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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Palmetto Business Daily: Report: Obamacare Medicaid expansion 'crowding out' infrastructure spending

<http://palmettobusinessdaily.com/stories/510725072-report-obamacare-medicaid-expansion-crowding-out-infrastructure-spending>

Even as the federal government picks up the entire tab for Medicaid expansion, the Obamacare program appears to crowd out state spending on infrastructure, according to a report from the Mercatus Center at Georgetown University. Report author Marc Joffe told Palmetto Business Daily that the findings suggest that the problem could get even worse as states like South Carolina, which are working to find ways to make necessary investments in infrastructure, face greater Medicaid liabilities beginning next year. "I think the report gives people a reason to worry about Medicaid expense," Joffe said. "Those states that have expanded Medicaid are spending more on it, and that risks crowding out other types of expenditure."

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has thus far rejected Medicaid expansion — a program under Obamacare that gives states access to more federal grants in exchange for growing the program's reach to non-elderly people at 133 percent of the poverty level. Though South Carolina has faced a budget crisis similar to many other states, the legislature voted to allocate new roads funding as part of the \$7 billion budget passed in 2015.

SC Elections:

Greenville News: Three challenging Bright in Senate District 12 primary

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/06/06/three-challenging-bright-senate-district-12-primary/85247806/>

Amanda Coyne

Three Upstate Republicans want to unseat two-term state Sen. Lee Bright in the June 14 election. Businessman David McCraw, Duncan Mayor Lisa C. Scott and former state Rep. Scott Talley all cited Bright as one of the motivations for their campaigns for the Senate District 12 seat. The district straddles Greenville and Spartanburg counties and includes part of Greer.

Note: Bright has stood by the bill, making it the centerpiece of a TV ad he released Wednesday. The campaign ad positions Bright as an opponent of President Barack Obama, who issued an executive order to allow transgender students to use the school restrooms that align with their gender identity. The bill did not make it to a full Senate vote. McCraw, Scott and Talley all said the bill was unnecessary, as did Gov. Nikki Haley.

Note: Bright also has been criticized by opponents for voting against the roads legislation that is headed to Haley's desk and filibustering a version of the legislation that would have raised the gas tax.

The Herald: York Co. Council primary offers rematch in District 3

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/election/local-election/article81931647.html>
Bristow Marchant

The western side of York County has seen frequent turnover of its representative on the County Council. Joe Cox represented the large District 3 – centered on the city of York and covering around

40 percent of the county's total land area – for two terms before he was defeated by Eric Winstead in 2010. He won the seat back in 2012 for another two-year term, before losing again to current Councilman Robert Winkler. Now, Cox is hoping voters will change their minds again and give him another victory in the June 14 Republican primary, when he faces Winkler a second time for his old seat. Winkler, meanwhile, hopes to be the district's first councilman to win re-election in eight years.

Post and Courier: Charleston elections board to hear challenge of candidate residency

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC1603/160609557>

Schuyler Kropf

The Charleston County elections board will hear a residency challenge filed against a Republican candidate for state Senate. The board plans to meet at 9 a.m. Thursday after local attorney Margaret Fabri challenged the legal residency of Senate District 41 candidate Sandy Senn. Last year, Senn moved into a leased town house in the district and listed it as her new primary residence on voter and election registration documents. Previously, she lived on Folly Beach, outside the district lines. Fabri says one of the dispute issues is that Senn at the time didn't disavow the 4 percent property tax rate on her old house assessed on someone's primary residence. "I think she circumvented the law," said Fabri.

