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## EDITORIALS

# Matthew's key lessons: Re-entry and information

*The Editorial Board*

Hurricane Matthew was in many ways a great dry run on what to do — and what not to do — when a hurricane hits Beaufort County.

The good news is that everyone passed the major test. No lives were lost when the Category 2 hurricane left significant damage here overnight on Oct. 7-8.

Clearly, we benefited from decades of disaster and recovery planning by local governments, property owners' associations and utilities. But this was the first time that a lot of that planning has actually been put to the test, and from that we can learn a lot for next time.

From the office of Gov. Nikki Haley to the local level, we aced the evacuation. It's been a long time since we had to evacuate, and hard lessons learned in 1999 for Hurricane Floyd made life much better for everyone this time.

Since the beginnings of emergency planning in this county, the focus in the public's eyes has been on evacuation. When, where and how to get out has been hammered into the public, and rightfully so. For Hurricane Matthew, the public and the many agencies involved did a great job.

We now know it helped to leave early. And that translates into more days away from home, and more time in motels and restaurants, meaning more expense. The public must get used to that, and make personal and business plans accordingly. That is now required as the coastline has boomed from rural outpost to population center.

Matthew gave us something completely new to chew on. Re-entry was an issue for the first time, and we have a lot to learn.

Start with communication. When the state says it's clear to come home, and the county says it is not, we

have a major problem.

And the whole issue of setting up blockades at the county line needs to be revisited.

But, we all must honestly accept that there will be no perfect, painless way for re-entry after a hurricane hits.

If the sheriff knows that residents absolutely cannot get back on the barrier islands, and should not be returning to many other areas because they would over-tax the basic water and sewer services, what is the sheriff to do other than be the bad guy?

Again, there's no perfect solution. Some streets were being cleared literally minutes before the public was allowed back onto Hilton Head, for example. And some POAs urged a later re-entry. But this hurricane, and recent history after storms elsewhere, shows that people will all but riot to get back home. Utilities, POAs and local governments have to strike a balance, which they seemed to have done. They should never underestimate the hurricane-like force of a public lined up on the streets to get home. And they must remember that a lot of people cannot afford evacuations.

One key solution to the angst is improved communication.

This was our first Facebook hurricane, and it showed. The general public was way out ahead of many authorities in pumping out information — and often misinformation — at the speed of life. More online updates by more agencies is needed.

As we examine today the things that went right and things that could be improved, we are overwhelmed by how well it worked and how much recovery took place in such a short period of time. That is the result of years of meticulous planning, neighbors helping neighbors, strangers helping strangers, and lessons learned in previous evacuations.



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## WHAT WORKED WELL

# Matthew evac gets high marks, thanks to lessons from past

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Hurricane evacuations in Beaufort County's past brought traffic nightmares.

Drivers took more than four hours to travel the 35 miles from Hilton Head Island to Hardeeville during Hurricane Hugo in 1989, The Island Packet reported. In Hurricane Floyd in 1999, some evacuees were stuck more than nine hours getting from Beaufort County to Columbia.

But the evacuation for Hurricane Matthew was different.

Local traffic was so light by the mandatory evacuation that lane reversals planned to fix those backups were quickly removed. Roads were already clear.

The operation received praise from experts who say state and local leaders improved on past problems clearing the coast.

One of those experts is Susan Cutter, director of the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute at the University of South Carolina. Cutter worked on a study of failures during the

state's Hurricane Floyd evacuation and is conducting a survey on evacuation behavior during Matthew.

"Without a doubt this was handled much better," Cutter said.

Here's why:

### EVACUATION ORDER WAS EARLY AND CLEAR

Gov. Nikki Haley announced the evacuation on Tuesday, Oct. 4, while Hurricane Matthew was still more than 1,000 miles and four days away.

The Republican governor said the early announcement was, in part, to avoid the traffic debacles of Hurricane Floyd.

Then-Gov. Jim Hodges was criticized for not making the call soon enough to ease traffic flow, with trips taking as long as 15 hours to get from Charleston to Columbia during the evacuation, The Island Packet reported at the time.

Hodges, a Democrat, waited until about a day and a half before Floyd was predicted to hit the state to make the call, and confused residents by first calling for a voluntary evacuation, only to change the order to a mandatory evacuation hours later, according to Cutter's study.

