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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Politico Magazine: How the GOP Can Survive Trump

<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/10/republican-party-future-donald-trump-214402>

Glenn Thrush

here are few who understand the havoc that Donald Trump has wreaked on the Republican Party better than Mike DuHaime, Sarah Isgur Flores, David Kochel and Terry Sullivan. All top operatives for Trump's primary season opponents, the four of them watched from the front row as the real estate mogul tore through decades of Republican gospel to emerge as the party's nominee in July. With Election Day approaching, we convened these GOP gurus for a discussion—moderated by Politico's chief political correspondent, Glenn Thrush—about the future of their party post-November 8. We asked them what everyone seems to be wondering: Does 2016 and the rise of Trump signal some massive paradigm shift for Republicans? What should the party do about the nominee's anti-establishment base? And how can it regain the significant chunks of the electorate—women, minorities, immigrants—that the man at the top of the ticket has driven away?

NOTE: David Kochel, former chief strategist for Jeb Bush: I think the party is always one nominee away from a major paradigm shift, to the positive or to the negative. The nominee of a party has a tremendous amount of sway over how the national conversation goes in this intense period of time in the midst of a general election. Trump shades and clouds what has really been going on in the party, where you have a lot of up-and-coming leadership and a very deep bench that is very diverse—from Susana Martinez to Marco Rubio to Nikki Haley. Across the board we've got a broad, diverse party running in all kinds of states, with positive conservative governance.

Post and Courier: Rail yard traffic concerns back on track as proposed fix is nixed

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/rail-yard-traffic-concerns-back-on-track-as-proposed-fix/article_7841d964-9d19-11e6-a9bf-cf544dfb7281.html

David Wren and Diane Knich

Now that a proposal to ease traffic from a future rail yard at the former Navy Base is off the table, a long-simmering dispute over planning for the project has reignited between the city of North Charleston and the State Ports Authority. At the heart of the issue is whether three road overpasses that will help traffic avoid rail-related tie-ups must be built before the SPA opens its new container terminal on the old Navy base. The future port site is next to the proposed rail yard, which is to be built by the state Commerce Department's Palmetto Railways division. A plan to build the overpasses using \$150 million from a proposed half-cent sales tax increase was withdrawn this week, putting the traffic issue back at square one. That plan, which was tied to funding for Interstate 526 completion, has not been put before the State Infrastructure Bank. North Charleston officials say legal documents require the overpasses - or some other traffic fix that will keep drivers from being delayed by trains - to be in place before port operations can begin at the new terminal. And they worry the SPA isn't taking its legal obligation seriously.

NOTE: The lack of progress on a traffic solution, which has been in discussions for years, prompted Summey this month to ask Gov. Nikki Haley to intervene. Haley, in a letter Thursday, told Summey she has asked the SPA and the state Department of Transportation for an update.

Post and Courier: Offshore oil surveys to start as opposition grows

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/offshore-oil-surveys-to-start-as-opposition-grows/article_1c36e6fe-9d1a-11e6-ad19-cf17751201ba.html

Bo Petersen

Nearly a half million commercial fishing families have joined the opposition to seismic testing for oil and natural gas in the Atlantic Ocean, according to a South Carolina-based business chamber. Meanwhile, a first, non-seismic survey is set to start. The families, numbering more than 400,000, are part of a coastal residents and business movement that has coalesced into the tens of thousands in South Carolina alone. More than 100 Atlantic coastal communities, thousands of businesses and more than 1,000 elected officials also have called on President Barack Obama to stop the testing, according to South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce and Oceana, an environmental advocate. Meanwhile the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management continues to process permit applications from seven probe applicants, including six that want to search in waters off South Carolina.

NOTE: A coalition of governors, including Gov. Nikki Haley, have worked largely behind the scenes with industry lobbyists to urge federal officials in the Obama administration to open the Southeast coast to the work. It's also supported by a number of legislators in South Carolina.

Herald- Journal: Dr. Richard Hawkins awarded Order of the Palmetto

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161028/dr-richard-hawkins-awarded-order-of-palmetto>

Dr. Richard Hawkins, founder of the Steadman Hawkins Clinic of the Carolinas, was awarded the Order of the Palmetto Friday afternoon. Hawkins moved the clinic to Greenville after originally opening and operating it in Spartanburg. He was presented the award, the highest civilian honor in the state, by Gov. Nikki Haley as a surprise during his retirement celebration.

"Dr. Hawkins has been perhaps the most influential surgeon of our time," said J.T. Tokish, fellowship director at Steadman Hawkins Clinic of the Carolinas, in a statement. "He has shaped the lives of more than 200 fellows around the world with a passionate curiosity, a dedication to doing the right thing, the right way, and a fierce commitment to family. His legacy will be celebrated and retaught for generations by devoted students who were lucky enough to call him a teacher, friend and coach." The Clinic of the Carolinas started as a three-surgeon practice in 2004. It now has 27 surgeons operating on five campuses of the Greenville Health System. The Hawkins Foundation has invested \$14 million in orthopaedic research and education across the area

Greenville News: Clinic founder awarded Order of the Palmetto

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/10/28/clinic-founder-awarded-order-palmetto/92824576/>

Angelia Davis

Dr. Richard J. Hawkins got a feel for how significant the Order of the Palmetto was when one of his dearest friends received it decades ago. Hawkins has a new perspective on that significance after being honored with the Order himself. The Order is the highest civilian honor presented by the Governor of South Carolina. It is awarded in recognition of a person's lifetime achievements and contributions to the state. Hawkins is a renowned orthopedic surgeon who founded the Steadman Hawkins Clinic of the Carolinas in 2004, bringing the successful Steadman Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colorado to the Upstate. It started as a three-surgeon practice and has since grown to a clinic of 27 surgeons operating on five campuses of the Greenville Health System.

Hurricane Matthew:

McClatchy DC: Frequency of coastal floods increasing in South Carolina because of sea level rise

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article111068917.html>

Most of the coastal floods in South Carolina during the past 66 years caused problems for residents only because of sea level rise, a new study indicates. The report, titled "Unnatural Coastal Flooding," puts the blame on human activity, the same notion behind the debate in the United States over climate change. The report isn't referring to major storms, such as Hurricane Matthew, which

produced sea surges and storm tides that would have washed over large areas of land with or without the recorded 8 inches of rise in the Atlantic waters. Instead, it looks at what is called “nuisance flooding.” The report says: “Just as sea levels have been rising, so too has the frequency of coastal floods, in particular recurrent minor or ‘nuisance’ floods, often tidal in nature. Nuisance floods do not cause major damage, but do cause material harm, inconvenience and economic drag.” One of the study’s authors said it would be a mistake to dismiss sea level rise from any coastal-flooding conversation.

