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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** SC's economy slows, jobless rate jumps

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/19/3691548/sc-jobless-rate-jumps-to-64-percent.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Morales finds herself in an increasingly competitive job market. Unemployment in South Carolina jumped to 6.4 percent in August from 5.8 percent in July, according to a report Friday from the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce.

**Note:** "Growing our economy and getting the hard working people of our state into jobs and positions to better take care of their families has been one of Governor (Nikki) Haley's top priorities and it will always be," her spokesman Doug Mayer said in a statement. "The fact is, over the last four years South Carolina has made incredible progress – we've seen more people working than ever before, we watched our unemployment rate drop faster than the national average, and we've expanded our business community by the hundreds. These are things every South Carolinian should be proud of and things they should know that the governor will never stop working to build upon."

**Island Packet:** Gov. Haley to speak to Island GOP group

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/19/3323598/gov-haley-to-speak-to-island-gop.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Gov. Nikki Haley will appear at an Oct. 6 lunch at the Country Club of Hilton Head in an event sponsored by the Hilton Head Island 1st Monday Republican Lunch Group and the Hilton Head Island Republican Club. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. Attendees must pay and reserve a spot by Sept. 28.

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**The State:** Newest Sheheen ad criticizes Haley for cutting education money

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/19/3691837/elections-2014-newest-sheheen.html>

Cassie Cope

Democratic candidate for governor Vincent Sheheen released a television Friday criticizing Republican Gov. Nikki Haley for cutting money for schools. Haley allowed an additional \$20 million for 4-year-old kindergarten this year. She also allowed a \$26 million expansion in 2013.

**Note:** Haley campaign spokeswoman Chaney Adams said the ad was Sheheen's third in a row that lied to the people of South Carolina. "Gov. Haley not only supports 4-K, she is responsible for it becoming law and has never once vetoed a piece of legislation that would have ended the program," Adams said in a statement. "We understand that he's desperate, but that doesn't make it any less shameful."

**Index-Journal:** Three-way race to fill seat for Calhoun Falls Town Council

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Three-way-race-to-fill-seat-for-Calhoun-Falls-Town-Council>

Frank Bumb

Three Calhoun Falls residents will face off for the chance to fill the seat of former Town Councilman Charlie Tillman. Irving Cowan, Terrie Hall and Lasean Monique Tutt all filed to complete the remaining term of Tillman. The election is Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is an at-large seat for any Calhoun Falls resident to vote in.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley signed an executive order on June 27 confirming Tillman's departure from council.

**Sun News:** Sabb still winner in Senate District 32 race after certification

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/19/4485256/sabb-still-winner-in-senate-district.html?sp=/99/134/142/>

State Rep. Ronnie A. Sabb was certified Friday as the winner of Tuesday's special Democratic Party primary runoff for the vacant Senate District 32 seat. The state Election Commission reported that Sabb's

final tally was 9,648 to 6,774 for Sam L. Floyd. Each gained only a handful of votes over the unofficial totals announced Tuesday night.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** Sanford needs a challenge

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140920/PC1002/140929909>

Editorial

First District Rep. Mark Sanford is at it again - embarrassing the state that persists in electing him to office. This time he's complaining about his former wife and giving us the latest on his Argentine fiancée, who is also now an "ex."

**Island Packet:** Appraisal details should not be secret

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/18/3321713/appraisal-details-should-not-be.html?sp=/99/342/1750/>

Editorial

The S.C. State Ports Authority's prolonged refusal to release public information about its effort to sell the Port of Port Royal is as wearisome as it is indefensible. The authority continues to guard a now-obsolete appraisal and the value established in a new appraisal.

**Greenville News:** Better protect our K-9 officers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/09/18/editorial-better-protect-k-officers/15839589/>

Editorial

The number of tragic deaths across the country of K-9 officers left in hot cars signals there is a problem that requires a coordinated response to ensure the safety of these brave dogs that serve and protect in so many ways.