The sequencing of the call led a majority of 520,000-plus evacuees in the state to leave within the same six-hour period as motorists from Florida and Georgia were being funneled north on South Carolina roads, Cutter's study showed.

Better weather-forecasting technology and more effective planning contributed to Haley's ability to call the evacuation much earlier, Cutter said.

Haley also took advantage of a new evacuation zone system that distinguishes higher-risk areas so the entire coast doesn't

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evacuate at once.

The governor's process was staggered, allowing heavily populated areas in the southern part of the state, such as Charleston and Beaufort counties, to evacuate before more inland and northern areas.

Haley has also been praised for her communication during the evacuation. On most days, she

held two news conferences, flanked by experts from essential departments.

"Gov. Haley did a good job of calibrating the situation and providing clear and honest information," said state Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, who served as a chief of staff to former Republican Gov. Mark Sanford. "I think it lent

her credibility. She established a connection between her and the people."

### NEW TECHNOLOGY

Modern communication tools also made the evacuation more efficient.

In the Floyd evacuation, a lack of adaptability in motorists' routes contributed to gridlock, according

to Cutter's study. For example, drivers continued to travel on U.S. 17 along South Carolina's coast when there were a number of clear back routes available.

The prevalence of GPS is a "game-changer" helping solve those problems, Cutter said. The technology can guide drivers to the fastest alternative



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routes, predict estimated arrival times and help people plan when to evacuate.

Other apps and websites also helped in the evacuation. For example, Haley recommended websites such as Expedia and Airbnb to help evacuees find hotel rooms before they left home, eliminating another layer of stress for them.

Social media also spread the evacuation messages quicker than traditional media could in the past, convincing some residents to leave after they learned from their friends that outgoing traffic was light, said Beaufort Mayor Billy Keyserling.

### **BETTER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

Traffic management for evacuations is also much better than it was in 1999.

In South Carolina, the large agencies involved in an evacuation regularly practice evacuation drills and have updated plans to curb problems seen in past storms.

For example, the state began using lane reversals

in high-traffic areas and blocked exits that are known choke-points in the first days of the evacuation, such as the exit from Interstate 95 onto Interstate 26 to Columbia, according to the S.C. Department of Transportation.

In Beaufort County, lane reversals were set up for Hurricane Matthew on U.S. 278 on Hilton Head Island and U.S. 21 in Beaufort, though light traffic made them unnecessary.

"All the way through the evacuation we never had to put law enforcement in intersections because we just didn't have a traffic problem," Beaufort County Sheriff P.J. Tanner said.

But some, including Hilton Head Island Town Manager Steve Riley, contend lane reversals are still good to have at-the-ready for future storms.

"If it had been tourist season, we would have needed the extra lane," Riley said. "Because it was not peak season, it was a smoother process than we ever would've expected."

### **MOST LOCALS LEFT EARLY**

Most evacuees from Beaufort County also helped by obeying officials' calls to leave early.

There is not yet an estimate for the number of those who evacuated locally, but statewide traffic counts showed about 350,000 vehicles evacuated the South Carolina coast, according to the S.C. Emergency Management Division.

About 1.1 million people live on the state's coast in total.

In Beaufort County, traffic counters show that most local evacuees followed officials' advice and left early.

The busiest times for people to evacuate were between 7 and 10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, and between 6 and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, before the evacuation order went into effect Oct. 5 at 3 p.m., according to counters from the state Department of Transportation.

However, there were some areas where evacuation rates concerned emergency management officials, including parts of Bluffton and unincorporated northern Beaufort

County, Tanner said.

"I don't understand those people that stayed, and there were more here than I would have liked," said Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka. "But we did everything we could to tell them they needed to leave, that they were putting our people at risk."

On the barrier islands – the most at-risk areas in the county – emergency management officials were generally pleased with the evacuation rate.

On Fripp Island, for example, law enforcement knew of only four people left during the storm; and on Hilton Head Island, there appeared to be a small percentage of people who stayed, Tanner said.

That might have helped the county avoid the most serious losses during Matthew, Tanner said.

"No one died as a result of this storm," he said.

"With the amount of damage we had, that is amazing."

