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Governor Nikki Haley News:

ELLE Magazine: Republican Women Explain Why They're Excited for a President Donald Trump
<http://www.elle.com/culture/career-politics/news/a40667/republican-women-on-donald-trump-presidency/>

Megan Friedman

On Tuesday night, America lost its chance to elect its first woman president. But not all American women were upset about that. According to a CNN exit poll, Hillary Clinton received 54 percent of the votes from women across the country. But when divided by race, 53 percent of white women's votes went for Trump. No matter how you slice it, support for Clinton among women was far lower than many expected. But if you ask a Republican woman, she won't be surprised that Trump over-performed. Four women who have been working on the front lines to get Trump and other GOP officials elected spoke to Elle.com about what they want a Trump administration to look like—and what they wish people would stop getting wrong about conservative women.

NOTE: Who would you like to see as the first woman president? *I think Condoleezza Rice is a very bright woman. We have a number of states where the governors are women, and they're all incredible. Nikki Haley from South Carolina is doing a great job, she's a hard worker. Mary Fallin, the governor of Oklahoma, you know, there are some wonderful women. Any of those women would be great presidents. To me it's not so much the gender, it's the quality of the person. It needs to be the experience that's important.*

The State: SC Governor Nikki Haley congratulates Donald Trump

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article113631543.html>

Cassie Cope

Republican S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley congratulated president-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday morning. "After a hard-fought campaign, where we have seen great passion and frustration among voters, the people have spoken," Haley said in a statement. "This is an opportunity for the country to unite and work together, and, as governor of South Carolina, I will partner with our new president to move our state and nation forward. Earlier this year, Haley urged people to resist "the siren call of the angriest voices," in her GOP response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union. Haley had endorsed GOP U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida in the S.C. Republican presidential primary.

WIS: Haley: Trump's victory is an opportunity for the country to unite

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33668819/haley-trumps-victory-is-an-opportunity-for-the-country-to-unite>

Jason Old

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says Donald Trump's victory is an opportunity for the nation to unite. In a statement released Wednesday morning, Haley said she will work with the president-elect to move South Carolina forward. "We congratulate President-elect Donald Trump on his historic victory," Haley said. "After a hard-fought campaign, where we have seen great passion and frustration among voters, the people have spoken. This is an opportunity for the country to unite and work together, and, as governor of South Carolina, I will partner with our new president to move our state and nation forward." Two weeks ago, the second-term governor said the election had 'turned her stomach upside down' while making it clear that she was not a fan of Clinton or Trump. "I think I've been really clear," Haley said on October 26. "This election has really turned my stomach upside down. It has been

embarrassing for both parties. It's not something the country deserves, but it's what we've got."

WLTX: Gov. Nikki Haley Congratulates Trump on Victory

<http://www.wltx.com/news/politics/gov-haley-congratulates-trump-on-victory/350404503>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is calling for Americans to unite following Donald Trump's historic presidential win. "We congratulate President-elect Donald Trump on his historic victory," Haley wrote. "After a hard-fought campaign, where we have seen great passion and frustration among voters, the people have spoken. This is an opportunity for the country to unite and work together, and, as governor of South Carolina, I will partner with our new president to move our state and nation forward." Haley had clashed somewhat with Trump over the last year, and she endorsed Marco Rubio before February's Republican primary in the state. But since he won the nomination, she had said that she would vote for him, and that he was the better option over Hillary Clinton.

WACH: Haley says she will partner with Trump to move state, nation forward

<http://wach.com/news/local/nikki-haley-releases-statement-on-donald-trump-victory>

Matthew Stevens

Governor Nikki Haley has released a statement on Donald Trump becoming the 45th President of the United States. "We congratulate President-elect Donald Trump on his historic victory. After a hard-fought campaign, where we have seen great passion and frustration among voters, the people have spoken," she said. "This is an opportunity for the country to unite and work together, and, as governor of South Carolina, I will partner with our new president to move our state and nation forward." Haley and Trump have not seen eye - to - eye in the past. The governor and president elect earlier in the year got in a heated back and forth after Trump called Haley's stance on immigration "weak". The two exchanged jabs over social media where Haley offered Trump a "Southern response." In February, Gov. Haley was not in Trump's corner, but backed Florida Senator Marco Rubio ahead of the First in the South Primary. However, prior to the election Haley announced that she would be voting the Trump.

WSPA: Gov. Haley congratulates Trump on win

<http://wspa.com/2016/11/09/gov-haley-congratulates-trump-on-win/>

SC Gov. Nikki Haley released the following statement on Donald Trump's win: "We congratulate President-elect Donald Trump on his historic victory. After a hard-fought campaign, where we have seen great passion and frustration among voters, the people have spoken. This is an opportunity for the country to unite and work together, and, as governor of South Carolina, I will partner with our new president to move our state and nation forward."

Post and Courier: Election raises questions about the future of Obamacare

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/election-raises-questions-about-the-future-of-obamacare/article_35f02016-a516-11e6-8656-4f963201fa5f.html

Lauren Sausser

Obamacare survived the U.S. Supreme Court on a couple occasions, but it won't likely survive Donald Trump's presidency. Congressional Republicans will, almost certainly, repeal the federal Affordable Care Act after President-elect Trump takes office early next year. That's probably a scary prospect for the 217,000 South Carolinians who rely on the health care law for coverage, including 52-year-old David Roof, who can't afford to pay full sticker price for a health insurance policy. Roof's job at a local hospital was eliminated in 2013. Today he is insured by an Obamacare plan and pays less than \$100 a month for it, thanks in large part to a \$497 monthly subsidy that lowers the cost of his policy. On Wednesday, he was trying not to worry over how things might change next year. "I've tried not be reactionary and say, 'The house of cards is going to fall immediately,'" he said. "(The law) is probably going to change significantly. But to go completely away? I don't have a crystal ball, but that seems less likely at this juncture."

NOTE: The law's demise may be imminent but even Ray Farmer, director of the S.C. Department of Insurance and a member of Gov. Nikki Haley's Cabinet, encouraged citizens who need an Affordable

Care Act insurance policy next year to sign up now during open enrollment because nothing will change immediately.

NOTE: Meanwhile, Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams said the election "represents a tremendous opportunity to partner with the new president to find affordable, accessible solutions for South Carolina's health issues." Adams also called Obamacare a "job-killing disaster."

NOTE: Haley has been a longtime critic of the health care law, refusing to expand eligibility for the low-income Medicaid program with federal funds made available under the Affordable Care Act.

Post and Courier: Supplement maker moving HQ to Charleston area from Idaho

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/supplement-maker-moving-hq-to-charleston-area-from-idaho/article_efa7e788-a6d2-11e6-b907-8b60b0c5fa73.html

John McDermott

A growing maker of nutritional supplements is relocating its corporate headquarters and the rest of its business operations to Summerville in a deal that's being hailed as a major coup for the region's life-sciences industry. Thorne Research plans to complete its cross-country move to the South Carolina coast from northern tip of Idaho by late 2018, Tom McKenna, chief operating officer, said in a statement. The company is expected to bring several hundred research, manufacturing, distribution and support jobs to its future home in Berkeley County. Thorne's 270,000-square-foot building will be constructed on about 26 acres off U.S. Interstate 26 in Omni Industrial Campus, according to property records. The cost of the investment was not disclosed. "This new South Carolina facility will provide state-of-the-art research and development, production, laboratory, distribution and business operations," McKenna said in an announcement Wednesday.

NOTE: State officials, including Gov. Nikki Haley, and economic development representatives at the local level "have been integrally involved in helping make this course of action become a reality," McKenna said.

NOTE: "The region successfully competed against major U.S. metros to attract the largest life sciences headquarters and manufacturer in our community's history," Gallati said. "Gov. Haley was an influential and persuasive factor, along with a comprehensive group of local leaders, in Thorne Research's decision to locate in Berkeley County. We are proud to welcome Thorne to our region's growing life-sciences cluster."

