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### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**Island Packet:** Haley talks jobs at campaign stop in Beaufort

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/06/3355560\\_haley-to-campaign-in-beaufort.html?rh=1](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/06/3355560_haley-to-campaign-in-beaufort.html?rh=1)

Zach Murdock

More than 50 supporters of Nikki Haley applauded the governor's economic-development accomplishments Monday during a campaign stop in downtown Beaufort. On the roof of the Old Bay Marketplace on Bay Street, Haley told the Beaufort Republican Women's Club that her administration's business-recruitment efforts have helped pull the state out of recession.

**Note:** "We have one of the fastest-growing economies on the East Coast," she said. "They now call us the 'Beast of the East.'"

**WJCL:** SC Governor Nikki Haley Visits Hilton Head Island

<http://wjcl.com/2014/10/06/sc-governor-nikki-haley-visits-hilton-head-island/>

Dave Williams

Wednesday is a big day for Savannah and the State of Georgia. That's the day, the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Georgia officially sign a Project Partnership Agreement to deepen the Savannah Harbor.

**Note:** "We dredged Harbortown when it needed to get done, Jasper is another opportunity we see waiting for South Carolina," said Gov. Haley. "So we're going to continue to move work forward, understand that's what's good for the region is good for everybody and continue to make sure that's next on the list."

**The State:** SC ETV governor's debate canceled, education debate to be rescheduled

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/06/3728444/etv-governor-debate-canceled-education.html>

Cassie Cope

An S.C. ETV debate between the candidates for governor will not be held. Meanwhile, a second debate — between candidates for superintendent of education — will have to be rescheduled. State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, the Democratic candidate for governor, said Monday he will not debate petition candidate Tom Ervin alone on ETV after Republican Gov. Nikki Haley declined to take part in that debate.

### S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News:

**Greenville News:** Wilson continues defense of gay marriage ban

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/06/wilson-continues-defense-gay-marriage-ban/16828405/>

Mary Troyan

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson continued to defend the state's ban on same sex marriage Monday, despite the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to address lower court rulings declaring such unions a constitutional right.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley agreed with Wilson, according to her spokesman, Doug Mayer. "Our voter-approved state law should be followed until a court rules on it directly," Mayer said.

**WLTX:** SCOTUS' Same-Sex Marriage Decision Could Impact SC

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2014/10/06/scotus-same-sex-marriage-decision-could-impact-sc/16836819/>

Dakari Turner

The United States Supreme Court on Monday refused to hear appeals cases from states that were attempting to reverse earlier decisions on same-sex marriage. The decision had an immediate impact on five states: Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma, Indiana and Wisconsin.

**Note:** Gov. Haley's spokesman, Doug Mayer, also issued a statement in an email. "Gov. Haley agrees with



Attorney General Wilson – our voter-approved state law should be followed until a court rules on it directly," Mayer wrote.

**The State:** US Supreme Court gay marriage action: Will Gov. Haley, AG Wilson waste taxpayer money?  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/06/3728666/us-supreme-court-gay-marriage.html>

John Monk

Gov. Nikki Haley and state Attorney General Alan Wilson are doomed to fail in their efforts to fight against same-sex marriages after Monday's clear signal from the U.S. Supreme Court that such marriages are legal in South Carolina, some experts say.

**Note:** A governor's spokesman released this statement: "Governor Haley agrees with Attorney General Wilson – our voter-approved state law should be followed until a court rules on it directly."

**WOLO:** USC Professor Expects Same-Sex Marriages in S.C. Soon

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/news/local/USC-Professor-Expects-Same-Sex-Marriages-in-SC-Soon--278302731.html>

Crandall Sims

"I think we're talking weeks, maybe a month or two, before gay marriage before gay marriage becomes where you can go down to the Justice of the Peace and get married," says Donald Songer, Political Science Professor at the University of South Carolina

**Note:** ABC Columbia first met Tracie Goodwin and Katherine Bradacs in November 2013. The couple is suing Governor Nikki Haley and South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson in order to have their union recognized.

