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### Gov. Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Inland port opens Monday in the Upstate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131013/PC05/131019810/1010/inland-port-opens-monday-in-the-upstate>

Tyrone Richardson

It's an idea that's been kicked around for years, and it will get a chance to prove itself starting this week. The State Ports Authority's newest terminal opens Monday in Spartanburg County, far from the Charleston waterfront. The hope is that the so-called inland port will boost commerce in the state's industrial Upstate region while also increasing the maritime agency's market share in the Southeast. The SPA broke ground March 1 on the 100-acre facility, where shipping containers will be transferred between trucks and Norfolk Southern rail cars running to and from Charleston. Officials have estimated that it will handle about 40,000 boxes in its first year.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley said the inland port sends a message to businesses about South Carolina's ability to adapt and innovate. "It shows that the state is moving," Haley said after an event at Trident Technical College last week. "That's the biggest benefit."

**Times and Democrat:** Event uses fun and games to teach serious safety lessons

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/event-uses-fun-and-games-to-teach-serious-safety-lessons/article\\_89eaebd0-33b6-11e3-a3bf-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/event-uses-fun-and-games-to-teach-serious-safety-lessons/article_89eaebd0-33b6-11e3-a3bf-0019bb2963f4.html)

Kimberlei N. Davis

It's never too early to prepare for a career as a police officer. Dayan Fogle was excited that he had a chance to participate in Saturday's bike rodeo and learn from Orangeburg Department of Public Safety bike patrol officers what it's like to serve and protect. Fogle, a fourth-grade student at Whittaker Elementary School, was the first in line to participate in the rodeo and says "I want to be a police officer. I like when I see officers helping people and that's what I want to do too!"

**Note:** Following the passage of the Student Athletes Concussion Bill signed by Gov. Nikki Haley, Funderburk said a new display focusing on concussions was added this year. The bill works to advance the identification and treatment of concussions in student athletes, focusing on concussion awareness and prevention.

**Greenville News:** S.C. jobs from recruitment slow

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131013/NEWS09/310130020/S-C-jobs-from-recruitment-slow>

Tim Smith

The number of recruited jobs in South Carolina has fallen from 20,000 in 2011 to slightly more than 8,100 so far this year, although the actual number of jobs has increased slightly, figures show. The number of recruited jobs is considered a prime metric of business recruitment in the state and represents the numbers of jobs announced by the South Carolina Department of Commerce as a result of the state's recruitment efforts. The overall number of jobs in the state has increased by 1.7 percent from August this year compared to August last year, according to the federal government. Nationally, job growth for the same period was about the same, 1.65 percent.

**Note:** "Governor Haley's economic development record speaks for itself with over 38,000 new jobs announced, over \$9 billion invested, and job announcements made in 45 out of 46 counties," said Doug Mayer, a Haley spokesman. "These kinds of numbers and success are the direct result of a statewide approach to economic development that includes rural communities, in-state company expansions, and the ability to attract new businesses from out-of-state and overseas. But this is just the beginning — the governor is committed to making our business environment the most competitive in the country, creating even more opportunities for every South Carolinian."

**Greenville News:** State's decision not to expand Medicaid creates coverage gaps in S.C.

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131013/SPECIAL09/310130001/State-s-decision-not-expand-Medicaid-creates-coverage-gaps-S-C->

Liv Osby

During her husband's four-year battle with leukemia, Lacie Barber got an object lesson in the value of good insurance coverage. Between hospitalizations and doctor visits, chemotherapy and expensive drugs, it seemed like every day brought a mailbox full of new bills. "If it wasn't for the insurance ... I'd still be paying for all these bills," she told The Greenville News. "It was thousands and thousands of dollars." When he was just 39, in spite of all the treatments and prayers, Barber's husband died, leaving her to raise her young daughter alone. She was managing, thanks to a job that had insurance benefits. But in January, her position was eliminated along with her coverage.

