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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Greenville News:** SC Democrats begin rebuilding after election losses

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/08/sc-democrats-begin-rebuilding-election-losses/18717595/>

Tim Smith

The chairman of the battered state Democratic Party, whose candidates suffered a string of defeats this week, says Democrats will have to find a way to inspire voters to win future state elections. Jaime Harrison, the state party's first African-American chairman, told The Greenville News that his party must reach more than African-Americans in the state to be successful.

**Note:** Democratic Senator Vincent Sheheen, in his first 2010 matchup with Haley, came within 4.5 points of Haley, collecting 630,534 votes. Tuesday night, however, Haley beat Sheheen by 14 points and the Democrat collected 115,000 fewer votes than in 2010.

**The State:** How SC Gov. Nikki Haley won re-election

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/08/3800086/elections-2014-how-sc-gov-nikki.html>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley had to prove herself to South Carolina voters to earn her 14-point re-election victory Tuesday. Haley was a new face on the S.C. political scene when first elected four years ago and remained a relative unknown when she took the oath of office in January 2011.

**Stealing an issue from Democrats:** By earlier this year, the improving post-recession economy had bolstered state tax collections, and Haley had a plan to spend some of that money. In January, Haley unveiled an education initiative that included more reading coaches, new technology and more state money for poorer schools.

**Associated Press:** SC's rural areas still mixed on Gov. Haley

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

Jeffrey Collins

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley came to rural, poor Barnwell County and seven others like it during her first term, bringing job fairs, medical screenings and free vaccines as part of her charitable foundation. Some places it appears to have made a big difference at the ballot box Tuesday. Other places, she gained little.

**Note:** None of the counties Haley visited responded better than Union County, which voted 57 percent for Haley in 2014, compared to 44 percent in 2010. Haley also made significant gains of 7 percentage points in Dillon County and 4 percentage points in Marlboro County.

**The State:** The Buzz: Haley staff shakeup coming

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/08/3800232/the-buzz-haley-staff-shakeup-coming.html>

Cassie Cope

There will be changes in Gov. Nikki Haley's Cabinet and senior staff, the newly re-elected Republican governor said last week. Since Haley would not elaborate, The Buzz talked to some former chiefs of staff to get an idea about leadership in a second term.

**How soon she forgets:** Nasty elections seem to lead to memory lapses. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley had one last week after winning re-election over state Sen. Vincent Sheheen.

**Not-so-sore losers:** The American Party, a third party co-founded by former Democratic superintendent Jim Rex and former Republican candidate for governor Oscar Lovelace, touted its performance outpolling other third parties on Tuesday's ballot.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Spartanburg lawmaker proposes restoring state funding to cities, counties

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141108/ARTICLES/141109677/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Spartanburg->

## [lawmaker-proposes-restoring-state-funding-to-cities-counties-](#)

Felicia Kitzmiller

The state should return to a legally prescribed formula for funding local governments, according to a resolution Sen. Shane Martin plans to introduce during Monday's Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation meeting. The resolution also calls for the legislature to refund nearly \$344 million taken from counties and municipalities.

**Note:** If approved by the delegation, Martin's resolution would request Gov. Nikki Haley restore the 4.5 percent funding formula in her recommended budget, and propose a plan to restore the money already cut.

**Times of India:** Haley's political comet soars ahead of her India visit

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/Haleys-political-comet-soars-ahead-of-her-India-visit/articleshow/45085207.cms>

Chidanand Rajghatta

When Ajit Randhawa's daughters Simmi and Nikki entered the Little Miss Bamberg school pageant in the small South Carolina town in the 1970s, the community was confused. That little girl, now the 42-year young governor of South Carolina and a rising star in the Republican leadership firmament, will embark Tuesday on a ten-day visit to the land of her parents and forbears with the eyes of both her hosts and her constituents trained on her.

**Note:** She has taken everything in her stride. "It's survival mode," she said in one interview, referring to her brothers having to cut their hair in order to escape being harassed in school. "You learn to try and show people how you're more alike than you are different."