**Post and Courier:** Gay marriage in South Carolina: Legal experts say Supreme Court cleared the way  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC1610/141009607>

Robert Behre

Charleston County Councilwoman Colleen Condon and her fiancée, Nichols Bleckley, will seek a marriage license this week from the county's Probate Court - one of at least five requests for same-sex marriage licenses expected soon across South Carolina in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court decision Monday.

**Associated Press:** Same-sex marriages begin in the South

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

Larry O'Dell, Michael Biesecker

Gay and lesbian couples are getting legally married in the South for the first time, crossing a threshold into a conservative region that long stood united against same-sex marriage.

**Note:** And that means similar bans in West Virginia and North and South Carolina should fall as soon as judges in each state follow through on the appellate court's orders.

**Note:** "Until the courts rule on the matter, South Carolina will seek to uphold our state constitution," said the state's attorney general Alan Wilson, a Republican.

**Seneca Journal:** Martin: Same-sex marriage 'a runaway train'

<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/10/martin-same-sex-marriage-%E2%80%98a-runaway-train%E2%80%99/>

Norman Cannada

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to decide the fate of same-sex marriage on Monday has turned the issue of same-sex marriage in South Carolina into "a runaway train," according to State Sen. Larry Martin of Pickens. "I have maintained it was going to be difficult, and once a state starts to recognize it, the dominoes just start falling in place," Martin told The Journal.

## **Gov. Nikki Haley News:**

**Index-Journal:** Corbitt seeks to continue on Lander's board of trustees

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Corbitt-seeks-to-continue-on-Lander-s-board-of-trustees>

Kate Hruby

Lander University alum Cary C. Corbitt submitted a letter of intent to continue his tenure on Lander's board of trustees, according to a press release issued Friday by the state's Joint Legislative Committee to Screen Candidates for College and University Board of Trustees.

**Note:** Corbitt was appointed to the board by Gov. Nikki Haley on June 30 as the representative for the 1st Congressional District to fill a vacancy. After talking with university President Dan Ball and Athletic Director Jeff May, Corbitt said he decided to embark on the process to stay on the board.



## Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**The State:** 'We must be a state that looks forward'

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/06/3728317/editorial-we-must-be-a-state-that.html>

Editorial

After six years, the Legislature forged an uneasy compromise to remove it (confederate flag) from a sovereign position, but it did not do so in a way that united us across race and class and party. As we said at the time, relocating the flag was an improvement, but the middle of our state's front lawn — at the intersection of Gervais and Main streets — was not an appropriate place to leave it.

**Note:** Gov. Haley's spokesman called Mr. Sheheen's action "desperate and irresponsible." It might in fact be desperate, and Mr. Sheheen seems an unlikely candidate to carry this banner, having said practically nothing about the flag through 16 years in public life.

**Note:** Rather than having her spokesman make ludicrous charges about irresponsibility, Gov. Haley should tell us whether she believes the flag belongs front and center on the State House grounds.

**Aiken Standard:** Strike a new budget deal to prevent a deflated military

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141007/AIK0201/141009652/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

No action by Congress on looming sequestration could be a breaking point for the U.S. military. That's the message sent by South Carolina military leaders last week after they spoke to Gov. Nikki Haley about the threat of impending cuts to the military's budget.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Focus on ethics reform, not recall initiative

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/06/6395152\\_focus-on-ethics-reform-not-recall.html?sp=/100/105/&rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/06/6395152_focus-on-ethics-reform-not-recall.html?sp=/100/105/&rh=1)

Editorial

Members of the American Party, a third party co-founded last year by former Democratic state Superintendent Jim Rex and Republican Oscar Lovelace, who challenged former Gov. Mark Sanford in the 2006 GOP primary, have proposed changing the state constitution to allow recall elections.

**Island Packet:** Charter school needs better deal on its lease

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/06/3356634/charter-school-needs-better-deal.html?sp=/99/342/1750/>

Editorial

A meeting last Tuesday between Riverview Charter School and Beaufort County School District officials was a welcomed indication that a frigid relationship is thawing. The meeting's goal, according to Board of Education Chairman Bill Evans, is to "look at how we could become more inclusive and really improve our relationship."