Post and Courier: Forestry Commission pegs Matthew's damage at \$205 million

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/forestry-commission-pegs-matthew-s-damage-at-million/article_8098fcc4-9d45-11e6-bd11-cbbe8c75a41e.html

David Wren

Hurricane Matthew caused more damage to South Carolina's forestry industry than initially thought, with the final tally coming in at \$205 million, according to the state Forestry Commission. That's about double the figure Gene Kodama, South Carolina's state forester, estimated in the days after Matthew swept through the state early this month. Even so, Kodama said the damage was minimal -- less than 1 percent of the state's total timber value and a small percentage of forestry's \$18.6 billion annual contribution to the state's economy. “However, for those individuals and mills who were impacted, the damage is very real,” Kodama said Friday. “Therefore, our focus right now is providing technical expertise to individual landowners and helping them access any federal financial assistance that will be available.”

Sun News: Grand Strand left hoping for emergency beach funds

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article111169017.html>

Chloe Johnson

Grand Strand leaders are hoping for an emergency bill from Congress to accelerate beach renourishment after Hurricane Matthew. The next round of beach renourishment for the Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach areas are scheduled for 2018, though federal money to support that effort has not been appropriated. Steve Chapman, president of the Grand Strand Business Alliance and head of that group’s statewide political action committee, said an emergency bill could work faster, since Congress’ larger spending package likely wouldn’t come through until after the inauguration. “There’s hopes, based on what’s happened in the past, that there might be some kind of package,” Chapman said. “When there’s a disaster recovery deal, there seems to be pretty broad consensus.”

Island Packet: FEMA will foot most of Beaufort County's bill for private road debris removal

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article111371332.html>

Kelly Meyerhofer

The Federal Emergency Management Agency approved Beaufort County’s request for debris removal from private roads and rights-of-way under FEMA’s Public Assistance Program Saturday, according to a letter from FEMA to county administrator Gary Kubic and Kim Stenson, the S.C. Emergency Management Division director. “We’re very pleased to get permission to move forward with this given the extent of debris on both public and private roads,” deputy county administrator Josh Gruber said. FEMA’s approval requires the county to “provide a full and complete roster of all private property onto which it entered to remove debris under this authority,” and to “assist the federal government in recovering any insurance proceeds after a reasonable search to ascertain from the property owners any insurance proceeds that they may have been paid for such debris removal under this program,” according to the letter, which was obtained by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette.

Island Packet: Food wasn't the most important thing island chef cooked up after Matthew

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article110838392.html>

Daniel Salazar

For many Hilton Head Island residents who evacuated for Hurricane Matthew and worried about their

homes, they had David Vincent Young. Young, 45, drove around Hilton Head Island shortly after the storm, posting videos of the damage to social media. The videos, viewed by tens of thousands, were featured on national television. "I was just driving around and seeing what happened," Young said. "I really didn't think about what I was doing. I was just trying to bring information to folks." Young said he was one of the few people out and about on Hilton Head Island in the storm's immediate aftermath. "There was just water everywhere and downed trees everywhere," he said. Driving around in his Jeep, Young pulled out his phone and turned on Facebook Live, which broadcasted live video of the island before many people could return. At first, it was just a handful of friends watching and commenting on the video.

Morning News: Mormon Helping Hands turns out to assist Pee Dee storm victims

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_8a3bb178-9e11-11e6-b3f7-ff418efe8b22.html

More than 1,200 Mormon Helping Hands this weekend have gathered from across the Southeast in Florence and Conway to help with Hurricane Matthew cleanup missions. "It is a wonderful opportunity in the dark cloud of a natural disaster like Hurricane Matthew to come together as communities, friends and neighbors and offer Christ-like love and service to those suffering and in need," said Joseph Jennings, Florence stake, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, through a release on the event. More than 1,450 residents from Hartsville to Georgetown have reported needs associated with storm damage and cleanup, according to the release. Cory Wiedrich, director of public affairs for the church, said the goal this weekend was to accomplish up to 600 missions.

Morning News: FEMA's letter of eligibility: Read it very carefully

http://www.scnow.com/news/hurricane_matthew/article_01209580-9e15-11e6-af30-3b070484d0c5.html

Following initial application review by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), South Carolina survivors who have applied for disaster assistance will receive a "letter of eligibility." Applicants may be told they are eligible for disaster assistance or that they have been determined ineligible. If you are eligible, the letter explains the amount of your grant and how it is to be used. If the letter says you are ineligible, the grant amount reads "0", but in many cases that is not the last word. FEMA officials in South Carolina report that the most common reasons for denial of assistance in Hurricane Matthew are...

Aiken Standard: Donations for flood-ravaged Nichols being collected in Aiken

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/donations-for-flood-ravaged-nichols-being-collected-in-aiken/article_b4ef97b4-9d2f-11e6-b4f8-ffc419661847.html

Christina Cleveland

Southeastern Tool Co. in Aiken is collecting donations for Nichols, a small, rural South Carolina town that was covered by flood waters after Hurricane Matthew pounded the coastal areas of the state earlier this month. A truck is located in front of Southeastern Tool at 3231 Wagener Road in Aiken for donations and household goods. Donations can be dropped off between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to noon on Fridays. Those who need a pick up or someone to assist after those hours are asked to call Don Cheeks at [803-507-7602](tel:803-507-7602). Many of the homes in Nichols, which are located in the state's Pee Dee region in Marion County, experienced "catastrophic or major damage," according to FEMA, said S.C. Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken.