**Note:** "Shoving more South Carolinians into a broken system that won't improve health outcomes or lower costs and would only serve to jeopardize the state's future financial stability might work for Washington, but it doesn't work here," said Doug Mayer, spokesman for Gov. Nikki Haley.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**The State:** Midlands could benefit from Reality Check

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/13/3033386/editorial-midlands-could-benefit.html>

Editorial

We've long encouraged government, business and other leaders to ignore the arbitrary boundaries between jurisdictions, move beyond differences and leverage their resources to make the Midlands more vibrant and attractive. That's exactly what 300 community leaders will be asked to do when they come together Oct. 22 to chart a course for the eight-county region of Lexington, Richland, Kershaw, Fairfield, Newberry, Saluda, Sumter and Calhoun. The initiative, dubbed Midlands Reality Check, is being led by the Urban Land Institute, which notes that the region must be prepared to ensure that significant growth headed our way is orderly, smart and sustainable.

**Post and Courier:** Don't let boom be a blowout

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131013/PC1002/131019743/1022/don-x2019-t-let-boom-be-a-blowout>

Editorial

From all indications, the Charleston metropolitan area is rapidly leaving the Great Recession behind. Employment growth is twice the U.S. average since 2011. Last housing starts are up 29 percent over the previous year. The port is booming — the value of exports increased 33 percent between 2010 and 2012. And the area's population is growing at an astounding rate — three times the U.S. average, according to a recent report from the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Development Alliance. All that good news needs to be tempered by one projected figure included in the Chamber report.

**Times and Democrat:** Retail recruitment needs to be focus alongside industry

[http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/retail-recruitment-needs-to-be-focus-alongside-industry/article\\_2ec93b6c-32fd-11e3-926c-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/retail-recruitment-needs-to-be-focus-alongside-industry/article_2ec93b6c-32fd-11e3-926c-0019bb2963f4.html)

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Developing Orangeburg; OUR OPINION: Emphasis on retailers – and getting them a true picture – is vital. During the height of industrial migration from north to south in the final decades of the 20th century, states such as South Carolina and its localities focused development efforts almost exclusively on attracting industry. Even today, as South Carolina enjoys what has been called by S.C. Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt a "manufacturing renaissance," industrial parks, speculative buildings and government incentives are primarily aimed at industry – those businesses that make things and provide South Carolinians with jobs in the process.

**The State (Guest Column):** Give schools flexibility to succeed

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/13/3033484/zais-give-schools-flexibility.html>

Mick Zais

The hallmark of education in South Carolina has been local control: allowing school districts to make decisions that best fit each of our diverse communities. At times, well-intended but misguided policymakers and legislators in Columbia wrap red tape around schools that limit opportunities to transform learning. The idea that innovation can come only from Columbia locks schools into one-size-fits-all solutions and prevents us from bringing our classrooms into the 21st century. For innovation to occur in our schools, we need to

empower local school districts to make decisions that best fit the unique needs of their students. Recently, the S.C. Department of Education proposed revising a regulation that strangles initiative with detailed mandates. Instead, we would provide more flexibility to superintendents and principals regarding class sizes and staffing levels. To listen to some, one would think that revising this regulation would lead to classes with 50 students.

**Florence Morning News:** Classroom cap sizes need to stay in place

[http://www.scnow.com/opinion/editorials/article\\_21f44168-32c9-11e3-83d0-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.scnow.com/opinion/editorials/article_21f44168-32c9-11e3-83d0-0019bb30f31a.html)

Editorial

Since taking office in 2011, the state's conservative and somewhat controversial superintendent of education, Mick Zais, has shown a strong preference for charter schools, overall choice for parents in education and the need for some fundamental changes in the way we do education in South Carolina and America. He has sought better accountability for teachers, flexibility in instructional time and more realistic grading systems for districts and district personnel. He worked to grant South Carolina waivers from the No Child Left Behind Act, which he said was needed in order to give school districts flexibility to be innovative, creative and transformative.

**Post and Courier:** Strive for more solar power

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131013/PC1002/131019744/1022/stop-blocking-out-solar-power>

Editorial

Nobody is saying that solar power is the answer to all the state's power needs — only that it's promising as a part of the equation. Unfortunately, too many of South Carolina's lawmakers seem to be looking for reasons that solar power can't work instead of searching for ways that it can. They're turning a deaf ear to a growing number of people who like the idea of reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, being kind to the environment, saving some money — and not trailing the rest of the country in yet another area. As Tony Bartelme and Doug Pardue report in today's paper, the issue isn't simple.