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Transition: Obama, Trump to meet at White House

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2245232cd2cf4a92a7a6d041593b0301>

President Barack Obama is set to welcome his successor, Donald Trump, to the White House, extending an olive branch to a man he has blasted as unfit to serve as commander in chief and who led the charge to challenge the legitimacy of his own presidency. The Oval Office meeting scheduled Thursday symbolically begins the transition of power from Obama, a Democrat who ushered in a sweeping health care law and brokered a landmark nuclear accord with Iran, and Trump, a Republican who has vowed to wipe those measures away. Trump takes office on Jan. 20. First lady Michelle Obama also planned to meet privately in the White House residence with Trump's wife, Melania Trump. Republicans were emboldened by Trump's stunning victory over Hillary Clinton, giving the GOP control of the White House and both chambers of Congress. "He just earned a mandate," House Speaker Paul Ryan declared.

Associated Press: Analysis: Trump's victory a reversal of fortune for Obama

<http://bigstory.ap.org/443547edfb114b9bbe3cab8629c4cd05>

He warned that Donald Trump was dangerous, a nuclear hair-trigger, proud to get away with sexual assault. And now it falls to President Barack Obama to reassure America that it can survive four years of President Trump. The impulsive billionaire's improbable victory sets in motion a remarkable reversal of fortune for Obama. He had planned to coast through his final months while ushering in a simpatico Hillary Clinton, but will instead spend his time presiding over a country that is divided,

anxious and has little idea what's coming next. Riding approval ratings higher than at any time since he was first elected, Obama was poised to become one of the country's most consequential leaders — a modern-day Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with a wealth of domestic and foreign accomplishments that most presidents would envy. He still may — but not if Trump succeeds in carrying out what he's said he plans to do.

Associated Press: For many supporters, Trump is a thing called hope

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ebc5573dea7e4c008707b7b92d70c089>

On election night, when Donald Trump claimed victory in her home state of Wisconsin, Shay Chamberlain was so excited she screamed and fell over. Chamberlain believes Trump is her savior, sent by God to save America from ruin. She owns a women's clothing store in this remote town; her husband runs a construction company. They have two children and barely get by on \$44,000 a year, living paycheck to paycheck. In his victory speech, Trump called people like Chamberlain and her family America's "forgotten men and women" — the blue-collar workers in the manufacturing towns of the Rust Belt and the coalfields of Appalachia who propelled him to an improbable victory. They felt left behind by progress, laughed at by the elite, and so put their faith in the billionaire businessman with a sharp tongue and short temper who promised to Make America Great Again. When Trump first ran, Chamberlain thought to herself: "That's the man everybody has been praying for." And she now feels vindicated by his victory.

Associated Press: After blistering campaign, Americans wonder how to heal

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6f425edf6175482fbaffdc98dd292bfe>

For an hour they stood shoulder to shoulder, those who supported Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, praying together in a service of postelection healing. Noting the painful labels and divisions of the just-finished campaign, the Rev. Jenna Faith Strizak said, "We've got to figure out how to live together. And not just live together, but be one." That could take a miracle: To bring together those elated by Trump's ascension to president-elect with those who see him as an embodiment of the country's worst instincts and a threat to its future. Even as Clinton pledged the victor her support Wednesday, others protested in the streets, burned flags and insisted he didn't represent them. "It's shattering," said Byron Beck, a writer in Portland, Oregon, who supported Clinton. While harshly faulting Trump, he cast the moment as a dilemma for all Americans. "We have lost our way, and I don't know what that reset button will look like, but I know that I will work for it or I'll leave the country."

Associated Press: 'Not my president:' Trump denounced in protests across US

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2a936aa6a71b4238bd9a463f142e027c>

A day after Donald Trump's election to the presidency, campaign divisions appeared to widen as many thousands of demonstrators — some with signs with messages declaring "NOT MY PRESIDENT" — flooded streets across the country to protest his surprise triumph. From New England to heartland cities like Kansas City and along the West Coast, demonstrators bore flags and effigies of the president-elect, disrupting traffic and declaring that they refused to accept Trump's victory. Flames lit up the night sky in California cities Wednesday as thousands of protesters burned a giant papier-mache Trump head in Los Angeles and started fires in Oakland intersections. Los Angeles demonstrators also beat a Trump piñata and sprayed the Los Angeles Times building and news vans with anti-Trump profanity. One protester outside LA City Hall read a sign that simply said "this is very bad." Late in the evening several hundred people blocked one of the city's busiest freeways, U.S. 101 between downtown and Hollywood.

Associated Press: The Latest: Israel minister: New settlement push with Trump

<http://bigstory.ap.org/318c64cb14a94a0985d56758057c1bd8>

An Israeli Cabinet minister has called for a renewed wave of settlement construction now that President-elect Donald Trump is signaling an end to longstanding White House opposition to the settlements. Science Minister Ofir Akunis told Army Radio Thursday that, "We need to think how we

move forward now when the administration in Washington, the Trump administration and his advisers, are saying that there is no place for a Palestinian state. Earlier, Jason Greenblatt, one of Trump's advisers on Israel, told Army Radio that Trump doesn't believe settlement activity should be condemned and doesn't view the settlements as an obstacle to peace with the Palestinians. Multiple U.S. administrations have condemned any construction on land captured by Israel in the 1967 war — land that Palestinians want for a future state.

SC Political News:

The State: How might Trump's economic policies impact S.C.?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article113802098.html>

Sammy Fretwell and Roddie Burris

Manufacturers, homebuilders, military base supporters and health care officials were among those anxious Wednesday to see if Donald Trump's election will improve South Carolina's economy or result in unintended consequences. The New York Republican's statements during the campaign could mean lower taxes on industries and looser regulations on businesses that say such rules drive up their costs. But Trump's policies also could raise costs for some manufacturers and consumers, said business people and analysts. During the campaign, Trump pledged to lighten what many say is a regulatory burden that stifles economic growth. Many of those perceived obstacles are environmental rules, and include a plan to limit the release of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Trump is a skeptic of climate change. Trump also pledged to be a tougher trade negotiator than President Barack Obama. He blasted free trade agreements with Asia and Mexico, saying the United States was being taken advantage of by other nations in global trade. Changes to those agreements could cost manufacturers, although the full extent remains unclear, said Clemson University professor Scott Baier.

The State: Where in SC did Trump beat Romney, Clinton underperform Obama?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article113705609.html>

Bristow Marchant

In his quest to win the White House, Republican Donald Trump not only snatched some blue states from the Democrats, but he built on the last GOP nominee's performance in South Carolina. At the same time, Democrat Hillary Clinton underperformed her predecessor in some key areas in the Palmetto State, much as she did nationwide. According to numbers available Wednesday from the S. C. Election Commission, Trump won 1,142,659 votes in South Carolina, 71,014 more than Republican nominee Mitt Romney in 2012, who also carried the state but only with 1,071,645 votes. Clinton garnered 847,473 vote in a losing effort in South Carolina, more than 18,000 fewer than Barack Obama did en route to his 2012 re-election. Greenville County provided Trump one of his biggest vote totals in the state, 125,595 versus 121,685 for Romney. The Upstate as a whole saw one of the biggest jumps in support for the GOP. Next door to Greenville, Spartanburg County had nearly 10,000 new votes for the Republican nominee, while Anderson produced an extra 8,000, York 7,000 and Lancaster 4,000.