WMBF: Family moves back into storm-damaged home on 'Team SC Day'

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33510426/family-moves-back-into-storm-damaged-home-on-team-sc-day>

Audrey Biesk

It's been three weeks since Hurricane Matthew and some families in Marion County are just now able to go back home. The Marion County Administration Building was filled with many people still in need on Friday afternoon who were attending the Team South Carolina Pee Dee Day organized by Gov. Nikki Haley. There were numerous non-profits and state agencies there, along with Haley to

ensure people that help is there for them. One mother and her seven kids have been living out of shelters the past three weeks because of tree damage to their Mullins home. Tyesha Davis said she was encouraged, along with many other Nichols families who are still in shelters, to go to the event and talk with people who can offer the help that so many need. Davis said she is taking it one day at a time, but Friday was a special day because she and her seven kids could finally walk through their front door and sleep at home for the first time since the hurricane.

WMBF: United Methodist Church helps rebuild Nichols

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33510805/united-methodist-church-helps-rebuild-nichols>

Eric Traphagen

Nichols is in a state of disrepair since it was inundated by flood waters following Hurricane Matthew and the United Methodist Church led a group of volunteers to gut out several homes. "So, what we're finding is the houses have some degree of water," said George Olive, the church's reverend who led the disaster response team. "Therefore flooring, carpeting, walls, cabinetry, appliances, a lot of the furniture all needs to be taken out and be disposed. And so we're in that clean out and tear out mode right now." Nichols was flooded for several days. In fact, people who live there said there are still puddles left from the flood waters. Many homes have mold growing up the walls, with it reaching five feet high on one house. "Clearly there are people here that need significant help," Olive said. "United Methodist will be here until we finish. If that takes two years that's what we're going to do."

WPDE: Out-of-state volunteers help families after Hurricane Matthew

<http://wpde.com/news/local/out-of-state-volunteers-help-families-after-hurricane-matthew>

Liz Cooper

Many families across our area are still struggling to put their lives together, three weeks after Hurricane Matthew triggered massive flooding. Now, thousands of volunteers from across the country are coming to our state to help. Not only are people dealing with flooding, but enormous trees fell down on their property as well. Men and women in yellow t-shirts are coming to the rescue for many families. They're called Mormon Helping Hands. "We offer help on a need basis. It's not financially based or religion based or anything else," said Rodney Brown, an organizer of Mormon Helping Hands. They connect with people in need through the Crisis Cleanup national organization. People who need help call and volunteers show up to help in any way they can.

WPDE: Harvest Hope opens up disaster food pantry for Hurricane Matthew victims

<http://wpde.com/news/local/harvest-hope-opens-up-disaster-food-pantry-for-hurricane-matthew-victims>

Mikayla Mercer

Harvest Hope Food Bank in Florence opened up a disaster food pantry for Hurricane Matthew victims this week. While Harvest Hope is usually run as a standard food pantry, the organization decided to open up to hurricane victims after seeing how many people are in need after the storm. Organization leaders opened the disaster food pantry on Wednesday. Since then, they said they have seen more than 200 people come through. Since the beginning of the month, Harvest Hope leaders said they have given out 698,000 meals. The food pantry said they are fortunate to be able to offer all different kinds of food, from fruit to cookies, to those in need. That food pantry will run until Nov. 18.

Michael Slager Case:

Post and Courier: In high-stakes murder trial of Michael Slager, 'tense' community has a lot on the line

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/in-high-stakes-murder-trial-of-michael-slager-tense-community/article_86f94ca0-9ac9-11e6-8cef-e70299138768.html

Andrew Knapp

Andy Savage saw the video for the first time in his bedroom. It showed Walter Scott running away, and North Charleston police officer Michael Slager shooting him in the back. His reaction was like

many. Turning from the TV to his wife, he said, "Oh my God." "I had very negative thoughts of law enforcement conduct from the video I saw," said Savage, a criminal defense lawyer in Charleston. "That video of the eight shots is a very, very powerful, emotional, evoking video." But with a phone call the next day — from the officer's wife — the way he viewed the footage would start to change. The more he learned, he said, the more he thought Slager had been made a pariah by officials in a city long troubled by allegations of unfair policing and an easy target of criticism for the national inspection of officers' use of force against black people. The more evidence he gathered, he said, the more he believed that the officer had made a reasonable decision in a stressful situation.

Associated Press: Memories of 2001 race riots hang over police shooting trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6f8WoQHK

Dan Sewell

Memories remain vivid of the 2001 race riots in this city after police killed a young, unarmed black man. Now, ahead of the trial of a white police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black man in a traffic stop, police are beefing up security and say they're prepared for anything, while officials and civic leaders are trying to stay in front of community tensions. Prospective jurors will be questioned Monday for Ray Tensing's trial on murder and voluntary manslaughter charges in the shooting of Sam DuBose after he was pulled over July 19, 2015, near the University of Cincinnati for a missing front license plate. Tensing's attorney has said he feared for his life; the Hamilton County prosecutor has called the shooting, which was recorded by the officer's bodycam video, senseless and "asinine." "None of us want to revisit 2001," The Cincinnati Enquirer stated in a recent editorial in which the newspaper said it was encouraged by the steps taken by the city, the University of Cincinnati and others. The Black Lawyers Association and city councilwoman Yvette Simpson, for example, have held educational community forums to explain the legal process unfolding in the case.

NOTE: In another of the cases, jury selection begins Monday in the murder trial of former North Charleston, South Carolina, police officer Michael Slager, who is white, in the April 2015 death of Water Scott, a black man shot in the back as he ran from a traffic stop.

General Assembly News:

The State: S.C. Senate getting organized?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article111395277.html>

Avery G. Wilks

The S.C. Senate will hold its organizational session Dec. 6. During the noon session, senators will select their committees, elect officers, adopt rules and pick their seats in the Senate chamber. "We will have several new members and we voted last year to shorten the session by one month. I see this organizational session as a way for us to hit the ground running more effectively and efficiently at the start of the upcoming year," said Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence. "With the changes that have occurred, I want to reiterate my commitment to using our time wisely and having the most productive and effective legislative session possible." The Buzz is waiting patiently to see if senators change their rules that enable bill- and time-killing filibusters.

The State: What \$9 million gets you at the SC State House

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article111147582.html>

Bristow Marchant

The billionaire Koch brothers spent more than \$80,000 to lobby the S.C. legislature this year, trying to kill a proposal to increase the state's gas tax. They succeeded. Others paid even more to keep a tab on S.C. legislators, sometimes without a easily visible goal. The amount of money and manpower spent to lobby legislators makes one thing clear: Trying to influence the S.C. Legislature is a full-time job. Dozens of lobbyists, registered with the state, made \$9.3 million this year lobbying the state's lawmakers on behalf of companies, interest groups and public entities. Those groups were hoping to get their preferred legislation passed or prevent legislation, which they viewed as harmful, from getting legislators' stamp of approval.

