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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Signups for new SC credit monitoring begin Oct. 24

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Meg Kinnard

People affected by the massive hacking of South Carolina's Revenue Department servers are being offered another year of free credit monitoring. But they'll have to sign up again, this time with a different company than the state used previously, as officials outlined Tuesday. Enrollment begins next week for protection through CSIdentity Corp. South Carolina is paying the Texas company up to \$8.5 million to provide credit monitoring to people affected by the September 2012 theft of unencrypted information from the Revenue Department's computer servers. Credit bureau Experian had been doing that work for nearly 1.5 million people under a \$12 million contract. Handled as an emergency situation, that contract was signed without competitive bidding.

Note: "No complaints so far. I don't anticipate any," Haley said. "People are thankful that we are continuing the protection."

Rock Hill Herald: South Carolina Identity Protection Service to Open For Enrollment on October 24, 2013

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/15/5306710/south-carolina-identity-protection.html#storylink=cpy>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley and CSID, a leading provider of global, enterprise-level identity protection and fraud detection technologies and solutions, today announced that taxpayers impacted by last years' South Carolina Department of Revenue breach can begin enrolling in up to one additional year of state-provided identity protection coverage beginning October 24, 2013. Eligible taxpayers can sign up for the identity protection coverage through www.scidprotection.com or by calling 855-880-2743. Enrollment will remain open until October 1, 2014. CSID's service will end on October 31, 2014.

Associated Press: Charleston developer to run for Lt. Gov.

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=veasP2MP

A retired Charleston developer says he will seek the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor. Pat McKinney, 63, announced Monday that he will seek the state's number two post and would work closely with Gov. Nikki Haley. Republican Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell of Charleston has not yet announced if he will seek election next year. McConnell became lieutenant governor last year after Lt. Gov. Ken Ard resigned and pleaded guilty to ethics violations. McKinney said he wants to focus on economic development.

Note: McKinney said he does not expect an endorsement from the governor, whom he called "a fabulous person from the standpoint of recruiting businesses to this state."

Post and Courier: Great Southeast ShakeOut earthquake drill planned for Thursday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131015/PC16/131019620/1006/>

Residents across the state can practice their "drop, cover and hold on" moves Thursday when South Carolina takes part in the Great Southeast ShakeOut earthquake drill at 10:17 a.m. The event is part of Earthquake Awareness Week, which Gov. Nikki Haley proclaimed for the week of Oct. 13-19 in South Carolina. The Charleston Fire Department is urging people to join in. More than 238,000 people in South Carolina have registered for the Great Southeast ShakeOut. More than 1.7 million people worldwide will also practice their earthquake moves at that time. To date, 11 earthquakes have been confirmed in South Carolina this year. Our state experiences approximately 10 to 20 earthquakes a year, according to geologists with the College of Charleston.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Sun News: Myrtle Beach-area veterans center ready with emergency loan plan if shutdown scuttles benefits

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/15/3774503/editorial-myrtle-beach-area-veterans.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

The first thing veterans need to know about an announced emergency loan plan of the Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center is that interest-free loans will be available only if the stalemate in Washington halts the flow of Veterans Affairs and Social Security checks. As a majority of our federal representatives (U.S. Rep. Tom Rice for most readers of The Sun News) continued to insist on the partial shutdown to force President Obama's hand on the Health Care Act, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki warned members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee about the potential impending financial train wreck for more than 5 million veterans and their families.

Sen. Lindsey Graham Releases Fundraising Information:

Associated Press: Graham raises \$1.1M in 3 months, has \$7M on hand

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=W4TjvtWR

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham raised more than \$1.1 million in the third quarter of 2013. The figure released Tuesday means that the Republican has nearly \$7 million in the bank. His campaign says that's the most that it is ever recorded. Graham raised a total of \$1.17 million from July 1 through Sept. 30 and spent more than \$533,000. The Republican's campaign says this is the third quarter in a row that Graham has raised more than \$1.1 million. Some Republicans in South Carolina don't think Graham is conservative enough. Several candidates have announced their intent to challenge him in next year's GOP primary as he seeks his third term.

Greenville News: Graham campaigns reports war chest of nearly \$7 million

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131015/NEWS/310150078/Graham-campaigns-reports-war-chest-nearly-7-million>

Rudolph Bell

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's campaign says it raised nearly \$1.2 million during the third quarter, giving it nearly \$7 million cash on hand as the Seneca Republican seeks a third term next year. Quarterly campaign finance disclosure reports are due today, even though the Federal Election Commission remains affected by the partial federal government shutdown. Graham's three GOP primary opponents — Richard Cash of Powdersville, Lee Bright of Roebuck and Nancy Mace of Charleston — are expected to disclose their latest fundraising totals as well.