Greenville News: Donald Trump wins SC with margin larger than Romney, McCain

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/11/09/donald-trump-wins-sc-margin-larger-than-romney-mccain/93559042/>

Amanda Coyne

President-elect Donald Trump won South Carolina with a margin four points higher than recent Republican presidential candidates and increased Republican voter turnout in the Upstate and other rural and conservative counties, election results show. Both Gov. Mitt Romney and Sen. John McCain won South Carolina by 10 percentage points over President Barack Obama. As of Wednesday afternoon, Trump had beaten former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton by more than 14 points in the Palmetto State. Part of that margin of victory was activating so-called "missing" or "secret" Trump voters who had not previously voted or who had not voted for many years, said Bob Oldendick, a

political science professor at the University of South Carolina. "We saw them come out in the primaries. A lot of people were shocked at the margin of Trump victory, that he was able to capture all the delegates and the congressional districts (in the primary)," Oldendick said. "It's because he was able to reach those voters. I don't know how many, but there were certainly enough people who hadn't voted for 20, 30 years who were dissatisfied with the system and connecting with what Trump was saying."

The State: How SC propelled Trump's candidacy

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article113618113.html>

Avery G. Wilks

When Donald Trump moves into the Oval Office in January, he can thank South Carolina for more than just its nine electoral votes. The Palmetto State reclaimed its role this year as a Republican kingmaker, giving the wild-card candidate a crucial primary victory in February. South Carolinians then stuck with Trump through his myriad of political stumbles, all the way to November. "South Carolina showed that he wasn't a fluke," Winthrop University political scientist Scott Huffmon said. South Carolina's "First in the South" GOP primary has a near-sterling record of picking the eventual GOP nominee, in part because of its broad and diverse Republican electorate. "South Carolina is seen as a state where every streak of Republicanism and every streak of conservatism is represented," Huffmon said. The lone exception to the S.C. GOP's perfect record of picking their party's nominee was four years ago, when former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich rode the momentum from two solid debate performances to an S.C. primary victory.

The Herald: Behind the numbers: Graphs show how York, Chester, Lancaster voters changed election

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article113734094.html>

David Thackham

York, Chester and Lancaster county voters made their voices heard in record numbers on election night Tuesday, but officials say a lack of competitive local races and a divided presidential campaign were to blame for a dip in the percentage of voter turnout. Although all three counties saw record numbers of actual ballots cast, both York and Chester counties recorded shrinking turnout percentages dating back to 2008. In the race for president, Republican Donald Trump coasted to a 14-percentage-point victory in South Carolina over Democrat Hillary Clinton. But the percentage of registered voters who came out to the polls dipped for the second straight general election for York (68.44 percent) and Chester (68.26 percent) counties. Both counties saw voter turnouts above 70 percent in 2012, and even higher numbers in 2008.

Island Packet: Election official apologizes for long Bluffton, Hilton Head Island voting lines

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/election/article113789353.html>

Teresa Moss

The top Beaufort County election official apologized Wednesday for voting lines extending two hours or longer at some locations, citing limited resources as the main problem. "The only thing we can do is apologize," Marie Smalls, elections director, told The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette. "We had to move some voting locations, and it directly affected voters. We don't want there to be two-hour waits." Two-hour waits were not unusual Tuesday at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Bluffton and the county library's Bluffton branch, as well as at Christ Lutheran Church on Hilton Head Island. Natalie Hefter said she waited for more than two hours to cast her vote at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in a line that wrapped out the door and onto sidewalks lining Buckwalter Parkway. "I saw people walk away after waiting in line for an hour," she said. "It was frustrating to see. It was not a great experience."

WIS: South Carolina looking to update voting machines

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33674460/south-carolina-looking-to-update-voting-machines>

Caroline Patrickis

Election day is behind us and South Carolina election officials say the overall process was smooth across the state. There were a few scattered issues but no major problems, according to the South Carolina Election Commission. Most South Carolina voters went to the polls on Tuesday without experiencing problems. It all came down to long lines and voting machine glitches, which is something they are looking at changing in the future. South Carolina Election Commission Director Chris Whitmire, says, for the most part, everything went better than expected. "Overall I think we had a pretty good election. In every election you are going to have some issues out there," Whitmire says.

The day got off to a rocky start with the voting machines having some calibration issues. "On Election Day, things happen like machines die, the batteries die, the screens go bad, the motherboard goes bad," Whitmire explains.

Post and Courier: Student exit pollsters saw the election unfold up close

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/student-exit-pollsters-saw-the-election-unfold-up-close/article_ab702314-a6aa-11e6-b8f6-333abc09d97b.html

Paul Bowers

The army of student pollsters fanned out to voting sites as the sun warmed a chilly Tuesday morning. Some adults left the voting booths and shot suspicious glances toward the clipboard-toting youthful interlopers. More often than not, the voters opened up and shared who they voted for — and the students were all ears. Anne Adragna, a 17-year-old senior at the private University School of the Lowcountry in Mount Pleasant, was one of the students who helped poll 24 precincts in Tuesday's general election. Students at her school have been conducting exit polls for nine years, often with pinpoint accuracy. This year's poll was no exception. "It went much better than I expected, honestly," Adragna said. "Just the general demeanor of the people ... Most people were in a good mood, the lines were moving pretty quickly, and once we explained what we were doing a lot of the initial wariness went away."

Post and Courier: Donald Trump supporters hope presidential win piques local interest of like-minded candidates

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/donald-trump-supporters-hope-presidential-win-piques-local-interest-of/article_d3f1534c-a512-11e6-a66f-af4b863b83a8.html

Maya T. Prabhu

Keep an eye out for an influx of Trump-like candidates and messages in the next few years. At least that's what supporters of President-elect Donald Trump say South Carolinians can expect as the state prepares for the state, local and mid-term elections ahead and politicians examine the Trump phenomenon as a recognized formula. "It demonstrates very clearly you don't have to be an insider to win," said Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, one of Trump's first high-profile supporters during the presidential primary. "I think Trump's successful candidacy has demonstrated that you don't have to have a lot of connections," McMaster added. "If you have the strength and determination, and are willing to get involved and willing to take the heat, you can succeed." That desire for an outsider is what helped lead Trump to defeat former secretary of state Democrat Hillary Clinton for the White House on Tuesday. And it's "most definitely" what will inspire like-minded South Carolinians to run in coming years, McMaster said.

WACH: Lt. Gov: We will make America great again- greater than ever before

<http://wach.com/news/local/lt-gov-we-will-make-america-great-again-greater-than-ever-before>

Tara Petitt

After an astounding finish to an election unlike any ever seen in recent memory, the nation is still processing the results. Although South Carolina has historically been a "red" state in Presidential elections, not even experts could have predicted a "too close to call" race for the White House. While Hillary Clinton had support and endorsements from the current and past Presidents, Cabinet-level officials, Governors across the state and notable figures across the country, it wasn't enough to get her the number of electoral votes needed to beat Donald Trump. The business mogul, also, had hundreds of endorsements. The first elected official to publicly back him was South Carolina's

Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster. The Lieutenant Governor endorsed Trump in late January of 2016 and continued to support him throughout the entire campaign."I knew that we were gonna have a fight- excluding the Republicans, that we were really gonna have a fight... not only to win, but also to do what's necessary for the country," said McMaster.

The State: 'We now have a country to run.' SC GOP leaders offer Trump advice

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article113754688.html>

Avery G. Wilks and Cassie Cope

State Rep. Phyllis Henderson stayed up past 3 a.m. Wednesday to watch Donald Trump's victory speech. The Greenville Republican was encouraged by Trump's calls for unity after the divisive presidential campaign. "Now, the governing part is going to be the hard part," said Henderson, who supported the bombastic New York billionaire businessman and reality-TV star but "wasn't a huge fan." Even with fellow Republicans controlling both chambers of Congress, President-elect Trump, a political novice, is not guaranteed success. Trump now must stay on task, rally Republicans around common causes and exercise humility in establishing relationships with congressional leaders, S.C. Republicans advised Wednesday. "We now have a country to run," longtime Trump critic U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-Seneca, wrote Wednesday in a statement pledging his support.