Greenville News: Write-in campaign against Jason Elliott in full swing

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/10/29/district-22-write--campaign-against-jason-elliott-full-swing/92958262/>

Anna Lee

Brett Brocato's write-in campaign against Greenville Republican Jason Elliott went into full swing Saturday. After a 11 a.m. meet and greet at Tommy's Ham House, Brocato went door to door while campaign volunteers handed out flyers and posted signs along East North Street that said, "Write in Brett Brocato, SC House District 22." He also has radio time scheduled next week and plans to spend a lot of time in churches in an effort to prevent Elliott from becoming South Carolina's first openly gay legislator. "I'm interested in giving the voters a choice now that they know more about who Jason Elliott is," Brocato told The Greenville News Saturday. Elliott unseated sitting state Rep. Wendy Nanney in the June primary with 58 percent of the vote. Nanney had represented District 22, which includes Wade Hampton Boulevard, parts of the Eastside and ultra-conservative Bob Jones University, for four terms until her landslide defeat.

The Herald: NAACP, others outraged over York Tech hosting event for pro-Confederate flag group

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article111052567.html>

Andrew Dys

Opposition is growing to an agreement by York Technical College to host a March 2017 convention for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a pro-Confederate flag group. The incoming leader of the S.C. legislative black caucus, the Rock Hill NAACP and others say they will meet Monday with York Tech President Greg Rutherford to voice their displeasure. The Rock Hill and Western York County branches of the NAACP released a statement on the SCV event at York Tech late Thursday. In the statement, the groups called it "an underestimation of the current racial tensions in America," adding that it "seems like a blatant disregard for the historic decision" by South Carolina last year to remove the Confederate flag from its Statehouse. Those opposed to the flag, and to the Rock Hill campus hosting a convention by a group that supports the Confederate flag, say they have been holding strategy sessions. They plan to voice outrage to elected leaders, including the Rock Hill City Council, York County Council and others.

SC Agency News:

Post and Courier: DHEC: Infant mortality back up in S.C.

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/dhec-infant-mortality-back-up-in-s-c/article_64b0b522-9d47-11e6-ab8f-6bdca1fc380d.html

Lauren Sausser

South Carolina's infant mortality rate inched up last year, according to a new report published by the state health department. In 2015, an average seven babies per 1,000 died before their first birthday. The new rate is slightly higher than it was in 2014, when an average 6.5 infants per 1,000 did not survive their first 12 months. The mortality rate was also significantly higher for black infants in 2015 compared to the previous year. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control blamed the overall increase, in part, on "a high number of sleep-related accidents and an increase in deaths due to birth defects." The agency is urging pregnant women to take a multivitamin that includes folic acid and for new parents to practice "safe sleep habits" with their babies.

The State: Corrections czar says SC prisoners not participating in nationwide protests

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article111126607.html>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina's prison chief says state prisoners have not participated in protests held in more than a dozen states despite repeated reports by several news organizations that strikes have taken place. Perry Correctional Institution in Anderson County was named in a Los Angeles Times article that published Friday, as one of South Carolina's prisons where inmates participated in a strike during the

past month. Several outlets have reported the strikes are inspired by the 45th anniversary of the Attica Prison riot in New York in 1971. Prisoners took staffers hostage and demanded better living conditions during that riot that ended with more than three dozen dead. But Department of Corrections Chief Bryan Stirling stressed Friday no strike or protest has taken place. "There have been no strikes at the Perry furniture plant, and we have had no reports of strikes in the South Carolina correctional system," Stirling said. Perry is a high-security facility in Pelzer touted as a "working prison" by its warden, Larry Cartledge.

WLTX: DJJ Music Class Helps Students Compose A Better Life

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/djj-music-class-helps-students-compose-a-better-life/343887304>

Mary Sturgill

Kids who have broken the law and find themselves in the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice are getting an opportunity to turn their life around through their education on the DJJ campus. One of the classes they choose from is a music class, that teachers and students say is helping them turn their lives around. Malik is 17-years-old and is in DJJ because he was part of a fight that occurred at his school. He says before 8th grade he had his sights set on football and hopefully an NFL Career. He says when he was injured and told he couldn't play any more, that's when he started getting into trouble and hanging out with the wrong crowd. He tells News 19, "I felt lost in my own state of mind you know, I felt like nobody cares, like my father wasn't there I felt like nobody had loved me so I went out into the streets and I tried to find that love I found that love you know and I tried to impress them and when I try to impress them this is what predicament I end up in."

Post and Courier: DOT chairman calls out "irresponsible" meddling in 526, sales tax vote

http://www.postandcourier.com/columnists/dot-chairman-calls-out-irresponsible-meddling-in-sales-tax-vote/article_47bfd2b6-9d5d-11e6-9f36-2303c47bf8a4.html

Brian Hicks

Two of the state's top transportation officials are at war over Charleston County's upcoming sales tax referendum. The real issue, however, is 526. Mike Wooten, chairman of the state Department of Transportation Commission, says State Infrastructure Bank Board Chairman Vince Graham's efforts to stall the completion of Interstate 526 across James and Johns islands could cost the state billions in road improvements if the local referendum fails. Wooten, a member of the Infrastructure Bank board, on Thursday urged Graham to schedule a meeting – something he has avoided since the board unilaterally cancelled a three-party 526 deal between the county, the SIB and the DOT in May. "For our group to continually postpone a critical meeting ... is, in my opinion, irresponsible," Wooten wrote.

Island Packet: Zika cases continue to tick upward in South Carolina. Here's where

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article111151597.html>

Rebecca Lurye

While the state has seen 11 new Zika cases since August, no instances of the virus have been reported in Beaufort, Jasper or surrounding counties, according to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. That's despite all the bug bites most Beaufort County residents are sporting this time of year. There were 54 Zika cases in South Carolina as of Thursday, all of them related to travel to an area with active Zika transmission. There is still only one reported case of the virus being sexually transmitted in the state. As of Oct. 21, the most recent data available, there were 11 cases in Charleston County and four each in Dorchester and Berkeley counties. The rest of the reported infections are in other regions of the state, including nine in Greenville, seven in Lexington and six in Richland counties.