**India Times:** Nikki Haley to visit India to lure jobs & promote tourism

[http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-11-08/news/55894301\\_1\\_nikki-haley-indian-companies-indian-industry](http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-11-08/news/55894301_1_nikki-haley-indian-companies-indian-industry)

Fresh from her emphatic re-election, South Carolina's governor Nikki Haley is to visit India next week to bring investment and promote her state as a tourist destination in her parents' native country. During the 10-day trip beginning November 11, Haley and her delegation are scheduled to have as many as 90 meetings in New Delhi, Hyderabad, Amritsar, Mumbai and Chennai.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Greenville News:** Haley and GOP need to lead

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/11/08/editorial-haley-gop-need-lead/18711611/>  
Editorial

Gov. Nikki Haley won a convincing victory last week when she was re-elected to a second term. She came into office four years ago with a promise to bring jobs back to South Carolina and reduce the state's high unemployment rate, and voters rewarded her for making good on that pledge.

**Note:** Haley deserves credit for aggressively marketing South Carolina and keeping a sharp focus on recruiting new jobs.

**Note:** The governor's appeal was strengthened by her contagious enthusiasm, ability to unite a once-fractured party and solid record in pushing for ethics reform in a state with historically weak ethics laws.

**Aiken Standard:** South Carolina must keep up with national trends

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141109/AIK0201/141109532/1018/AIK02/editorial-south-carolina-must-keep-up-with-national-trends>

Editorial

As the national economy improves, South Carolina needs to follow pace. The state's unemployment rate in September was 6.6 percent, which thankfully bested our neighbors Georgia and North Carolina. However, it remained higher than the national average.

**Note:** Such an increase (in teachers' salary) would help in retaining and attracting quality teachers. It would also tie in well with S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's education reform package that aims to inject \$160 million in new school funding to enhance technology capabilities in classrooms and give more dollars to rural districts.

**Index-Journal:** No more talking; let's have reform

<http://www.indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/No-more-talking--let-s-have-reform>

Editorial

This is a message to Gov. Nikki Haley. We don't need optimism, governor. We need a determination and drive that surpasses that exhibited in your re-election efforts. You defeated state Sen. Vincent Sheheen this

second time in the ring, handily reclaiming the heavyweight title. But as you enter this second term as governor of South Carolina, lead the charge for genuine ethics reform.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Focus on solutions

*The election is over, but chronic problems remain*

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141109/OPINION/411091015/0/search>

Editorial

Gov. Nikki Haley, the vast majority of incumbent lawmakers and the constitutional officers who were running for re-election have won their seats for another term. The Palmetto State cannot afford for them to sit on their laurels and pretend that South Carolinians are satisfied with the status quo.

**The State:** What Bobby Harrell taught us

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/08/3797911/scope-what-bobby-harrell-taught.html>

Cindi Scoppe

WHEN then-Lt. Gov. Ken Ard paid for vacations, clothes and home electronics out of his campaign account, the attorney general asked SLED to investigate. When investigators finished digging, the SLED chief and attorney general asked a judge to authorize an investigation by the State Grand Jury, which eventually indicted Mr. Ard on multiple corruption charges.

**Post and Courier:** Legislature should eliminate lazy straight ticket option

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141109/PC1002/141109399>

Editorial

It's the easier - or lazier - way out. The fast food, drive-through version of voting. It's also pretty popular. On Tuesday, roughly 50 percent of South Carolina voters chose the straight ticket option, which automatically selects all of the candidates of a single party. The state is one of only 14 that allows straight ticket voting.

**Times and Democrat:** S.C. Democrats must ignite their voters to prosper

[http://m.thetandd.com/news/opinion/s-c-democrats-must-ignite-their-voters-to-prosper/article\\_b5eec2fa-67a0-11e4-91a2-9b9b5532a564.html](http://m.thetandd.com/news/opinion/s-c-democrats-must-ignite-their-voters-to-prosper/article_b5eec2fa-67a0-11e4-91a2-9b9b5532a564.html)

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Voter turnout; OUR OPINION: Lowest percentage of voters ever plays to GOP strength. Bakari Sellers had hoped to be singing the praises of the South Carolina electorate for defying the odds and electing a young African-American lawmaker to the state's second-highest office.

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

**Post and Courier:** Sen. Tim Scott credits his single mother for his rise from poverty to the national stage

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141108/PC16/141109484>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

As a kid, Tim Scott badly wanted to fit in with the majority white kids at Stall High School, and the black kids, too. And he didn't want any outward signs of his family's poverty. A pair of Converse high tops were the ticket. But his mom said no. A single mother toiling long hours as a nursing assistant, Frances Scott couldn't afford them.