Herald-Journal: SC Republicans rally around Trump

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161109/sc-republicans-rally-around-trump?rssfeed=true>

Bob Montgomery

South Carolina voters helped elect Donald Trump, and state Republicans said Wednesday they're ready to hit the ground running in January. "The first thing he's going to do is repeal Obamacare," said 5th District U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, a Trump supporter who beat Democratic challenger Fran Person. Mulvaney said voters had sent a clear message. "They want to turn Washington upside down, and I'm all for it," he said. Statewide, Trump beat Clinton 55 percent to 41 percent. In Spartanburg County, 63 percent voted for Trump, compared with 33 percent for Clinton. "I like him because he's not a politician," said Woodruff resident Carman Taylor, who said she waited in line for over an hour Tuesday to cast her vote. "He's a businessman," added Rodney Bridges, also of Woodruff. "If anyone can fix this mess, he can." Not all Republicans were on board with Trump when he started his presidential run more than a year ago. In the primaries, Mulvaney first backed Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, while South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott backed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. Both state lawmakers eventually backed Trump.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley was among those who weren't enthusiastic about Trump as the party's choice, but by late October she finally endorsed him.

NOTE: Woodard said in doing so, South Carolina's three rising political stars — Gowdy, Haley and Scott — could be rewarded with greater roles in the national limelight.

The State: SC Sen. Lindsey Graham congratulates Trump after vote against him

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article113617613.html>

Bristow Marchant

South Carolina's senior Sen. Lindsey Graham — one of Donald Trump's most outspoken critics within the Republican Party — congratulated the Republican candidate on his presidential victory early Wednesday, hours after he voted against Trump. In a statement, Graham says that after the election, "we now have a country to run," and names several areas he hopes to work on with the president-elect, include "keeping trade free but fairer," rebuilding the military, repealing President Obama's health care law, and confirming new Supreme Court justices. While other Republican officeholders have struggled with the question of whether they should vote for the party's nominee, Graham has long been adamant he could never support on Trump. On Election Day, he followed through on that opposition. Graham announced on Twitter that he voted for an independent conservative candidate, Evan McMullin, rather than pull the lever for the Republican in the race.

Palmetto Business Daily: Good week for McMaster ... not so much for Graham?

<http://palmettobusinessdaily.com/stories/511042571-good-week-for-mcmaster-not-so-much-for-graham>

South Carolina Lt. Governor Henry McMaster (R) — the first high-ranking elected official in the country to endorse Donald Trump early on in the campaign — is likely smiling today in the wake of Trump's surprise presidential win. "Congratulations on the big win last night President-Elect Donald J. Trump!" McMaster posted on Facebook earlier today. "It was exciting to introduce you at the GOP Convention & I am ready to help #MAGA (Make American Great Again)." Political prognosticators speculate that McMaster, the former South Carolina Attorney General, has his sights set on the governorship, with incumbent Gov. Nikki Haley retiring due to term limits in 2018. His early support of the President-elect can only be seen as a boost to McMaster's aspirations. Meanwhile, U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) is probably feeling much differently today. Graham publicly sparred with Trump throughout and after a Republican Presidential Primary campaign in which Graham never made it to the main debate stage and was forced to drop out of the race before any votes were cast. On Election Day, Graham told reporters that he voted for third party candidate Evan McMullin, instead of the Republican nominee, Donald Trump.

Sun News: Local leaders excited about Trump

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article113700604.html>

Christian Boschult

Horry County voted for President-elect Donald Trump by a margin of 83,819 votes to Hillary Clinton's 36,731 votes and local party leaders are feeling excited. "We had a fantastic day yesterday," said Horry County Republican Party Chairman Robert Rabon. "We won every race in Horry County. We got our sales tax passed for our roads by a 65 percent margin. Of course we re-elected Tim Scott and Tom Rice and the grand prize was the president of the united states." Rabon said he thinks Trump will repatriate money that businesses hold overseas and use it to improve infrastructure in the U.S., repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act and reduce taxes. "Reduce regulations; reduce the corporate taxes to 15 percent," he said. "I think it will be a great time, especially on the beach because we've got so many investors down here. We'll just explode." That 20 percent reduction in taxes would be re-invested in businesses, said Rabon. "When you call me two years from now and ask me to describe Donald Trump's first two years, there's going to be one word we'll use," he said. "And it'll be 'Wow.'"

Independent Mail: Anderson couple prayed for Trump to win

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/11/09/anderson-couple-prayed-trump-win/93560140/>

Kirk Brown

Anderson real estate agents Joey and Nancy Brown said they were "elated" with Republican Donald Trump's victory in the presidential election. "We prayed that he would win," said Joey Brown as he ate lunch with his wife Wednesday at Mama Penn's Restaurant on North Main Street in Anderson. "I like his policy on illegal immigration," he said. Brown expressed hope that Trump will follow through on his pledge to build a wall on the Mexican border to "stop illegal immigrants coming in from Syria." Brown said he and his wife met Trump after the Manhattan real estate tycoon had a rally in Anderson. They also attended his rally in Spartanburg after he won the South Carolina GOP presidential primary in February. And the couple traveled to New York City last Christmas to visit Trump Tower. "He needs to undo and redo everything that Obama has done," Brown said.

The Herald: 'I told you so': Trump faithful bask in 'miracle' presidential victory

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article113686284.html>

Andrew Dys

Count Loyd Ardrey, owner of the iconic Ebenezer Grill in Rock Hill, was first in line to say it to people like me about Donald Trump: "Boy, I told you so." Ardrey had invited Trump to speak at the Rock Hill restaurant during the Republican primary in February, but Trump could not make it. Ardrey had this to say Wednesday, after a Trump presidential victory that Ardrey called "a miracle." "Donald Trump

has a standing invitation at Ebenezer Grill forever. At Ebenezer Grill everybody is a winner, and today, the people of America spoke loud and clear about their winner. Donald Trump is the winner. "Ardrey greeted customer after customer where all the talk was Trump's stunning win that even supporters did not foresee as late as Tuesday. All are welcome at Ebenezer Grill, of any political persuasion, race, religion, whatever. Kind of like America. Wednesday was special for those who backed Trump and who shocked the world. "Isn't it something?" Ardrey called out to longtime Republican volunteer Martha Haynesworth as the two hugged. "The impossible," beamed Haynesworth. "We got our country back."

Aiken Standard: GOP pleased, Democrats disappointed in Aiken County

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/gop-pleased-democrats-disappointed-in-aiken-county/article_822eae14-a699-11e6-be54-7fc616bd00ca.html

Christina Cleveland

Aiken County Republicans joined other members of the GOP across the country Wednesday, congratulating President-elect Donald Trump on his win to the White House and his vision for America. Collectively, Democrats expressed their disappointment in the presidential election results, but also spoke about moving forward in the country, as well as with their party into the next year and in 2020. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton echoed that sentiment, expressing gratitude in a concession speech, where she urged her supporters to have an open mind and give Trump a "chance to lead." Also Wednesday, President Barack Obama instructed his team to make sure there is a peaceful transfer of power to Trump. Poised to make history by electing either the first woman President of the United States or an American business mogul, who some have deemed a "political outsider," voters elected the Republican nominee, with many learning the results of the election early Wednesday morning when the competitive contest ultimately came to a close.

WIS: Fallout for SC Democratic leaders after big losses on election night

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33674236/fallout-for-sc-democratic-leaders-after-big-losses-on-election-night>

Jack Kuenzie

Tuesday night's election results could mean a change of plans for a number of South Carolina political figures. Several of whom might have been in line for new jobs had Secretary Hillary Clinton won the White House. Among them, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, who campaigned extensively for the Clinton team. Benjamin drew a speaking slot at the Democratic National Convention and his name showed up on a hacked list of potential vice-presidential candidates. Attorney and state Representative James Smith had been rumored as a possible selection for the U.S. Attorney's office. Also state Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison had been mentioned as a potential pick to head the Democratic National Committee. "Of course you've got to go back to '08 to see the precedent for this with Inez Tenenbaum becoming the commissioner of consumer affairs. Rick Wade, who became the actually acting Commerce Secretary for a while. There was just a number of people who went to work in the Obama White House or in different agencies," former SC Democratic Chairman Dick Harpootlian explained.

