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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**WMBF:** Gov. Haley meets with state agencies for upcoming hurricane season

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/25497237/gov-haley-meets-with-state-agencies-for-upcoming-hurricane-season>

Gov. Nikki Haley met with leaders of state agencies in Columbia on Monday for the upcoming 2014 hurricane season. Monday's meeting was billed as a hurricane tabletop exercise, a chance to look at needs and make a plan to make sure those needs are addressed.

**Note:** "We continue looking at shelters, making sure we have enough shelters," Haley said. "We focused in on special needs shelters and how we can co-mingle those with the general shelters."

**WOLO:** Governor Holds Constituent Meetings

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/news/local/Governor-Holds-Constituent-Meetings-258989681.html>

Eric Weisfeld

Governor Nikki Haley today announced that she will hold constituent meetings at the South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia on Wednesday, May 14 at 4:00 PM. South Carolinians will have the opportunity to schedule a one-on-one meeting with Gov. Haley to discuss any issue.

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**Associated Press:** Underdog SC Democrats gather at Galivants Ferry

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6F3NcVwR](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6F3NcVwR)

Nearly 20 Democratic candidates stood in front of the stump at one of South Carolina's oldest political gatherings Monday and made their case to voters. But unlike the Galivants Ferry Stump gatherings from generations ago, almost every one of them will be the underdogs in their races in November.

**Note:** "We're happy to spend the next six months talking about South Carolina today compared to before Governor Haley took office ...," her spokesman Rob Godfrey said in an email.

**Florence Morning News:** Sellers, Sheheen highlight stumping at Galivants Ferry

[http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article\\_98a0cb9a-da46-11e3-8f2a-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_98a0cb9a-da46-11e3-8f2a-001a4bcf6878.html)

Gavin Jackson

Democrats and even some Republicans were on hand to get fired up and ready to go one more time at the Galivants Ferry Stump on Monday evening. The hot spring air got even hotter when Democratic candidates took to the carved cypress stump to — stump.

**Sun News:** Democrats gather for biennial Galivants Ferry Stump

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/05/13/4224243/democrats-gather-for-biennial.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Maya T. Prabhu

Greg and Sandy Joye said they have traveled from Irmo to Galivants Ferry to hear the stump speeches from Democratic candidates for a number of years. And while they said this year drew the smallest crowd in their recent memory, they said it was a great opportunity to hear the platforms of candidates who hope to represent them at the state and national level.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Democratic challenger working to unseat Attorney General Alan Wilson

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/12/3443160/democratic-challenger-working.html#storylink=cpy>

Jason Spencer

When Parnell Diggs was a little boy, a television show inspired him to become a firefighter. His dream was soon dashed. "You're blind," his grandmother told him. "There are some things you cannot do." During the



holidays one year, Diggs' younger brother proclaimed that he wanted to be a Christmas elf when he grew up.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**The State:** Bad Senate deal on texting can produce good law

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/12/3442676/scoppe-bad-senate-deal-on-texting.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Scoppe

ON A BUSY day last month that muted the media coverage, the Senate for the first time ever passed a bill to restrict using a cell phone while driving. Now, in a twist not often seen around the State House, the House needs to fix the bill.

**Post and Courier:** You be the ethics judge

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140513/PC16/140519806/1006/you-be-the-ethics-judge>

Frank Wooten

Should S.C. Circuit Court Judge Casey Manning have ruled Monday that the S.C. House Ethics Committee, not Attorney General Alan Wilson, will - for now - handle the investigation of alleged violations in the use of campaign funds by Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston (see story on today's front page)?

**Aiken Standard:** Trash scorecard should prompt concern in S.C.

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140513/AIK0201/140519871/1018/AIK02/editorial-trash-scorecard-should-prompt-concern-in-sc>

Editorial

South Carolina's latest distinction as the nation's "dirtiest" state won't do us any favors when it comes to growing tourism, our greatest economic driver. A national anti-litter group recently gave the Palmetto State the eye-raising ranking, which rates states based on a number of factors, including litter, recycling legislation and state waste disposal.

## **Speaker Harrell Investigation:**

**Post and Courier:** Judge Manning: S.C. House, not courts, should investigate Speaker Bobby Harrell

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140512/PC1610/140519802/1177/judge-manning-sc-house-not-courts-should-investigate-speaker-bobby-harrell>

Jeremy Borden

Legal and political watchers decried a ruling in the case against House Speaker Bobby Harrell Monday, saying that a decision to send an ethics-related case to a committee of Harrell's fellow lawmakers sets a dangerous precedent.

**The State:** Judge to AG Wilson: Stop SLED and grand jury probe of House Speaker Harrell

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/12/3442737/judge-manning-to-attorney-general.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Circuit Judge Casey Manning ruled Monday that Attorney General Alan Wilson and SLED must stop their ongoing state grand jury criminal investigation of possible ethics violations by House Speaker Bobby Harrell. Manning, in a five-page order, ruled that any action taken by Wilson's grand jury to date "is null and void." The grand jury has been operating since around January.

**Associated Press:** Judge dismisses case against SC Speaker Harrell

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7fvB30ky](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7fvB30ky)

A judge on Monday dismissed allegations of corruption against House Speaker Bobby Harrell, ruling such a case must first be considered by a legislative panel before state prosecutors could touch it and saying a State Grand Jury was improperly empaneled. State prosecutors vowed to appeal the ruling, which Harrell said was a victory in a "politically driven" pursuit.

**The State:** Watchdog: Should Justices Toal, Pleicones recuse themselves from Harrell matter?

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/12/3443113/watchdog-asks-should-justices.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

A watchdog citizens' group has sent Chief Justice Jean Toal a letter asking that she and Associate Justice Costa Pleicones consider recusing themselves if they are called upon to decide civil or criminal questions involving House Speaker Bobby Harrell.



