobs center touted as key to Anderson County's economic development

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/11/jobs-center-touted-key-anderson-countys-economic-d/>

Nikie Mayo

Tri-County Technical College's new job-training center in Anderson will be a powerful tool for the region's workers, officials connected to the project said Friday. County, state and college officials gathered to give the public the first glimpse of the QuickJobs Development Center, which includes two classrooms, a computer lab, a training room and offices. It also includes an Anderson office for S.C. Works, a statewide career center that offers employment services. The new job center is across the street from Tri-County Tech's Anderson campus on Michelin Boulevard. It is expected to be open and serving students and businesses in a few weeks.

Anderson Independent: Gambling arrests are blow to state's video sweepstakes industry

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/11/gambling-arrests-are-blow-to-states-video/>

Kirk Brown

This week's arrests of two Anderson County men on gambling and money-laundering charges are the latest and perhaps biggest blow against the video sweepstakes industry in South Carolina. In the past few years, law enforcement agents have seized scores of video sweepstakes machines from Internet cafes and convenience stores across the state. On a single day in April, they removed 56 of these devices from 19 Anderson-area stores. Another 750 machines were taken from a Lexington County warehouse in August.

Note: The Pickens Republican, who is chairman of the state Senate Judiciary Committee, sponsored a measure this year that closed a perceived legal loophole by clearly specifying that video sweepstakes machines are a form of illegal gambling. Gov. Nikki Haley signed the legislation into law in March.

The State: Columbia Planners Set Sights On Adding To Vista

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pCt6stiG

Roddie Burris

Removing the train tracks that crossed Gervais Street opened up the Vista to new life, the historical marker by the old seaboard depot along Lincoln Street declares. City planners are looking for the next new steps they may take in assisting that eclectic part of town to come further into its own. Planners on Friday held the first of a series of sessions accepting public input to form a way forward. A formal plan is likely to come before city officials in the spring. Characterized by quaint shops, unique restaurants, modern offices and titillating nightlife, all in historic brick buildings, the Vista may need some tweaking to make a good thing better, planning officials said.

Island Packet: Marie Smalls named new elections director

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/11/2733443/marie-smalls-named-new-elections.html>

The Beaufort County Board of Voter Registration and Elections selected Marie Smalls to lead the department. Smalls has been serving as the office's interim director since July 1, after Scott Marshall left the position to become director of county Parks and Leisure Services. Smalls has worked as deputy director of the office since 2005 and has worked for the county for 31 years.

National News:

Associated Press: During shutdown, congressional pay strikes a nerve

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131012/PC16/131019771/1006/during-shutdown-congressional-pay-strikes-a-nerve>

Ken Thomas and Henry Jackson

When Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb., was asked whether he'd continue to collect his paycheck during the government shutdown, he offered a defiant response: "Dang straight." Days later, a penitent Terry changed course, telling his hometown paper, the Omaha World-Herald, that he was "ashamed" of his comments and would have his salary withheld until furloughed government workers got paid again. The reversal piqued the interest of a potential challenger and generated a front-page headline that any member of Congress would dread: "Terry sorry for putting his needs above others."

Associated Press: Emerging Senate Proposal Focus In Budget Battle

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_BUDGET_BATTLE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2013-10-12-06-05-47

Andrew Taylor

A bipartisan group of senators is polishing a plan that would reopen the government and prevent an unprecedented default on the country's bills, while talks between the White House and House Republicans for a way out of the financial mess have stalled. Senators planned to vote Saturday on a Democratic measure to lift the government's borrowing cap through the end of next year. Republicans were poised to reject it. Senate leaders were keeping close watch on the work by the bipartisan group. An emerging proposal by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and others would pair a six-month plan to keep the government open with an increase in the government's borrowing limit through January.

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