Post and Courier: Hillary Clinton lost on Election Day in South Carolina, but won among absentee voters

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/hillary-clinton-lost-on-election-day-in-south-carolina-but/article_c7dbc5e2-a50d-11e6-8e16-eb73f1798a02.html

Maya T. Prabhu

Donald Trump may have won the presidency, but South Carolina Democrats won the race to get their supporters out to the polls early ahead of Tuesday's election - but barely. Of the more than 497,000 absentee ballots cast, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the Democratic candidate, received 1,618 more votes than Trump. S.C. Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison said while things didn't work out the way he hoped, he was glad to hear absentee voters sided with Clinton, pushed by the Democrats' ground game. "A bird in the hand is better than two in the bush," he said. "It's good to

focus on consistent voters and build up to Election Day because you never know what might happen. Plus that frees you up so you can have time trying to turn out as many of the more sporadic voters as possible."

The State: 'Today, I'm going to mourn, and tomorrow I'll start working'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article113791153.html>

Cassie Cope

Eunice "Tootsie" Holland had planned Wednesday to drive to Charleston to see her 94-year-old mentor, Mary Heriot, pop the cork on a bottle of champagne and toast "Madam President." Instead of celebrating Hillary Clinton's presidency, the two mourned the election of Republican Donald Trump. "It was a lot of crying," said the 84-year-old Holland, who began working in 1972 with the National Organization for Women and later successfully pushed for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Like many S.C. women's rights advocates, Holland was crushed by Tuesday's election results, which she thought would shatter the glass ceiling above the country's highest elected position. But soon the devastation will be replaced by renewed determination, Holland said Wednesday. "Today, I'm going to mourn, and tomorrow I'll start working on trying to get a Women's Equity Act here in South Carolina," said Holland, referring to a proposal to guarantee women the same pay as men for equal work. "Am I ambitious or what?"

Island Packet: The election is over. Can we get our friends back now?

<http://www.islandpacket.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/liz-farrell/article113745289.html>

Liza Farrell

I got Facebook-scolded on Tuesday night by a woman I barely know. It wasn't a big deal. I think she misinterpreted my post. Or maybe she didn't. Either way, I'm certain she felt compelled to tell me off because my opinion likely differs from hers. It was such a little moment, but it so perfectly summed up this exposed-nerve of an election, that defensiveness and reactionary behavior, that need to bring down others for not thinking exactly alike. The woman made a choice to respond, to strike and make it personal. It's a choice I don't understand. I didn't disparage anyone or discount anyone's choice for president in my post. I didn't write on her Facebook page, where her thoughts reside. I wrote on my own page, where my thoughts belong. She invited herself to my party and then wiped her feet on my carpet. The next morning, she deleted her comment.

The State: SC residents' Google searches about 'moving to Canada' spike with Trump win

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article113655319.html>

Avery G. Wilks

As Republican Donald Trump was pulling closer to victory in the presidential election, some S.C. residents were looking for a way out. Google searches for "moving to Canada" and "how to impeach a president" spiked in South Carolina early Wednesday morning as the Republican nominee moved past the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win. Searches for "Canada immigration," "how can I move to Canada" and "Canadian citizenship" rose more than 5,000 percent among S.C. residents, according to Google Trends data. Exact numbers were not available from Google, only the percentage of increase. Searches for "jobs in Canada" rose 750 percent, while "flights to Canada" saw a 550-percent jump, even in a state that gave Trump a roughly 14-percentage-point victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton. Those trends appeared nationally as well, in addition to "impeach Trump" and "can Trump be impeached."

Post and Courier: Excitement for some, muted hope for others as Charleston area manufacturers react to Trump victory

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/excitement-for-some-muted-hope-for-others-as-charleston-area/article_46a7732e-a6a0-11e6-a725-43c422c1cce2.html

David Wren

Donald Trump's opposition to what he terms "disastrous" free trade agreements could be a boon to

the Port of Charleston and South Carolina's economy, Bill Stern - a longtime board member with the State Ports Authority and Trump's regional campaign director - said Wednesday. "I'm excited about it," Stern said of the potential for reworking "one-sided" trade agreements to better benefit U.S. manufacturers. That enthusiasm is tempered by those in the manufacturing sector, both in the Charleston region and nationally. While some say they are hopeful the next administration brings positive economic change, others are staying mum in the day after Trump concluded his historic bid for the White House. Boeing Co., which makes the 787 Dreamliner plane at its North Charleston campus, said in a statement that it is looking forward to working with Trump and newly elected members of Congress. Trump has been critical of the federal Export-Import Bank, which Boeing uses to finance plane sales to foreign countries, and wants America to stop doing business with Iran, which has a deal to buy 80 Boeing planes.

Greenville News: What's the future of Obamacare?

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/11/09/whats-future-obamacare/93561994/>

Liv Osby

Donald Trump has promised to repeal and replace Obamacare as president, and experts say it can be done. But they also say it won't come without some political risk, and not just for Trump, with the possibility of millions of Americans losing health insurance. Since it was enacted in 2010, the Affordable Care Act has reduced the number of uninsured to a historic low of 10 percent of the population, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, many getting coverage for the first time. But repealing the program will have "tragic consequences" for millions of Americans, said Ron Pollack, executive director of the consumer group Families USA. "We must take Trump at his word, and he has repeatedly said his first act would be to repeal the ACA," he said. "Studies show that repealing the ACA will force 20 million people into the ranks of the uninsured."

SC Delegation News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Republicans in Congress not yet ready to jump into governor's race talk

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/s-c-republicans-in-congress-not-yet-ready-to-jump/article_e330f898-a6a8-11e6-8a59-73632410f66b.html

Emma Dumain

On Tuesday night, South Carolina's congressional Republicans were basking in the glow of their re-election victories and the excitement of getting to serve in a GOP-controlled Congress, answerable to a GOP president. By Wednesday morning, for those possibly toying with the prospect of running for governor in 2018, it was simply too early to say if they were prepared to shift focus away from freshly reaffirmed congressional careers to seek a less certain statewide race. U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., who staved off a Democratic challenger in what was arguably the only competitive South Carolina congressional race this cycle, suggested he might finally find joy in governing with Donald Trump in the White House. He's also less inclined to jump ship than if Democrat Hillary Clinton had prevailed. "The job was getting so frustrating and so disappointing," said Mulvaney, who has served in Congress only under President Barack Obama. "Now I can't tell you how excited I am to go to work, get back to Washington and actually get to stop playing defense and start getting things done."

NOTE: Another Republican whose name has been floated as a possible candidate to succeed term-limited Gov. Nikki Haley is U.S. Sen. Tim Scott.

NOTE: Scott, who was first appointed to fill a U.S. Senate vacancy by Haley in 2013, on Tuesday won election to his first, full six-year term. In 2014, he pledged to serve two full terms and then return to South Carolina, ruling out a 2018 run for governor entirely.

