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Gov. Nikki Haley Speaks at Federalist Society Event:

Post and Courier: Haley talks Trump but stays silent on political future during DC speech Friday
http://www.postandcourier.com/news/haley-talks-trump-but-stays-silent-on-political-future-during/article_ea9f4be4-ad91-11e6-ab6f-2f5500c751f7.html

Emma Dumain

Gov. Nikki Haley may have met with President-elect Donald Trump the day before to discuss possible appointments to his administration, but in a speech Friday she made it clear she still considered his victory an anomaly in Republican politics. "If we as Republicans are going to lead effectively and have staying power as the governing party, we must accept that Donald Trump's election was not an affirmation of the way Republicans have conducted themselves," Haley told the conservative Federalist Society's National Lawyers Convention. "He ran against both parties, against a political system he argued was fundamentally broken, an argument the voters subscribed to in massive numbers," she continued. "They rejected the political class of all stripes, Republicans included," she said. "And we have no one to blame but ourselves." Haley, who endorsed U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., during the 2016 presidential primary, took Trump to task during the primary season. She called him out for his inflammatory rhetoric on social media and in her statements to the press. Trump never shied away in striking back.

Associated Press: Gov. Haley: Voters Rejected the Political Class

http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/89ae8247abe8493fae24405546e9a1aa/Article_2016-11-18-US--Trump-The%20Latest/id-78897f8d6780403794b5dd725226ce8d

SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says Donald Trump won election as president by running against both political parties. Haley is telling conservative lawyers who are meeting in Washington Friday that Trump's victory offers Republicans a chance to regain the public's trust, but only if the party restrains spending and returns power to the states. Haley says voters rejected "the political class of all stripes, Republicans included." She says now Republican control of the White House and Congress offers the party a rare opportunity, and that it's important that Trump and Republican leaders in Congress take action quickly and "we don't stop." Haley acknowledges that she was not Trump's "biggest cheerleader." But she said she voted for him and was thrilled that he won.

Washington Post: Nikki Haley: GOP can't forget immigrants, people of color

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2016/11/18/nikki-haley-gop-cant-forget-immigrants-people-of-color/>

Katie Zezima

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley upbraided the Republican establishment on Friday, arguing the party lost its way by ignoring anger and frustration, and that it must return to its core values of limited government and being a party for all people — including immigrants and people of color. Haley, speaking at the Federalist Society's National Lawyers Convention in Washington, offered some praise for President-elect Donald Trump, telling the crowd of conservative lawyers that while she was never Trump's "biggest cheerleader," the Republican Party has an unprecedented opportunity to enact conservative policies and must take advantage of Trump's election. But she called for Republicans to conduct a detailed autopsy of the party's win — as it would in defeat — and said it

must remind people that it is the party who will offer opportunities "to all citizens, regardless of their race, gender or where they are born and raised."

The Hill: Haley: Trump's election not 'affirmation' of GOP conduct

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/306750-haley-trumps-election-not-affirmation-of-gop-conduct>

Ben Kamisar

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) warned Friday that Donald Trump's election can't be seen as an "affirmation" of the Republican Party because his presidential campaign didn't celebrate GOP values. "If we as Republicans are going to lead effectively and have staying power as a governing party, we must accept that Donald Trump's election was not an affirmation of the way Republicans have conducted themselves," she said during a Federalist Society event in Washington, D.C. "The president-elect deserves tremendous credit for the way he was able to connect with the electorate, but he did not do it by celebrating the Republican Party. And the American people did not vote for him because he had an R next to his name," she said. Haley's name has been floated during the Trump transition process as a potential Cabinet appointee and she met with the president-elect at Trump Tower on Thursday. But there's no indication she's made it onto any short lists and transition officials have said that meetings aren't solely based on vetting appointees.