**The State:** When bribery becomes an 'ordinary expense'

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/13/3033421/scope-when-bribery-becomes-an.html>

Editorial

It's fairly routine, in business and in government, to reimburse people for spending their own money on business-related expenses. So, for instance, when you drive to an out-of-town meeting, you get reimbursed. But you don't get reimbursed for the cost of the DUI you get driving home. Or for hiring someone to hack into a competitor's computer network and sabotage it. Those are crimes, and unless you work for a criminal organization, it's understood that you are reimbursed only for spending money on things that are legal and ethical. So there's nothing wrong with the Senate Ethics Committee's rule of thumb that senators can spend campaign money on any expense they wouldn't incur if they weren't senators.

**South Carolina News:**

**McClatchy:** US Supreme Court to tackle affirmative action again

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/12/3035725/us-supreme-court-to-tackle-affirmative.html#storylink=cpy>

Michael Doyle

An affirmative action backlash that began in California and migrated to Michigan has now reached the Supreme Court, with university admissions and more potentially on the line. In one of the new term's highest-profile cases, the court on Tuesday will consider a Michigan ballot measure that bans the use of race in public university admissions. Inspired by a similar measure in California, the Michigan policy has divided other states, while giving court conservatives their latest chance to roll back race-based preferences.

**Associated Press:** Ryberg named S.C. Investment Commission's CEO

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131013/AIK0101/131019813/1007/AIK0101/ryberg-named-sc-investment-commission-8217-s-ceo>

Aiken resident and former state Sen. Greg Ryberg was named the S.C. Investment Commission's chief operating officer Friday after an ongoing dispute between Darry Oliver, who held the position previously, and State Treasurer Curtis Loftis. The chief operating officer for the agency invests pension money for South Carolina workers. Ryberg will be paid a \$161,000 salary. In a statement, Ryberg said he was honored to be picked for his new job and his goal will be to make sure the system is strengthened and gains returned to make sure the state pension fund can keep its promises.

**The State:** The Buzz: S.C. man races Chicago for his dad

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/12/3035712/the-buzz-sc-man-races-chicago.html#storylink=cpy>

Adam Beam

Jason Zacher is probably hating life right now. Depending on when you are reading this Sunday morning, Zacher – the communications director for the S.C. House Republican Caucus – is somewhere along the 26.2-mile course of the Chicago Marathon. Zacher started running in 2005. Since then, he has run five marathons, two half-Ironman triathlons and at least two dozen half-marathons.

**And the winner is ...** When it comes to fundraising at the State House, there's Tom Davis – and then there is everyone else. The Republican state senator from Beaufort reported raising \$128,416.34 from July to September. Yes, \$16,900 of that money was either Davis' personal money, a loan or an in-kind contribution. But without that, Davis still raised more than \$112,000 from donors – more than twice that of second-place finisher state Sen. Marlon Kimpson, D-Charleston.

**S.C. is 19th most affected state in government shutdown:** That's because South Carolina was in the top 10 of states that would be most affected by Social Security funding shortages. The Palmetto State also is No. 4 in the country in federal student-loan applications per capita. And South Carolina's veterans' population, per capita, ranks No. 9 in the country.

**Aiken Standard:** House passes funding bill that may help SRS operations

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131013/AIK0101/131019814/1007/AIK0101/house-passes-funding-bill-that-may-help-srs-operations>

Derrek Asberry

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill on Friday that will help support some operations at the Savannah River Site during the government shutdown. Known as the Nuclear Weapon Security and Non-Proliferation Act, the bill funds the National Nuclear Security Administration – or NNSA – throughout the remainder of the government shutdown. “The passage of today's bill allows SRS to continue NNSA operations and provides the dedicated workforce with the resources they need to complete fundamental national security missions,” said U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C. The NNSA's operations at the Savannah River Site include oversight of the tritium facilities. The facilities supply and process tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen gas that is a vital component of nuclear weapons.

**Politico:** ‘Dangerous’ Lindsey Graham vents frustrations

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/dangerous-lindsey-graham-vents-frustrations-98226.html>

John Bresnahan

Sen. Lindsey Graham is angry. He's frustrated. He's upset. In his own words, he's “very dangerous.” With the government shutdown now in its 12th day, and a possible U.S. debt default looming on Oct. 17, the veteran Republican was in the mood to lash out at everyone Saturday. President Barack Obama, House Republicans, Senate Democrats, Senate Republicans — they were all the target of Graham's ire. “The president is a pathetic leader. He's only engaged in the last couple of days,” Graham said after the Senate blocked action on a Democratic plan for a “clean” debt-ceiling increase through 2014.