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S.C. DOT workers close an eastbound lane on U.S. 278 using pylons as the recently completed Bluffton Parkway flyover looms over the barren highway. The pylons were part of the state's plan to reverse an eastbound lane to ease congestion for those leaving Hilton Head Island.



Staff photo

During the Hurricane Floyd evacuation on Sept. 14, 1999, brothers Tyler, left, and Brock McHenry, of Alliance, Ohio, played football in the median of William Hilton Parkway.



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There are cloak-room style whispers in Washington these days that South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott is being thought of as a Republican Plan B in case the yet to be formed Trump administration doesn't find its footing.

Scott's office dismisses the talk as idle chit-chat, though admits they've been hearing such questions. But it's now been a full week since the last presidential election ended. Washington being Washington, it's time to get the rumors going for the 2020 election. There

are experts and insiders who think this one makes a bit of sense.

"This was an, um, unusual election," said Julian Zelizer, an author and public affairs expert who's a professor at Princeton University. "It makes sense that there would be a Plan B, and one that would be antithetical to Plan A.

"It's important to remember, though, that Plan B is always predicated on things that haven't happened, while Plan A is still in effect. Right now for Republicans,

the reality is that it's Plan Trump."

Of course, the rumor that Scott

is preparing, and being encouraged to prepare, himself for the presidency follows another similar rumor: As Gov. Nikki Haley is reaching her term-limit in the state capitol in 2018, the junior senator from South Carolina could return to snaffle up the seat.

The rumor goes like this: Senator Scott will return to South Carolina to run for governor in 2018. U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy will join him on the ticket as his lieutenant governor.

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## SCOTT

They would be expected to win, handily. Then, if needed, Gov. Scott would launch a presidential bid from a position of considerable strength in 2020.

The thinking is that there is a reason for Scott to consider giving up the security of the six years to which he was just elected in the U.S. Senate. That reason goes beyond the notion floated, that he's always wanted to be governor.

Instead, the reason: He needs executive experience to complete the perfect resume for a presidential bid. Ask about this in the halls of Congress these days and people give you knowing looks and nods and respond, "That's what we're hearing..."

Zelizer said that this early in a rumor season, it's tough to know whether anything makes sense.

"But the demographic issues facing the Republican Party that were talked about for this election are real," he said. The nation's minority populations are growing, he pointed out, and Republicans will need some way to appeal to a bigger tent at some point.

In this sense, Winthrop Poll Director Scott Huffmon said the Scott rumor works in a connect-the-dots sort of way. If the Trump administration implodes, Republicans are going to want the sorts of things Scott brings to the table.

He's African-American, and the growing concerns revolving around the racial divide in the brutal campaign appear to have reopened. He's conservative, appealing to both tea party and traditional Republicans. He's extremely popular in a

Southern state. And, if he left the Senate to govern South Carolina, he would have experience in the two places that are most likely to lead to the White House.

"He's worth thinking about," Huffmon said. "There are real doubts about whether the Donald Trump magic of 2016 is repeatable. The party needs a Plan B, and a popular-in-the-South, African-American conservative with experience both in the U.S. Senate and executive experience would be a very good plan B."

On the other hand, Huffmon reminds that even if Scott has presidential ambitions, and there is no indication on that either way, he has another factor in his favor. The senator is fairly young. He's 51. That means when the 2020 election rolls around, he will be 55. If Trump succeeds in claiming

a second term, the party could look to Scott in 2024 knowing that he'd still be only 59 when he entered the White House.

As Huffmon said, time is on his side.

As is his popularity in his home state. In this just-passed election, he collected six of every 10 votes, Huffmon said. The main challenger, Democrat Thomas Dixon, collected just shy of 38 percent of the vote, and Huffmon said a decent percent of those were straight ballot votes for Democrats.

"He's solid at 60 percent," he said. "He's well liked."

Huffmon added that if the rumor about Scott running for governor is correct, he would redefine the race.

"He would enter the race at a substantial advantage over anyone else I can think



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of,” he said.

On the lieutenant governor side of the rumor, in which South Carolina Republican congressman Gowdy also leaves Washington, Gowdy’s office emphasized his focus on current congressional work.

Gowdy spokeswoman Amanda Gonzalez said that “Rep. Gowdy is currently

focused on continuing his work in the House through his various Committee assignments as well as a robust legislative agenda, which begins immediately.”

