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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Blogger settles lawsuit with Sikh society tied to Nikki Haley's family
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085459/blogger-says-he-was-wrong-settles.html>
ANDREW SHAIN

A religious group run by Gov. Nikki Haley's father and a blogger have settled a defamation lawsuit, according to documents obtained by The State. The blogger, Logan Smith, issued an apology to Ajit Randhawa, president of the Sikh Religious Society of South Carolina, and revealed his sources for his March 2012 posts, according to the settlement.

Note: "I was wrong. I realize and believe the story about the Sikh Religious Society was incorrect," Smith wrote in his apology to Randhawa and the society. "I hope you find it in your heart to forgive what I assure you was an honest mistake."

Note: Butch Bowers, the Columbia attorney for the Sikh Religious Society, said in a statement he was "glad to see Mr. Smith apologize and admit that his story was entirely fabricated."

Independent Mail: BorgWarner to create 105 jobs, invest \$24.6 million in Oconee County
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/nov/08/borgwarner-to-create-105-jobs-invest-246-million/>
South Carolina's automotive industry continues to grow, with a more than \$24.6 million investment announced Friday by a manufacturer of powertrain components and transfer cases. BorgWarner Inc., a global leader in powertrain technology, plans to invest \$24.6 million to expand its existing manufacturing capabilities in Seneca in Oconee County. The expansion is expected to create approximately 105 new jobs.
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Morning News: BorgWarner Inc. expanding operations in Oconee County
\$24.6 million investment expected to create 105 new jobs
http://www.scnw.com/news/state/article_ceb9439e-488b-11e3-994f-001a4bcf6878.html
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Post and Courier: South Carolina supports Mississippi's lawsuit against flood insurance rate increases
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131108/PC05/131109423/1177/south-carolina-supports-mississippi-x2019-s-lawsuit-against-flood-insurance-rate-increases>
Tyrone Richardson

South Carolina is joining a handful of southern states to support Mississippi in a lawsuit intended to stop increasing flood insurance rates, officials said Friday. "It is important for us to do everything for our citizens," said S.C. Department of Insurance said Director Ray Farmer. "Higher flood insurance rates are putting a strain on people."

Note: Last month, Gov. Nikki Haley asked the state's congressional delegation in a letter to allow subsidized premiums for sold homes. Previously, a Charleston County legislative committee recommended local lawmakers to push for more review of the consequences of the rate changes.

Post and Courier: Women can hold their pontificating own

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131107/PC16/131109573/1009/women-can-hold-their-pontificating-own>

Frank Wooten

Back by popular demand: Examining why men dominate elective office in our democratic republic. Mount Pleasant voters did elect Linda Page mayor by a large margin Tuesday, and she's not the first woman to win that job. Cheryll Woods-Flowers was the town's mayor from 1992-2000.

Note: But while our state's Nikki Haley is one of our nation's merely five women governors, females comprise just 12.9 percent of South Carolina's General Assembly. Only Louisiana, at 11.8 percent, has a lower level of women state lawmakers. And though women now hold a record number of seats in Congress, they're still less than 20 percent.

Note: "I am the proud daughter of Indian immigrants who reminded my brothers, my sister and me every single day how blessed we were to live in this country. They loved the fact that only in America we could be as successful as we wanted to be and nothing would stand in our way." (Haley, paying stirring tribute to our land of opportunity as she opened her 2012 speech at the Republican Convention in Charlotte.)

Constitutional Officers and Federal Delegation News:

Politico: Rick Perry cites GOP governors but not Chris Christie

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/11/rick-perry-chris-christie-iowa-2016-election-99574.html>

TAL KOPAN

In an Iowa speech, Texas Gov. Rick Perry echoed a Republican Party message of praising state governors but the former presidential candidate and possible 2016 hopeful left out some of his potential challengers, including newly reelected New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. In a nearly 15-minute speech at the Polk County Republican dinner, Perry said the answers to America's problems lie at the state level.

