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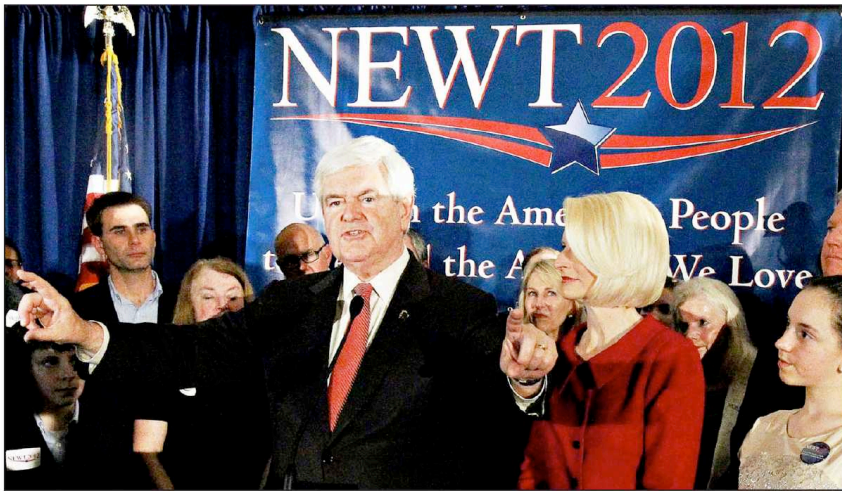
The S.C. Republican Primary

GINGRICH	ROMNEY	SANTORUM	PAUL
40.4%	27.8%	17%	13%
Former House speaker from Georgia	Former Massachusetts governor	Former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania	U.S. representative from Texas

* With 98 percent of precincts reporting



GINGRICH ROUTS ROMNEY



With his wife, Callista, by his side, Newt Gingrich addresses his supporters at a packed election night victory party held Saturday at the Hilton Hotel in Columbia.

Gingrich was able to tap into S.C. GOP's anger

By GINA SMITH gsmith@thestate.com

S.C. Republicans are frustrated, and it showed Saturday. Frustrated with a sluggish economy that won't reverse course. Frustrated with the related stubborn 9.9 percent unemployment rate. And hopping mad with a federal government that, they say, has broken faith with the American people by running up huge debts and stripping states of their legitimate rights under the Constitution. Republican voters statewide found a mouthpiece for their anger Saturday in Newt Gingrich,

overwhelmingly handing him a primary victory after he dominated two well-watched debates in the crucial last days before the primary. The former speaker of the U.S. House used the debates to launch a fiery attack on the media, Washington and his chief Republican rival, Mitt Romney, finding a kindred spirit with S.C. Republicans disillusioned by the economy and Democratic President Barack Obama. With a series of debate one-liners, Gingrich convinced those voters had the brains and the guts to go toe-to-toe with Obama in November.

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GOP DELEGATE COUNT AFTER S.C. PRIMARY

1,144 delegates are needed to win the GOP nomination for president; the totals thus far:

Mitt Romney: 33
Newt Gingrich: 21

SOURCE: Associated Press



S.C. resurrects former House speaker's fortunes

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S.C. Republicans went rogue Saturday, choosing Newt Gingrich for president in the state's GOP primary. In the process, the primary results threw the 2012 Republican presidential race into chaos and upended 30 years of precedence — of always endorsing the GOP's establishment candidate. It is the first time a Republican has won the S.C. Primary without winning either of the first two election season contests — in Iowa and New Hamp-

shire. The S.C. results also call into question the ability of onetime GOP front-runner Mitt Romney to rally the Republican base in the fall's general election against Democrat President Barack Obama. Gingrich victory's transformed South Carolina from its traditional role of kingmaker of the Republican establishment candidate — this year, Romney — to disrupter — resurrecting the candidacy of Gingrich, who had finished fourth in Iowa and fifth in New Hampshire, and restart-

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VOTERS SPEAK OUT

Who voters in the Midlands said they voted for in Saturday's GOP primary and why. **Pages A10-A11**

NEWT GINGRICH

After a furious rally in the Palmetto State, the Republican firebrand moves on. **Page A10**

MITT ROMNEY

After a tough week, the onetime presumptive GOP nominee looks forward to Florida. **Page A11**

HALEY'S IMPACT

Gov. Nikki Haley endorsed Mitt Romney, but did the back-drag of the Lexington Republican have an impact? **Page A11**

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