SC Political News:

Washington Post: Gowdy offers biting critique of Benghazi Dems for 'two-year obstruction' of investigation

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2016/06/06/gowdy-offers-biting-critique-of-benghazi-dems-for-two-year-obstruction-of-investigation/>

Elise Viebeck

The top Republican investigating the 2012 Benghazi attacks accused his Democratic counterpart of mounting a strategic, two-year effort to stop the probe and discredit Republicans' work as a favor to presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.), chairman of the House Select Committee on Benghazi, questioned the motives of ranking member Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) in a biting, sarcastic letter after Cummings asked to participate in writing the panel's final investigative report. "If it were true the Majority has found 'nothing new' and 'gained no additional insight,' it makes little sense for the Minority to suddenly be interested in the Committee's report," Gowdy wrote in the letter. "Moreover, you have spent far more time writing letters, selectively leaking material, and spreading mischaracterizations than you have actually participating in this investigation."

The Hill: Benghazi chairman: Dems get to review, offer edits to report

<http://thehill.com/policy/national-security/282310-gowdy-dems-will-have-access-to-benghazi-report>

Julian Hatten

Democrats on the House Select Committee on Benghazi will be able to review and offer edits to the committee's closely watched report this month despite their repeated opposition to the panel's work, according to Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.). Gowdy on Sunday issued a blistering, 1,800-word attack on Democrats' efforts to undermine the panel's work through "abject obstruction" and "serial" leaks to the media. But the panel's five Democratic members will nonetheless have access to the report before it is made final, Gowdy wrote in a letter to top Democrat Elijah Cummings (Md.).

LGBT Laws:

Charlotte Observer: Musicians put their money where their hearts are by donating to LGBT groups

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/business/article81734322.html>

Katherine Peralta

After the passage of House Bill 2 in March, a wave of artists including [Bruce Springsteen](#), [Pearl Jam](#) and [Maroon 5](#) canceled their North Carolina shows in opposition to the controversial LGBT

measure. But others, from the [Dave Matthews Band](#) to comedian Jessimae Peluso, have opted to keep their scheduled shows here and make a statement by making donations to groups working to change the law. That's been a boon to groups like Time Out Youth, Equality North Carolina, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Human Rights Campaign. A donation from the Dave Matthews Band, for example, will fund the hiring of a new part-time therapist at Time Out Youth, a Charlotte nonprofit based in NoDa that provides services for young LGBT individuals.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Tropical storm watch posted for lower South Carolina coast

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=INIn5P2t

SC State Wire

The National Hurricane Center has posted a tropical storm watch for the lower South Carolina coast as Tropical Storm Colin spins in the Gulf of Mexico. The watch is in effect from near McClellanville southwest along the coast to near Brunswick, Georgia. A watch means that tropical storm conditions with winds of more than 39 mph are possible in the watch area in the next 36 to 48 hours. The latest forecast for Colin calls for the storm to make landfall near the Big Bend area of Florida, move across the Florida peninsula into Georgia and then move along or just off the South Carolina coast before heading out to sea.

Associated Press: The Latest: Colin's rains could lead to more Zika problems

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AUBSDL5P

SC State Wire

Besides preparing for Tropical Storm Colin and hurricane season, Florida Gov. Rick Scott is also trying to combat a further outbreak of the Zika virus. Scott said during his Monday briefing at the Emergency Management Center that Monday's storm is moving quickly, which shouldn't leave a lot of standing water. But it could lead to more mosquitoes. Scott says he is frustrated because Congress went into recess without approving more money to combat the virus. He says "Congress should not have gone on vacation without funding Zika since Zika is not taking a vacation."

Post and Courier: Gas prices rise slightly, but S.C. offers lowest prices in nation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC05/160609594>

Warren L. Wise

Gasoline prices edged up 1 cents per gallon across South Carolina last week, but the Palmetto State now offers the lowest prices in the nation. The average price per gallon now stands at \$2.09 in S.C., according to gas price services GasBuddy and motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. That's still about 36 cents less than this time one year ago. Nationally, the average price rose 3.9 cents during the past week to \$2.36 per gallon, according to both gas prices services. That's almost 40 cents lower than one year ago for the same week.

Island Packet: Three SC airports make list of most frequently delayed

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article82022677.html>

Wade Bruffey

Business and leisure fliers alike agree that getting stuck at the airport is seldom a pleasant experience — it can be boring, stressful and highly inconvenient. Many factors can impact the timeliness of a flight, like the season, airport location and holiday travel volume. An average of 15 percent of flights from U.S. airports are delayed 15 minutes or more, but some airports fall even further behind.

