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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** Haley backs decision to not issue AMBER warning for Jones kids

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/12/3677028/haley-backs-decision-to-not-issue.html>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley backed the decision to not issue an AMBER Alert when a the mother of five slain children said she did not know of their whereabouts this month.

**Note:** "How do you do an Amber Alert out for somebody who the courts gave primary custody to?," Haley told The State on Friday. "I think that (State Law Enforcement Division) Chief (Mark) Keel and SLED followed it the way it was. ... I think they did what they were supposed to do for this family."

**Rock Hill Herald:** New S.C. law creates Day of Recognition for military veterans, spouses

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/12/6319433/veterans-families-join-in-bill.html#storylink=cpy>

Don Worthington

As state holidays go, it won't be a day of parades or grand speeches. But on South Carolina's Day of Recognition for Veterans' Spouses and Families – the day after Thanksgiving – there should be more than just a day of thanks, say those who advocated for the day. It should be a day of action and not words, they say.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley celebrated the new state day of recognition on Friday with a ceremonial signing of a bill that passed through the Legislature unanimously on its second try this year.

**New York Times:** South Carolina Child Welfare Agency Faced Scrutiny Before 5 Siblings' Deaths

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/13/us/scrutiny-of-south-carolina-agency-began-before-the-killing-of-5-siblings.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/13/us/scrutiny-of-south-carolina-agency-began-before-the-killing-of-5-siblings.html?_r=0)

Richard Fausset

The state child welfare agency that investigated whether a South Carolina father was capable of caring for his five children before he allegedly killed them and dumped their bodies in rural Alabama has itself been under scrutiny in recent months, facing allegations of botching similar cases that resulted in child deaths.

**Note:** The scrutiny comes as Gov. Nikki R. Haley of South Carolina, a Republican who has faced sharp criticism for more than a year over her handling of the department, runs for re-election.

**The State:** Acting SC House speaker creates roads committee

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/12/3677677/acting-sc-house-speaker-creates.html>

Cassie Cope

Jay Lucas showed Friday he is running the S.C. House. On his first full day as the House's acting speaker, the Darlington Republican used his power to make appointments to create a committee to address the state's crumbling roads.

**Note:** Haley, who has said she would veto any increase in the gas tax, has said she would share her vision for addressing the state's infrastructure needs in January if she is re-elected.

**Anderson Independent:** New S.C. House speaker names roads panel

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/new-sc-house-speaker-names-roads-panel\\_28923887](http://www.independentmail.com/news/new-sc-house-speaker-names-roads-panel_28923887)

Kirk Brown

Thirteen members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were named Friday to serve on a panel that will seek to find ways to fix the state's crumbling roads and bridges.

**Note:** State Senate leader Hugh Leatherman and other members of his chamber have expressed support for increasing the gas tax for the first time since 1987, but Gov. Nikki Haley and a majority of House members have consistently opposed this idea.

**Greenville News:** Sunbrella expansion to create new jobs in Anderson

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/09/13/sunbrella-expansion-create-new-jobs-anderson/15576267/>

Glen Raven Inc., a global leader in high-performance fabrics, is expanding its Anderson County Sunbrella manufacturing center through a \$13.5 million investment that is expected to create 10 new jobs.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley said, "Glen Raven is a globally respected name in textiles, and we couldn't be happier to see them grow in Anderson — their premier manufacturing facility in the world. We celebrate Glen Raven's decision to invest \$13.5 million and add 10 jobs, and we look forward to their continued success in our state."

### **2014 Campaign Cycle News:**

**Times and Democrat:** Looking to make history: Sellers campaigns in his hometown

[http://thetandd.com/news/looking-to-make-history-sellers-campaigns-in-his-hometown/article\\_fd73dd9a-3ad7-11e4-aeb3-5305a6bb6123.html](http://thetandd.com/news/looking-to-make-history-sellers-campaigns-in-his-hometown/article_fd73dd9a-3ad7-11e4-aeb3-5305a6bb6123.html)

Ryanne Persinger

Rep. Bakari Sellers took his campaign for state lieutenant governor to his hometown on Sept. 9. The 29-year-old Democrat spoke at Voorhees College in Denmark where his father, Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, serves as president. He told a crowd of about 50 students and community members that he wants to make history.