Newsmax: SC Gov. Nikki Haley: Trump Won With Voters, Not Extolling Values of GOP

<http://www.newsmax.com/Politics/nikki-haley-trump-won-voters/2016/11/18/id/759673/>

Mark Swanson

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley on Friday said she was "thrilled" that Donald Trump won the election, but added it's important that the GOP make the distinction of how the president-elect won the election and how he did not. "The president-elect deserves tremendous credit for the way he was able to connect with the electorate, but he did not do it by celebrating the Republican Party," Haley said. "And the American people did not vote for him because he had an 'R' next to his name." Haley made the comments during a speech at the Federalist Society's National Lawyers Convention in Washington, D.C. "If we as Republicans are going to lead effectively and have staying power as a governing party, we must accept that Donald Trump's election was not an affirmation of the way Republicans have conducted themselves," Haley said.

TPM: Nikki Haley: Trump's GOP Must Be Party For People Of Color And Immigrants, Too

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/nikki-haley-rebukes-republicans-trump>

Esme Cribb

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) argued on Friday in an implicit rebuke of Donald Trump that the Republican Party must be a party for "all citizens, regardless of their race, gender or where they are born and raised." Speaking at the Federalist Society's National Lawyers Convention in Washington, Haley said that the President-elect's unexpected election victory "was not an affirmation of the way Republicans have conducted themselves," as quoted by the Washington Post. The report quoted Haley as saying that while she was never Trump's "biggest cheerleader," she saw his election as an opportunity for the GOP to remind voters that it will offer opportunities "to all citizens, regardless of their race, gender or where they are born and raised." "Republicans lost their way," the report quoted Haley as saying, citing the party's movement toward big government. "We have no one to blame but ourselves." On Thursday, the Post and Courier newspaper reported that Haley was scheduled to meet with Trump and that she was being considered for several posts in his incoming administration, including secretary of state.

WIS: Haley praises Trump's campaign as speculation continues about her future

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33747527/haley-praises-trumps-campaign-as-speculation-continues-about-her-future>

Jeremy Turnage

Gov. Nikki Haley is still under consideration to be a member of President-elect Donald Trump's

administration, but mum remains the word on what they discussed during their meeting on Thursday. On Friday, Haley spoke in Washington DC at the Federalist Society, a conservative law and public policy studies group. While she made no mention of her visit to the Trump Tower in New York yesterday, Haley did say she was excited about the election results and gave Donald Trump credit for the unique way he ran his campaign. "The president-elect deserves tremendous credit for the way he was able to connect with the electorate but he did not do it by celebrating the Republican Party," Haley said. "And the American people did not vote for him because he had an R next to his name. He ran against both parties, against the political system at large, a system he argued was fundamentally broken, an argument that the voters subscribed to in massive numbers."

WYFF4: After Thursday meeting with Trump, Gov. Haley speaks in Washington DC

<http://www.wyff4.com/article/after-thursday-meeting-with-trump-gov-haley-speaks-in-washington-dc/8306036>

Patrick Hussion

Gov. Nikki Haley called the current U.S. political climate "interesting" during a speech Friday in Washington, D.C. "We are currently living through what may be the most interesting time in American political history," Haley said at the Federalist Society prompting chuckles from those at the event. Haley, an accountant by trade, spoke to the group of conservative and libertarian attorneys about the state of politics in America and about the ramifications of filling a vacant seat on the Supreme Court that was held by the late Justice Antonin Scalia. "America, not just the Supreme Court and not just the legal community, but the nation as a whole, lost an icon this year with the passing of Justice Scalia," Haley said. The South Carolina governor met Thursday with President-elect Donald Trump at Trump Tower in New York. Trump's transition team is considering Haley as a candidate for Secretary of State, a source said earlier this week.

Gov. Nikki Haley Touted As Possible Sec. of State:

The State: SC's Nikki Haley could be DC-bound regardless of foreign policy inexperience

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/election/article115758533.html>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who is being considered for secretary of state in a Trump administration, has an unusual background for the job: No foreign policy experience. But Capitol Hill lawmakers and South Carolinians said she'd be a strong addition to the team because of her stature in the Republican party and her background as one of the few minorities and women being considered. Haley, who ran as a jobs governor in 2010 and is in her second and final term, could be considered for other administration jobs, including secretary of commerce or an ambassadorship. "She's done a good job as governor of South Carolina," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. "She's talented, capable and would do a good job in any assignment given to her." "I think she's a competent person. She is competent and worthy of being considered," said Richard Riley, former South Carolina governor who worked in President Bill Clinton's administration. "It's a big job, not only putting together a Cabinet but then you have 4,000 sub-cabinets that make the government run. I hope he'll pick good people." Even some seasoned foreign policy experts say they don't think Haley's lack of foreign policy experience should stop her from serving as the nation's top diplomat.