McClatchy DC: Gowdy unsure of Clinton investigation, instead focusing on 'opportunity to govern'

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article113720489.html>

Matthew Schofield

Especially in the latter stages of the presidential campaign, the call from the camp of now President-

elect Donald Trump was that election day would not stop the pursuit of failed democrat contender Hillary Clinton, whom he had dubbed "Crooked Hillary" and alleged had been guilty of "very high crimes. Whether fairly or not, the name of Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC), who had led the Benghazi Committee that first uncovered the emails at the heart of the allegations against Clinton, was associated with whatever efforts might come after the vote. Now that the vote has passed, the question remains: Do Republicans go after a failed candidate, and will Gowdy lead that charge? The day after a re-election, Gowdy's office didn't want to discuss that possibility, noting that the Benghazi Committee is now over and decisions from the House Oversight Committee (of which he is a member but does not lead) on what to do or not do regarding Clinton were decisions that others would be making.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Charleston County Democrat, GOP leaders see bright spots in general election results

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/charleston-county-democrat-gop-leaders-see-bright-spots-in-general/article_f4e44a2c-a6ad-11e6-af16-83763f753d6b.html

Prentiss Findlay

A day after the general election, the Charleston County GOP chairman touted the party's new majority on County Council along with a Statehouse seat addition, while his Democratic counterpart celebrated wins for auditor and treasurer. Republican Brantley Moody won the County Council District 7 seat up for grabs following the retirement of Democrat Colleen Condon. Lin Bennett, former county GOP chair, was victorious in the race for the House District 114 seat in West Ashley. "Those are significant pickups," said Larry Kobrovsky, county Republican chair. County Democratic Party Chairman Brady Quirk-Garvan said Democrats' wins in races for county auditor and treasurer matter politically because they are great places to grow and recruit candidates. Mary Tinkler, who won the treasurer race, is nearing the end of her first and only term in the House District 114 seat now going to Bennett. Peter Tecklenburg won re-election as auditor.

Kala Brown Kidnapping:

Associated Press: Bodies found on SC man's property were buried for a year

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RfA95vag

Seanna Adcox

Two bodies found on the rural property of a South Carolina man linked to five other deaths were a couple who had a history of panhandling and had been buried there for nearly a year, authorities said Wednesday. One of the victims was 25-year-old Meagan Coxie of Spartanburg, who appears to have died from a gunshot wound to the head. The other was her husband, 29-year-old Johnny Coxie, who was shot in his chest, Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said. Their families were told the couple was killed, and they're grieving, he said. "It's bad news but also they have questions that we're able to give them answers to. This isn't a run of the mill case. It never has been," Clevenger said. Their "extensive tattoos" helped identify them, he said. The couple has at least one child.

Associated Press: The Latest: Bodies on SC man's property were a couple

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Micki7x5

SC State Wire

A coroner says two bodies that were found on the property of a South Carolina man linked to five other deaths were a couple who had been buried there for about a year. Coroner Rusty Clevenger said Wednesday that one of the victims was a 25-year-old woman who appears to have died from a gunshot wound to the head and the other was her husband, a 29-year-old man who had a gunshot wound to his torso. Last week, authorities searching the rural property found a woman alive and chained in a storage container. Investigators say they later found the woman's boyfriend in a shallow grave. Authorities say the property owner, Todd Kohlhepp, also has confessed to a quadruple killing

at a motorcycle shop in 2003, linking him to seven deaths in all.

Greenville News: Spartanburg husband, wife identified as bodies on Kohlhepp land

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/11/09/spartanburg-coroner-release-identities-2-bodies-found-kohlhepp-land/93546930/>

Michael Burns

A husband and wife from Spartanburg were identified as the two bodies unearthed on Todd Kohlhepp's property on Sunday and Monday, Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said Wednesday afternoon. Meagan Coxie, 25 of Shalann Drive and her husband, Johnny Coxie, 29, of the same address were believed to have been killed late last year, Clevenger said. Both had gunshot wounds but were clothed, he said. She was shot in the head and he was shot in the torso, Clevenger said. They were identified with the help of extensive tattoos, he said. They were reported missing in December of last year and both had recently been released from jail, said Lt. Kevin Bobo, spokesman for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. Meagan had asked her mother to bond her out of jail because of she had a job lined up. The couple had a child together that is being cared for, Bobo said. They also had a history of panhandling, he said.

Greenville News: Investigators link Kohlhepp to seven deaths, including unsolved quadruple slayings

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/11/05/investigators-seek-new-clues-after-body-found-kohlhepp-land/93315404/>

Kirk Brown, Anna Lee, and Frances Parrish

The man charged with abducting an Anderson woman and keeping her chained in a storage shed has implicated himself in a 13-year-old unsolved quadruple homicide and is now suspected in the deaths of as many as seven people, the sheriff announced late Saturday night. Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright said warrants have been drawn charging Todd Christopher Kohlhepp with the murder of four people at Superbike Motorsports in Chesnee that occurred exactly 13 years ago Sunday. Scott Ponder, 30, his 52-year-old mother and part-time employee Beverly Guy, and employees Brian Lucas, 29, and Chris Sherbert, 26, were found "brutally murdered" on Nov. 6, 2003 at the business on Parris Bridge Road, Wright said. The case was Spartanburg County's first quadruple homicide.

Herald-Journal: Bodies at crime scene identified as Spartanburg couple

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161109/bodies-at-crime-scene-identified-as-spartanburg-couple?rssfeed=true>

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger identified the human remains found on suspected serial killer Todd Kohlhepp's wooded property on Wofford Road as Meagan Leigh McCraw Coxie and Johnny Joe Coxie, a couple in their 20s who lived on Shalann Drive in Spartanburg. Meagan was found Sunday, Johnny, on Monday, Clevenger said. Both sets of remains were removed Monday afternoon. They had been buried about 11 months, Clevenger said. "This is definitely a homicide," he said. Their discovery brings the total number of bodies associated with Kohlhepp, a Moore real estate agent and registered sex offender, to seven — including those killed in the 2003 quadruple homicide at Superbike Motorsports near Chesnee. He has only been charged with murder in the 2003 case so far. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office will keep a deputy guarding Kohlhepp's 96-acre property, though investigators believe all bodies there have been recovered, said Lt. Kevin Bobo.

Michael Slager Case:

Associated Press: State case in black motorist shooting enters sixth day

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fGZrelDr

Bruce Smith

The prosecution is calling witnesses for a sixth day in the murder trial of a former South Carolina police officer charged in the death of a black motorist. Former North Charleston patrolman Michael

Slager is charged in the shooting of 50-year-old Walter Scott as he ran from a traffic stop in April 2015. Cellphone video that captured Scott being shot in the back stunned the nation. As testimony begins Thursday, the prosecution has called 23 witnesses to lay out its case that although Slager may have been provoked by Scott running away, there was no justification for shooting him five times. The defense has countered that the investigation was botched. Defense attorney Andy Savage noted Wednesday that people using a toy metal detector found bullets at the scene missed by state investigators.

Associated Press: Ex-officer's lawyer challenges probe of black motorist death

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xbtgLMXu

Bruce Smith

A fired white police officer's defense lawyer hammered away Wednesday at the investigation of his fatal shooting of a fleeing black motorist, pointing out that citizens using a toy metal detector found evidence the state missed at the crime scene. Crime scene investigator Jamie Johnson testified that about two weeks after the shooting in April 2015, she returned to the scene because experts hired by defense attorney Andy Savage alerted investigators that two more bullets had been recovered. "Did you know the two projectiles were found by citizens?" Savage asked on cross-examination. "That's the first I'm hearing it," Johnson replied. He then asked if she knew what kind of metal detector was used to find the bullets, near a fence around the empty lot where Walter Scott was fatally shot trying to flee from North Charleston police officer Michael Slager.