**Reuters:** Power shift in U.S. Senate brings sterner tone to foreign policy debate

<http://mobile.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN0IS0KC20141108?irpc=932>

Patricia Zengerle

The Republican takeover of the U.S. Senate will bring a tough new tone to the debate over Washington's foreign policy, with lawmakers expected use their new clout and power over the budget to promote a more interventionist foreign policy.

**Note:** After Republicans, who already controlled the House of Representatives, won a majority in the Senate on Tuesday, two of Washington's most vocal foreign policy hawks, John McCain and Lindsey Graham, came in line to chair two key Senate panels.

**Note:** Graham is due to chair the Senate appropriations subcommittee that controls the State Department's budget and can withhold or grant aid to foreign governments.

**Aiken Standard:** Congressmen talk impact of Republican takeover

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141109/AIK0101/141109433/1004/congressmen-talk-impact-of-republican-takeover>

Derrek Asberry

S.C. Congressmen on both sides of the aisle have advocated for Republicans “taking back” the Senate and taking over Congress. With that desire soon to be a reality, they are now envisioning better opportunities locally and nationally.

**National implications:** As results were still rolling in Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., already had won his race handily and sent out a press release about the GOP seizing control of Congress.

**Local perspective:** U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., said he thinks it has effects for the liquid-waste missions at the Savannah River Site, the Site’s Mixed Fuel Fabrication Facility and other related areas.

**Putting it in perspective:** To better break down the issue, the Standard contacted Scott Buchanan, the director of the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics.

**Post and Courier:** Jim Clyburn: Republican sweep part of the natural pendulum swings

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141109/PC1603/141109465>

Schuyler Kropf

Democratic U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn said Tuesday's Republican landslide was just another swing of the pendulum, and that the country has seen lots of them throughout its history. Voters sent Clyburn back to Washington for a 12th term, but his party suffered a crushing mid-term defeat, which once again left Republicans in control of the House and gave the GOP a majority in the Senate.

### South Carolina News:

**Post and Courier:** Jenny Sanford supporting a Democrat won't cost her on Aviation Authority

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141109/PC1603/141109492>

Schuyler Kropf

Former Republican first lady Jenny Sanford crossed party lines to make a video supporting Democrat Ginny Deerin for S.C. secretary of state. Yet her "sin" apparently is not enough of a partisan drift to jeopardize her seat on the Charleston County Aviation Authority, her biggest Statehouse supporter says.

**GOP rematch in District 114?** If the S.C. Supreme Court decides there should be a new election for Bobby Harrell's old House seat, the resulting GOP primary could pit two rather familiar foes against one another.

**Pro-pot candidate did worse this time around:** The pro-marijuana effort in South Carolina might have taken a cloudy step backward last week after the most vocal weed candidate for governor, United Citizens Party hopeful Morgan Bruce Reeves, did worse this year than he did four years ago.

**Mark Sanford dissatisfaction:** Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford of Charleston had the easiest re-election path of any of South Carolina's members of Congress, running unopposed on the ballot.

**Expanding black Republican numbers:** South Carolina's U.S. Sen. Tim Scott made history Tuesday by becoming both the first black candidate elected statewide since Reconstruction and the first black senator ever elected in South Carolina.

**Times and Democrat:** A vision for S.C. State: Key to university's future success is academic excellence, Elzey says

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/a-vision-for-s-c-state-key-to-university-s/article\\_bf80bc5e-67d9-11e4-a81b-4b65d5106441.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/a-vision-for-s-c-state-key-to-university-s/article_bf80bc5e-67d9-11e4-a81b-4b65d5106441.html)

Dale Linder-Altman

When South Carolina State University President Thomas Elzey considers the future, he sees the institution strengthening its position as a “university of choice with a focus on academic excellence and putting students first.”

**Post and Courier:** U.S. 'chicken tax' from 1960s drives automotive jobs to Charleston area

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141109/PC05/141109488>

John McDermott

Daimler Vans Manufacturing will be adding a second shift in North Charleston to keep up with North American demand for its fast-selling Mercedes-Benz Sprinter. But that's not all. It's also throwing a second Mercedes commercial vehicle into the mix.

**Island Packet:** Rick Perry to campaign in Beaufort County

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/08/3420920\\_rick-perry-to-campaign-in-beaufort.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/08/3420920_rick-perry-to-campaign-in-beaufort.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1)

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is considering a run for the presidency in 2016, will appear at two events in Beaufort County on Wednesday. He will first appear at The Crazy Crab, 104 William Hilton Parkway, on the

north end of Hilton Head Island. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., and the governor will speak at noon.