Note: "We've got to turn away from Washington to find answers. We need to look to red states that are outperforming blue states, to states that are cutting taxes, controlling spending, balancing budgets and are creating jobs," Perry said. "What we're looking for can be found in the record of governors like South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley...conservative governors who are cutting taxes and controlling spending and investing in jobs."

Talking Points: The 6 GOP Governors Democrats Hope To Unseat In 2014

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/dc/after-virginia-these-are-the-governors-dems-hope-to-unseat>

Daniel Strauss

Democratic Governors Associations Chairman Peter Shumlin (D) told reporters at a Christian Science Monitor-sponsored meeting on Thursday that Democrat Terry McAuliffe's victory in this week's Virginia gubernatorial election is spurring Democrats to go on the offensive in 2014. "These are the states that I'm optimistic about for the reason that these governors have done exactly what Cuccinelli has done," he said, referring to Democratic governor-elect Terry McAuliffe's narrow win over Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (R).

Targeted Governors for 2014 include: Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett, Florida Gov. Rick Scott, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, and Maine Gov. Paul LePage.

The State: DGA says S.C. governor's race 'a top priority'

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085207/dga-says-sc-governors-race-a-top.html>

ADAM BEAM

When Gov. Peter Shumlin, chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, listed the top six Republican governors the group planned to target in 2014 one name did not make the list: S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley.

Note: Haley campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey said the campaign "appreciate(s) Governor Shumlin's honesty in pointing out that Nikki Haley is not a top target of the DGA. Their money is far, far better spent elsewhere," Godfrey said.

The State: Bill Connor becomes Lindsey Graham's 4th GOP senate opponent

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085217/bill-connor-becomes-lindsey-grahams.html>

Andy Shain and Jamie Self

Orangeburg attorney Bill Connor, who lost the 2010 Republican runoff for lieutenant governor to Ken Ard, has filed to run against U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham in next June's Republican primary, according to federal election documents. Connor becomes the fourth Republican to oppose Graham in the primary, joining state Sen. Lee Bright of Spartanburg, Easley businessman Richard Cash and Charleston public-relations executive Nancy Mace.

The State: Democratic Richland County councilwoman formally enters U.S. Senate race
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085374/democratic-richland-county-councilwoman.html>

JAMIE SELF

Democrat Joyce Dickerson, elected to the Richland County Council in 2004, formally announced her candidacy for U.S. Senate Friday in Columbia. Dickerson, a retired compliance auditor, is running for the seat currently held by U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-Charleston. She filed her paperwork last month. Dickerson is the first challenger to announce in the race.

Note: At a news conference in Columbia Friday, Dickerson did not mention Scott by name, but said "The person we have now was selected," referring to Republican Gov. Nikki Haley's appointment of Scott after former U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint resigned.

Associated Press: Democrat Joyce Dickerson challenging US Sen. Scott
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KlgZwunN

Richland County Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson is kicking off her campaign to challenge U.S. Sen. Tim Scott in 2014. The State reports (<http://bit.ly/HNjumd>) that the Democrat said during a news conference Friday that she wanted to be "elected," not "selected" for the position.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley appointed Scott, a Republican, to serve when Jim DeMint resigned from the Senate earlier this year.

The State: Texas Gov. Rick Perry to headline S.C. GOP winter banquet
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085182/texas-gov-rick-perry-to-headline.html>

JAMIE SELF

Texas Gov. Rick Perry will headline winter banquet for the S.C. Republican Party and Spartanburg County Republican Party. It marks the second time Perry will return to South Carolina since his defeat in the 2012 Republican presidential primary. Perry came to Greenville in August to raise money for **Gov. Nikki Haley's** reelection campaign and to speak at her campaign kick-off rally. Perry was an early frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination in 2012. He spent a lot of time campaigning in South Carolina, an early primary state. But after losses in Iowa and New Hampshire, Perry dropped out of the race days before South Carolinians voted and endorsed eventual S.C. winner Newt Gingrich.

