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**The State:** Let governor appoint education superintendent (Opinion)  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/05/2660129/editorial-let-governor-appoint.html>  
Editorial

Gubernatorial candidates talk a lot about public education, and little wonder. It's the most important thing the state does, and 40 cents of every state general fund dollar goes to the schools.

But a governor has less control over our schools than a member of the House, even though she represents 124 times as many people. Although she can make suggestions, her only formal power over education is the ability to veto legislation.

She can't take a single positive action on her own, because the person who runs the state Education Department is a separately elected official. Someone who can get along with the governor, as the current one seems to do, or not, as his predecessor seemed to do.

It begs the question: If the governor has no control over the agency that spends 40 percent of our general tax dollars and performs the state's most vital function, what, exactly, does she govern?

We've never heard a good reason why the person who runs our most important state agency does not have to demonstrate a single qualification for the job, other than the ability to raise campaign funds and get more votes than any of his competitors — none of whom, likely, is the person anybody would actually hire for such an important job.

Fortunately, there's an easy way to address both problems: Allow governors to select the person who runs the Education Department, just as they select the person who runs the Commerce Department and the Corrections Department and the Revenue Department and nearly a dozen other state agencies.

That way the education vision that voters buy into when they elect a governor will be the vision implemented in our schools, at least to the degree that the law allows it. Where the law doesn't allow that, the education superintendent will work on behalf of the governor to convince the Legislature to change it. And rather than being limited to the handful of politicians who are up to making the race, the governor will be able to choose from professionals across the state and even the nation, in much the same way our local school boards do when they hire a district superintendent.

Legislation up for debate today in the Senate would begin the process of making that change, by placing a question on the 2014 ballot asking voters to amend the state constitution. If they say yes, the governor would appoint the education superintendent beginning in 2019. Our current education superintendent, Republican Mick Zais, supports the change, as did his predecessor, Democrat Jim Rex, and his predecessor, Democrat Inez Tenenbaum.

In fact, for years, it's been hard to find opponents of the idea outside the Senate; the House has voted several times to authorize the constitutional referendum, only to watch the measure die in the Senate. But last month, the Senate agreed without objection to place the legislation (S.53) on priority debate status, which should — but does not necessarily — mean that it has the two-thirds support necessarily to advance to the House.

It's past time to make this change. The Senate should approve the referendum, and then the House should follow suit, and allow voters to eliminate this outdated provision of our state constitution.

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## Clips - Tuesday, March 5, 2013

### Governor Nikki Haley News

**Associated Press:** Haley participating in SC health clinic opening

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Staff Report

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is taking part in the opening of a new health clinic in Columbia. Haley's office says the governor is joining Pastor Jimmy Jones, the chief executive of Christ Central Ministries, to open Central Ministries Medical Care Center in Columbia on Tuesday.

**Note:** Haley's office says the center is a community-based health clinic and offers free services including medical, dental, eye care and a pharmacy.

**The State:** Let governor appoint education superintendent

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/05/2660129/editorial-let-governor-appoint.html>

Gubernatorial candidates talk a lot about public education, and little wonder. It's the most important thing the state does, and 40 cents of every state general fund dollar goes to the schools. But a governor has less control over our schools than a member of the House, even though she represents 124 times as many people. Although she can make suggestions, her only formal power over education is the ability to veto legislation.

**Post and Courier:** Shelved S.C. DNR climate warming report edgy but not over the edge

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC16/130309655/1005/shelved-sc-dnr-climate-warming-report-edgy-but-not-over-the-edge>

Bo Petersen

White ibis are found in the Lowcountry far more than the primarily Gulf Coast wading birds once were — 9,000 percent more. Offshore, dolphin fish in hordes are turning up months early. Gobbler wild turkeys strut the fields and females nest a month or more earlier than they used to. And rising seas are swamping coastal marshes, the nursery for many fish species. So a controversial report on managing climate warming that was shelved by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources board isn't prematurely reaching for conclusions. If anything, the wildlife management department is struggling to catch up with a warming ecosystem of adapting species.

**Note:** The report, current through 2011, was shelved by the DNR board in 2012, after the replacement of some board members by newly elected Gov. Nikki Haley, who has pushed for pared-down, "business-friendly" agencies.

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### South Carolina News

**Associated Press:** Continental Tire plans storage complex in SC

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WJTq8f6O](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WJTq8f6O)

Staff Report

Continental Tire has announced plans to create a storage complex on the north end of the former Naval Base in Charleston. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/12pbe4Z>) that the complex marks the first industrial development planned on the former Naval Base following settlement of a intergovernmental dispute over rail access.