Post and Courier: Defense continues poking holes into investigation of Walter Scott shooting

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/defense-continues-poking-holes-into-investigation-of-walter-scott-shooting/article_ad40d85e-a633-11e6-a660-2f2067ed5d71.html

Andrew Knapp

Michael Slager's lawyer on Wednesday continued his quest in a downtown Charleston courtroom Wednesday to prove that investigators on the scene after the fatal shooting of Walter Scott failed to perform necessary tests. Andy Savage questioned State Law Enforcement Division agent Jamie Johnson on what tests agents performed on North Charleston patrolman Michael Slager's Taser in the wake of the April 4, 2015, shooting. Johnson, who first went to North Charleston City Hall to collect Slager's uniform, arrived shortly after noon that day at the Craig Street lot where Scott was shot. Until bystander Feiden Santana's cellphone video of the tussle between Slager and Scott was made public, the SLED investigation was slanted toward Slager's innocence, Savage said, while Johnson insisted, "Our investigation is not slanted one way or another." Johnson helped collect evidence that she later examined with Almon Brown, then a fellow agent. Brown, who testified Tuesday, could not be in court due to a doctor's appointment Wednesday and will take the witness stand again Thursday.

Associated Press: The Latest: Attorneys spar over victim's drug use

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=igK3ZW9T

SC State Wire

Court has adjourned for the day in the South Carolina trial of Michael Slager. The fired white North Charleston patrolman faces 30 years to life if convicted of murdering Walter Scott, an unarmed black motorist, in April 2015. Court proceedings slowed Wednesday afternoon when, with the jury out of the courtroom, attorneys argued for nearly an hour over the testimony of a prosecution witness. Cocaine was found in Scott's blood in an autopsy, and forensic toxicologist Demetra Garvin interpreted the lab results. The prosecution wanted the defense instructed not to question whether Scott was a chronic cocaine user in cross-examination. Circuit Judge Clifton Newman asked Garvin if she could conclude Scott was a chronic user based on the autopsy result, his discharge from a job for drugs two years ago, and a marijuana arrest nearly three decades before that. She said she could not, and the judge agreed that the defense could not raise the issue. Garvin told the jury that Scott could have taken the cocaine anywhere from hours to perhaps days before the shooting.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery:

WMBF: Flooring Plus provides opportunity to help Hurricane Matthew victims rebuild
<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33666056/flooring-plus-provides-opportunity-to-help-hurricane-matthew-victims-rebuild>

Kelly Matter

Hurricane Matthew left extreme damage to the area, some homes were destroyed and many lost their belongings. Flooring Plus announced it will be accepting donations for the victims in Socastee who lost everything, or almost everything in their homes from the hurricane. The company said they will accept donations at the Murrells Inlet location. Anyone is welcome to stop at the business to donate the items listed below.

Opinion/Editorial:

Aiken Standard: Editorial: Aiken moves forward after America elects Trump
http://www.aikenstandard.com/opinion/editorial-aiken-moves-forward-after-america-elects-trump/article_b39707c6-a63a-11e6-8f0d-6b94122cba30.html

Editorial

The 2016 presidential election was truly an amazing spectacle to watch. Whether you were pulling for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, or even a third-party candidate, the race to the White House was one of the most gritty, emotional, frustrating, gut-wrenching races we've ever seen. In the end, Donald Trump – a man who's never held elected office and has triumphed off real estate and television reality show deals – was voted into the highest office of this great nation. Following his inauguration in January, he'll be the leader of the free world and the 45th president of the United States. It's a far cry from his notoriety for building golf courses, constructing skyscrapers and getting under the skin of virtually everyone who opposes him. On Tuesday, Americans performed their civic duty, and while the results may not have satisfied what a portion of the population wanted, Americans had their say. It's unfortunate some Trump opponents took to the streets or even to social media, refusing to accept the results or Trump as their president, for that matter. In post-election speeches, Clinton and President Barack Obama were gracious, with the commander-in-chief offering to facilitate a smooth transition and the former secretary of state urging unity and telling her supporters we as a nation owe Trump an open mind and a chance to lead.

South Carolina News:

The State: Smoke in the Midlands likely coming from out of state
<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article113654319.html>

Jane Moon Dial

Residents in the Midlands who see or smell smoke likely do not need to panic. The Newberry County Sheriff's Office released an advisory that smoke seen in the area is likely from forest fires in North Carolina. NCSO reported the smoke should clear by in the afternoon as it moves south, and it has already cleared before noon in the northern areas of Newberry County. The office stated it has no reports of controlled burns or uncontrolled fires in the area. The Associated Press reported the forest fire near Lake Lure near Asheville, N.C. has been burning for four days. Up to 35 homes near Lake Lure will be affected, and others may be evacuated, the AP reported.

Local News:

Associated Press: Man sentenced for wrong-way crash that killed firefighter
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DfDq9oY9

SC State Wire

A man has been sentenced to serve 20 years in prison for causing a wrong-way crash that killed a firefighter last year during a high-speed pursuit. News outlets report that 27-year-old John William

Kennedy was sentenced Wednesday in a Greenville court after he pleaded guilty to five counts, including attempted murder, following the September 2015 crash in Travelers Rest. Authorities say Kennedy was driving a stolen pickup truck when he drove toward a deputy who was investigating the vehicle. Kennedy sped away from deputies and drove the wrong way on U.S. Highway 25, where he collided with North Greenville firefighter Jordan Howard's motorcycle, killing the firefighter instantly. Howard was an eight-year veteran firefighter. The deputy suffered minor injuries.

Associated Press: Baby found in trash bin at Claflin College in Orangeburg

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=edwEYLsG

SC State Wire

Officials have found a newborn baby in a trash bin at Claflin University in Orangeburg and police are charging the mother with attempted murder. Multiple media outlets reported the baby was found about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. A student at the school, 19-year-old Amber Fulton of Kingstree, has also been charged with illegal contact toward a child. Fulton has been taken to The Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg for evaluation. It was not known if she has an attorney. The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety said university employees found the baby boy in a trash bag. A police report says Fulton gave birth in a dorm bathroom Wednesday morning and put the baby in the trash bin. The baby was taken to the same hospital. Investigators said the boy is fine.

The State: Newborn baby found in trash bag at Claflin University

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article113685124.html>

News outlets are reporting a newborn baby was found near a Dumpster on Claflin University's campus Wednesday morning. The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety confirmed employees at the university discovered a baby boy alive in a trash bag, the Times and Democrat reported. WLTX reported it is unclear who the child belongs to. The newspaper reported the baby was transported to a hospital and police are investigating this case. The baby's condition is unknown at this time. Claflin University's campus sits adjacent to S.C. State University in downtown Orangeburg. Under S.C.'s Daniel's Law, infants up to 60 days old can be legally abandoned at a safe haven. Safe havens are defined as hospitals, hospital outpatient facilities, law enforcement agencies, fire stations, emergency medical services stations or houses of worship while staff are working.

Associated Press: Upstate man, woman face human trafficking charges

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vDWbNaT

SC State Wire

An Upstate man and woman are facing federal sex trafficking charges after they were accused of recruiting two minors for prostitution. The State newspaper of Columbia (<http://bit.ly/2eNajWQ>) reports 27-year-old Ashford J. Simmons and 22-year-old Brittany Smith are facing 12 federal counts relating to the sex trafficking of minors and transporting them across state lines to North Carolina for prostitution. Court records show the case has been ongoing for more than a year. The latest indictment, returned Wednesday, says Simmons and Smith would recruit minors and young women to work for them as prostitutes, and split their earnings. Both are facing life in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. It is unclear whether either suspect has an attorney.

Sun News: Heather Elvis kidnapping retrial moves to Georgetown County

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article113694419.html>

The fate of Sidney Moorer, charged with kidnapping Heather Elvis, will be decided in a Georgetown County courtroom, according to court documents. Judge Markley Dennis Jr. granted a motion to change the venue after a hearing on the matter back in September. Moorer was tried by an Horry County jury in June, but the case hung on a mistrial. His second trial will be decided by a jury selected from Georgetown County, according to Dennis' order on the change of venue. In his order, Dennis noted that Horry County "has been saturated with the case" due to social media exposure — a revelation the court made after examining juror questionnaires. "For example," Dennis said, "the court found that there have been a number of reports of potential jurors posting on Facebook that

they 'know how to get around the judge by just saying that the(y) can be unbiased.'”