Greenville News: DDSN: Medication error rates range from 0 to 25 percent

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/10/29/ddsn-medication-error-rates-range-0-25-percent/92829676/>

Tim Smith

By the time emergency medical services workers arrived at the Chesco group home in Pageland in Chesterfield County, Michael Ashby Farrow had already died. Police said the 55-year-old resident was discovered face up on the floor, a burn-like wound on an upper thigh. He had been at the home, which serves those with intellectual disabilities as part of the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs system, for about 12 years. Farrow's death was caused in part by an overdose of fluvoxamine, one of his medicines, according to his death certificate. Neither the coroner's report nor police reports disclosed how the drug overdose occurred. But a worker at the home was subsequently charged and indicted for abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in connection with his death.

SC Delegation News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Republicans react to FBI decision to revisit Clinton email scandal

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/s-c-republicans-react-to-fbi-decision-to-revisit-clinton/article_5cba62a0-9d47-11e6-bb3e-47a8ea4e162d.html

Emma Dumain

South Carolina members of Congress are suggesting the investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails should go to a special prosecutor. Hours after the FBI said Friday it is revisiting its inquiry into whether Clinton mishandled classified information in private emails, some lawmakers said an outside probe would best clear the public's mind. "This case has always met the criteria for the appointment of a special prosecutor and one should have long ago been appointed," Republican U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham in a statement. "There have been people in the military who have been prosecuted for doing far less than the Clinton team when it comes to the mishandling of classified information," he added.

Morning News: U.S. House of Representatives District 7 candidates Rice, Hyman vie for Congress

http://www.scnw.com/news/election_2016/article_4c746716-9e1d-11e6-a439-93d163670ca8.html

Joshua Lloyd

With the general election drawing near, the race for South Carolina's 7th Congressional District is heating up. Tom Rice, the Republican incumbent from Myrtle Beach, is seeking re-election for a third term. His challenger Mal Hyman, a professor at Coker College in Hartsville, is running under the Democratic, Green and Working Families Party. Rice says that during a period of gridlock in Washington he's been able to facilitate help in this district from the Pee Dee to the coast. Hyman says this district needs a representative who is free of donor control and a champion for the working-class people of South Carolina. South Carolina's 7th Congressional District covers the counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Georgetown, Horry, Marlboro and Marion and parts of Florence and Lee counties.

The Herald: SC's 5th Congressional District: Where Mulvaney, Person and Barnes stand on the issues

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/election/article111339532.html>

David Thackham

Voters will choose between U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, Fran Person and Rudy Barnes Jr. for the winner of South Carolina's 5th Congressional District seat. The district covers Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Newberry, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union and York counties. Mick Mulvaney, with the Republican Party, is running for South Carolina's 5th Congressional District. Mulvaney, who won the seat in 2010 by defeating longtime Democrat John Spratt, successfully won re-election bids in 2012 and 2014. Person is running his first political campaign: He served for eight years as an aide to Vice President Joe Biden. Barnes served for eight years as a city councilman in Columbia three decades ago.

SC Political News:

The State: Is Richland County ready to run a smooth election this time around?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article111431307.html>

Cliff Leblanc

There are signs in Richland County that the upcoming presidential election will not be the fiasco it was the last time. It might even go smoothly – fingers crossed. In 2012, voters waited four or more hours in some polling places because the county office distributed too few machines despite having 17,000 more people on voter registration rolls. The office fell short of state law requirements on the number of poll workers. Two-thirds of the precincts exceeded the state guideline of 1,500 voters per precinct. Additional votes were discovered after election results had been certified by the state. The good signs this go-round?

Post and Courier: Lowcountry voters to answer a few taxing questions

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/lowcountry-voters-to-answer-a-few-taxing-questions/article_f5ebc484-9ac0-11e6-bd57-4771a77b762b.html

Robert Behre

Some of the most important decisions voters in Charleston and Dorchester counties will make on Election Day is whether they want higher taxes in exchange for a better quality of life. Voters in the town of Summerville also will decide whether to give their mayor greater power. These referendums are being shaped by local politics that make the outcome tricky to predict, said Scott Buchanan, a Citadel political science professor. "Absent polling data, it gets even trickier," he said. But the decisions will impact lives. Charleston County voters will decide if they want a higher sales tax to pay for new road projects, better public transit and greenspace. Voters in Dorchester will decide if they want higher property taxes for new libraries and parks.

Post and Courier: Why no selfies in voting booth? Think "\$20 or a pint of whiskey"

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/why-no-selfies-in-voting-booth-think-or-a-pint/article_9e969b82-9c50-11e6-8103-7feadd130aa4.html

Schuyler Kropf

Much has been made this election season about states banning "selfie" phone pictures snapped by voters wanting to share their ballot results. It's illegal in South Carolina, too. To illustrate why, Charleston County elections director Joe Debney referred to the distant but enduring legend of voters in past elections being promised "20 bucks or a pint of whiskey" to back a specific candidate. The modern equivalent, he said, would be snapping a photo of a completed ballot as proof your vote went the way a party boss wanted. "Every voter has a right to vote a secret ballot," Debney said, quoting state standards. The selfie phenomenon is not new this year. In 2012, state Sen. Harvey Peeler, R-Cherokee, asked for a state Attorney General's opinion after a voter in that year's presidential primary posted a video of his completed ballot on YouTube.

LGBT Laws:

Associated Press: 5 things to know: Transgender case lands in Supreme Court

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

SC State Wire

For the first time, the nation's highest court will wade into the issue transgender rights - a contentious debate that has divided communities and courts across the country. The U.S. Supreme Court announced Friday that the justices will take up the case of a Virginia school board that wants to prevent a transgender teenager from using the boys' bathroom at his high school. Here are five things you should know about the case and its potential implications nationwide...

NOTE: If there are eight justices and the court splits evenly, the 4th Circuit decision would stand and Grimm would win his case. But the decision would have no impact outside the 4th Circuit covering Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia and South Carolina.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Land of opportunity or close to slavery?