Aiken Standard: Military group honors U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson at 50th anniversary
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131108/AIK0101/131109573/military-group-honors-us-rep-joe-wilson-at-50th-anniversary>

Derrek Asberry

Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret.), CEO of the Military Officers Association of America, presented the local chapter with its 50th anniversary certificate on Wednesday. With 409 chapters nationwide, the local association – also known as MOAA – became just the 83rd chapter to reach the half-century benchmark. Ryan shared his approval of the chapter during Wednesday's banquet at Newberry Hall.

Side Note: Gov. Haley provided a video to MOAA for this event.

FOX Carolina: Rep. Gowdy joins Spartanburg students for veterans tribute
<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/23913861/rep-gowdy-joins-spartanburg-students-for-veterans-tribute>

Ashley Daley

Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-SC, will join students in Spartanburg on Friday for a special tribute to veterans. The program begins at 1 p.m. at Spartanburg Christian Academy and will include a parade and performances by the school's band, chorus and elementary school students. Gowdy is this year's guest speaker.

Herald-Journal: Gowdy on Washington: Confusion, dysfunction 'every bit as real as you think'
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131106/ARTICLES/131109794?Title=Gowdy-on-Washington-Confusion-dysfunction-every-bit-as-real-as-you-think-> Felicia Kitzmiller

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy was slated Wednesday to talk politics and policy with an auditorium full of community leaders at the George Dean Johnson Jr. College of Business and Economics, but he unexpectedly changed course. "I've been asked to give you a Washington update. ... The confusion and dysfunction is every bit as real as you think it is. ... I'd like to talk about something else," he said.

The Herald: Former S.C. education superintendent Rex coming to Winthrop
<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/11/08/5387057/former-sc-education-superintendent.html>

Anna Douglas

Jim Rex, former S.C. Superintendent of Education and president of Columbia College, will speak at Winthrop University Monday about a new political third party in the Palmetto State. Rex is co-founder of the "American Party" — a political group trying to get 10,000 signatures of registered voters in order to be certified by the state.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: S.C. saves millions in Medicaid costs after cutting early elective deliveries in half
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131108/NEWS/311080006/S-C-saves-millions-Medicaid-costs-after-cutting-early-elective-deliveries-half>

Liv Osby

South Carolina saved \$6 million in Medicaid costs in the first quarter of this year by halving early elective deliveries, and it reduced infant hospitalizations in the bargain, a new analysis shows. Under an effort called the Birth Outcomes Initiative, all 43 hospitals in the state that deliver babies agreed to stop these early elective deliveries — those before 39 weeks gestation which are often unnecessary and done for convenience — because babies born at 37 and 38 weeks can suffer health problems that lead to costly treatments.

Greenville News: BorgWarner to grow Seneca plant, create 105 jobs
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131108/BUSINESS/311080036/BorgWarner-grow-Seneca-plant-create-105-jobs>

Angelia Davis

A manufacturer of automotive components plans to invest \$24.6 million to expand its location in Seneca. BorgWarner Inc., a global leader in powertrain technology, said its expansion should create 105 new jobs, according to the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

Associated Press: Automotive supplier bringing jobs to Oconee County
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=V1jSgnpF

A company that makes automotive parts is expanding its operations in Seneca and creating more than 100 jobs. The state Commerce Department said Friday that BorgWarner Inc. is investing nearly \$25 million and expects to create 105 new jobs.

Post and Courier: Boeing to break ground on new propulsion plant in North Charleston
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131108/PC05/131109431/1177/boeing-to-break-ground-on-new-propulsion-plant-in-north-charleston>

Warren L. Wise

Boeing will break ground Tuesday on its new jet propulsion plant in North Charleston where engine inlet components for the 737 MAX will be designed and assembled. The 10 a.m. ceremony will take place at 9775 Patriot Blvd. behind Boeing's Interior Responsibility Center in Palmetto Commerce Park where bins, partitions and other parts are made for the 787 Dreamliner.

