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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**WJBF:** Same-Sex Marriage Could Happen in South Carolina

<http://www.wjbf.com/story/26728956/same-sex-marriage-could-happen-in-south-carolina>

Deon Guillory

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision Monday to deny same-sex marriage appeals ended marriage delays in five states. Now couples in six other states, including South Carolina, should soon be able to get married.

**Note:** South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley's spokesman, Doug Mayer, released a statement that reads "our voter-approved state law should be followed until a court rules on it directly."

**Note:** South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson said "our case has not yet been decided. Until the courts rule on the matter, South Carolina will seek to uphold our state Constitution."

**WMBF:** Ribbon cutting ceremony announced for StarTek

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/26731354/ribbon-cutting-ceremony-announced-for-startek>

Brooke Holden

The ribbon cutting for the StarTek call center in Carolina Forest is scheduled to take place Monday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m., said Morgan Dendy, spokeswoman for the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation. The official address of the call center is 310 Henson Drive, Myrtle Beach 29579.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley, Startek CEO Chad Carlson and Horry County Chair Mark Lazarus are scheduled to attend the ceremony.

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**Post and Courier:** Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal takes on President Obama at The Citadel

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC1603/141009474>

Schuyler Kropf

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal visited The Citadel - where most all Republicans running for the White House make a stop - to outline his views on defense and foreign policy, blaming the decline of American influence overseas on President Obama.

**Note:** In the meantime, Jindal said he would continue to support Republicans this election season, giving words of praise Tuesday to GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, and Gov. Nikki Haley.

**Note:** "I think Nikki Haley has done a great job for you as governor," he told the cadets. Jindal was invited to speak as part of the school's student Republican Club.

**The State:** Sheheen ad: Not a 'great day in SC'

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/08/3731220/morning-buzz-sheheen-ad-not-a.html>

Jamie Self

Democratic candidate for governor Vincent Sheheen releases a new ad today, mocking a statewide slogan Gov. Nikki Haley asked government employees to say when they answer the phone: "It's a great day in South Carolina." The 30-second television ad is part of a six-figure media buy that starts today, according to Sheheen's campaign.

### Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**The State (Guest Column):** SC economy succeeding more than meets the eye

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/08/3730313/hitt-sc-economy-succeeding-more.html>

Bobby Hitt

By any measure, South Carolina is on a roll. Over the past four years, we have been making major gains — gains that are bringing economic stability and opportunity to communities across the state.

**Note:** That team approach starts at the top, with Gov. Nikki Haley personally invested and fully integrated in what we're doing, meeting and speaking with prospects or our existing companies. As the CEO of the state, she understands the importance of customer service and a personal touch. In fact, one thing we hear from clients all over the world is that she readily gives them her cell phone number and says to call her with any issues.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Supreme Court decision ends battle

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/07/6399312\\_supreme-court-decision-ends-battle.html?sp=/100/105/&rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/07/6399312_supreme-court-decision-ends-battle.html?sp=/100/105/&rh=1)

Editorial

The same-sex marriage battle is over – at least in South Carolina and the 10 other states affected by Monday's Supreme Court decision. The pledge by Gov. Nikki Haley and state Attorney General Alan Wilson to continue the fight against gay marriage is a hollow political ploy.

**The State:** Been there, done that: Vote-trading allegation in SC Supreme Court race has a familiar ring to it

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/07/3730319/scoppe-been-there-done-that-vote.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

IF WHITE Republicans voted for a black candidate for a lower-court seat earlier this year in return for black Democrats' support for Chief Justice Jean Toal, it wouldn't be the first time a Supreme Court race turned on such a vote-trading arrangement.

**Greenville News:** Students need civics education

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/10/07/editorial-students-need-civics-education/16869867/>

Editorial

Never mind the accent and the lack of a family tree that shows ancestors going back to the Revolutionary War, that newly minted citizen can run circles around many Americans when it comes to knowing simple facts about American history and government.

**Island Packet:** County, district must unite to set tax rate, lobby state

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3358130/county-district-must-unite-to.html?sp=/99/342/>

Editorial

Local leaders are correct that Act 388 has been disastrous for our schools. The 2006 state law prevents the Beaufort County School District from taxing primary residences for school operations. Instead, only owners of second homes and commercial properties are taxed to pay for school operations.

**Post and Courier:** Make the case for war to Congress

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141008/PC1002/141009476>

Editorial

Memoirs by a former defense secretary and a former ambassador to Iraq raise serious new questions about President Obama's candor and sense of direction in the foreign challenges now facing the nation.