CNN: Madam Secretary or not, Nikki Haley still a star

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/17/opinions/haley-secretary-of-state-bailey-opinion/>

Isaac Bailey

The oddest thing has happened. In the wake of the 2016 election and Hillary Clinton's loss, South Carolina has inadvertently positioned itself to become the state that could produce the nation's first woman president: Nikki Haley. Back in January, I wondered if Gov. Haley had missed her window to take advantage of her enormous political potential on a national stage. She's smart, a quick-learner and one of the craftiest politicians in the nation. Yet instead of running for the top job, she was then giving the GOP response to President Obama's final State of the Union address and being talked up as a vice presidential prospect for candidates who soon washed out of the race. Now, it looks as

though that window may not be closed after all, as Haley is reportedly in the running to be secretary of state in the Donald Trump administration. If, as the daughter of Indian immigrants, she becomes America's top diplomat (or even if she manages her consideration wisely), she will be back in line to do in her party what Obama did in his: break barriers while backed by a diverse coalition of Americans.

NOTE: But regardless of whether she actually gets this job, it's clear to me that those who dismiss Haley are making a serious mistake. I was there when Haley came through Myrtle Beach during her first run for governor and was being mocked then, too, by experts who said she had no shot in a state who had only elected white men for its highest office. Anyone paying attention to how she handled questions during press conferences way back then could see how clear it was that she was a force to be reckoned with. She was then dismissed again during her first term as she traded elbows with a Republican-controlled General Assembly not always allied with her -- until she got the job done, again and again.

Washington Post: Trump mulls a secretary of state: Clone, crusader, statesman or clean slate?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-mulls-a-secretary-of-state-clone-crusader-statesman-or-clean-slate/2016/11/18/59669270-acee-11e6-977a-1030f822fc35_story.html

Philip Rucker

The secretary of state is the star of most every Cabinet, and when President-elect Donald Trump makes his selection he will signal the kind of posture he intends to present to the world. Does he want the nation's top diplomat to be a Trumpian clone? That would be Rudolph W. Giuliani, the garrulous former New York mayor who sprays rhetorical fire at Islamic terrorists but whose business background is rife with potential conflicts of interest. Or an ideological crusader? A leading candidate is John Bolton, an architect and enabler of the Iraq War that Trump has so often condemned, whose hawkishness and combative nature made him a controversial U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. What about a clean slate, someone who would see the world with fresh eyes and promote Trump's vision? That's where Nikki Haley figures in, the governor of South Carolina who lacks traditional foreign policy chops but is regarded as a quick study.

NOTE: One of the more intriguing prospects is Haley, 44, a Republican star who has left little mark in the foreign-affairs community. Asked to describe her qualifications and worldview, some experts were at a loss for words. Robert Zoellick, a former World Bank president who had been in line to serve as Romney's secretary of state, joked in an email: "Am in the Canadian arctic viewing polar bears with my wife! Connectivity weak."

NOTE: Trump allies argued that what Haley lacks in traditional experience she makes up for in other attributes. For one, Trump considers the well-prepared elites who have run the nation's foreign affairs responsible for what he sees as decades of failure.

NOTE: "There is a great value in fresh eyes," said South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, who chaired Trump's primary campaign in the state and would ascend to the governorship should Haley join the Cabinet. "She's a very quick study, and I think she has a good grip on the points and understands well Mr. Trump's vision and his goals."

NOTE: Haley would bring diversity to Trump's Cabinet. She would make history as the first Indian American secretary of state — and it is not lost on Trump that his candidacy garnered a passionate following among some Indian Americans as well as in India.