The State: Graham Raises More Than \$1M, Has \$6.9M On Hand

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=h0BjIApT

Jamie Self

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. The fundraising quarter marks the third in a row that the campaign has raised more than \$1.1 million, the campaign said in a news release. The Seneca Republican faces three GOP primary challengers. Only one had filed a fundraising report with the Federal Election Commission as of early Tuesday. The deadline for filing is midnight. Easley businessman Richard Cash reported raising \$14,680 for the quarter.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: We're No. 1! Charleston named top tourist destination in U.S. for third consecutive year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131015/PC05/131019629/1177/we-x2019-re-no-1-charleston-named-top-tourist-destination-in-us-for-third-consecutive-year>

Warren L. Wise

The third time is a charm, just like the first and second time. For the third year in a row, Charleston has been dubbed the No. 1 tourist destination in America by readers of Conde Nast Traveler magazine. The results were posted overnight on the periodical's website. The annual accolade is based on a composite score for ambiance, friendliness, lodging, restaurants, culture/sites and shopping. The magazine said, "With 'sand, sun, history, good food, and friendly people,' Charleston is a consistent hit with the travelers who venture to this 'gracious and beautiful' city (in fact, it's taken first place on our list of Top 10 Cities in the United States for three years now and been rated as the friendliest).

Associated Press: SC's inland port open for business in Greer

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=blzdXQ1e

Bruce Smith

South Carolina's more-than \$50 million inland port near Greer is now operating. State Ports Authority President and CEO Jim Newsome says that the facility began handling shipments this week to and from BMW which operates an assembly plant in Greer. The facility was built to provide a direct rail link between the Upstate and the ports on the coast. The inland port will start serving other customers next month and construction will continue through the end of the year. On Tuesday, the Ports Authority board approved an additional \$2.7 million to complete the work.

Note: Key state officials, including Gov. Nikki Haley and the state's two Republican U.S. senators, Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, attended the groundbreaking last March.

Post and Courier: State Ports Authority board approves more funds for Upstate inland port

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131015/PC05/131019622/1177/state-ports-authority-board-approves-more-funds-for-upstate-inland-port>

Tyrone Richardson

More than two months of rain has helped raise the pricetag of the S.C. State Ports Authority inland port in the Upstate. The SPA board today unanimously approved an additional \$2.7 million for the project, growing the development's pricetag to \$51.4 million. The board's decision comes just months after approving an additional \$12.9 million for the development in May, or roughly 50 percent more than the original estimate of \$33.6 million. The updated pricetag means SPA is paying \$43.9 million and Norfolk Southern will contribute \$7.5 million, officials said. Crews broke ground for the facility in March with plans to open in early September.

Sun News: SLED to investigate scam targeting utility customers

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/15/3774506/sled-to-investigate-scam-targeting.html#storylink=cpy>

Amanda Kelley

The State Law Enforcement Division will begin investigating a phone scam that targets S.C. utility customers, said Attorney General Alan Wilson. The scheme begins with a phone call by someone pretending to be an electric cooperative employee who warns the consumer that the utility service will be disconnected unless payment is received immediately. Scammers then direct consumers to purchase a pre-paid debit card and to call a toll-free number to deliver the serial code listed on the card, effectively stealing the money used to purchase the card, according to a press release.

Anderson Independent: Shutdown triggers Corps of Engineers furloughs

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/15/shutdown-triggers-corps-of-engineers-furloughs/>

Michael Eads

The ongoing federal government shutdown has forced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to furlough all its regulatory staff in its Savannah District. The move could delay construction projects on or along streams and lakes along the Georgia side of the Savannah River Basin. The corps oversees many of the lakes, streams and wetlands in the United States. Federal law requires the corps to sign off on building projects in, over or under all navigable waters, as well as on the discharge of dredged or fill material into said waters

Associated Press: Father of Cherokee girl honored in Tulsa

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=h7iYIJGE

The National Congress of American Indians is honoring the biological father of a Cherokee girl at the center of a lengthy custody dispute. At a meeting in Tulsa on Tuesday, the group honored Dusten Brown, a member of the Cherokee Nation who is the father of 4-year-old Veronica. Brown was also recognized for his service with the Oklahoma National Guard. Last week, Brown announced he was dropping all custody claims and was working with the South Carolina couple who adopted Veronica on ways he could be involved in her life.

Local News:

Post and Courier: After James Island man's death, NAACP to address 'troubling wave' of police shootings

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131015/PC16/131019623/1006/after-james-island-man-x2019-s-death-naacp-to-address-x2018-troubling-wave-x2019-of-police-shootings>

Andrew Knapp

Referring to a "recent troubling wave of shootings by law enforcement," the local NAACP office will host a

news conference Wednesday morning to address the death of a James Island man last weekend. The Charleston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has long been critical of police shootings in the Lowcountry. Derryl Drayton, a 51-year-old black man, was fatally shot Saturday night when Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies said he stabbed one of them with a knife. The deputies had tried to bring Drayton down by using Tasers, which were ineffective.