Post and Courier: Union leader tears up proposed labor agreement over 777X jet; Boeing threatens to go outside Washington state
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131108/PC05/131109441/1010/boeing-will-look-outside-washington-state-if-labor-agreement-fails>

Warren L. Wise

A Machinists union leader in Washington state late Thursday tore up a copy of the proposed labor agreement with Boeing to land production of the new 777X jetliner in the Northwest and said he would try to have it withdrawn, The Seattle Times reported. "I know this is a piece of crap," said Tom Wroblewski, District 751 President of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Sun News: Jury favors bank in state Sen. Cleary's loan fraud lawsuit
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/11/07/3822748/jury-favors-bank-in-state-sen.html>

David Wren

An Horry County jury on Thursday said the bank that state Sen. Ray Cleary once helped run did not defraud him in a \$3 million property loan, agreeing with bank officials that Cleary is solely to blame for the loan's default because he failed to do his own due diligence. Brad Floyd, a lawyer representing Bank of North Carolina, told the jury during closing arguments that Cleary was motivated by money during the real estate boom but then tried to blame the bank when the economy soured and development plans for the property

fell through

Times and Democrat: SCPRT recommends 21 South Carolina trail projects for federal grants

http://thetandd.com/news/scprt-recommends-south-carolina-trail-projects-for-federal-grants/article_4bfe93f4-4896-11e3-8c55-0019bb2963f4.html

Twenty-One projects totaling \$1,943,952 designed to help build or improve trails in South Carolina have been recommended for federal grants by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. The money would come from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP,) a program of the Federal Highway Administration that helps pay for the construction of new trails, the improvement of existing trails, the development and improvement of trailhead or trailside facilities, and the acquisition of corridors for public recreation. Grants are provided on an 80-20 reimbursable match.

Associated Press: Parris Island Marines celebrate Corps' birthday

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=iCkgd3XL

Marines at Parris Island are inviting members of the military and the public to attend a cake-cutting ceremony and uniform parade in honor of the Marine Corps' 238th birthday. Friday's scheduled event begins at 10 a.m. with a cake-cutting ceremony in the All-Weather Training Facility.

Post and Courier: Francis Marion University board votes in favor of opening Mount Pleasant campus

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131108/PC16/131109425/1005/francis-marion-university-board-votes-in-favor-of-opening-mount-pleasant-campus>

Diane Knich

Francis Marion University's Board of Trustees voted unanimously today to accept Mount Pleasant's offer to open a satellite campus in the town. University President Fred Carter said school leaders now will sit down with town officials to decide what to offer there. But, Carter said, all programs will serve the immediate needs of the local workforce.

Morning News: FMU board approves Mount Pleasant satellite campus

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_cf47be9a-48a3-11e3-ad8a-001a4bcf6878.html

ELLEN MEDER

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees approved the opening of a Mount Pleasant satellite campus after an executive session to discuss a contract at Friday's quarterly meeting. In a unanimous vote the board approved university president Dr. Fred Carter to sign a contract with the Lowcountry town to create a satellite campus, an offer the town extended to the school earlier this year.

Island Packet: USCB to build new Sand Shark recreation center in Bluffton

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/07/2779253/uscb-to-build-new-sand-shark-recreation.html>

SARAH BOWMAN

University of South Carolina President Harris Pastides says he loves dirt -- at least when there are ceremonial shovels nearby. So he was happy Thursday when he helped break ground for a recreation complex to be built at the University of South Carolina Beaufort's Hilton Head Gateway campus.

The State: Black farmers meet this weekend in Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/07/3084071/black-farmers-meet-this-weekend.html>

RODDIE BURRIS

Hundreds of black farmers are expected to come to Columbia this weekend for the National Black Farmers Association two-day annual conference. Up to 300 of the 47,000 or so African-Americans nationally who continue to make a living growing food, grain and cattle will attend the conference, organizers said. They will network and learn more about new techniques to gain financial backing to keep alive their centuries-old tradition.