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/local_state_news/land-of-opportunity-or-close-to-slavery/article_99f1c318-96c9-11e6-a127-ebef2a9607ad.html

Tony Bartelme

South Carolina's famed hospitality industry is hooked on temporary foreign workers, a legal visa system that serves businesses well but comes with unexpected costs to employees and the community. Often young and vulnerable to predators, temporary foreign workers endure low wages and crummy housing to power one of the state's most important economic engines. Some call it "close to slavery."...

Post and Courier: More S.C. workers finding full-time jobs as underemployment rate improves

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/more-s-c-workers-finding-full-time-jobs-as-underemployment/article_e5850ae2-9d18-11e6-8b99-cb9cc1d5949c.html

Thad Moore

More workers in South Carolina are finding full-time jobs as the state's labor market continues to grow tighter. The number of people who have given up on finding work is dropping, and so is the number of workers who have part-time jobs but want more hours, according to figures released Friday by the U. S. Department of Labor. The Labor Department says 10.1 percent of South Carolinians were underemployed between October 2015 and September, a half-point better than last quarter and its lowest point since 2007. The state's underemployment rate is released each quarter as an annual average. That's still higher than the national average of 9.8 percent, but the state is edging closer to the rest of the U.S. South Carolina's was the 17th-highest rate in the country - still high, but better than its No. 5 spot this time last year.

Associated Press: BMW Manufacturing in South Carolina announces new CEO

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yrLtA5T3

SC State Wire

BMW Manufacturing Co. in South Carolina has announced it's getting a new president and CEO. Local media outlets report Knudt Flor, who currently oversees BMW Group Corporate Quality, will take over from Manfred Erlacher, who held the position for three years. Flor will officially assume Erlacher's duties at the Greer facility on Dec. 1. Flor has been with BMW Group for the past 28 years, having worked in Greer, Munich, South Africa and China. The company announced on Friday that Erlacher will move to a new role in Germany. During Erlacher's tenure in Greer, production increased to more than 400,000 units per year, earning the Upstate plant recognition as BMW's largest in the world, by volume.

Local News:

The State: Columbia rally spurs survivors to urge abuse victims to get help

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article111321072.html>

Tim Flach

Sarah Jackson calls herself an unusual victim of domestic abuse. "Domestic violence is not something in which you wave a flag and say look at me," the Gadsden resident said Saturday of 22 years of marriage to a minister who was her late husband. "You will hide it." Her story illustrates that "anyone can be a battered woman," said Nancy Barton, executive director of Sistercare. "Not really knowing what it was, I got trapped," Jackson told the crowd of about 300 people at the annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence, held at Spirit Communications Park in downtown Columbia. She encouraged those abused to rebuild their lives by escaping and undergoing counseling as she did in the early 1990s. Jackson has become an ambassador for Sistercare, a group that provides such assistance, as well an adviser to other victims of abuse in her role as a minister at Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Hopkins. In an interview, Jackson said she initially had a traditional view of marriage with her husband in charge of the family.

Post and Courier: Elmore Raven reflects on lifetime of caring for domestic violence victims

http://www.postandcourier.com/features/elmore-raven-reflects-on-lifetime-of-caring-for-domestic-violence/article_b0bc8ace-9bba-11e6-9f9b-63d076f01a9e.html

Natalie Caula Hauff

Elmore Raven won't apologize for her frankness. She's earned the right after surviving more obstacles in her life than she can count. "I am who I am," she said. "There's no question about that. I'm not trying to be someone else." Raven has spent the past 25 years at the helm of My Sister's House, a nonprofit organization that provides resources and services and runs an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children in the tri-county area. In May, Raven, who is approaching her 65th birthday, is retiring. The New Orleans native has made a career out of defending the rights of victims of domestic violence and advocating for better laws and policies in the protection of these victims. In her personal life, Raven has endured heartbreak and loss, but as a result, she demonstrates a remarkable resilience. "I think I have survived many things with grace and endurance and many people have no idea of some of the things I've been through," she said. "I think that, in itself, is a plus because it shows you know you can make it."

Associated Press: Beaufort sheriff's office announces arrest in woman's murder

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

SC State Wire

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office says a man has been arrested in connection with his girlfriend's murder. The Beaufort Gazette reports (<http://bit.ly/2eIDVYR>) the sheriff's office said 44-year-old Jamie Robinson was arrested Saturday after emergency personnel received a tip regarding his whereabouts. According to a news release from the sheriff's office, Robinson provided accounts in an interview that were contradictory to evidence found at the scene and statements from other witnesses. He was arrested after the interview. Deputies responding to a call about a shooting victim late Friday night found 47-year-old Eulia Moon with an apparent gunshot wound. Moon was transported to the Medical University of South Carolina, where she died. A report from the sheriff's office says Robinson's bond hasn't been set. It's not known if he has an attorney.

Island Packet: Police officers were there to shoot targets for training. One shot himself.

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article111387172.html>

Madison Hogan

An officer with the Beaufort Police Department suffered an accidental, self-inflicted gunshot wound during a training day on Wednesday, according to a report filed with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. Deputies responded to a call about the discharging of a service firearm at the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Range at 120 Shanklin Road in Burton. According to multiple witness accounts from fellow law enforcement in the report, the Beaufort police officer fired a single gunshot into his right foot. The officer told a nearby sergeant that he had dropped the magazine from his pistol and was clearing his weapon. Officers from the Bluffton Police Department Special Response Team and the Beaufort Police Department Special Operations Team were at the range for a combined training day.

Post and Courier: Hollywood highway dedicated to police officer killed in line of duty 34 years ago

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/hollywood-highway-dedicated-to-police-officer-killed-in-line-of/article_9e48561e-9d3d-11e6-a80b-aff5cff42b08.html

Gregory Yee

John Gianatos looked at his friend's name on the sign along the highway. Tears welled up. His voice cracked — face frozen in an anguished grimace. "I'm sorry," he said, wiping away the tears. "Sometimes ..." The retired Charleston County police officer's thoughts trailed off for a moment. Gianatos was one of several former and current law enforcement personnel and local politicians present at a dedication ceremony Friday naming a portion of S.C. Highway 165 in Hollywood after Steven Buist Hiott Jr., a county police officer who was fatally shot while making a traffic stop 34 years ago. Gianatos remembered that night: How he arrived on the scene; how he helped pick up his friend's lifeless body and place him on the stretcher; how he drove his friend's patrol car back to the

station before going back to help with the suspect search. "It's even hard today," he said. "People liked him. They respected him."