**Post and Courier:** Public access can help save Shem Creek for the future

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141008/PC1002/141009477>

Editorial

Mount Pleasant really loves Shem Creek. So much so that the town announced last month plans to significantly expand Shem Creek Park with a new boardwalk along the waterway's northwestern edge. The existing park has drawn a steady stream of visitors since it was completed in 2011.

## **S.C. General Assembly News:**

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Senate medical committee to meet on Ebola

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC1603/141009493>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina's lawmakers will meet Thursday to review whether the Palmetto State is prepared for Ebola. The Senate's Medical Affairs Committee will meet Thursday afternoon here to discuss if South Carolina is prepared to handle matters if a patient with Ebola arrived here or was diagnosed here and specifically how the state's hospitals would act.



## Domestic Violence Vigil News:

**The State:** S.C.'s top prosecutor wants tougher domestic-violence laws

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/07/3730533/scs-top-prosecutor-wants-tougher.html>

Cassie Cope

Attorney General Alan Wilson read the names of the victims and their stories during the annual Silent Witness ceremony. The silhouettes were a reminder that South Carolina repeatedly ranks among the worst states in the nation in the number of women killed by men.

**Post and Courier:** Ceremony honors people killed in domestic violence as committee works to reverse tide of abuse in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC16/141009541>

Doug Pardue

Billy DuBose blew into his bagpipe as he prepared to play "Amazing Grace" in honor of those killed in domestic violence in South Carolina last year. Just before he walked in front of 46 people holding up human silhouettes in memory of the 46 who died, he thought about how many times he's played for the ceremony and whispered: "Too many."

**Anderson Independent:** Overhaul of S.C. domestic violence law proposed

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/local-news/overhaul-of-sc-domestic-violence-law-proposed\\_17038944](http://www.independentmail.com/news/local-news/overhaul-of-sc-domestic-violence-law-proposed_17038944)

Kirk Brown

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson on Tuesday proposed an overhaul of the state's domestic violence laws. Mentioning a Tuesday morning incident at a home in Anderson where a man allegedly pointed a shotgun at his girlfriend and her son, Wilson told a legislative panel that "enough is enough."

## South Carolina News:

**Greenville News:** Greenville County, state lag in college readiness

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/10/07/greenville-county-state-lag-college-readiness/16872025/>

Nathaniel Cary

Students in Greenville County and across South Carolina performed better on measures of college readiness last school year, though the state still fell well below the national average on the number of students who are prepared for college. Scores increased for the fourth straight year for Greenville County seniors who took the Scholastic Assessment Test used for college admissions last school year.

**The State:** First SC flu-related death of new season reported in Midlands

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/07/3730320\\_first-sc-flu-related-death-of.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/07/3730320_first-sc-flu-related-death-of.html?rh=1)

Joey Holleman

A Midlands resident was the state's first influenza-associated death of the 2014-15 season, according to a report from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control on Tuesday. Flu season begins in late September, and there were 78 flu-related deaths in the state in the season that just ended.

**Island Packet:** Ravenel butts heads with political consultant, blogger

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3358271\\_ravenel-butts-heads-with-political.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3358271_ravenel-butts-heads-with-political.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1)

Zach Murdock

U.S. Senate candidate Thomas Ravenel doesn't want to talk about his reported tiff with a well-known political blogger, who also was a former volunteer on his campaign. Political consultant Will Folks accused Ravenel of sending him harassing text messages, according to a Lexington County Sheriff's Office report written Sunday.

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

**Associated Press:** Gay marriage decision reignites GOP debate

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6sd9fjmC](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6sd9fjmC)

Steve Peoples, Ken Thomas

The court's decision Monday to reject appeals from five states that sought to prohibit same-sex marriage



pits the GOP's pragmatic wing eager to move past the divisive social issue against religious conservatives - a vocal minority that vowed to redouble its efforts and punish those unwilling to join them.

**Note:** But for religious conservatives who hold outsized influence in Republican presidential contests in the early voting states of Iowa and South Carolina, the issue resonates.

**Associated Press:** Conservative states balk at gay marriage action

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

Roxana Hegeman

Officials in some conservative states, where Supreme Court action could clear the way for same-sex weddings, say they won't issue marriage licenses to gay couples until their hands are forced. Gay rights advocates are preparing and filing new federal lawsuits to do just that.

**Note:** South Carolina's attorney general said if a court specifically rules against that state's gay marriage ban, he will then decide how to proceed.

**Associated Press:** Gay marriage supporters rally at SC Statehouse

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bNGzGgc3](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bNGzGgc3)

Groups that want gay marriage in South Carolina as soon as possible are making their case at the Statehouse. South Carolina Equality and other groups are holding a news conference at noon Wednesday to demand South Carolina drop its legal fight over whether the state's ban on same-sex marriage is legal.