Local News:

Associated Press: Columbia bar (Named by Sheriff Lott as a gang hangout) owner faces closure

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=E5o5XhWZ

The owner of a Columbia nightclub that the sheriff says is a hangout for gang members says he could be forced to close. Justin Kershner of The Library nightclub says he was told by the state revenue department that he must pay \$18,000 in back taxes by 2 p.m. Friday or give up his permits to sell beer, wine and liquor.

The State: Owner of Five Points bar targeted by police says he will be forced to close

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/07/3083613/owner-of-the-library-a-five-points.html>

NOELLE PHILLIPS

The owner of a controversial nightclub in Five Points said he expects to lose his liquor license and could be forced to close as soon as Friday. Justin Kershner, owner of The Library nightclub, said he received notice Thursday from the S.C. Department of Revenue that he is expected to pay \$18,000 in back taxes by 2 p.m. Friday or surrender his permits to sell beer, wine and liquor. Kershner said he does not have the money, and his options to find a solution are limited.

The State: Kenny Miles receives 30-day medical absence from AG job

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085132/kenny-miles-receives-30-day-medical.html>

ANDREW SHAIN

Former University of South Carolina running back Kenny Miles, who was shot Monday, requested and received a 30-day medical absence from his job in S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office, an agency spokesman said. He will not be paid during his absence from his work as a support clerk, which includes community outreach and youth mentoring, attorney general spokesman Mark Powell said.

Times and Democrat: Ex- SCSU board chair Pinson indicted, said to be at heart of criminal enterprise

http://thetandd.com/news/ex--scsu-board-chair-pinson-indicted-said-to-be/article_a5f09482-4721-11e3-a0f5-001a4bcf887a.html

Federal prosecutors unsealed a 51-count indictment against former South Carolina State University Board Chairman Jonathan Pinson on Thursday, claiming he was part of an enterprise that sought kickbacks for help getting government contracts and misused government money. The indictment says that "the enterprise committed numerous criminal offenses to increase its profits and Pinson was routinely at the heart of this criminal activity."

The State: Midlands trail expansions get boost from grants

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085518/midlands-trail-expansions-get.html>

JOEY HOLLEMAN

Grants announced Friday will help expand some of the most popular trails in the Midlands. The grants will pay to extend the Cayce Riverwalk, improve river access at Saluda Shoals Park and add another tunnel to the Vista Greenway in Columbia.

Post and Courier: Charleston's fares plummet 15% in 2nd quarter over same period in 2012, DOT says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131107/PC05/131109500/1010/on-descent-average-local-airfare-drops-15-in-2q-from-2012>

Warren L. Wise

In a reflection of increased competition among airlines at Charleston International, fares declined 15 percent at the airport during the second quarter of 2013 compared to the same period a year earlier, the U. S. Department of Transportation reported this week. JetBlue Airways started service to the Northeast with three flights on Feb. 28, so the report includes its first full quarter of flights out of Charleston, South Carolina's busiest airport.

Greenville News: GSP travelers paid a little less in Q2, a lot less since 2000

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131108/NEWS09/311080010/GSP-travelers-paid-little-less-Q2-lot-less-since-2000>

David Dykes

Airfares at Greenville-Spartanburg International fell slightly in the second quarter — and have plummeted in the last decade — as the cost of flying dropped across the nation and GSP officials continue efforts to stem passenger defections to Charlotte and Atlanta. New government figures show GSP passengers paid an average of \$407.31 for a domestic ticket, down 0.2 percent from the second quarter of last year. GSP ranked as the nation's 30th most expensive airport among the top 100, with higher average fares than Charlotte, Charleston and Atlanta.