### **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** Higher rankings for higher ed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140912/PC1002/140919850>

Editorial

James Barker, early in his tenure as Clemson University president, set a goal of getting the school into the top 20 of the U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings of the nation's public universities. That audacious challenge drew some laughs from both inside and outside the school - and even some criticism. After all, at that point, Clemson was No. 38.

**Post and Courier:** Include Congress on ISIL plan

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140913/PC1002/140919738>

Editorial

Recent polls show that about three quarters of Americans approve of military action against ISIL (the Islamic State, also known as ISIS). This is a remarkable reversal from a year ago, when only one in five Americans supported President Barack Obama's eventually abandoned plan for military strikes on Syria.

### **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**Associated Press:** US Rep Sanford calls off engagement to 'soul mate'

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BAwdq1Uz](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BAwdq1Uz)

Seanna Adcox

Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford said Friday that he is calling off his engagement to Maria Belen Chapur because of the ongoing contention with his ex-wife, Jenny, four years after their divorce. Sanford, then governor of South Carolina, famously disappeared from the state for five days in 2009, telling aides he was out hiking the Appalachian Trail.

**Post and Courier:** Mark Sanford and Maria Belen Chapur call off engagement, blame lingering divorce

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140912/PC1603/140919776>

Schuyler Kropf

In a break-up worthy of a Hollywood political script, U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford and Argentine fiancée Maria Belen Chapur have called off their engagement, with the congressman now publicly casting much of the blame on the lingering divorce friction with his ex-wife Jenny Sanford.

**McClatchy DC:** Mark Sanford breaks up with fiancée, blames ex-wife

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/12/3677665/mark-sanford-breaks-up-with-fiancee.html>

Ali Watkins

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-Charleston, announced Friday that he has broken off his engagement to Argentine fiancée Maria Belen Chapur, saying on Facebook that he was forced to end the relationship

because his ex-wife had filed a new legal complaint against him. The post came days after Sanford's ex-wife, Jenny Sanford, lobbed a new round of legal troubles at the former governor.

**The State:** Rep. Mark Sanford blames divorce battle for ending his engagement  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/12/3677312/rep-mark-sanford-blames-stress.html>

Andrew Shain

Congressman Mark Sanford wrote on Facebook that the stress of ongoing battles in his divorce from Jenny Sanford has led to the end of engagement to Maria Belen Chapur.

**The State:** Sanford Letter: 'You sign my paycheck ... I think I owe you my thinking'  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/12/3677671/sanford-letter-you-sign-my-paycheck.html#storylink=cpy>  
U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford's unedited response, posted on Facebook, to his former wife's latest court challenge:

### **South Carolina News:**

**The State:** Harrell's fall highlights calls to reform ethics laws, speaker's power  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/12/3677662/harrells-fall-highlights-calls.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

House Speaker Bobby Harrell delivered would-be government reformers a gift this week when he was indicted on nine charges of public corruption and was suspended from office. The powerful Charleston Republican's fall from power is refueling a two-year push for ethics reforms that flamed out in June.

**WIS:** Harrell corruption charges latest in long history of public corruption in SC  
<http://www.wistv.com/story/26522172/harrell-corruption-charges-latest-in-long-history-of-public-corruption-in-sc>

Will Whitson

The nine indictments against South Carolina Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell are the latest accusations against a South Carolina public official of corruption or misconduct. Harrell isn't the first legislator accused of misusing campaign funds this decade.