Post and Courier: Justice ministry renews call for outside audit of Charleston, North Charleston police

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/justice-ministry-renews-call-for-outside-audit-of-charleston-north/article_213a9996-97c7-11e6-808b-071554465538.html

Glenn Smith

An interfaith advocacy group is calling for a deeper, outside examination of Charleston police policies on pedestrian stops beyond Chief Greg Mullen's planned review aimed at weeding out innocent people from a massive database culled from these encounters. Members of the Charleston Area Justice Ministry said Mullen's approach won't get at the underlying problems with these stops or the racial disparities highlighted in The Post and Courier's recent series, "Watched." Erasing names from the database eliminates documentation of questionable stops without exploring the potential lessons they contain, said the Rev. Charles Heyward, co-president of the justice ministry. "That's just getting rid of the evidence," he said. "Nothing they're proposing to do gets at the real issue of restoring trust with the community."

Herald-Journal: Sheriff's Office suing former jail officer

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161028/sheriffs-office-suing-former-jail-officer?rssfeed=true>

Daniel J. Gross and Alyssa Mulliger

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office has released a video showing a physical altercation between a jail officer and an inmate, in response to an ongoing legal dispute with the now-former officer. The video shows an inmate tossing things out of the open food hatch near the bottom of his cell door and sticking his foot out of the opening. Four deputies, including Brian Blalock, come to the cell and try to close the open hatch. The inmate is seen on the video resisting with his foot on the hatch. The video then shows the deputies opening the cell door and Blalock pushing the inmate away from the door. The deputies quickly close the cell door and again try to close the open hatch, but the inmate sticks his foot back out. Blalock is seen kicking and stomping the inmate's foot multiple times before another deputy leans down and uses pepper spray through the hatch opening. The deputies are then able to close the hatch, the video shows.

Morning News: Darlington ministry aims to help pregnant teens

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_0a2f0008-9d7f-11e6-803b-2be49f9ddd37.html

Melissa Rollins

Pregnancy is a happy time for many women, but when it occurs as a teenager and there is no support system, it also can be full of uncertainty and fear. A ministry in Darlington is working to minimize the negative effects and help young woman get their lives back on track. The Place of Healing held a ribbon cutting in August. It is hoping to open in December or January after necessary renovations are made. Executive director Deandra Ketter said the ministry is something she has worked to open for some time. "I've been working toward this for about 10 years," Ketter said. "But actually having it tangible, where I could touch it, that has just been this year. We had a ribbon cutting to introduce people to the Place of Healing and start getting donations, things that the girls and babies would need. When they come in, I want them to feel at home. I don't want them to want for anything."

Post and Courier: On sex education, school board clashes with women's health advocates

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/on-sex-education-school-board-clashes-with-women-s-health/article_7b10fca6-9c92-11e6-8a03-afadc2e3483b.html

Deanna Pan

Lisa Van Bergen has heard some wild rumors throughout her career. She's worked in the field of pregnancy prevention for the past 12 years. Now she runs Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina for at-risk young and single mothers. That means serving roughly 60 pregnant teens a year

at its Charleston residential center. The young women Florence Crittenton helps are generally very bright, she said, but they haven't always received the sex education they deserve. "They believe that you can't get pregnant if you have sex standing up. They believe you can't get pregnant if you douche with Coca-Cola," she said. "They're not the craziest things; those are just two common ones that come to mind." Van Bergen was disappointed last week when she learned of the Charleston County School Board's latest decision to exclude comprehensive sex education from the middle school curriculum.

Sun News: Horry County Sheriff's Office recommend looking up sex offenders before Halloween

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article111167097.html>

The Horry County Sheriff's Office is encouraging parents to view the Sex Offender Registry prior to trick-or-treating for Halloween. According to the office, there are currently 530 active registered sex offenders in Horry County. They recommend signing up for the free automatic email notifications which will inform users of sex offenders within a specified radius of any address. To view the registry please visit www.sheriff.horrycounty.org. For more information call 843-915-8573 or email sexoffenderregistry@horrycounty.org.

Herald-Journal: Rental registry could reduce code violations

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161029/rental-registry-could-reduce-code-violations?rssfeed=true>

Allison M. Roberts

When Sidney Ferguson goes out to inspect properties in the city, he often sees abandoned single-family homes and duplexes that are boarded up and deteriorating. On a recent weekday, Ferguson, code enforcement supervisor with the city of Spartanburg, pointed out one such house at 512 Crescent Ave. He said the homeowner had died and the city has had trouble locating heirs to take care of the neglected home. Derelict property isn't a new problem in the city. Last year alone, of the 2,500 cases codes enforcement officers dealt with, approximately 2,000 were nuisance complaints — junk items, tall grass, and the like, said Martin Livingston, neighborhood services director with the city. But the problem is particularly acute with rental properties owned by out-of-state companies or landlords. When the city can't find a designated representative to address issues when they arise, the problems often get worse, leading to neighborhood blight, substandard living conditions and, in worst-case scenarios, condemnation of the property. In an effort to create greater landlord accountability, Spartanburg City Council members are exploring the idea of requiring owners to register their rental properties with the city.

The State: Bear hunters defend sport as mountain tradition, despite claims of cruelty

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article111384597.html>

Sammy Fretwell

A small boat carrying a dead bear sputtered across Lake Tugaloo last week after a hunting party cornered the animal on a forested mountainside. Shot and killed as it tried to escape a pack of hounds, the bear was hauled by hunters to the shoreline, dumped in the boat and ferried to a public landing. At the landing, a federal wildlife technician weighed the beast and made notes for the official public record. What occurred Tuesday in Oconee County is part of a long-standing practice that draws plenty of criticism in South Carolina: bear hunting. For generations people have hunted bears in the southern Appalachians, a region where folks once were dependent on bears to provide food for the table and source material for clothing. But today the practice is increasingly scrutinized as critics question the need for bear hunting — and that sparks fierce resistance from hunters who say shooting bears is no different from harvesting other game.

Post and Courier: What you need to know about 2016 election in Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester counties

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/charleston-berkeley-dorchester-competitive-ballot-candidates/article_ee1c6c28-99fc-11e6-9eb8-3b1a35bbe6ed.html

Schuyler Kropf

The contested federal, state, county and municipal races that Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester county voters will decide on Nov. 8. Web links to sample ballots are available for Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties.