Gonzalez did say: “He does believe Senator Scott is a unique kind of leader and he looks forward to seeing what the future holds for him.”

Of course, for his part,

Scott is having none of this, at least right now. He’s just completed a successful campaign. He hasn’t yet served a single day of the new term. He is in no mood at the moment to kick off another campaign cycle.

Asked for comment, Michele P. Exner, press secretary for the senator, replied in an email: “Absolutely no

decisions have been made regarding the governor’s race. He is solely focused on the first 100 days of the Trump administration and working to bring opportunity to all Americans.”

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U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., just won an election to keep his current job in the Senate, but he’s already being talked about for two new posts.



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**TRUMP'S CABINET**

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McMaster said the Trump-Haley meeting went well, though he did not go into specifics.

Others being considered for secretary of state are New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani; U.S. Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton. Trump is scheduled to



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meet Saturday with Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican presidential nominee, who also is being considered.

During the campaign, Haley clashed with Trump over several proposals. However, her critique was kinder this week.

Trump is "talking about inclusion. ... So far he's done well," Haley told reporters this week while at the Republican Governors Association meeting in Orlando. She said she hoped Trump "continues to be disciplined in his comments."

Haley's predecessor as S.C. governor, U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-Char-

leston, implied Haley's background is a main reason she is being considered. Haley is the first woman and first Indian-American to be governor of South Carolina, and would bring diversity to Trump's cabinet picks, predominantly white and male.

"I don't think the Cabinet needs to look like a Benetton commercial, but I think having folks of different ethnic backgrounds matters, particularly in that role - given we're 5 percent of the world's population and most of the world doesn't look like us," Sanford told MSNBC on Thursday of Haley's potential role at the State Department.

"She's a female elected governor in the Deep South, who has a good record of economic development," said Columbia political consultant Richard Quinn, an adviser to S.C. Lt. Gov. McMaster. "It does not take a lot of imagination to see why he would want her. ... I would be very surprised if she wasn't offered something."

Haley was in Washington on Friday to speak to a gathering of the conservative Federalist Society, where she was occasionally critical of Trump's campaign style.

She said Trump won the election by running against both political parties.

Trump's victory offers Republicans a chance to regain the public's trust, but only if the GOP restrains spending and returns power to the states, she said. Voters rejected "the political class of all stripes, Republicans included," she said.

She says now Republican control of the White House and Congress offers the party a rare opportunity, and that it's important that Trump and Republican leaders in Congress act quickly, and "we don't stop."

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South Carolina's jobless rate fell for the sixth consecutive month in October to 4.7 percent.

The Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday that South Carolina's unemployment rate was down from 4.9 percent in September. That marked the first time the state rate has fallen below 5 percent since April 2001.

A year ago, the unemployment rate was 5.5 percent.

The agency says the number of South Carolinians working rose to a new high of nearly 2.2 million. The number of unemployed people looking for work declined to about 108,500.

"Today, along with celebrating jobs created in every county, we can celebrate that our 4.7 percent unemployment rate is down for a sixth straight month, hitting a 15-year record low," Gov. Nikki Haley said. "With more South Carolinians working than ever before, and jobs announced in every corner of our state, we can proudly say that South Carolina is on the move."

Locally, Lexington County's unemployment rate was the second-lowest in South Carolina at 3.8 percent, a decrease from September's 4.1 percent. Charleston County had the lowest at 3.7 percent.

Richland County's unemployment rate in October was 4.5 percent, a decline from September's 4.8 percent, and Kershaw's was 4.9 percent, a decline from 5.1 percent.



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Donald Trump met with Haley on Thursday in New York City, where the president-elect has been holed up for days interviewing potential appointees and soliciting advice.

Trump's aides have not said when he will make an announcement, but the

president-elect has given priority to national security appointments. On Friday, he named his national security adviser and CIA director as well as his choice for attorney general.

During the campaign, Haley clashed with Trump over several proposals. However, her critique was kinder this week.

Trump is "talking about inclusion. ... So far he's done well," Haley told reporters this week while at the Republican Governors Association meeting in Orlando. She said she hoped Trump "continues to be disciplined in his comments."