**Post and Courier:** Continental Tire plans distribution center on former Charleston Naval Base in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC16/130309666/1005/continental-tire-plans-distribution-center-on-former-charleston-naval-base-in-north-charleston>

David Slade

Continental Tire is planning a large storage and distribution facility at the north end of the former Charleston Naval Base, an area that's been attracting residential redevelopment. It's an economic development project the state calls "Project Crescent," but officials revealed Continental's plan while seeking a zoning change from North Charleston.

**Greenville News:** Gas tax idea deserves a hearing (Opinion)

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130305/OPINION/303050005/Editorial-Gas-tax-idea-deserves-hearing>

Editorial

They are using baby steps, but bit by bit lawmakers in Columbia are talking about potential solutions to the dire condition of South Carolina's vast network of state maintained roads, highways and bridges. The latest proposal would increase our state's gasoline tax to help bridge the funding gap. It's not the ultimate solution, but it could be one more piece to a puzzle that could improve the state's South Carolina's infrastructure funding. Rep. Tommy Stringer's proposal to index the gasoline tax to inflation is intriguing. It would start with a 5 cents per gallon increase, and then allow for a hike of up to 1.5 cents per year based on the Consumer Price Index. It's a reasonable fix that at least would mitigate the impact of the gasoline tax's dwindling efficacy that's due to improved fuel efficiency in vehicles.

**The State:** SC Senate hearing on bill to allow carrying handguns packs Rock Hill auditorium

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/04/2660494/sc-senate-hearing-on-bill-to-allow.html>

Jamie Self

A crowd in Rock Hill Monday urged a state Senate panel to move quickly to pass a bill that would allow South Carolinians to carry handguns, concealed or not, without a permit. More than 150 people packed a standing-room-only auditorium at York Technical College in Rock Hill for the hearing on the S.C. Constitutional Carry Act of 2013.

**Post and Courier:** Federal sequester, state cuts threaten mental health research at MUSC

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC16/130309654/1005/federal-sequester-state-cuts-threaten-mental-health-research-at-musc>

Lauren Sausser

Years before Alice Boland pulled a loaded handgun on an Ashley Hall administrator outside the school in February, she was treated for her mental illness by medical professionals. So was Newtown, Conn., shooter Adam Lanza. In each case, there were tests, diagnoses, intervention. Yet the mental health care system still failed them both. Even worse, the system failed the public.

**Post and Courier:** VAT's the way, uh-huh, uh-huh, I like it, uh-huh, uh-huh (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC1002/130309686/1021/vat-x2019-s-the-way-uh-huh-uh-huh-i-like-it-uh-huh-uh-huh>

Ernest F. Hollings

What are the objections to a Value Added Tax? One hundred and fifty countries use the VAT to compete in globalization, with an average tax of 15 percent. The VAT is rebated on exports and added to imports. The corporate income tax is not rebated.

**Post and Courier:** SC GOP 1st District debate pushed back to March 28

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC16/130309651/1005/sc-gop-1st-district-debate-pushed-back-to-march-28>

Robert Behre

The state Republican party no longer plans to hold a March 14 debate among candidates seeking the 1st Congressional District, citing too many in the race. Instead of holding a debate among the 16 current Republican hopefuls, the party will hold a two-candidate debate on March 28 — nine days after voters decide who will be in the runoff, party executive director Alex Stroman said.

**NY Times:** Sanford seeks comeback in lively SC race

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/04/2660471/ex-governor-seeks-comeback-in.html>

Staff Report

Mark Sanford, the former Republican governor of South Carolina, who turned the phrase "hiking the Appalachian Trail" into a euphemism for an affair, sat in a coffee shop here on a recent morning and wept. He is sprinting toward a crowded March 17 congressional primary, in which 16 Republicans and two Democrats are vying for the chance to represent a redrawn district that runs along the coast through Charleston and Hilton Head, with some low country farmland woven in.

**Post and Courier:** Blandford presses liberty, dangers of Fed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC16/130309672/1005/blandford-presses-liberty-dangers-of-fed>

Robert Behre

Keith Blandford, a military veteran and Sullivan's Island businessman, freely admits he might be one of the oddest candidates of the 16 seeking the Republican nomination in the 1st Congressional District. During his appearances at candidate forums, he notes, "I have not asked for their vote — not even just once."