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

**Aiken Standard:** Joe Wilson to speak at Republican Party meeting

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141007/AIK0101/141009594/1004>

Derrek Asberry

The Aiken Republican Party is hoping the general public will come to Thursday's meeting with open ears and questions for U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C. The event will begin with social time at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. at the Aiken County Historical Museum, 433 Newberry St.

**Index-Journal:** US Rep. Duncan talks energy exploration, ISIS at GOP meeting

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/US-Rep--Duncan-talks-energy-exploration--ISIS-at-GOP-meeting>

Colin Riddle

In a regular meeting, local republicans were given the opportunity to hear directly from Capitol Hill on Tuesday night. U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan spoke with the local GOP to discuss the different issues he's facing in Washington right now, update his constituents on some popular national topics and provide residents with his own ideas moving forward.

### **Local News:**

**The State:** Johnson selected as new head of Richland County elections board

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/07/3730528/johnson-selected-as-new-head-of.html>

Sarah Ellis

Richland County's new elections board selected Marjorie Johnson as its new chairwoman at its second organizational meeting Tuesday. Adell Adams, the only veteran member of the board, was elected as vice chairwoman at the meeting, where the group's inexperience and lack of familiarity with one another was at times apparent.

**Sun News:** Horry County Schools AP scores increase, SAT scores slip

[http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/07/4523217\\_horry-county-schools-ap-scores.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1](http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/07/4523217_horry-county-schools-ap-scores.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1)

Claire Byun

Horry and Georgetown County School Districts reported better Advanced Placement exam scores this year, but SAT scores dipped in both districts, according to the College Board. Horry County is one of five S.C. districts named to the AP Honor Roll in the same year SAT scores fell.

**Times and Democrat:** Local SAT scores mixed

[http://thetandd.com/news/local-sat-scores-mixed/article\\_03c4b7b6-4e8b-11e4-9e30-33378d48bb77.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local-sat-scores-mixed/article_03c4b7b6-4e8b-11e4-9e30-33378d48bb77.html)

Dale Linder-Altman

South Carolina's public schools saw gains overall on 2014 SAT scores, but local results were mixed. The

only local districts showing improvement over 2013 were Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four and Bamberg District One, with Bamberg increasing its average score by 54 points for a total of 1397. OCSD 4 gained 56 points for an average of 1255.

**Beaufort Gazette:** Principal details drug problems at Beaufort High, calls on parents for help

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3357698/beaufort-high-to-hold-meeting.html?](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3357698/beaufort-high-to-hold-meeting.html?sp=/99/257/266/#storylink=cpy)

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Sarah Bowman

Several weeks ago, a Beaufort High School student asked principal Corey Murphy if he wanted some "skittles." Murphy didn't know at the time that "skittles" was the slang term for Coricidin, an over-the-counter cough and cold medicine that is among the drugs and other substances his students were abusing.

**Beaufort Gazette:** Solicitor Stone testifies on domestic violence in Columbia

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3358299/solicitor-stone-testifies-on-domestic.html?](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3358299/solicitor-stone-testifies-on-domestic.html?sp=/99/257/266/)

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Rebecca Lurye

Ellen McCormick tried to leave her husband, Charles, but she did not call police when he broke into her home -- leaving urine and rocks in her washing machine and stealing her dog and engagement ring -- Dosch, of Danbury, Conn., recalled last week

### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** Health law waivers: Too complicated to claim?

[http://finance.yahoo.com/news/health-law-waivers-too-complicated-claim-183724330--finance.](http://finance.yahoo.com/news/health-law-waivers-too-complicated-claim-183724330--finance.html;_ylt=AwrBJSC3UjRUPXkAvArQtDMD)

[html;\\_ylt=AwrBJSC3UjRUPXkAvArQtDMD](http://finance.yahoo.com/news/health-law-waivers-too-complicated-claim-183724330--finance.html;_ylt=AwrBJSC3UjRUPXkAvArQtDMD)

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Millions of Americans may qualify for waivers from the most unpopular part of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. But getting that exemption could be an ordeal. Community groups are concerned about a convoluted process for waivers from the law's tax penalty on people who remain uninsured.

**New York Times:** In This Election, Obama's Party Benches Him

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/08/us/politics/in-this-election-obamas-party-benches-him.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/08/us/politics/in-this-election-obamas-party-benches-him.html?_r=0)

Jonathan Martin

When he soared to victory by almost 10 million votes in 2008, President Obama won in states like Virginia that Democratic candidates had not captured since 1964. He was trumpeted as a transformational leader who remade American politics by creating a new electoral map and a diverse voter coalition to shape the Democratic Party for the 21st century.

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