**Post and Courier:** Remember Hugo, and prepare for disaster

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140920/PC1002/140929911>

Editorial

Tomorrow marks a quarter century since communities across South Carolina suffered Hurricane Hugo's wrath. Statistics and photographs remind us of the devastation, but to truly understand the storm's impact on the Palmetto State, we must listen to the stories.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Seneca Journal:** Blackwell looks beyond 'discouraging' jobless numbers

<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/09/blackwell-looks-beyond-%E2%80%98discouraging%E2%80%99-jobless-numbers/>

Carlos Galarza-Veve

The county's top economic development official is confident Oconee is well positioned for job growth and is optimistic about the future despite disappointing labor statistics released Friday. Blackwell attributed the poor numbers, in part, to August being the month many seasonal jobs conclude, which results in higher jobless rates after those jobs are taken off the books.

**Anderson Independent:** Solar's time may have finally arrived, says CU prof

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/local-news/solars-time-may-have-finally-arrived-says-cu-prof\\_50627678](http://www.independentmail.com/news/local-news/solars-time-may-have-finally-arrived-says-cu-prof_50627678)

The arrival of cheaper, more efficient panels and batteries may have finally turned solar energy into a source of electricity on par with, or even superior to, big fossil-fuel-burning power plants. In fact, Dr. Rajendra Singh thinks the days could be numbered for utility conglomerates like Duke Energy.

**The State:** SC Common Core opponents target U.S. History course

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/19/3692800/sc-common-core-opponents-target.html>

Jamie Self

The College Board's Advanced Placement U.S. history course – offered to S.C. high-school students for college credit – slants left, its "liberal bias" including negative portrayals of American history, according to S. C. Parents Involved in Education, a conservative grassroots education group mounting an effort to fight the history course.



**The State:** Trooper fired; legislator calls for toughening SC's racial profiling law  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/19/3691833/patrol-fires-sc-trooper-involved.html>

Clif LeBlanc

A local legislator is calling for a tougher state law on racial profiling in the wake of Friday's firing of a Highway Patrol trooper for shooting an unarmed motorist he had stopped for a seat-belt infraction. South Carolina's Public Safety director terminated Lance Cpl. Sean Groubert in the Sept. 4 shooting of Levar Edward Jones during a traffic stop along Broad River Road near the northwest edge of Columbia.

**The Item:** Jobless rate rises in all 46 counties  
<http://www.theitem.com/stories/jobless-rate-rises-in-all-46-counties,232425>

Joe Kepler

Unemployment numbers were up across all 46 counties last month, according to a report released Friday morning by the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

## Local News:

**Post and Courier:** Area police concerned about the cost of mandated officer cameras  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140919/PC1603/140919329>

Schuyler Kropf

Charleston area police chiefs are in agreement: they support body cameras for their officers. But it gives them pause that some lawmakers want to mandate their use under state law, without providing a clear path on long-term funding.

**Florence Morning News:** Florence 1 teachers get hands-on science lessons  
[http://www.scnow.com/news/article\\_4777d190-404a-11e4-a575-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/article_4777d190-404a-11e4-a575-001a4bcf6878.html)

Melissa Rollins

Around 50 Florence School District 1 fourth- and fifth-grade science teachers learned a bit more about the resources available to them Friday morning when they took a trip to the Clemson University Pee Dee Research and Education Center. Susan Rhodes, science coordinator for FSD1, said she was excited to see how the trip will inspire teachers this school year.

## National News:

**Washington Post:** Attention, GOP 2016 hopefuls: Chris Christie is poised to reclaim frontrunner status  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/09/19/attention-gop-2016-hopefuls-chris-christie-is-poised-to-reclaim-frontrunner-status/>

Robert Costa

Influential Republicans in early presidential primary states believe New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is poised to once again become a frontrunner for the party's 2016 nomination, following a news report that federal scrutiny of a bridge-closing scandal has not implicated him.

**Associated Press:** Obama faces questions on prospect of expanded war  
[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_OBAMA\\_EXPANDING\\_WAR?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-20-03-17-26](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_EXPANDING_WAR?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-20-03-17-26)

Julie Pace

President Barack Obama's military campaign against Islamic State group extremists has already crept beyond the narrow parameters he first outlined three months ago.

**Reuters:** Wisconsin governor candidate cuts ties with consultant over jobs plan  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/19/us-usa-politics-wisconsin-idUSKBN0HE2FE20140919?feedType=RSS&feedName=politicsNews>

Brendan O'Brien

Wisconsin Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Burke severed ties with a political consultant after he used similar language in her jobs plan as he did in economic plans he drafted for other clients, Burke's campaign said on Friday.

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