NOTE: Haley led a 10-day state economic development trip to India in 2014, and the governor has taken similar trips to England, France, Germany and Japan.

Newsweek: Elizabeth Warren To Mitt Romney: Bring 'Your Binders Full Of Women' To Trump Meeting

<http://www.newsweek.com/warren-romney-bring-binders-full-women-trump-522713>

Michele Gorman

Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts continued with her attacks against the transition to the Donald Trump White House on Friday by advising Mitt Romney to bring his "binders full of women" to his weekend meeting with the president-elect. Her tweet refers to a comment

Romney made during the 2012 election season, when he was the GOP presidential nominee. During a debate, Romney described how he had requested “binders full of women” as governor of Massachusetts because he wanted to avoid having his Cabinet composed entirely of men. The phrase went viral, and critics said it showed how out-of-touch the candidate seemed about women and their rights. Now, as Trump works to fill his administration in the days following his stunning election victory last week, some are criticizing him for a lack of diversity—both gender and racial—in his choices. His handful of picks so far have all been men. Warren’s tweet shows a composite image of the current Cabinet shortlist, and it includes only five women—South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, former Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, former GOP vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner Victoria Lipnic and departing New Hampshire Senator Kelly Ayotte.

Politico: White men dominate Trump’s early staff selections

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/11/donald-trump-appointments-white-men-231629>

Andrew Restuccia

Of President-elect Donald Trump's first appointments — his chief of staff, chief strategist, attorney general, CIA director and White House national security adviser — all five are white men. So is Vice President-elect Mike Pence, and so are many of Trump's key advisers, including son-in-law Jared Kushner, who is eyeing a job in the White House. The all-white, all-male lineup comes amid a major initial test of Trump’s pledge to be a president for “all Americans”: winning over the majority of women — and even larger majority of minorities — whom he failed to convince during a divisive campaign in which he faced accusations of racism and misogyny. Trump aides insist that they are casting a wide net as they vet potential Cabinet nominees.

NOTE: While aides privately worried the comments could drive away experienced female potential appointees, high-profile public figures like South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a one-time Trump critic, have begun to come around.

NOTE: A handful of women have met with the president-elect at Trump Tower in recent days, including Haley, a potential secretary of state nominee, Oracle Corp. co-CEO Safra Catz and Success Academy charter school CEO Eva Moskowitz, who has since said she's not interested in joining the administration. And Trump is slated to meet on Saturday with two women seen as possible contenders for Education secretary: education activist Betsy DeVos and Michelle Rhee, the former chancellor of Washington, D.C.’s public schools.

Washington Post: Trump chooses Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general, Rep. Mike Pompeo for CIA director

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-chooses-sen-jeff-sessions-for-attorney-general-rep-mike-pompeo-for-cia-director-transition-sources-say/2016/11/18/a0c170ae-ad8e-11e6-a31b-4b6397e625d0_story.html

David Nakamura and Elise Viebeck

President-elect Donald Trump announced Friday that he plans to nominate Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) as attorney general and Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.) as CIA director, a pair of hard-line conservatives who offer early signs of the shape of Trump’s Cabinet. Trump also confirmed the news reported a day earlier that he has selected retired Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn as his national security adviser, a position that, unlike the other two, does not need to be confirmed by the Senate. “The president-elect is a man of action, and we’ve got a great number of men and women with great qualifications who look forward to serving in this administration,” Vice President-elect Mike Pence told reporters in New York. “Our agency teams arrived in Washington D.C. this morning, and I am very confident it will be a smooth transition that will serve to lead this country forward.”

NOTE: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R), appearing at a Federalist Society convention in Washington, did not mention Trump’s nominees in her remarks. But Haley, whose parents immigrated from India, urged the Republican Party to remind the public that it is the party who will offer opportunities “to all citizens, regardless of their race, gender or where they are born and raised.”

