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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Associated Press:** Court: State must run program despite funding veto  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ozqiyTa1](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ozqiyTa1)  
Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's public health department must administer a program that regulates the building or expansion of medical facilities even though its funding was vetoed by the governor, the state's highest court ruled Monday.

**Note:** In a statement, Haley spokesman Doug Mayer called the Certificate of Need program "outdated and bad public policy" and said the governor "is determined and will continue working with like-minded legislators to reform a clearly politically driven process that puts additional bureaucracy between South Carolinians and their health care decisions."

**The State:** SC Supreme Court upholds state regulation of hospitals  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/14/3388499/sc-supreme-court-upholds-state.html#storylink=cpy>  
Roddie Burris

South Carolina's certificate-of-need law, which regulates the plans of hospitals and nursing homes to expand or build facilities, is permanent law that cannot be eradicated by Gov. Nikki Haley's veto pen, the state Supreme Court ruled Monday.

**Note:** "The Certificate of Need program is outdated and bad public policy, which is why the governor vetoed it and the House voted to support her decision," said Doug Mayer, Haley spokesman. "Governor Haley is determined and will continue working with like-minded legislators to reform a clearly politically driven process that puts additional bureaucracy between South Carolinians and their health care decisions."

**Kingstree News:** Governor tours hospital  
<http://www.kingstreenews.com/article/20140414/KTN/140419917/1123>  
Michael Duke

Gov. Nikki Haley treated Williamsburg Regional Hospital staff and administration to a visit. Haley's visit included a meeting with administration followed by a tour of the facility. The April 8, visit is the first for the governor since her stop along the campaign trail.

**Note:** "What we've seen here is that some things money can't pay for," she said. "And you've got something very special that I don't know our big hospitals have. So keep doing what you're doing. We're extremely proud and we will look forward to coming back and visiting."

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**The State:** Sheheen: DSS needs more, better trained case workers and whistle-blower protections  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/15/3388422/sheheen-dss-needs-more-better.html#storylink=cpy>  
Jamie Self

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, Democratic candidate for governor, will announce Tuesday a series of proposals aimed at improving the state's embattled child-welfare agency, according to his campaign. Sheheen's plan includes pushing for more state money for the Department of Social Services in the state budget, which now resides in the Senate.

**Times and Democrat:** Politics and breakfast: Sheheen vows support for teacher pay raises, more services for women  
[http://thetandd.com/news/politics-and-breakfast-sheheen-vows-support-for-teacher-pay-raises/article\\_9675c934-c42e-11e3-a036-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/news/politics-and-breakfast-sheheen-vows-support-for-teacher-pay-raises/article_9675c934-c42e-11e3-a036-001a4bcf887a.html)  
Jordone Branch



A women's campaign breakfast supporting Democratic gubernatorial candidate state Sen. Vincent Sheheen was held Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Orangeburg. Approximately 100 women of all ages attended the function.

**Aiken Standard:** Wilson rallies for MOX, national defense at campaign kickoff

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140415/AIK0101/140419652/1004/wilson-rallies-for-mox-national-defense-at-campaign-kickoff>

Derrek Asberry

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., reaffirmed his support of the Savannah River Site's MOX facility and other national defense programs during his campaign kickoff in Aiken on Monday. Wilson said he has been speaking with the National Nuclear Security Administration in hopes that it will reconsider its position on placing the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility in a cold stand-by.

**Anderson Independent:** U.S. Sen. Graham's challengers stump for votes in his backyard

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/apr/14/us-sen-grahams-challengers-stump-for-votes-in/?partner=RSS>

Kirk Brown

Four of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's challengers in the GOP primary came to the city where he lives Monday night to seek support from Upstate Republicans. Appearing at a candidates' forum, Columbia preacher Det Bowers, state Sen. Lee Bright of Roebuck, Powdersville businessman Richard Cash and Orangeburg attorney Bill Connor sought to contrast their views on federal spending.

**Associated Press:** Texas Sen. Ted Cruz returning to South Carolina

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CrikRkw9](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CrikRkw9)

Bruce Smith

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, a potential Republican presidential contender in 2016, is again visiting South Carolina. Cruz is scheduled to speak Tuesday at the Free Enterprise Foundation's annual awards dinner at The Citadel. The foundation, based at the state military college, is a research institution dedicated to fostering a greater understanding of free enterprise.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Spartanburg County Democrats host candidates for House, statewide offices

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140414/ARTICLES/140419826/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Spartanburg-County-Democrats-host-candidates-for-House-statewide-offices>

Felicia Kitzmiller

Spartanburg County Democrats began lining up behind their election standard bearers during an introductory meeting Monday. All of the Democratic candidates for Spartanburg County's contested seats in the House of Representative attended Monday's meeting.

## Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**The State:** S.C. State University deserves better treatment from board, state leaders

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/14/3388028/bolton-sc-state-university-deserves.html#storylink=cpy>

Warren Bolton

AS SUPPORTERS and critics alike dissect S.C. State University's unacceptable financial predicament, they would do well to consider the college's erratic history. We've been here before. Many times. How do we make sure we stop this shameful cycle?

**Greenville News:** Latest state texting bill is too weak

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/04/15/latest-state-texting-bill-weak/7709735/>  
Editorial

If South Carolina passes a statewide ban on texting and driving — and it should do just that — the Legislature needs to pass a law that is easy to enforce, provides stiff penalties and truly acts as a deterrent against what has become the most common form of distracted driving in the country.

**Post and Courier:** He can't find a job or a place to live. With few options, he wonders how he can escape a life of crime.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140415/PC1002/140419613/1021/end-conservation-bank-jeopardy>  
Editorial

The state Conservation Bank appears to have fully won the confidence of the S.C. House of



Representatives, which voted overwhelmingly in support of a full allocation during last month's budget deliberations. Assuming Senate concurrence, the bank can expect to receive \$11 million in funding next year to pursue its ongoing efforts to preserve valuable sites across the state.

## **Legislative Session News:**

**Index-Journal:** Nicholson's TB bill passes Senate

<http://www.indexjournal.com/Content/News/News/Article/Nicholson-s-TB-bill-passes-Senate/4/40/24911>

Chris Trainor

A tuberculosis testing bill recently introduced by District 10 state Sen. Floyd Nicholson has passed in the South Carolina Senate and is now being considered by the state House of Representatives.

The bill — S. 1084 — received its final reading in the Senate last Wednesday. It was read for the first time in the House on Thursday, then was assigned to the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** Officials to look at US-Canadian maritime effort

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

Bruce Smith

The Canadian ambassador to the U.S. is joining officials from both countries in South Carolina for a look at a joint maritime law enforcement effort. The program, called Shiprider, is a joint project of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Law officers from both agencies work from the same vessels to enforce the law along waterways on the border.

**Post and Courier:** Criminal records leave mentally ill struggling to succeed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140414/PC16/140419653/1177/criminal-records-leave-mentally-ill-struggling-to-succeed>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

At 19, Glen Yerkey notched his first arrest, an act that branded him a criminal. Today, his rap sheet of thefts and petty crimes is so long, his stays behind bars so many, that he sees no meaningful future. He can't find a job or a place to live. With few options, he wonders how he can escape a life of crime.

## **Local News:**

**Greenville News:** Nonpartisan Greenville election plan faces vocal opposition

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/14/election-plan-debate-draws-crowd/7723563/>

Anna Lee

Whites, blacks, former City Council members and the president of the local NAACP told Greenville officials Monday night that the city should stick with an election system where candidates run on party labels. The few who spoke in favor, however, said a no-party system would encourage more people to seek office and increase voter turnout.

**Sun News:** Law would put additional requirements on all bars, nightclubs in Myrtle Beach

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/04/15/4166141/law-would-put-additional-requirements.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

A new law would require all businesses that are classified as a bar or night club to have a written safety plan approved by the Myrtle Beach Police Department. Myrtle Beach City Council approved the first reading of the ordinance that will enact suggestions that came out of a meeting last summer between the city's planning commission and Downtown Redevelopment Corp.

## **National News:**

**Politico:** GOP Senate may run purple

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/04/senate-2014-republicans-democrats-105687.html?hp=t1>

Burgess Everett, Manu Raju

Republicans on the campaign trail say they're going to take control of the Senate in November. But what they don't say is that they'll still need Democrats to get anything done. Much like the last four years of Majority Leader Harry Reid's tenure, when the Nevada Democrat relied on picking off swing Republicans, a

GOP-led Senate would almost certainly be closely divided.

**Associated Press:** Russia Tests Obama's Ability to Stop its Advances

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/russia-tests-obamas-ability-stop-its-advances>

Julie Pace

With the White House asserting that Russia is stoking instability in eastern Ukraine, President Barack Obama is once again faced with the complicated reality of following through on his tough warnings against overseas provocations.

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