Haley's predecessor as S.C. governor, U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-Charleston, implied Haley's background is a main reason she is being considered. Haley is the first woman and first Indian-American to be governor of South Carolina, and would bring diversity to Trump's cabinet picks.

"I don't think the Cabinet needs to look like a Benetton commercial, but I think having folks of different ethnic backgrounds matters, partic-

ularly in that role - given we're 5 percent of the world's population and most of the world doesn't look like us," Sanford told MSNBC on Thursday of Haley's potential role at the State Department.

"She's a female elected governor in the Deep South, who has a good record of economic development," said Columbia political consultant Richard Quinn, an advisor to S.C. Lt. Gov. McMaster. "It does not take a lot of imagination to see why he would want her. ... I would be very surprised if she wasn't offered something."

Haley was in Washington on Friday to speak to a gathering of the conservative Federalist Society, where she was occasionally critical of Trump's campaign style.

Haley said now that Republican control of the White House and Congress offers the party a rare opportunity, and that it's important that Trump and Republican leaders in Congress act quickly, and "we don't stop."

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## PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

# Trump's picks shift U.S. policy to the right

■ **The president-elect's initial decisions on nominees suggest a more aggressive military involvement in counter-terror strategy and a greater emphasis on Islam's role in stoking extremism.**

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President-elect Donald Trump signaled a sharp rightward shift in U.S. national security policy Friday with his announcement that he will nominate Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general and Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo to head the CIA, turning to a pair of staunch conservatives as he begins to fill out his Cabinet.

Trump also named retired Lt. Gen Michael Flynn as his national security adviser. A former military intelligence chief, Flynn has accused the Obama administration of being too soft on terrorism and has cast Islam as a "political ideology" and driver of extremism.

Sessions and Flynn were ardent Trump supporters during the campaign, and their promotions were seen in part as a reward for their loyalty.

The selections form the first outlines of Trump's Cabinet and national security teams. Given his lack of governing experience and vague policy proposals during the campaign, his selection of advisers is being scrutinized both in the U.S. and abroad.

Trump's initial decisions suggest a more aggressive military involvement in counterterrorism

strategy and a greater emphasis on Islam's role in stoking extremism. Sessions, who is best known for his hard-line immigration views, has questioned whether terror suspects should benefit from the rights available in U.S. courts. Pompeo has said Muslim leaders are "potentially complicit" in attacks if they do not denounce violence carried out in the name of Islam.

Pompeo's nomination to lead the CIA also opens the prospect of the U.S. resuming torture of detainees. Trump has backed harsh interrogation techniques that President Barack Obama and Congress have banned, saying the U.S. "should go tougher than waterboarding," which simulates drowning. In 2014, Pompeo criticized Obama for "ending our interrogation program" and said intelligence officials "are not torturers, they are patriots."

On Saturday, Trump is to meet with retired Gen. James Mattis, a contender to lead the Pentagon. He is also meeting with 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who lambasted Trump as a "con man" and a "fraud" in a stinging speech in March. Trump

responded by repeatedly referring to Romney as a "loser."

### TRUMP OUT OF PUBLIC EYE

In a separate matter Friday, it was announced that Trump had agreed to a \$25 million settlement to resolve three lawsuits over Trump University, his former school for real estate investors. The lawsuits alleged the school misled students and failed to deliver on its promises in programs that cost up to \$35,000.

Trump has denied the allegations and has said repeatedly he would not settle. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who announced the settlement, called it "a stunning reversal by Donald Trump and a major victory for the over 6,000 victims of his fraudulent university."

Trump did not announce his Cabinet choices in person Friday, instead releasing a statement. He has made no public appearances this week, holing up in his New York skyscraper for meetings. He is spending the weekend at his New Jersey golf club.

### MEET THE NOMINEES

Sessions and Pompeo would both require Senate confirma-





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tion before assuming their designated roles; Flynn would not.

Members of minority groups have voiced alarm at Trump's staff appointments so far, saying his choices threaten national unity and promise to turn back the clock on progress for racial, religious and sexual minorities.

They say comments attributed to Trump's picks could embolden some Americans to lash out at members of minority groups

Most of Trump's nominees are expected to be confirmed relatively easily given the GOP majority in the Senate. However, potential roadblocks exist, particularly for Sessions, the first senator to endorse Trump and one of the chamber's most conservative members.