## S.C. Federal Delegation News:

**The State:** Former Congressman Derrick remembered as extraordinary public servant

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/12/3442324/politicians-family-friends-remember.html#storylink=cpy>

Carolyn Click

Former 3rd District U.S. Rep. Butler Derrick was remembered Monday as a generous and gracious man, "the ultimate public servant" who believed he had an obligation to help his state's citizens, no matter their political persuasion or economic circumstances.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston County Republicans censure U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140512/PC1603/140519817/1031/charleston-county-republicans-censure-us-sen-lindsey-graham>

Schuyler Kropf

Charleston County Republicans fought among themselves Monday night before deciding to issue a "censure" of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham for not being Republican enough. The vote was immediately criticized by Republican National Committeewoman Cindy Costa as "foolish" on the eve of an election.

**Associated Press:** Sanford attending offshore energy tour in Gulf

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

South Carolina Congressman Mark Sanford is visiting the Gulf of Mexico to learn more about offshore energy development. Sanford is joining other members of Congress on Tuesday and Wednesday for a tour of an offshore oil rig and to meet with representatives of the energy industry.

## South Carolina News:

**Associated Press:** SC group aims to help seniors live independently

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5j8mr2jf](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5j8mr2jf)

Lt. Gov. Glen McConnell is helping start a new non-partisan, nonprofit group that will assist South Carolina's older people to live independently. McConnell is being joined Tuesday by Tracy Doran of the state Humanities Foundation and Mike Couick of the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina at a news conference in Cayce.

## Local News:

**Post and Courier:** Berkeley School District dropping appeal of Hanahan rezoning denial; putting new school on hold

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140512/PC16/140519783/1006/berkeley-drops-appeal-of-rezoning-denial-new-school-on-hold>

Brenda Rindge

Berkeley County School District is dropping an appeal to rezone a 12.1 acre tract in Hanahan for a new elementary school, causing plans for the school to be shelved for now. Hanahan Mayor Minnie Newman-Caldwell said the city was notified the district is dropping its lawsuit appealing the city's denial of a rezoning request, but she did not have anything in writing as of Monday.

**Greenville News:** City changes elections to nonpartisan

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/05/13/city-changes-elections-nonpartisan/9025725/>

Anna Lee

In a final 4-3 vote, council members Amy Ryberg Doyle, Gaye Sprague, Susan Reynolds and David Sudduth voted to approve the switch to nonpartisan races, doing away with party labels on the ballot in a move that critics said would hurt minority voters more than anyone else.

**Sun News:** Horry County school board considers funding to update district's aging bus fleet

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/05/13/4224279/horry-county-school-board-considers.html?sp=/99/134/142/#storylink=cpy>

Vicki Grooms

Horry County Schools will get 10 new school buses to begin updating its aging fleet – which includes some buses more than 20 years old that are in use on regular routes – if the Horry County school board agrees to the district's spending recommendation.

**Anderson Independent:** School District 4 considers budget with salary increases, mental health counselor  
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/may/12/school-district-4-considers-budget-with-salary/?partner=RSS>

Sarah Freishtat

Anderson School District 4 is considering a 2015 budget that includes salary increases for teachers and lower funding levels than expected from the state, said district director of finance Larry Young.

**The State:** Hostility emerges to Lexington County penny projects tax

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/12/3442963/hostility-emerges-to-lexington.html#storylink=cpy>

Tim Flach

Opposition is surfacing to a proposed penny-on-the-dollar sales tax in Lexington County as the final touches were placed Monday on the improvements it would support. Opponents are upset with what they consider frivolous inclusions such as new recreation facilities, a walking path along the lower Saluda River, library expansion and civic centers for Gaston and Swansea.

## **National News:**

**CNN:** Effort to approve Keystone collapses in Senate

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/05/12/effort-to-approve-keystone-collapses-in-senate/>

Ted Barrett

A bipartisan Senate effort to approve the controversial Keystone XL pipeline collapsed Monday making it unlikely a politically potent vote on the project will take place before November's midterm election. A vote on Keystone was tied to the fate of an unrelated energy efficiency bill that has support in both parties.

**New York Times:** More Insured, but the Choices Are Narrowing

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/13/business/more-insured-but-the-choices-are-narrowing.html?](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/13/business/more-insured-but-the-choices-are-narrowing.html?partner=socialflow&smid=tw-nytimesbusiness&gwh=89B32A3FFF7D37AB6364E54BA009EB15&gwt=pay&_r=0)

[partner=socialflow&smid=tw-](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/13/business/more-insured-but-the-choices-are-narrowing.html?partner=socialflow&smid=tw-nytimesbusiness&gwh=89B32A3FFF7D37AB6364E54BA009EB15&gwt=pay&_r=0)

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Reed Abelson

In the midst of all the turmoil in health care these days, one thing is becoming clear: No matter what kind of health plan consumers choose, they will find fewer doctors and hospitals in their network — or pay much more for the privilege of going to any provider they want.

**Politico:** GOP trio faces questions: Too much like Obama?

[http://www.politico.com/story/2014/05/ted-cruz-rand-paul-marco-rubio-2016-elections-106591.](http://www.politico.com/story/2014/05/ted-cruz-rand-paul-marco-rubio-2016-elections-106591.html#ixzz31auOoLXG)

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Manu Raju

Ask virtually any Republican politician about Barack Obama, and you'll hear a common critique: He was too green for the presidency and lacked critical executive experience. "He never even ran a lemonade stand," South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham often says.

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