Post and Courier: South Carolina represented on latest Fortune 500 list — but only just

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC05/160609565>

Thad Moore

South Carolina notched a spot in this year's Fortune 500 rankings, but only just. The sole Palmetto

State corporation to crack the list of the nation's biggest companies ranked by revenue was Domtar Corp. It weighed in at No. 489. The paper manufacturer, which splits its corporate offices between Fort Mill and Montreal, slipped 19 spots in the newly released list after its sales dropped in 2015 to \$5.3 billion. South Carolina had a few near-misses, too: The Hartsville-based packaging company Sonoco Products came in at No. 514 on an extended version of the rankings, and SCANA Corp., the Cayce-based parent of South Carolina Electric & Gas, placed No. 556.

Associated Press: Reputed gangster: Gang knowledge lacking at kidnapping trial

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

Emery P. Dalesio

A violent criminal described as a high-ranking member of the Bloods street gang said Monday that his lawyers lack knowledge about gang operations needed to defend him on charges he orchestrated the kidnapping of a prosecutor's father from his prison cell. Kelvin Melton, 51, said he wanted to represent himself and be advised by his defense lawyers. He made his request during a 10-minute exchange with the judge prior to the start of a trial that could put him in federal prison for life.

Note: Charges remain pending in the Janssen kidnapping for eight of Melton's co-defendants.

Chason Renee Chase, a South Carolina woman who authorities said is a gang member, pleaded guilty last year to lying to FBI agents and hindering their hunt for the missing Janssen. She was sentenced to three months in federal prison.

Local News:

Associated Press: Bible study, unity walks to honor church victims in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=A28r9H0m

Bruce Smith

A memorial service at the arena where President Barack Obama last year led the congregation in "Amazing Grace" is among more than two dozen events scheduled during 12 days to mark the first anniversary of a mass slaying at a historically black church in Charleston. The Emanuel AME Church announced on Monday that the memorial service will be held on Friday, June 17, which will mark a year since nine black parishioners were gunned down during Bible study. About 6,000 mourners turned out a year ago as the president delivered the eulogy for the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, the church's pastor and a South Carolina state senator who was one of the victims, at The College of Charleston's TD Arena. He then led the congregation in singing the hymn.

Post and Courier: City, church announce 12 days of events to mark anniversary of mass shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC16/160609561>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The city of Charleston and Emanuel AME Church have announced 12 days of events dubbed "Victory in the Valley" to commemorate the June 17 anniversary of a horrific shooting that left nine worshippers dead and a community in mourning. Church and city officials, victims' family members and survivors of the shooting, among others, met for months to discuss the events and create a schedule. The events will run from June 15 to June 26 to honor the families of those killed, the shooting survivors and the church congregation. Various houses of worship, the Charleston County Public Library and others are joining in to honor those impacted by the racially motivated killings and to promote unity among races.

Associated Press: Justice Dept holding listening session in North Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nkOCLMj0

SC State Wire

U.S. Department of Justice officials are in North Charleston, South Carolina, this week in efforts to reform the city's police department, a year after a white officer shot unarmed black motorist. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is holding a listening session at 6 p.m. Monday at the Alfred Williams Community Center. Officials hope this will elicit feedback on how the department can

improve trust and build relationships.

The State: Kids, cops, and racial tensions bring community leaders to Richland

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82099767.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The summit came about in response to an October altercation between a student at Spring Valley High School and a school resource officer, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said. The sheriff's department and Richland County sponsored the two-day event and brought in speakers from across the state – as well as speakers from Florida and Alabama. Lott emphasized the importance of community leaders accepting input from young people. “We’re talking about what our kids should be doing – we need to listen to our kids,” Lott said. Speakers dealt with topics such as how law enforcement should communicate in schools, the role of faith communities in impacting race relations, and how to successfully work with at-risk elementary students.