His last Senate confirmation hearing, in 1986 for a federal judgeship, was derailed over allegations that he made racist comments, including calling a black assistant U.S. attorney "boy" in conversation. Sessions denied the accusation, but withdrew from consideration.

Republicans were supportive on Friday. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called his Senate colleague "principled, forthright, and hardworking."

Sessions would bring to the

Justice Department a consistently conservative voice. He has objected to the planned closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility and has given prominence to the specter of voting fraud, a problem that current Justice Department leaders believe is negligible.

Pompeo, who graduated first in his class at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, is a conservative Republican and a strong critic of Obama's nuclear deal with Iran. He has said former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden should enjoy due process and then be sentenced to death for taking and releasing secret documents about surveillance programs in which the U.S. government collected the phone records of millions of Americans.

Anthony Romero, the director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said Pompeo's views raise concerns about "privacy and due process."

Of Trump's new personnel picks, Flynn will have the most direct access to the president. The national security adviser works from the West Wing and is often one of the last people to meet with the president before major foreign policy decisions are made.

Flynn built a reputation in the

military intelligence community as an astute professional and unconventional thinker. He asserted that he was forced out of the Defense Intelligence Agency in 2014 because he disagreed with Obama's approach to combating extremism, though his critics claimed he mismanaged the agency.

He shares Trump's belief that Washington should work more closely with Moscow, and his warmth toward Russia worries some national security experts.

Flynn traveled last year to Moscow, where he joined Russian President Vladimir Putin and other Russian officials in a celebration of the RT network, a Russian government-controlled television channel. Flynn said he was paid for taking part in the event, but brushed aside concerns that he was aiding a Russian propaganda effort.

The president-elect is still weighing a range of candidates for other leading national security posts. Possibilities for secretary of state are said to include former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton, Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who met with Trump Thursday.



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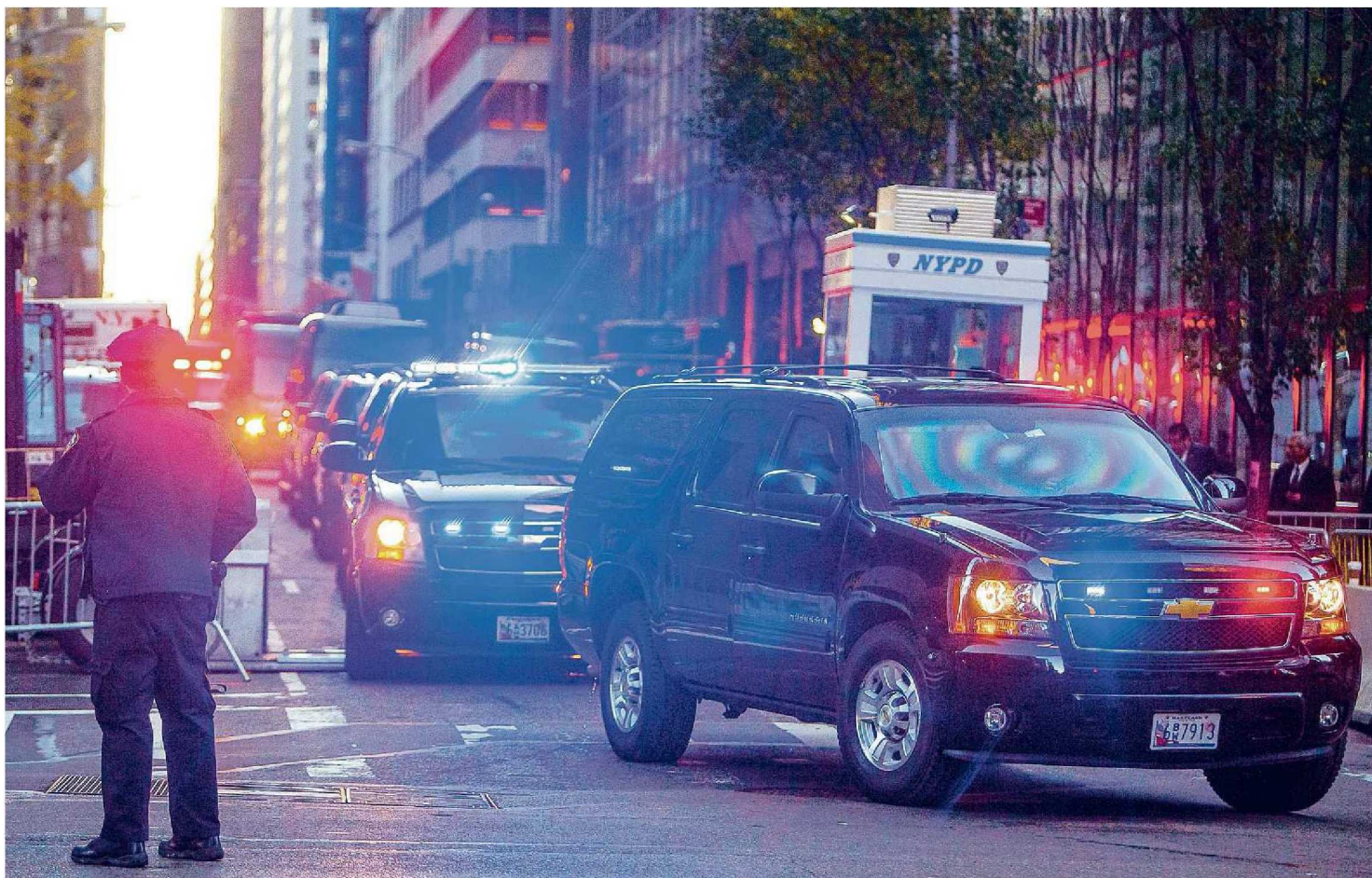
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## POLITICS