Bloomberg News: Average gas price in Myrtle Beach lowest in South Carolina; pump prices nationally fall to lowest level since 2011

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/11/08/3824063/pump-prices-fall-to-lowest-level.html>

Eliot Caroom

Americans are paying the least to fill their cars in almost two years as refiners process the most crude in a

decade, offering some relief to nervous consumers. The national average retail price sank 1.1 cents to \$3.211 a gallon, the lowest since Dec. 20, 2011, AAA, the nation's largest motoring club, said on its website Friday. Pump prices are approaching the lowest level since February 2011, just before unrest in the Middle East pushed U.S. crude oil above \$100 a barrel and gasoline near \$4 a gallon.

Post and Courier: Coast Guard officer who was stationed in Charleston accused of sexual assault
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131108/PC16/131109432/1005/coast-guard-officer-who-was-stationed-in-charleston-accused-of-sexual-assault>

Staff Reports

A court-martial hearing is expected to be held in Charleston to address allegations of maltreatment and sexual assault that have come down against a Coast Guard officer. The date for the hearing has not been determined, but it was announced Friday in statement released by the Coast Guard Atlantic Area.

Sun News: Horry County votes on plan to pay WestJet about \$583,000
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/11/07/3822399/horry-county-votes-on-plan-to.html>

Jason M. Rodriguez

Horry County Council voted to move ahead with a plan on how to reimburse Canadian airliner WestJet for \$583,000 the airliner is estimated to have spent on advertising in a deal the county inked with the company to fly Canadians here year round. County Council Chairman Mark Lazarus met with County Administrator Chris Eldridge, Councilman Harold Worley and Brad Dean, president of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, to come up with a plan to pay WestJet by mid-December. Lazarus said at the council's Fall Budget Retreat Thursday that the goal was not to touch the county's operating money.

Island Packet: Widened US 17 through God's country now complete
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/07/2779372/widened-us-17-through-gods-country.html>

DAVID LAUDERDALE

U.S. 17 is called the Ocean Highway because it hugs the waves of the Atlantic, like so many of us like to do. It's called the Kings Highway because it predates the American Revolution. It's called the ACE Basin Parkway through our neck of the swamp. But now comes the best name of them all. You can call it complete.

Associated Press: US 17 now four-lane road from Charleston to Yemassee
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6A2ZpxUE
The years-long work of widening of U.S. Highway 17 in the Lowcountry south of Charleston is finished. The Island Packet of Hilton Head reports that the work widened what was once a deadly two-lane road with tight shoulders. Now U.S. 17 is four lanes all the way from Charleston southwest to Interstate 95.

The State: Services this weekend for volunteer firefighter killed in crash
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085361/services-this-weekend-for-volunteer.html>
CHRIS WINSTON

A young mother and volunteer firefighter in Kershaw County was killed in a Wednesday morning crash near Bethune. Erica Broughton, 26, was killed when her vehicle left the roadway and crashed into a column while traveling south on U.S. 1, according to the S.C. Highway Patrol.

The State: S.C. Highway Patrol looking for driver who refused to pull over in Forest Acres
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085320/sc-highway-patrol-looking-for.html>
ANNE-KATHRYN FLANAGAN
Law enforcement officials are looking for a driver who refused to pull over Friday morning for S.C. Highway Patrol troopers. Lance Cpl. David Jones said a trooper tried to stop a vehicle allegedly speeding on Garners Ferry Road around 8:32 a.m.

The State: I-20 lane closure overnight in Richland County
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/08/3085491/i-20-lane-closure-overnight-in.html>

Anne-Kathryn Flanagan

The right lane of I-20 Eastbound will be closed from Clemson Road to Spears Creek Church Road from 9 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. the S.C. Department of Transportation announced Thursday. As a result, the Clemson Road on-ramp, the Spears Creek Church Road off-ramp and the Spears Creek crossover ramp will all be closed.