Politico: What Trump's early picks say about his administration

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/11/trump-cabinet-selections-231617>

Eli Stokols

The Donald J. Trump administration is looking a whole lot like the coalition who brought him the White House win. On Friday, Trump rolled out three more picks for the most powerful jobs in Washington, and they offered up a little something for everyone. Establishment Republicans, many of whom are ambivalent about joining the Trump administration, were pleasantly surprised by the selection of Mike Pompeo, a Kansas congressman and West Point graduate, to lead the CIA. Trump's fervent supporters got two high-profile selections who helped guide the tone and direction of Trump's scorched-earth campaign: former Gen. Mike Flynn, named as Trump's national security adviser, and Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, appointed to serve as attorney general.

NOTE: The selection of Romney or even South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who met with Trump earlier this week, "would go a long way as a green light for a lot of the party's best and brightest who are still sitting on the sidelines," according to a prominent GOP source on Capitol Hill. But with Trump, the improbable is always possible — and so are head fakes.

Time Magazine: What Donald Trump's Picks Mean So Far

<http://time.com/4576373/what-donald-trumps-picks-mean-so-far/>

Zeke J. Miller

The announcements by Trump are hardly surprising—all three had been rumored to be high on short-lists in recent days. But they offer a glimpse into Trump's thinking as he rewards key loyalists with influential positions. But what may be more revealing are Trump's planned meetings with critics. Yesterday, he sat down with South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, and tomorrow he is set to meet with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. The rumor-mill is churning about jobs for both of them, but the meetings are likely more symbolic in nature. Romney, who never endorsed Trump and hinted he wouldn't be voting for him, is set to "share his ideas, his thoughts," on a Trump Administration per a Trump aide. Trump will be taking meetings all weekend at his golf course in New Jersey as he prepares to roll out more appointments. Meanwhile, the first boots from the Trump Transition's landing teams are hitting the ground in national security agencies to meet with their Obama Administration counterparts.

Fox News: Where does Trump want to spend his political capital?

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/11/18/where-does-trump-want-to-spend-his-political-capital.html>

Chris Stirewalt

Donald Trump's transition team checked off a few major boxes on their to-do list today. Retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn has accepted the post of White House national security adviser while Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo is set to serve as CIA director. But perhaps the most eye-catching post is that of loyal Trump supporter, Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions to attorney general, a position once thought to be a shoo-in for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Amid scandal and possible legal issues, Christie was swapped out as head of the transition team last week for vice president-elect Mike Pence. Christie said Thursday that he doesn't believe he'll have a post in the Trump cabinet. And with the news that 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney has plans to meet with Trump this weekend over a possible secretary of state spot, it begs the question, what about Rudy Giuliani?

NOTE: Now, with Romney sitting down with the president-elect, and names like South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley being floated and former UN Ambassador John Bolton already in the mix, it could well mean that Giuliani might be passed over for a top spot. This comes as reports began surfacing about ties between Giuliani's consulting firm and foreign interests, putting Trump's "drain the swamp" mantra in possible jeopardy.

New York Times: Will Women Still Want to Run?

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/18/opinion/will-women-still-want-to-run.html?_r=0

Susan Chira

After the ugliest campaign in recent memory, would any woman in her right mind want to run for president again? Short answer: Yes. Long answer: Some will be discouraged. Those who run will do so with the full knowledge that we do not live in a post-gender world, any more than we do in a post-racial one. People will long debate how much being a woman factored into Hillary Clinton's narrow loss. But to those who study gender and politics, certain issues were clear, and they will frame the campaigns of women who may run in the future. It has been a political science truism that female candidates cannot win unless voters see them as qualified for office; men have more leeway. "Donald Trump never held elective office," said Debbie Walsh, the director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. "I don't think there's a woman who could get away with that."

NOTE: On the Republican side, potential candidates include Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina; Gov. Susana Martinez of New Mexico; Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington and Senator Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire.