**Post and Courier:** The high cost of rate hikes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC1002/141009565>

Editorial

South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. customers can't be surprised when their monthly bills keep creeping up. After all, a 2.92 percent price hike this month is the seventh jump since 2009. Altogether, power rates have climbed 23.9 percent over the last five years, and more increases are to come.

**Post and Courier:** Turkey joins up, sort of

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC1002/141009564>

Editorial

Last week the Turkish parliament adopted a government proposal that allows the Turkish armed forces to operate in Syria and Iraq against the Islamic State (ISIS or ISIL), and allows Turkey's allies to use Turkish bases.

## South Carolina News:

**The State:** SAT scores up in SC, down in some Midlands districts

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/07/3728673/sat-scores-up-in-sc-down-in-some.html>

Jamie Self

South Carolina's public-school seniors scored higher on the SAT college admissions test last spring than the



year before – a trend most Midlands districts failed to match. S.C. seniors trailed their peers nationally, scoring an average of 1,429 out of a possible 2,400 points on the SAT in the 2013-14 school year – below the national average of 1,471, the S.C. Department of Education and College Board announced Tuesday.

**Greenville News:** Google picks Greenville as one of its eCities

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/10/06/google-gives-greenville-ecity-props/16807453/>

Rudolph Bell

Google has named Greenville its 2014 eCity for South Carolina, according to a news release. The designation recognizes "the strongest online business community" in each state, according to the economic impact section of Google's Web site.

**The State:** Harrell's brother resigns from committee that reviews judicial candidates

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/06/3728775\\_harrells-brother-resigns-from.html?sp=/99/132/&rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/06/3728775_harrells-brother-resigns-from.html?sp=/99/132/&rh=1)

Andrew Shain

Suspended House Speaker Bobby Harrell's brother has resigned from the state commission that nominates judges for election, ending what critics called a conflict of interest. The Legislature votes for judges from a slate of candidates selected by the 10-member S.C. Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

**Associated Press:** Domestic Violence observance set for SC Statehouse

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0Kg5EOGt](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0Kg5EOGt)

A ceremony on the steps of the Statehouse in Columbia is remembering the victims of domestic violence in South Carolina. The 17th annual Silent Witness Domestic Violence ceremony is being held at 11 a.m. Tuesday on the south steps of the Statehouse.

**The State:** Lexington County sheriff: Jones bought items for disposal of children's bodies

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/06/3728305/lexington-county-sheriff-jones.html#storylink=cpy>

Harrison Cahill, Tim Flach

Lexington County investigators found material in the car of Timothy Ray Jones Jr. – accused of killing his five children – that showed purchases of unspecified "items consistent with destruction and disposal of human remains," according to search warrants made public Monday.

**Associated Press:** Warrants released in SC case where 5 kids killed

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

Search warrants say a man charged with killing his five children in South Carolina bought items used to destroy and dispose of human remains at a Wal-Mart. The search warrants were released by Lexington County deputies after a Freedom of Information Act request from The Associated Press.

**Anderson Independent:** Blogger says Ravenel sent him harassing text messages

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/elections/blogger-says-ravenel-sent-him-harassing-text-messages\\_88031156](http://www.independentmail.com/news/elections/blogger-says-ravenel-sent-him-harassing-text-messages_88031156)

Kirk Brown

The founding editor of a South Carolina political news blog says he received a series of harassing text messages from U.S. Senate candidate Thomas Ravenel. Will Folks told the Lexington County Sheriff's Office that he started receiving text messages from Ravenel that contained profanity after he did not return a Sunday morning phone call from him.

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

**Florence Morning News:** Rep. Rice makes stops in the Pee Dee

[http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article\\_a75159a0-4dc0-11e4-87cb-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_a75159a0-4dc0-11e4-87cb-0017a43b2370.html)

Gavin Jackson

While sipping coffee in a navy blue blazer, button down shirt, blue jeans and boat shoes, Republican Rep. Tom Rice talked with diners at Bazen's Family Restaurant, briefly participating in their familiar morning routines as he campaigns for his second term at a more comfortable pace than in 2012.