**Associated Press:** Charleston mayor to hold chair at The Citadel

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MqcEp1XJ](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MqcEp1XJ)

The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/1tRCwNB>) the military college was creating an endowed chair in American Government and Public Policy, and that Riley will be the first to hold the seat. Riley will move to The Citadel after he completes his fourth term in January 2016.

**The State:** 'We're tired of burying our children:' Marchers call for end to gun violence

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/08/3799486/were-tired-of-burying-our-children.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Ellis

It was almost 40 years ago when Michael Sullivan's youngest brother, 20 years old at the time, was killed by a man with a gun. Saturday, Sullivan marched with about 100 others through downtown Columbia, chanting and pleading for "gun sense" and peace in the community and the nation.

## Local News:

**Florence Morning News:** Florence County pennies are adding up to progress

[http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article\\_b1153204-678d-11e4-9b20-cfa4c7344051.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article_b1153204-678d-11e4-9b20-cfa4c7344051.html)

Gavin Jackson

A year ago, Florence County voters resoundingly voted "yes" to approve the second capital project sales tax referendum that would be different than its predecessor in that it would encompass not just road improvements but \$145 million of important infrastructure upgrades facing the county.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Some road repairs in Lancaster to be funded by 1-percent sales tax

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/08/6508660/some-road-repairs-in-lancaster.html#storylink=cpy>

Don Worthington

There are not many alternatives. U.S. 521 is the major north-south connector between Charlotte and Lancaster County. But, if she's close to home, she considers Henry Harris Road, a winding road through Indian Land that loosely parallels U.S. 521.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Fire substations top list of projects on Chester's 1-percent sales tax referendum

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/08/6508669\\_fire-substations-top-list-of-projects.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/08/6508669_fire-substations-top-list-of-projects.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy)

Don Worthington

Wesley Carter, owner of Carter's Landscaping & Design, lives about 10 miles outside the Chester city limits. His home off S.C. 97 is in a largely rural area between Chester and the York County line. For decades, the land has been farmed, and residents still call their streets "farm-to-market" roads.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston mayor prepared to play hardball over public access to Longborough park

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141108/PC16/141109469>

Diane Knich

Charleston Mayor Joe Riley has vowed to urge City Council to use its power of eminent domain if the city loses a court fight and the public is denied access to a tiny waterfront park on the Ashley River in the upscale Longborough neighborhood.

**Florence Morning News:** Local grant projects focus on African-American farming

[http://www.scnow.com/living/article\\_06dc5766-677b-11e4-809f-eb50f6cfd57e.html](http://www.scnow.com/living/article_06dc5766-677b-11e4-809f-eb50f6cfd57e.html)

Veasey Conway

Jannie Dickson, Jillian Hishaw and David Harper held something of a meeting on a recent day beside Dickson's rows of kale. It was a fitting venue for the three, who are collaborating on two projects to support African-American farmers and tell their stories.

## National News:

**Washington Post:** Republicans are winning the support of black Americans. This election was a turning point.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/11/07/republicans-are-winning-the-support-of-black-americans-this-election-was-a-turning-point/>

Chelsi Henry

On Tuesday night, Americans caught a glimpse of the Republican Party's future. Mia Love, from Utah, became the first African-American Republican woman to be elected to Congress. Will Hurd became Texas' first African-American Republican\* congressman since Reconstruction. And Tim Scott, from South Carolina, became the first African-American senator from the South since Reconstruction.

**New York Times:** Loretta Lynch, a Nominee for Attorney General, Is Praised for Substance, Not Flash  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/09/us/politics/in-line-to-be-attorney-general-loretta-lynch-at-home-in-glare.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=second-column-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/09/us/politics/in-line-to-be-attorney-general-loretta-lynch-at-home-in-glare.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=second-column-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&_r=0)

Stephanie Clifford

When Kenneth P. Thompson was a young federal prosecutor in Brooklyn in the late 1990s, he was assigned to one of the biggest cases the office had ever handled, that of the police officers accused of beating and sodomizing Abner Louima, a Haitian immigrant. The officers were white, Mr. Louima black, and the harrowing episode rekindled racial tensions and anger at the police in New York City in 1997.

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