Post and Courier: Boycott in the works after school cafeteria workers' complaints

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC16/160609586>

Paul Bowers

Local civil rights activists and school cafeteria workers say they will organize a boycott of car dealerships in Charleston County if the school district does not meet its demands regarding education for minority students and treatment of minority employees. “This school district has seemed to ignore everything the black community has asked them for,” said Elder James Johnson, state coordinator for the National Action Network. Asked why the group was boycotting car dealerships, Johnson said it was “easy to do” since people buy cars so infrequently. He said that if the car boycott did not work, he would consider encouraging community members to buy groceries and gasoline in neighboring counties. The activists and workers made three demands, warning that they would initiate the boycott with the help of local churches if the district did not take action on them within 30 days.

The State: USC trustee fined \$75,000 for killing hawks

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article82047072.html>

John Monk

A University of South Carolina board of trustee member will have to pay a \$75,000 federal fine for baiting and trapping red-tailed hawks, then shooting them while they were trapped in a cage. Federal Magistrate Judge Shiva Hodges on Monday fined Charles Williams \$75,000 for trapping and shooting a federally protected birds. Williams and three associates agreed to plead guilty to the killings. Hedges also ordered Williams to serve 50 hours of community service at a birds of prey wildlife center. She also gave Williams a one-year ban on all hunting.

Post and Courier: USC trustee fined \$75,000 for killing hawks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC16/160609584>

Bo Petersen

Charles Williams, a prominent Orangeburg attorney, was sentenced to a fine, probation and banned from hunting for a year after he pleaded guilty to killing Cooper's hawks at a plantation where he is the registered agent. He was sentenced to \$75,000 fine, a one-year probation with an accompanying one-year ban from hunting, and 50 hours of community service at the Avian Conservation Center in Awendaw. Williams and three other men are charged with violating the federal Migratory Bird Act after U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents searched the 1,790-acre Willcreek Plantation in Orangeburg County, acting on a tip. They found 30 raptor carcasses that had been trapped and killed.

Greenville News: Greenville resident specializes in recruiting jobs from China

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2016/06/06/greenville-resident-specializes-recruiting-jobs-china/85321968/>

Rudolph Bell

Jobs are coming to South Carolina from China, and Greenville resident John Ling is a big reason why. Ling worked for the state Commerce Department for 14 years and ran its recruiting office in Shanghai for a decade before moving back to Greenville in 2014. Over the years, he helped persuade nine Chinese companies to locate new factories in South Carolina. Together, the manufacturers announced plans to spend nearly \$800 million and create more than 2,200 jobs in the counties of Greenville, Spartanburg, Laurens, Kershaw, Chester, Lancaster, Clarendon and Richland.

Post and Courier: Santee Cooper's coal ash removal reducing arsenic levels

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC05/160609591>

David Wren

Arsenic levels at a closed Santee Cooper power plant in Conway have plummeted as the Moncks Corner-based electric utility removes coal ash from unlined pits at the former coal-fired Grainger facility. Santee Cooper has removed more than 500,000 tons of coal ash from the site — nearly half of the ash that once existed in the pits along the Waccamaw River. Arsenic levels in groundwater at the site have dropped by between 60 percent and 90 percent, according to the Southern Environmental Law Center, which is monitoring the cleanup. "These results show that removing coal ash from unlined riverfront pits dramatically reduces pollution, as well as the risk of catastrophic failure," Frank Holleman, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center, said in a statement. "Santee Cooper is moving ahead in restoring the Grainger site in the center of Conway and, at the same time, is cleaning up the region's water resources."

Associated Press: Electric co-ops planning solar options for South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=g5qammUo

SC State Wire

Solar energy may soon become easier to use in South Carolina. On Monday, the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina announced the creation of the largest network of community solar installations in the state. Community, or shared, solar means multiple people get electricity from a midsize solar array. The co-op says this makes it easier for cooperative consumers to get access to solar energy. The initiative will add solar installations in sizes up to 250,000 watts each. That totals as much as 5 million watts statewide.