Associated Press: Billion-year-old artifacts displayed at SC museum
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Gz30tf5b
BRUCE SMITH

Charleston has long been known for its history from colonial days to being besieged by the British during the Revolution and as the site where the Civil War began. Now visitors can glimpse much farther into the past. The College of Charleston's Natural History Museum has fossils dating back 3.4 billion years. On display in the museum in the college's School of Sciences and Mathematics building are the skeleton of a cave bear and a horn from a triceratops, among other items.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg elementary students to write letters to veterans for Christmas
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131107/ARTICLES/131109746/1112?Title=Spartanburg-students-to-write-letters-to-veterans->
Trevor Anderson

Rather than writing letters to Santa Claus this holiday season, at least 1,300 elementary students from Spartanburg County will send hand-written messages to wounded American veterans. Mary-Grace Wallace, owner of WritefullyHis LLC, an ecumenical stationery company that gives a portion of its proceeds to purchase school supplies for children in East Africa, is leading a Christmas campaign in partnership with schools in Districts 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

National News:

Associated Press: Obama apologizes to people losing health coverage
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=767irp9V
JULIE PACE

Bowing to intense criticism, President Barack Obama apologized to Americans who are losing health insurance plans he had repeatedly said they could keep and pledged to find fixes that might allow people to keep their coverage. "I am sorry that they are finding themselves in this situation based on assurances they got from me," he said in an interview Thursday with NBC News.

Politico: Only 5 enrollments completed in D.C. Obamacare exchange
<http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=CF63AFFE-46FF-4B56-8747-BF210DCE96B3>
Jennifer Haberkorn

Only five people have fully completed the enrollment process in the D.C. insurance exchange, according to information compiled by lawmakers from four of the insurance companies participating in the exchange. Two people enrolled in CareFirst BlueShield plans during October and three enrolled in Kaiser Permanente plans during the month. No enrollment data has been collected by UnitedHealthcare or Aetna as of Nov. 4 or Oct. 24, respectively, the companies said.

Associated Press: US businesses boost hiring despite the shutdown
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268773/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=91yzHT3y
CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

The 16-day government shutdown didn't seem to hurt the economy after all. U.S. employers added a surprisingly strong 204,000 jobs in October, the Labor Department said Friday. And they added far more jobs in August and September than previously thought.

Associated Press: Stocks rise on unexpectedly strong job gains
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268793/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6ibZ6Bh8
KEN SWEET and STEVE ROTHWELL

An unexpectedly strong jobs report gave stocks a lift on Friday. The gains were led by banks, such as Bank of America and JPMorgan, which stand to benefit from a pickup in lending as the economy strengthens. Consumer-focused stocks such as Priceline.com and Disney also rose after reporting higher profits, and Gap soared after raising its earnings forecast.

Associated Press: US consumer spending slows to 0.2 percent gain
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268793/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GhNBnjZ0
MARTIN CRUTSINGER

U.S. consumers slowed their spending in September, even as overall income grew at solid pace for the second straight month. Consumer spending rose 0.2 percent in September, after at 0.3 percent gain the previous month, the Commerce Department reported Friday. Americans cut spending on long-lasting

manufactured goods 1.3 percent. That partly reflected a drop in auto sales. Labor Day weekend auto sales were counted in August.

Associated Press: Pump prices at low since December 2011; oil gains

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268793/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9X9EYB2

The price of gasoline is the lowest in nearly two years, an early holiday gift for U.S. drivers. The nationwide average for gas is now \$3.21. It hasn't been that low since December 2011. Five states - Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas - have averages below \$3 a gallon.

Washington Post: Six reasons Obamacare will only get worse for Democrats

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-partisan/wp/2013/11/08/the-insiders-six-reasons-obamacare-will-only-get-worse-for-democrats/>

Ed Rogers

Here are six reasons that Obamacare will only get worse for the Democrats:

1. There will be more canceled health insurance plans. 2. If you like your doctor, you can't keep your doctor. 3. Sticker shock. 4. Obamacare ads. 5. Navigators. 6. Security breaches. (More inside)

With Democrats now stuck in a downward spiral, lying about the Obamacare lies, Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) offered Team Obama a way out at Wednesday's Senate Finance Committee hearing. He asked Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, "Why not shut it [the Obamacare Web site] down and do it right?" But inexplicably, rather than trying to reboot, the White House continues to stare straight at the camera and stand in front of audiences everywhere and tell one whopper after another, even though everyone knows officials aren't telling the truth. This is bewildering, insulting and corrosive, all at the same time. And everyone gets that, except for a few isolated souls in the West Wing.