**The State:** SC Democratic says issues clearinghouse could grow into think tank

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/04/2660289/sc-democratic-says-issues-clearinghouse.html>

Andy Shain

State Rep. James Smith, one of the state's leading Democrats, is starting a clearinghouse that will examine ways to move South Carolina forward on a number of issues, including economic development and education. The Columbia attorney said he has been speaking with fellow Liberty Fellowship graduates in the General Assembly about his group called "A Better SC," asking, "What you can do to better the state?"

**Associated Press:** South Carolina's linguistic diversity at a glance

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oNFVXoG3](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oNFVXoG3)

Staff Report

Government officials will face a variety of cultural and linguistic challenges in trying to educate and market the new health insurance exchange to limited-English speakers and hard-to-reach populations across the state. Many people living in South Carolina say they speak English less than "very well."

**Associated Press:** SC tornado drill scheduled for Tuesday morning

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

Staff Report

Emergency officials know a tornado warning is about to be issued across South Carolina. That's because Tuesday morning's warning is part of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division's annual statewide tornado drill.

**Associated Press:** Ex-Public Safety chief sues agency over firing

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Jd3PTh2o](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Jd3PTh2o)

Staff Report

The former internal affairs chief for the South Carolina Department of Public Safety has sued the agency over his dismissal. In a lawsuit filed last week in Richland County, Bobby Collins said that his firing was "malicious and mean-spirited" retaliation for arguing with troopers during a Jan. 10 traffic stop.

**The State:** Former Public Safety investigator sues over firing

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/04/2659749/former-public-safety-investigator.html>

Tim Flach

A former top cop at the S.C. Department of Public Safety is suing the agency for damages after his dismissal for unprofessional conduct. Former chief internal affairs investigator Bobby Collins says his firing is retaliation for arguing with troopers during a traffic stop Jan. 10. In a lawsuit filed Feb. 28 in Richland County court, Collins alleges the firing is "malicious and mean-spirited" after he scolded troopers for steps he considered inappropriate during the early-morning stop in the St. Andrews area.

**Tribune-Times:** Police help secure day-care centers

[http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130305/NEWS/303050009/Police-help-secure-day-care-centers?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130305/NEWS/303050009/Police-help-secure-day-care-centers?nclick_check=1)

Paul Alongi

Simpsonville police Officer Justin Chandler told a room full of day-care workers that more than half the

school shootings in the past 20 years have happened in cities with fewer than 10,000 people. "If you don't think something like that can happen in a small town like Simpsonville, you are wrong," Chandler said.

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## Hyperlocal News

**Associated Press:** SLED investigating Berkeley County ethics case

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BG95q8GE](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BG95q8GE)

Staff Report

The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating the Berkeley County School District for possible ethics violations. The investigation stems from the school district's involvement in a referendum on borrowing for school construction. The borrowing of nearly \$200 million was approved in November.

**Post and Courier:** Berkeley School District under investigation over Yes for Schools campaign

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC16/130309667/1005/berkeley-school-district-under-investigation-over-yes-for-schools-campaign>

Brenda Rindge

As Berkeley County School District officials geared up for their \$198 million school improvement referendum last year, District Communications Director Amy Kovach wrote an email to one of three volunteer chairs of the Yes 4 Schools committee. The district's lawyer for the bond referendum would attend the next meeting, she wrote to Chad Vail on March 28, "to advise and provide insight to the group on what the district staff can and cannot do to support campaign activities."

**Associated Press:** SC job fair hosts employers, veteran job seekers

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eBwaC9NY](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eBwaC9NY)

Staff Report

Fort Jackson and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are scheduled to host a job fair for military veterans, members of the National Guard and Reserve, and their spouses. Tuesday's event is to be held at the Solomon Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the military installation near Columbia.

**Associated Press:** NRC discussing Oconee fire system penalties

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5SarQpRh](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5SarQpRh)

Staff Report

Federal regulators are set to discuss possible penalties for a nuclear plant in South Carolina. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is meeting with officials from Duke Energy in Rockville, Md., over issues with fire protection systems at Oconee Nuclear Station near Seneca.

**Associated Press:** Record number of sea turtle nests on SC coast

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KmH12tTG](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KmH12tTG)

Staff Report

A record number of sea turtles nests were found along the South Carolina coast during 2012, according to new figures from the state Department of Natural Resources. The Post and Courier of Charleston reported Monday (<http://bit.ly/XkUw2G>) that the figures show more than 4,600 turtle nests were found during the 2012 nesting season.