Florence Morning News: Marion Mayor faces questions about second audit request

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_784774ea-344a-11e3-94dd-001a4bcf6878.html

Andrew Golden

Mayor Bobby Davis' tie-breaking vote during last week's Marion City Council meeting gives him authorization to negotiate with the Hobbs Group for fees charged for materials to be audited by the city. The split-decision was the result of a trio of councilmen wanting more information on exactly what the mayor is planning to audit. Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to dispense trying to get an audit, because council doesn't have a scope of work to present to the auditor firm. The motion failed 4-3. However, its denial didn't stop Atkinson's objections. He pushed Mayor Davis for an answer.

Post and Courier: North Charleston works on plan to create homeless shelter in former school

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131014/PC16/131019659/1389/land-swap-for-school-may-help-homeless-north-charleston-shelter-land-for-new-school-envisioned>

David Slade and Diette Courrege Casey

The former North Charleston school that has caused headaches and legal woes for Charleston County school officials could become the city's only homeless shelter. While some North Charleston churches have programs to help the homeless, South Carolina's third-largest city does not have a formal shelter for the hundreds estimated to be homeless there. In a plan to fill that need, Charleston County school leaders and North Charleston city officials have been in talks about a potential land swap that would give the school district some land on Remount Road near North Rhett Avenue to build a school.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: In-person absentee voting opens for November election

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131014/ARTICLES/131019828/1083/ARTICLES?Title=In-person-absentee-voting-opens-for-November-election>

In-person absentee voting for the Nov. 5 election begins Tuesday at the Spartanburg County Election Commission, 366 North Church St. in Conference Room 6. Absentee voting will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday until Nov. 4. The elections office is not open on weekends. In order to cast ballots, voters must present one of the following five forms of identification: a valid South Carolina driver's license or Department of Motor Vehicles identification card, military identification or Veteran's Administration benefits card, U.S. passport or a voter registration card with a photo on it, according to the elections office.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: City Council approves \$2.5M improvement plan for Spartanburg parks

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131014/ARTICLES/131019824/1083/ARTICLES?Title=City-Council-approves-2-5M-plan-for-Spartanburg-parks>

Lynne P. Shackelford

Spartanburg City Council gave its nod Monday to a \$2.5 million investment in city parks during the next several years. The plan calls for a new west-side neighborhood park, a Stewart Park activity center, numerous improvements at smaller neighborhood parks, the completion of the football field and parking area at C.C. Woodson Community Center and designated funding for bicycle and pedestrian trails. Under the plan, work on a new Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center would begin by fiscal year 2017. During a presentation before council Monday, City Manager Ed Memmott said the plan would not be possible without council agreeing to close the Swim Center.

Anderson Independent: Toccoa commission devoting money to U.S. 123 beautification

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/15/toccoa-commission-devoting-money-to-us-123/>

Charlie Bauder

City commissioners will put financial support behind efforts to clean up the U.S. 123 corridor within the city limits. The Toccoa City Commission voted unanimously Monday to put aside \$115,000 to help fund the Currahee Beautification Project, the name given to recently begun efforts to beautify U.S. 123 through Stephens County. The \$115,000 will come from the Commission Reserve Account in the city budget. Initially, Currahee Beautification Project efforts are focused from the intersection of Broad Street and Currahee Street back out to the Jeanette Jamieson Intersection. The city is working on the area between the city limits near Zebulon Baptist Church and Broad Street.

National News:

Associated Press: House GOP floats a counter to Senate's debt idea

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nQOfi7Kk

David Espo

The divided government's increasingly urgent drive to prevent a Treasury default and end a 15-day partial government shutdown took a highly partisan turn Tuesday as House Republicans unveiled a proposal stocked with conservative priorities that the White House instantly rejected. It was unclear whether House Speaker John Boehner and the GOP leadership had the votes to pass their measure, or whether it would even be brought to the House floor for a vote. Even so, the immediate result was to freeze Senate negotiations on a bipartisan compromise that had appeared ready to bear fruit.

Associated Press: For Obama, Budget Fight has High Stakes for Agenda

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_BUDGET_CONSEQUENCES?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_BUDGET_CONSEQUENCES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2013-10-14-17-46-45)

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Julie Pace

For President Barack Obama, the outcome of this week's fiscal fights with Republicans could have broad consequences for his stalled second-term agenda. A favorable deal for the White House might give Obama an opening to marginalize the tea party Republicans who have tried to win concessions from him in order to reopen the government and raise the nation's debt ceiling. But if no agreement is reached by Thursday's debt limit deadline, Obama will become the first modern president to preside over a government default, a dubious distinction with potentially calamitous economic consequences that could consume the White House for the foreseeable future.

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