Independent Mail: Anderson County voters to consider four-year council terms

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/29/anderson-county-voters-consider-four-year-council-terms/92947996/>

Nikie Mayo

Anderson County voters will decide next week whether to lengthen the terms of County Council members from two years to four. Longtime residents have grappled with this question before. Moves to lengthen council terms have failed at least three times since 1986. Of South Carolina's 46 counties, Anderson remains one of the only ones where county officials serve two-year terms. York County is another, and on Nov. 8, its voters will also decide whether to support four-year terms. Anderson County Councilman J. Mitchell Cole pushed to put the question before voters again this year in a referendum. "I know from experience that you can't even begin to learn everything you need to learn about this job in two years," said Cole, who was elected to the council in 2014. "You don't even know who all the players are by then."

The Herald: Time for a change? York County voters face council term length decision

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article111362807.html>

David Thackham

Voters will have a simple choice on election day — yes or no — of whether to double the length of York County Council member terms to four years. Business leaders, local leaders and most of the county councilmembers themselves are in favor of the move. Many feel it's the best way for new councilmembers to get up to speed, engage in long-term projects and make decisions without having to worry about a new election every two years. York County is one of only two South Carolina counties in which County Council members serve two-year terms rather than four-year terms. It soon could be the only one. Anderson County voters will decide in November whether to move to four-year terms there.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Clinton calls FBI's actions ahead of vote 'deeply troubling'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f942be2f1aa8410dac7f9149d3f22bf7>

Hillary Clinton is lashing out at the FBI's handling of a new email review, leading a chorus of Democratic leaders who declared the bureau's actions just days before the election "unprecedented" and "deeply troubling." Emboldened Republican rival Donald Trump seized on the reignited email controversy, hoping to raise new doubts about Clinton's trustworthiness. Rallying supporters in Florida on Saturday, Clinton pressed FBI Director James Comey to put out the "full and complete facts" about the review into a cache of recently discovered emails. Clinton backers panned Comey's letter to Congress about the new emails as severely lacking crucial details. "It is pretty strange to put something like that out with such little information right before an election," Clinton said. She accused Trump of using the issue to confuse and mislead voters in the final leg of the campaign for the Nov. 8 election.

Associated Press: Justice Department advised FBI against Clinton email letter

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9a36038539f14425a2d047a6ee19fb5c>

The Justice Department discouraged the FBI from alerting Congress to the unexpected discovery of emails potentially related to its investigation of Hillary Clinton's private email server, given the proximity to the presidential election and the potential for political fallout, a government official said. Justice Department officials who were advised of the FBI's intention to notify Congress about the discovery expressed concern that the action would be inconsistent with department protocols designed to avoid the appearance of interference in an election. In an apparent departure from the

wishes of top Justice Department leaders, FBI Director James Comey acted independently when he sent several members of Congress a letter about the emails on Friday, according to the official, who was not authorized to discuss internal deliberations and spoke on condition of anonymity. The move creates the potential for a divide between the Justice Department and Comey, who has served in government under both Democratic and Republican presidents. And it provides political fodder for Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Associated Press: Weiner's tale of self-destruction rocks race for president

<http://bigstory.ap.org/02a3c0f098ca41698709fbf8c4e3ff79>

Once a hard-charging young congressman, Anthony Weiner lost his career and his marriage to a habit of trading sexually explicit messages that he couldn't shake — a lurid tale of personal self-destruction that's suddenly found its way into the race for president. Weiner is separated from Huma Abedin, the vice chairwoman of Hillary Clinton's campaign and one of the Democratic nominee's closest aides. It's the federal investigation into his sexting habits that is the "unrelated case" that led the FBI to a new batch of emails, which agency director James Comey told Congress on Friday may be "pertinent to our investigation" into Clinton's use of a private email server as secretary of state. And that has once again cast a spotlight on Weiner, one-time rising Democratic Party star whose very name has become a punchline. Weiner was forced to resign his seat in Congress in 2011, after accidentally posting a picture of himself in his underwear — a private message intended for a woman who was not his wife — to his Twitter account.

Associated Press: The Latest: Kaine says FBI's Comey should say what he knows

<http://bigstory.ap.org/699c60472e914b1b82f6802e900b13dd>

ice presidential candidate Tim Kaine says FBI Director James Comey needs to tell the public if he hasn't yet reviewed any of the emails considered "pertinent" to the investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server. Clinton's running mate says in an interview with ABC's "This Week" that as far as the campaign knows, Comey "knows nothing about the content of these emails." The Virginia senator says the Democratic campaign doesn't know if the emails are to or from Clinton. Kaine is reiterating that the FBI should release more details on their investigation. He calls it a "distraction" but says the Clinton campaign will "power forward" during the last 10 days.

National News:

Associated Press: Parallels seen in protests of Dakota pipeline, Oregon refuge

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a43048f500cd416688a9e6dbc8af26ff>

On the same day seven defendants celebrated their acquittal in the armed takeover of a federal wildlife refuge in Oregon, law enforcement officers dressed in riot gear and firing bean bag rounds arrested nearly 150 oil pipeline protesters camped out in North Dakota. The sudden developments in the two protests drew an unsettling contrast for some between the treatment of mostly Native American citizens at an encampment near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation and the heavily armed occupiers who held the federal government at bay for weeks in the remote Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. "How is it that people who were seen on national media with guns having a standoff with police officials were acquitted ... and we're being treated like we're terrorists?" said Cody Hall, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota and a spokesman for the pipeline protesters.

World News:

Associated Press: Italy hit by strongest quake in 35 years, no deaths reported

<http://bigstory.ap.org/5ff741850c4141bda8ec24c7da296a08>

Central Italy was hit by another powerful earthquake Sunday, toppling buildings that had recently withstood other major quakes and sending panicked residents back into the streets, but causing no immediate loss of life. The quake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.6 was the strongest to strike the

country in nearly 36 years. That there were no reports of deaths was largely due to the fact that thousands of residents left their homes after two strong jolts last week shook the same mountainous area. Some 20 people were injured, many lightly, authorities said. The Apennine Mountain region of central Italy, located along a major fault line, has been the site of dozens of significant earthquakes, including an Aug. 24 quake with a 6.1 magnitude that killed nearly 300 people.

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