Post and Courier: Mt. Pleasant considers asking voters again to support tax for open space, recreation.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC16/160609562>

David Slade

Voters narrowly rejected a hike in the town's property tax to pay for recreation, green space, and other initiatives in November, and now some Town Council members would like to ask them to reconsider. Councilman Paul Gawrych said the referendum last year "got polluted and diluted" when a senior center and a community arts center were added to the potential uses of money. Voters were left confused about how the potential tax revenue would be spent, he said. "I want to focus on green space and recreational needs," Gawrych said at a Recreation Committee meeting Monday.

The State: New budget for Columbia faces first vote, public hearing Tuesday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82076272.html>

Clif Leblanc

Columbia City Hall would spend almost \$23 million more for most municipal expenses while water and sewer rates would rise 4.2 percent starting July 1 if City Council votes Tuesday to adopt a tentative budget. Council's meeting is the first opportunity for residents as well as suburban water and sewer customers to speak up about the 2016-2017 budget that takes effect next month. The budget does not include a property tax increase. For the typical residential customer, the rate increase amounts to \$2.26 monthly for in-city customers and \$3.80 for those outside of city limits, according to city figures. Columbia has 142,000 customers in the metropolitan area. All but about 42,000 live outside the city. A typical residential customer uses 800 cubic feet of water per month.

Post and Courier: Public bathrooms to open at Hazel Parker Playground for a 30-day trial run

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC16/160609560>

Diane Knich

The city of Charleston is plunging ahead with a plan to open public restrooms south of Broad Street, at least for a trial run. The bathrooms at the Hazel Parker Playground on East Bay Street will open June 15 for a 30-day pilot test, said city spokesman Jack O'Toole. Signs at White Point Garden will let tourists know how to get to the bathrooms, which are a few blocks away. There currently are no public restrooms south of Broad, something visitors have groused about for years. But many residents of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association have said they don't want the health and safety problems that public bathrooms will bring to their neighborhood.

Post and Courier: Charleston airport spending plan for next year jumps nearly 20% to \$46.8M

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC05/160609583>

Warren L. Wise

Driven by terminal expansion and more passengers, next year's spending plan for Charleston County Aviation Authority climbs nearly 20 percent. The agency that oversees Charleston International Airport and two smaller airports in Mount Pleasant and on Johns Island projects revenues of about \$46.8 million for its 2016-2017 budget year that begins July 1. The plan includes six new employees and a 3 percent merit-based raise for the agency's 182 employees. "It's a very realistic budget," Authority CEO Paul Campbell said. "It shows the growth of the airport and planning for the future as the airport expands to handle more people moving to the Lowcountry to do business and visit Charleston. It makes sure we keep the passengers, tenants and people who work here safe and secure."

Greenville News: Free summer lunch program begins

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2016/06/06/free-summer-lunch-program-begins/85492192/>

Nathaniel Cary

Greenville County Schools Food and Nutrition Services began its summer feeding program for children 18-years-old and younger on June 6 at some sites and will roll out the program at other locations in the coming days. In all, 25 locations will serve free lunches and breakfast to any children in need through a partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture's Seamless Summer Program. The locations will provide an average of 2,000 meals per day during the summer.

Greenville News: Greenville deputies to carry heroin antidote

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/06/06/greenville-deputies-carry-heroin-antidote/85241984/>

Anna Lee

Greenville County deputies will soon be carrying naloxone, a life-saving drug that reverses the effects of heroin overdose. The medication — more commonly known as Narcan — is an opiate blocker that works like an EpiPen, said Sgt. Jeff Ward, who's spearheading the effort at the Sheriff's Office. "Briefly put, Narcan pushes the opiates off the cells in the brain that allows a person to regain their breathing," Ward said. A longtime deputy who also is a paramedic, Ward said law enforcement agencies nationwide are rolling out naloxone programs in response to the skyrocketing number of opioid overdoses.