# As parties look to 2020 race, is Sen. Scott in the mix?

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### WASHINGTON

There are cloak-room style whispers in Washington these days that South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott is being thought of as a Republican Plan B in case the yet to be formed Trump administration doesn't find its footing.

Scott's office dismisses the talk as idle chit-chat but admits they've been hearing such questions. But it's now been a full week since the last presidential election ended. Washington being Washington, it's time to get the rumors going for

the 2020 election. There are experts and insiders who think this one makes a bit of sense.

"This was an, um, unusual election," said Julian Zelizer, an author and public affairs expert who's a professor at Princeton University. "It makes sense that there would be a Plan B, and one that would be antithetical to Plan A."

"It's important to re-

member, though, that Plan B is always predicated on things that haven't happened, while Plan A is still in effect. Right now for Republicans, the reality is that it's Plan Trump."

Of course, the rumor that Scott is preparing, and being encouraged to prepare, himself for the presidency follows another similar rumor: As Gov. Nikki Haley is reaching her term-limit in the state capitol in 2018, the junior senator from South Carolina could return to snafle up the seat.

The rumor goes like this: Scott will return to South Carolina to run for governor in 2018. U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy will join him on the ticket as his lieutenant governor. They would be expected to win, handily. Then, if needed, Gov. Scott would launch a presidential bid from a position of considerable strength in 2020.

The thinking is that there is a reason for Scott to consider giving up the security of the six years to which he was just elected in the U.S. Senate. That reason goes beyond the notion floated, that he's always wanted to be governor.

Instead, the reason: He needs executive experience to complete the perfect resume for a presidential bid. Ask about this in the halls of Congress these days and people give you knowing looks and nods and respond, "That's what we're hearing..."

Zelizer said that this early in a rumor season, it's tough to know whether anything makes sense.

"But the demographic issues facing the Republican Party that were talked about for this election are real," he said. The nation's minority populations are growing, he pointed out, and Republicans will need some way to appeal to a bigger tent at some point.

In this sense, Winthrop Poll Director Scott Huffman said the Scott rumor works in a connect-the-dots sort of way. If the Trump administration implodes, Republicans are going to want the sorts of things Scott brings to the table.

He's African-American, and the growing concerns revolving around the racial divide in the brutal campaign appear to have reopened. He's conservative, appealing to both tea party and traditional Republicans. He's extremely popular in a Southern state. And, if he left the Senate to govern South Carolina, he would have experience in the two places that are most likely to lead to the White House.

"He's worth thinking about," Huffman said. "There are real doubts about whether the Donald Trump magic of 2016 is repeatable."



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Sen. Tim Scott, a Republican from South Carolina, just won re-election to the Senate.