**Aiken Standard:** Tea Party rally draws out candidates' views

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131013/AIK0101/131019773/1014/AIK0104/tea-party-rally-draws-out-candidates-views>

Amy Banton

While organizers were setting up for the Aiken County Tea Party rally in The Alley on Saturday morning, Chairman Dr. Mike Vasovski noticed a pedestrian watching them while shaking his head in a disapproving manner. Vasovski noted his observation during the rally, stating there's nothing “sinister” about the Tea Party, and they're the simply the voice of the Conservative people. Those voices echoed throughout The Alley as several political candidates, and others spoke about how they believe the country is heading in the wrong direction, as well as what they think needs to be done to resolve the nation's problems.

**Anderson Independent:** State proposal to remove class-size limits has superintendents worried

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/12/state-proposal-remove-class-size-limits-has-superi/>

Sarah Freishtat

Proposals that would effectively remove limits on class sizes have local superintendents worried about losing state money. The South Carolina Board of Education is considering a set of changes that would eliminate student-teacher ratio requirements as well as other staffing requirements in the state's public schools. Several Anderson-area superintendents say they are worried the state may reduce funding for their schools because districts no longer would be required to maintain certain staffing levels, even though the

superintendents do not plan to make those staff reductions immediately.

**Post and Courier:** Solar Power and South Carolina: Who's blocking the sun, who's letting it in

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131012/PC16/131019767/1006/>

Doug Pardue and tony Bartelme

South Carolina is one of the sunnier places in the country, yet thanks to skeptical lawmakers, lobbyists, electric power utilities and inertia, the state lags far behind when it comes to capitalizing on this natural resource. Take tiny New Hampshire. It gets much less sunshine than South Carolina, but it has installed six times more solar power capacity than the Palmetto State, according to federal figures. Snowy Michigan? It has 11 times more installed solar energy production capacity. When it comes to jobs, some states have a thriving solar industry: North Carolina's budding solar industry has produced 1,400 Jobs, according to a census by the Solar Foundation, a nonprofit solar research group. Tennessee has 2,300 solar jobs. South Carolina has just 320.

### **Local News:**

**Sun News:** Front Street business owners, residents begin rebuilding in Georgetown

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/12/3768579/front-street-business-owners-residents.html#storylink=cpy>

Amanda Kelley and Tonya Root

A painting still hangs on a wall overlooking piles of rubble where, two weeks ago, businesses and homes stood on Front Street in Georgetown. The piece, created by John Walters, served as the headboard over his bed and features a tree clinging to a rock that's being constantly battered by strong wind and waves, yet holds on. That's how Walters sees Georgetown now – a city persevering following tragedy. Seven historic buildings in the 700 block of Front Street and overlooking the harbor were destroyed Sept. 25. Another was damaged.

**Sun News:** Obamacare will have little impact on Horry County, Myrtle Beach employees

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/12/3768293/obamacare-will-have-little-impact.html#storylink=cpy>

Jason Rodriguez

The Affordable Care Act will impact about 19 employees in Myrtle Beach government and 17 employees for Horry County, creating some full-time positions on the city's side and costing each government body upwards of \$90,000. In April, the county began monitoring part-time and temporary employee's hours to ensure compliance with the Affordable Care Act, also referred to as Obamacare. In August, the county sent a Plan Summary of Benefits to its employees as well as the Initial Notice, which all employees have received or will receive to notify people of the health care marketplace.

**Times and Democrat:** Locals hoping shutdown's impact limited

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/locals-hoping-shutdown-s-impact-limited/article\\_4661cbca-33b3-11e3-a3d7-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/locals-hoping-shutdown-s-impact-limited/article_4661cbca-33b3-11e3-a3d7-0019bb2963f4.html)

Gene Zaleski

As the partial shutdown of the federal government continues, local groups are preparing for the long term while hoping it doesn't last much longer. Orangeburg County, for instance, receives federal money for everything from deputies to water and sewer lines. "The public is not seeing the damage because we are doing a good job of managing it behind the scenes. But if this thing goes on too long there will be no way to manage it," Orangeburg County Administrator Harold Young said. The federal shutdown began Oct. 1 after Congress was unable to come to an agreement that would allow passage of a continuing resolution to fund the government.