## **Local News:**

**Post and Courier:** Charleston County students see big boost in SAT scores



<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC16/141009568>

Amanda Kerr

Charleston County seniors this year gave the school district a parting gift by reaching its highest average SAT score since 2008, according to new data released by the College Board. The Charleston County School District's class of 2014 saw its composite score on the college entrance exam improve by 29 points from 1447 last year to 1476 this year.

**Anderson Independent:** Local school districts in top half of state for SAT scores

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/local-school-districts-in-top-half-of-state-for-sat-scores>

Sarah Freishtat

Anderson School District 1 had the second-highest average SAT college entrance exam score in the state in 2014. Most local districts' average scores were higher than the state average, and three of seven local districts earned average scores higher than the national average, according to numbers issued Tuesday by the College Board company, which administers the test.

**Island Packet:** Beaufort County SAT scores dip this year; AP scores improve

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3356548/beaufort-county-sat-scores-dip.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1>

Sarah Bowman

Beaufort County seniors' average scores on the 2014 SAT dipped slightly after a dramatic jump in the previous year, the College Board reported Tuesday. District students fared better on Advanced Placement exams, which are taken for college credit, according to College Board data. Beaufort County's scores have continued to improve, even as more students take the exam.

**Florence Morning News:** Florence County tourist spending up \$10 million

[http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article\\_8a2650ae-4d63-11e4-8d03-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article_8a2650ae-4d63-11e4-8d03-001a4bcf6878.html)

John D. Russell

The 2013 numbers are in and show Florence County ranked in the top 20 percent for tourist spending among 46 other South Carolina counties, according to the U.S. Travel Association. Florence is ranked ninth highest, with tourists spending \$281.44 million for transportation, lodging, food, entertainment and recreation.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Experts say Spartanburg lacks adequate mental health and addiction care

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141006/ARTICLES/141009742/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Experts-say-Spartanburg-lacks-adequate-mental-health-and-addiction-care>

Felicia Kitzmiller

Sometimes the most important discussions are also the most difficult to have, and such was the case Monday night when community leaders gathered to discuss substance abuse and mental health – leading health care concerns in Spartanburg County.

**Anderson Independent:** Superintendent urges support for penny tax

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/local-news/superintendent-urges-support-for-penny-tax\\_52579882](http://www.independentmail.com/news/local-news/superintendent-urges-support-for-penny-tax_52579882)

Vince Jackson

Lee D'Andrea, superintendent for Anderson County District 4, said the penny tax could generate about \$1 million each year in the district during the 15-year term of the sales tax. The tax would be applied to items currently subject to state sales tax and would not include food or medications.

**Post and Courier:** Mount Pleasant eyes hikes in wide range of recreation user fees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC16/141009576>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Recreation users could pay higher fees for everything from senior center memberships to swimming and playing tennis in an effort to pay for a Recreation Department coming under heavy demand in this rapidly growing community.

**Island Packet:** Solar panels installed at 2 district high schools

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/06/3356502/solar-panels-installed-at-2-district.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1>

Sarah Bowman

Solar panels being installed at Whale Branch Early College and Bluffton high schools this week should help the Beaufort County School District use more green energy -- and save a little green in the process. When

the panels are operational in about two weeks, the district will begin selling any power generated to SCE&G.

#### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** Fight or Flee? GOP grappling with gay marriage

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_GAY\\_MARRIAGE\\_2016\\_POLITICS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-10-07-02-33-37](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_GAY_MARRIAGE_2016_POLITICS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-10-07-02-33-37)

Steve Peoples, Ken Thomas

It took just a few words for the Supreme Court to deal with the question of whether gay marriage is legal. For Republicans thinking about running for the White House in 2016, it won't be that easy.

**Washington Post:** Conservatives decry Supreme Court's move on gay marriage

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/conservatives-decry-supreme-courts-move-on-gay-marriage/2014/10/06/ba98863c-4d89-11e4-babe-e91da079cb8a\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/conservatives-decry-supreme-courts-move-on-gay-marriage/2014/10/06/ba98863c-4d89-11e4-babe-e91da079cb8a_story.html)

Karen Tumulty

Conservative religious groups and a handful of Republican lawmakers decried the Supreme Court's decision Monday to allow same-sex marriage rulings to stand in five states, saying it will help motivate voters to the polls in protest.

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