**Post and Courier:** Mount Pleasant councilman arrested on DUI charge was targeted in 2006 lawsuit alleging drugged sex

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC16/130309656/1005/mount-pleasant-councilman-arrested-on-dui-charge-was-targeted-in-2006-lawsuit-alleging-drugged-sex>

Andrew Knapp and Robert Behre

Days after Mount Pleasant Councilman John Burn's drunken driving arrest, town officials called the 52-year-old a likeable person and businessman. The College of Charleston graduate made a name for himself running Hughes Equipment Rental, which has been in his family since the early 1900s. But the year before he was elected to the Town Council in 2009, Burn was working to prevent an element of his past from seeing the light of day.

**Post and Courier:** Mayor Billy Swails on councilman's arrest 'wait and see'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130304/PC16/130309719/1005/mayor-billy-swails-on-councilman-x2019-s-arrest-x2018-wait-and-see-x2019>



Robert Behre

Town Council members held a full-day of committee meetings Monday, a day after news broke that Councilman John Burn was charged with DUI over the weekend. Burn, 52, arrived at the town's offices in time to chair council's Recreation Committee, and he didn't refer to the incident.

**The State:** Richland County jail inmate's stomping caused collapsed lung, broken ribs and fractured back, report shows

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/04/2660298/richland-county-sc-jail-inmates.html>

Clif LeBlanc

A homeless man arrested on trespassing charges suffered a collapsed lung, two broken ribs, a fractured vertebrae in his back as well as internal injuries during a prolonged stomping by a Richland County jail guard, authorities said Monday. The man, 52, might die of his injuries, said Capt. Chris Cowan, spokesman for the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

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## National News

**Associated Press:** Pentagon to furlough teachers, cut commissary time

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RUL19gVQ](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RUL19gVQ)

Lolita C. Baldor

The Pentagon will furlough about 15,000 military school teachers and staff around the world because of the automatic budget cuts that took effect last Friday, but spokesman George Little said Monday the department will manage the process so the schools don't lose their accreditation. Little said the military will also close all of the commissaries on bases around the world for one extra day each week. They are currently open six days a week.

**Associated Press:** GOP offers budget plan that would protect defense funding in '13

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130305/BUSINESS/303050014/GOP-offers-budget-plan-would-protect-defense-funding-13>

Andrew Taylor

Republicans controlling the House moved Monday to give the Pentagon more money for military readiness while easing the pain felt by such agencies as the FBI and the Border Patrol from the across-the-board spending cuts that are just starting to take effect. The effort is part of a huge spending measure that would fund day-to-day federal operations through September — and head off a potential government shutdown later this month.

**Associated Press:** Vice president Biden, black leaders lead re-enactment of voting rights march

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/04/2659735/vice-president-biden-black-leaders.html>

Phillip Rawls

The vice president and black leaders commemorating a famous civil rights march Sunday said efforts to diminish the impact of African-Americans' votes haven't stopped in the years since the 1965 Voting Rights Act added millions to Southern voter rolls. More than 5,000 people followed Vice President Joe Biden and U. S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma's annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee.

**Post and Courier:** Ambassador Rodman fouls out (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130305/PC1002/130309683/1021/ambassador-rodman-fouls-out>  
Editorial

As a professional basketball player, Dennis Rodman was a prolific rebounder. As an amateur diplomat, he's a misinformed blunderer. And while Mr. Rodman's farcical foray to North Korea last week was amusing in a twisted way, that offbeat comic relief remains overshadowed by these harrowing realities:

**Associated Press:** Dow pushing toward record

Year's highest close nears October 2007 mark

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130305/BUSINESS/303050010/Dow-pushing-toward-record>

Steve Rothwell

Investors brushed off early jitters about a potential slowdown in China and pushed the Dow to its highest close of the year. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 38.16 points, or 0.3 percent, to 14,127.82. The index is a fraction of a percentage point away from its record close of 14,164, reached on Oct. 9, 2007.

**Forbes:** Slim still world's richest person

*Buffett slips out of top 3*

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130305/BUSINESS/303050011/Forbes-Slim-still-world-s-richest-person>

Staff Report

Mexico's Carlos Slim remains the world's richest man for the fourth year in a row, according to Forbes, while Warren Buffett dropped out of the top three for the first time since 2000. And Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg saw his ranking drop 31 spots as his net worth declined by \$4.2 billion.

The Top 5

The top five billionaires in the world, according to the latest annual tally by Forbes magazine:

Person Net Worth

1. Carlos Slim Helu ...\$73 billion
2. Bill Gates ... \$67 billion
3. Amancio Ortega ...\$57 billion
4. Warren Buffett ... \$53.5 billion
5. Larry Ellison ... \$43 billion

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