National News:

Associated Press: Vets, families remember Normandy D-Day landings, 72 years on

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b2c9dc74ab1a4a73a1b4a84db02168ff>

Francois Mori

Proud veterans in their 90s and families of fallen soldiers are commemorating the epochal D-Day

invasion of Normandy 72 years ago that helped the Allies vanquish Hitler. They held small ceremonies and moments of remembrance Monday along the wide beaches and cliffs where thousands of U.S., British, Canadian and French troops landed as dawn was breaking June 6, 1944. It was a pivotal moment in World War II, weakening the Nazis' hold on Western Europe after they suffered a punishing defeat in Stalingrad in the east. Henry Breton of Augusta, Maine, was among the shrinking number of D-Day survivors to make it to Normandy for Monday's anniversary.

Associated Press: Tropical Storm Colin nears Florida; gov declares emergency

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d314d7bca9324bc0a547545ed8621bd4>

Tamara Lush and Jason Dearen

Residents on Florida's Gulf coast filled sandbags, schools closed early and graduation ceremonies were postponed as Gov. Rick Scott declared a state of emergency with Tropical Storm Colin churning toward the state Monday, threatening serious flooding. A large portion of Florida's western and Panhandle coast was already under a tropical storm warning when the National Hurricane Center announced that a swift-moving depression had become a named storm. The center said it is the earliest that a third named storm has ever formed in the Atlantic basin. Colin's maximum sustained winds Monday were near 50 mph (85 kph) with some slow strengthening possible during the next two days. The storm was centered about 245 miles (455 kilometers) west of Tampa and moving north-northeast near 17 mph (28 kph).

Associated Press: Prosecutor: No charges against boy's mother in gorilla case

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2059236514164bfd9268b3c072629ae0>

Dan Sewell

A prosecutor Monday announced no charges will be brought against the mother of the little boy who got into the gorilla exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo, saying the 3-year-old "just scampered off" as children sometimes do. The shooting of a 400-pound gorilla that was dragging the child through a moat May 28 set off a torrent of criticism online, with some attacking the zoo for the animal's death and others blaming the mother for not watching her child more closely. Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters said the case didn't come close to warranting a charge of child endangerment, and he defended the mother as an attentive parent undeserving of the sharp criticism and threats. He said the mother had three other children with her at the zoo and had turned away "for a few seconds" to attend to one when the boy took off.

Associated Press: On cusp, Clinton keeps focused: 'Not over until it's over'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4c9c850385c84b12ad5b85fda49743f9>

Catherine Lucey and Ken Thomas

Hillary Clinton stood on the cusp Monday of having enough delegates to claim the Democratic presidential nomination, having overwhelmed Bernie Sanders in a pair of weekend elections in the Caribbean. Yet the former secretary of state barely noted her commanding wins Saturday in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Sunday in Puerto Rico, instead remaining focused on Tuesday's contests in California and five other states — and a general election matchup to come against presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump. "I am so focused on all the states that are voting tomorrow," Clinton said. "That is my singular focus. I know there is a lot of work still going on." "It's not over until it's over, and tomorrow is a really important day, particularly here in California," she added.

Associated Press: Trump calls scolding by Newt Gingrich 'inappropriate'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4013c72dc31547e2aabfc25993602bbe>

Laurie Kellman

Donald Trump said Monday it was "inappropriate" for Newt Gingrich to demand he drop the subject of an American judge's ethnicity and start acting like "a potential leader of the United States." But Trump let stand widespread scolding from other Republican leaders who want him to lay off the jurist — a sign that the GOP presidential candidate doesn't want to blow up the fragile truce he has struck with the party establishment. Trump insisted that his comments about the judge came in defense against

relentless questions from reporters and others about lawsuits against Trump University. Trump said U.S. District Court Judge Gonzalo Curiel can't be impartial in the suits because his parents were born in Mexico and Trump wants to build a wall along the border.

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