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The battle over the 2014 budget: [Explore the spending cuts and revenue changes under the main budget proposals currently on the table.](#)

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of [Hollingsworth v. Perry, which challenges](#)

Hillary? Will She? Won't She?

The tea leaves are more plentiful than falling leaves on a windy autumn day. Will "our girl" run? From public appearances with Terri McAuliffe, to chatter in DC parlors ("she would call me if she DIDN'T want me to raise money for her PAC"). We think she'll run. Let us know what you think and would you support her?

Former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford will be the Republican nominee after defeating former Charleston County Council member Curtis Bostic in a primary runoff for the state's 1st Congressional District seat. However, [Elizabeth Colbert Busch](#), Director of Business Development at Clemson University's Restoration Institute and sister of comedian [Stephen Colbert](#), is recently pulling ahead in the polls.

Brother Stephen is doing his part to help sister, Lulu. With events planned in both [New York](#) and [Washington D.C.](#), we are betting on LULU. Do you agree?

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The Sequester & What the CR Means

By Scott Orr

The shutdown is averted, but the sequester lingers.

To prevent a government shutdown, the Congress turned to a "continuing resolution," or CR, a commonly employed stopgap budget measure that keeps the government operating at existing



California's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, known as Proposition 8. [Click here for the full transcript](#) of Supreme Court Oral Arguments.

In its much-awaited "autopsy" report of the GOP's problems and path forward, the Republican National Committee endorsed comprehensive immigration reform. The full report can be viewed [here](#).

Comedian Stephen Colbert endorsed his sister, Elizabeth Colbert Busch, for Congress on his show on Wednesday night. Watch the clip [here](#).



funding levels when Congress fails to agree on a budget plan.

While the CR staved off a possible government shutdown, it also kept in place the so-called sequester, the automatic budget cuts that began taking effect March 1.

In [summaries](#) obtained by Turner Government and Public Affairs, the GOP controlled House Appropriations Committee notes that essential government functions will continue despite the cuts.

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From Cyprus, With Love

By Scott Orr

The Republic of Cyprus is a tiny island in the Mediterranean Sea, perhaps best known through history as the birth place of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of beauty, pleasure and love. But last week's developments may have sent Americans to Wikipedia to learn more about one of the European Union's smallest economies.



That's because its economic woes could have Olympian impacts across the globe, including here in the United States.

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Is Debate Over Ethanol Fueling Bipartisanship?

By Carl Chancellor

Calls to "explore options," to "seek input," to "sit down together," even to have "thoughtful hearings" coming from both a leading House Republican and Democrat related to the same issue -- do voters dare believe their ears?



There seems that something as rare as a Big Foot sighting is taking place on the Hill -- bipartisanship -- a political phenomenon that is being fueled by ethanol.

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