CNN: Here's the truth about Obamacare

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/07/opinion/kohn-obamacare-journalists/index.html>

Sally Kohn

The Obamacare website might still not be working, but journalists are. All across the country, as Republicans try to highlight tragic tales of Americans losing their current health insurance and allegedly stuck with more expensive options, journalists are coming to the rescue. In case after case, journalists investigated these stories and called the policyholders and combed the insurance exchange websites to bring actual facts to bear in our public debate about Obamacare.

Washington Post: Obama shouldn't apologize for blowing up the terrible individual market

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/11/08/wonkbook-obama-shouldnt-apologize-for-blowing-up-the-terrible-individual-market/>

Ezra Klein and Evan Soltas

Last night, NBC's Chuck Todd asked President Obama about the people losing their health insurance despite his promise that "anyone who likes their plan can keep it."

"I am sorry that they are finding themselves in this situation based on assurances they got from me," Obama replied.

National Journal: How Obama Blew the Entire Last Year

In the 12 months since his reelection, the president has achieved far less than he expected and suffered one mishap after another.

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/how-obama-blew-the-entire-last-year-20131107>

George E. Condon Jr.

It doesn't get much better than the exhilaration Barack Obama felt when he looked out at the hundreds of supporters packed into McCormick Place at 12:38 on the morning of Nov. 7, 2012. There he was, in his hometown of Chicago, flushed with victory, only the 15th incumbent ever reelected to a second presidential term. It didn't seem at all boastful when he proclaimed to cheers that the nation had just "voted for action, not politics as usual."

National Journal: Can Republicans Bring Abortion Issues Back From the Fringe?

Pushing a 20-week ban, the GOP thinks it can reclaim momentum in the debate and pressure red-state Democrats in 2014.

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/can-republicans-bring-abortion-issues-back-from-the-fringe-20131108>

Beth Reinhard

If you think Tuesday's elections convinced Republicans that abortion is a losing issue, think again. Sure, anti-abortion crusader Ken Cuccinelli fell short in the Virginia governor's race while the pragmatic governor of New Jersey, Republican Chris Christie, won re-election in a landslide.

Note: But just two days later, anti-abortion leaders rallied around Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina as he introduced a bill that would ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. By tapping into widespread discomfort with late abortions, the bill aims to flip the political script and frame Democrats as outside the mainstream. "Any Democrat who is for late-term abortions would probably be a loser in the eyes of the electorate as a whole," Graham said Thursday on Capitol Hill.

Real Clear Politics: Lessons for Both Parties in Virginia and New Jersey Elections

http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2013/11/08/lessons_for_both_parties_in_virginia_and_new_jersey_elections_120612.html

Michael Barone

In an August Washington Examiner column, I argued that this year's governor elections in New Jersey and Virginia would have little precedential significance, unlike some other off-year elections in those states.

Boiled down, my argument was that in New Jersey you had a governor who could not lose and in Virginia you had two governor candidates who could not win.

Daily Beast: Next Up for Democrats? A Push to Raise the Minimum Wage to \$10

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/11/08/next-up-for-democrats-a-push-to-raise-the-minimum-wage-to-10.html>

Jamelle Bouie

Yesterday, Democratic leaders in the Senate announced their plan to introduce a minimum wage increase before the end of the year. Under the proposal, the minimum wage would increase to \$10.10 from its now-level of \$7.25, a small but significant way to increase income and make the recovery work for low-income workers. The White House has also gotten behind the proposal, telling the New York Times that "The president has long supported raising the minimum wage so hardworking Americans can have a decent wage for a day's work to support their families and make ends meet."

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