**The State:** Baddourah is 'meat and potatoes,' basic services candidate for Columbia mayor

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/13/3035646/baddourah-is-meat-and-potatoes.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

He is the counterpoint to the polished, articulate, well-funded mayor he wants to unseat. Restaurant owner Moe Baddourah often meanders through his thoughts, occasionally mangling pronunciation of English, his second language. But the plain-spoken ways of the Columbia city councilman, who has two degrees from the University of South Carolina, appeal to his backers. Phrases such as "world-class city" or "long-term economic development vision" do not cross Baddourah's lips.

**Florence Morning News:** Meals on Wheels programs prepare for federal funding delays

[http://www.snow.com/news/local/article\\_5f27d96a-3390-11e3-ac35-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.snow.com/news/local/article_5f27d96a-3390-11e3-ac35-001a4bcf6878.html)

Gavin Jackson

With the federal government shutdown continuing, organizations and programs, such as Meals on Wheels, with already thin budgets continue to wait and see what will happen and when the federal dollars they depend on will flow again. In Florence County, close to 300 people homebound seniors and needy rely on Meals on Wheels to provide them with a hot meal five days a week. Additionally, five feeding sites throughout the county feed 200 seniors a discounted meal daily, a program that Linda Johnson has temporarily canceled two days a week at the Leatherman Senior Center as she tightens up to go for an unknown amount of time without her monthly funding check, which typically comes on the 16th.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Local educators concerned about proposed state regulation changes

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/12/5299373/local-educators-concerned-about.html#storylink=cpy>

Rachel Southmayd

Local educators are not convinced that proposed changes in state rules covering critical issues such as class size, teacher workload and certification requirements won't hurt their ability to teach students. The State Department of Education has been on the defensive in recent weeks, claiming the changes wouldn't negatively affect what's currently happening in schools. R 43-205, as it's known, is a rather long document that contains sections with titles like "Professional Personnel Qualifications and Duties" for principals and "Professional Personnel Workload" for classroom teachers, guidance counselors, media specialists and more.

**Post and Courier:** Mount Pleasant politicians poised to make noise

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131012/PC16/131019865/1006/-x2018-quietest-election-i-x2019-ve-ever-seen-x2019-not-expected-to-stay-that-way>

Robert Behre

The state's fourth-largest municipality will soon undergo its second political sea change in four years, with a new mayor and about half of its council turning over. So far, though, you'd hardly notice that it's political season. With the exception of a few yard signs, websites and ads in the Moutrie News, the town's campaign season has been a sleepy one. That will begin to change this week as the five mayoral candidates mingle with business leaders Tuesday and then meet for their first public forum Thursday. Town voters go to the polls Nov. 5.

**Post and Courier:** Killing of College of Charleston student ignites concerns among parents about downtown crime

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131012/PC16/131019770/1006/student-x2019-s-killing-ignites-concerns>

Glenn Smith

Angry and upset over the killing of College of Charleston student William Alex Apps, parents of other students are calling on city leaders, school officials and police to clamp down on a perceived jump in crime on the peninsula that they believe is putting their children at risk. Charleston Mayor Joe Riley and Police Chief Greg Mullen said they take every crime seriously, are sympathetic to parents' concerns and welcome any ideas that are offered. But they stressed that violent crime on the peninsula has dropped dramatically in recent years as the city has amassed the largest police force in the state.

**National News:**

**New York Times:** From the Start, Signs of Trouble at Health Portal

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/13/us/politics/from-the-start-signs-of-trouble-at-health-portal.html?partner=rss&emc=rss&smid=tw-thecaucus&\\_r=1&](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/13/us/politics/from-the-start-signs-of-trouble-at-health-portal.html?partner=rss&emc=rss&smid=tw-thecaucus&_r=1&)

Robert Pear, Sharon LaFraniere

In March, Henry Chao, the chief digital architect for the Obama administration's new online insurance marketplace, told industry executives that he was deeply worried about the Web site's debut. "Let's just make sure it's not a third-world experience," he told them. Two weeks after the rollout, few would say his hopes were realized. For the past 12 days, a system costing more than \$400 million and billed as a one-stop click-and-go hub for citizens seeking health insurance has thwarted the efforts of millions to simply log in. The growing national outcry has deeply embarrassed the White House, which has refused to say how many people have enrolled through the federal exchange.

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