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Fresh Political Pickins From The Peach State

Morning Reads for Thursday, October 27th

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The folks from [Americans for Prosperity](#) have asked me to remind you that their annual [Defending the American Dream Summit](#) is coming up next weekend in Washington, DC. You can find more information about speakers and prices [here](#).

Here in Georgia...

- Unemployment in Metro Atlanta [is stuck at 10.3%](#).
- The [wife of a candidate in Smyrna was attacked](#) on Monday when she asked a man why he was pulling up her husbands campaign signs.
- Casinos [could bring in as much as \\$1 billion in revenue](#) for Georgia by 2014. But the legislature would first have to, you know, make that legal.
- According to a new poll from Insider Advantage, [48% of Georgians approve of Gov. Nathan Deal's job performance](#).
- A group of pastors in Albany have [come out against](#) the referendum that would allow Sunday alcohol sales.
- If you thought the ad featuring Herman Cain's chief of staff was odd, check out [this, uh, unique video from August](#).

National stories of interest...

- The *Washington Post* reports that a [debt deal has been reached in Europe](#).
- The Supreme Court [will take the first look at court challenges to ObamaCare](#) on November 10th.
- Democrats on the "Super Committee" are [pushing a \\$3 trillion deficit reduction package](#), nearly half of which would come from tax hikes.
- Contrary to what you may hear from Occupy Wall Street, the [99% are largely doing better than their parents](#).
- Support for gun control laws [has reached an all-time low](#).
- Complying with government regulations [tops the list of concerns of small business owners](#). And sorry, Mr. President, tax credits are not a significant motivation in hiring new workers.

A few that I like...

- [William Niskanen](#), chairman emeritus of the [Cato Institute](#) and a economic adviser in the Reagan Administration, has passed away. In celebration of his work, Cato has made his book, *Reflections of a Political Economist*, available online for free.
- FiveThirtyEight offers up some [interesting information on the history and outcome of political newspaper endorsements](#).
- Craig Kimbrel [has been named](#) the *Sporting News*' National League Rookie of the Year.