Associated Press: Former Sumter police officer accused of misconduct in office

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7hJzYVeb

SC State Wire

A former Sumter police officer has been arrested by the State Law Enforcement Division and charged with coercing women to have sex with him while he was on duty. SLED spokesman Thom Berry said in a news release Wednesday that 35-year-old William McKinley Littlejohn has been charged with three counts of office. Each of those counts carries a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in prison. Arrest warrants say the violations occurred between July 2014 and December 2015. SLED investigated the case at the request of the Sumter Police Department. It was not clear if Littlejohn has an attorney.

The State: Former police officer charged with coercing women into sex while on duty, SLED reported

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article113646319.html>

Jane Moon Dial

A former police officer is potentially facing prison time after women alleged he used his position of power to coerce them into have sexual relations, officials said. S.C. Law Enforcement Division investigated allegations that William McKinley Littlejohn was using his position as a Sumter police officer to coerce and intimidate women into have sexual relations while he was on duty between January and December 2015, according to a news release from SLED. The investigation came at the request of Sumter Police Department, the release stated. Littlejohn, 35, was arrested and charged with three count of misconduct in office. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison for each count, the release stated. Littlejohn was booked into the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

The State: Yarborough intended to hit relative, wife told West Columbia police

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article113706129.html>

Tim Flach

Lexington County Councilman Phil Yarborough threatened several times to hit his father-in-law before the pair exchanged punches at the wedding reception Saturday, his bride told West Columbia police. An officer was called to the scene after a family squabble erupted during the reception at a hotel, according to a police report acquired by The State newspaper Wednesday. No further explanation of Yarborough's talk of striking his father-in-law during the weeks prior to the marriage was included. Two hotel employees disagreed whether Yarborough started throwing punches first at his father-in-law in a restroom during an argument with the bride or if both started hitting each other simultaneously, the report said. One worker told officers the father-in-law left the reception with blood on his face. Yarborough had a red mark on his head when he met officers, the report said. The bride saying she was not touched. Yarborough wanted his father-in-law arrested for assaulting an elected official, the report said.

Post and Courier: Most port rail mitigation money to be used for community center

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/most-port-rail-mitigation-money-to-be-used-for-community/article_06191ca2-a611-11e6-84f4-ef14d83ac5d6.html

Diane Knich

Most of the \$4 million that Palmetto Railways will pay to help offset the impacts of a new railyard on the former Navy base will be used for a new gym and community center to replace Sterett Hall, which which was torn down to make way for the site. Community groups from the southern end of North Charleston gathered Wednesday to announce the details of the mitigation agreement between Palmetto Railways and the Chicora-Cherokee Neighborhood Association, the Union Heights Community Council, the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities and the Metanoia Community Development Corp. The group will use \$3 million for a new community and recreation center on city-donated land behind the Military Magnet Academy on Carner Avenue. The rest will be spent on affordable housing, job training, education, environmental research, youth programs

and organizational capacity building.

Sun News: Agreement reached to limit construction on International Drive

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article113662914.html>

Audrey Hudson

A tentative agreement to move forward with limited construction on International Drive while the project is litigated in federal court has been reached between environmentalists and the Horry County Council. The county has agreed to limit disturbance in several specific areas along the 5.6 mile road that would link Carolina Forest with Highway 90, according to a letter from lawyer Amy Armstrong who represents the Coastal Conservation League and S.C. Wildlife Federation. "They have agreed that five areas should not be disturbed further by the county in any fashion and documented those areas with photographs," Armstrong said in a letter Tuesday to U.S. District Judge R. Bryan Harwell in Florence. The county is correlating the photographs to match map locations for inclusion in the final agreement, which is expected to be submitted to the court soon.

Sun News: RIDE III tax question to build roads passes overwhelmingly

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article113467878.html>

Audrey Hudson

Horry County residents voted in favor of the RIDE III ballot referendum by a wide margin to raise some sales taxes by one percent in order to fund \$600 million in road construction projects. With all 131 precincts reporting by press time, 82,126 voted yes, while 36,669 voted no. "The voters have spoken loud and clear — we want more roads and better roads," said Brad Dean, executive director of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. "Let the construction begin." The chamber and numerous other tourism and business officials launched a campaign in the last two weeks and spent \$200,000 to promote RIDE III, in part to educate new voters in the area. "With a frustrated and angry electorate, we anticipated it would be a challenge to pass a road tax, but this vote shows there was a clear mandate," Dean said. "We were nervous this would get caught up in the national frustration with government, and spill over into an anti-road vote."

Associated Press: Voters approve Sunday alcohol sales in Greenville County

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ICvIk2Lm

SC State Wire

Voters have approved Sunday alcohol sales in Chester, Greenville and Lancaster counties and the city of Easley and town of Central. Unofficial returns from the State Election Commission show that 70 percent of voters in Greenville County approved the idea Tuesday. In Easley, 58 percent of voters approved of Sunday alcohol sales. Seventy percent in the town of Central also endorsed the idea. It was the first time Sunday sales have been voted on in Greenville County since 1999. That referendum failed by a nearly 60 percent margin. All six of the municipalities in Greenville County have approved alcohol sales on Sunday. In Chester County, the sale of alcohol on Sunday was approved by 60 percent of the voters. The margin was nearly two-thirds for voters in Lancaster County.

Greenville News: Greenville County, Easley, Central approve Sunday alcohol sales

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/11/08/sunday-alcohol-sales-approved-easley-central/93482732/>

Anna Lee

Voters toasted the approval of Sunday alcohol sales in restaurants and grocery stores in Greenville County, Easley and the town of Central by a wide margin Tuesday night. With 149 out of 151 precincts reporting in Greenville County, the vote was 70 percent in favor and 30 percent opposed, according to unofficial State Election Commission results. In Easley, with all 18 precincts reporting, the vote was 58 percent in favor and 42 percent opposed. And in the town of Central, with three out of four precincts reporting, the vote was 70 percent in favor and 30 percent opposed. It was the first time the issue of Sunday sales was put to Greenville County voters since 1999, when the referendum

failed by a 58 percent margin.

Herald-Journal: Sunday alcohol sales at stores overwhelmingly approved in Spartanburg
<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161108/sunday-alcohol-sales-at-stores-overwhelmingly-approved-in-spartanburg?rssfeed=true>

Alyssa Muliger

Residents in the city of Spartanburg and Spartanburg County will be able to purchase beer and wine on Sundays in grocery, convenience and other stores following the passage of two separate referendums Tuesday. Stores will be able to apply for licenses with the state to sell alcohol on Sundays. The measure only applies to off-premise consumption. Sunday sales of alcohol are banned statewide in South Carolina, but the ban can be overturned by voters in individual counties and municipalities. In the city, 75 percent of voters approved the Sunday alcohol retail sales with 7,205 votes. There were 2,418 ballots cast against the measure. In the county, about 64 percent of voters approved the alcohol referendum with 55,338 votes. There were 31,064 ballots cast against the measure.

National News:

Associated Press: Police search for gunman after 5 injured in Seattle shooting

<http://bigstory.ap.org/62e68c8f5b054b6aba229ecbbe51546c>

A man opened fire on a crowd outside a convenience store in downtown Seattle, wounding five people and setting off an intense police search, authorities said. Seattle Assistant Police Chief Robert Merner said four men and one woman were hurt after an argument near Pine Street and Third Avenue outside a 7-Eleven store near a busy bus stop. "There was some type of argument that took place, a suspect walked away and then fired into crowd striking those individuals," Merner said. All five people shot were taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Harborview Medical Center spokeswoman Susan Gregg said the condition of one woman and two men wounded improved by Wednesday night from serious to satisfactory condition. She said two other men remained in critical, but stable condition in intensive care. The five victims range in age from 20s to 50s and sustained injuries to their legs, chest and neck, Gregg said.

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