**Associated Press:** Slain 5 kids loved to play, wrestle with their dad  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=usN7AhpV](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=usN7AhpV)

Adrian Sainz, Jeffrey Collins

The five children who authorities say were killed by their father loved to dress up as superheroes, play in the park and pool, and pose for the camera, always smiling. And they loved "wrestling with their dad." At their memorial in this rural Mississippi town Friday, about 100 people, some who didn't even know the Jones children, watched a slide show of their short lives.

**The State:** Lexington children likely were strangled  
[http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/12/3676577\\_jones-waives-initial-court-appearance.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/12/3676577_jones-waives-initial-court-appearance.html?rh=1)

Tim Flach, Clif LeBlanc

The five children of Timothy Jones Jr. might have been strangled – the first hint of the way they died – authorities in two states said Friday. Wilcox County District Attorney Michael Jackson in Alabama told The State newspaper on Friday that investigators "believe it (the cause of death) was strangulation."

**Greenville News:** Committee formed to discuss road repair spending  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/09/12/committee-formed-discuss-road-repair-spending/15525733/>

Tim Smith

Two House leaders are creating a special committee to look at road funding and how the state should manage its infrastructure money. Acting House Speaker Jay Lucas and Rep. Brian White of Anderson, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, announced the creation of the panel Friday, whose job it is to make recommendations when the Legislature returns in January.

**Rock Hill Herald:** At Winthrop, Wells Fargo economist predicts steady economic growth  
<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/12/6318181/wells-fargo-economist-predicts.html>

Don Worthington

The economy should grow steadily during the next few years, but current growth is still two-thirds of what it

should be, says Mark Vitner, an economist for Wells Fargo Securities. For local residents, the slow steady growth means "don't take big risks because there won't be enough growth to bail you out of a bad decision," Vitner said Friday.

**Roll Call:** Mulvaney Says Outside Groups Won't Define Conservative Credibility

<http://www.rollcall.com/news/Mulvaney-Says-Outside-Groups-Wont-Define-Conservative-Credibility-236253-1.html>

Alan K. Ota

Rep. Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina, a front-runner in the race for chairmanship of the Republican Study Committee in the next Congress, is vowing to guard the independence of the GOP's right wing from influential outside groups like Heritage Action.

**Local News:**

**Greenville News:** Upstate school gets \$1.1 million federal grant

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/09/12/upstate-school-gets-million-federal-grant/15535175/>

David Dykes

Federal officials said Spartanburg Community College is receiving a \$1.1 million grant to help build its Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Industrial Technologies, a facility that will offer workforce training in several areas of manufacturing. The project is expected to create 84 jobs and generate nearly \$20 million in private investment, government officials said.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Rock Hill schools, police to ban backpacks, food, beverages at football games

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/12/6318056\\_rock-hill-schools-police-to-ban.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/12/6318056_rock-hill-schools-police-to-ban.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy)

Rachel Southmayd

Citing police fears that students have been sneaking alcoholic beverages into high school football games, Rock Hill school officials on Friday announced a ban on backpacks and all outside food and drinks.

**National News:**

**Associated Press:** Obama 'confident of Islamic State group's defeat

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/obama-tours-birthplace-star-spangled-banner>

Josh Lederman

President Barack Obama cast the worldwide campaign he's leading to destroy the Islamic State group on Friday as part of a broader effort to root out extremism within the Muslim world, telling Jewish donors the U. S. "is on the right side of history."

**CNN:** John Kerry seeks Egypt's support for mission to build coalition against ISIS

[http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/13/world/meast/kerry-mideast-visit-isis/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t2](http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/13/world/meast/kerry-mideast-visit-isis/index.html?hpt=hp_t2)

Laura Smith-Spark

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Egypt had a critical role to play in countering extremism, as he met with Egyptian leaders in his latest effort to build regional support for President Barack Obama's strategy to combat ISIS. His stop in Cairo follows talks with leaders in Turkey on Friday and meetings with Arab leaders in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, a day earlier.

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