ABC News: Trump 'Absolutely' Open to Naming Former Rivals, Opponents to Cabinet, Adviser Says
<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-absolutely-open-naming-rivals-opponents-cabinet-adviser/story?id=43619753>

Alana Abramson

President-elect Donald Trump is "absolutely" open to selecting former rivals -- some of whom he branded as liars and not smart -- to serve in top posts in his cabinet, his transition team Communications Director Jason Miller said. Trump, who is known for prizing loyalty, surrounds himself with a small, tight-knit group of advisers. However, people who opposed him during the campaign season, including South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, are now reportedly contenders for secretary of state. "I think the president-elect is going to select the people that he thinks will do the best job. That's what I've been most impressed about following the election, acknowledging the gravity of the job in front of him and the challenges our country faces and he wants to get the best people in there," Miller said on the ABC News' "Powerhouse Politics" podcast.

NOTE: Trump has been holding meetings with various figures since he became president-elect, including Haley, Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, and former Texas Sen. (and former rival) Ted Cruz. He is expected to meet with Romney this weekend. Haley drew Trump's ire during the campaign when she blasted him in February for not immediately disavowing the support of KKK former grand wizard David Duke. Trump, who later disavowed, tweeted...

CBS: Kellyanne Conway talks possible Trump Cabinet, meeting with Japanese PM
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/kellyanne-conway-talks-possible-trump-cabinet-meeting-with-japanese-pm/>

Reina Flores

On the day President-elect Donald Trump will gather with the first foreign head of state since his election victory, top senior adviser Kellyanne Conway joined "CBS This Morning" and gave a preview of the meeting, to be held with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. "I think any deeper conversations about policy and the relationship between Japan and the United States will have to wait until after the inauguration," Conway said Thursday when asked whether Mr. Trump and Abe would discuss the businessman's campaign trail promises to make Japan pay for its own defense. "Maybe they'll discuss that today," she added, but went on to say that it would be a "much more informal meeting than all of that since we have a current president and commander-in-chief." Conway weighed in on other news of the Trump transition team, including Mr. Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, who was reportedly seeking national security clearance earlier this week.

NOTE: On other names floated for Cabinet positions, Conway discussed the possibility of the secretary of state post getting filled by South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, once a vocal critic of Mr. Trump's rhetoric on the campaign trail.

NOTE: "It would probably be irresponsible to go ahead and name all the people right at once," Conway said. "But we're very happy that Governor Haley is coming to meet with President-elect Trump. I'm sure they'll have a broad-- a wide ranging conversation."

Today: Is Mitt Romney qualified to be Donald Trump's secretary of state?

<http://www.today.com/video/is-mitt-romney-qualified-to-be-donald-trump-s-secretary-of-state-813077059724>

VIDEO: Washington Post political correspondent Philip Rucker tells TODAY that he believes Gov. Mitt Romney is qualified to be secretary of state if he were to be selected by President-elect Donald Trump. Rucker calls Gov. Nikki Haley, another person said to be on the list, a "blank slate" who could travel the world promoting Trump's vision because "she doesn't have her own hardened world view the way John Bolton does."

McClatchy DC: What will a Trump presidency mean for Florida's environment?

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article115731498.html>

Jenny Staletovich

At a rally in Collier County at the end of October, a day after he unveiled his "contract" with America, then-candidate Donald Trump rallied his supporters with talk of "crooked Hillary," a rigged election system and the "real group of losers" running the country. Then, in the middle of 47-minute speech, he turned to a teleprompter and devoted just over a minute to Florida's longest-running and most frustrating environmental conflict: Everglades restoration. "A Trump administration will also work alongside you to restore and protect the beautiful Everglades, which I just flew over. I just flew over and let me tell you when you fly over the Everglades and you look at those gators and you look at those water moccasins, you say I better have a good helicopter." The soon-to-be 45th president of the United States went on to assure the crowd that dwindling water supplies in Florida, where he owns three golf courses, would be protected.

NOTE: He's not alone in thinking it's a hoax. Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who said last week he talks to Trump often — and could play a role in appointments — has danced around climate change. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, another state with a vulnerable coastline, is looking forward to "regulations we can roll back, whether it's EPA-related, the overtime rules, Obamacare."

WIS: Gov. Haley's hometown reacts to possibility of her becoming Secretary of State

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33749188/gov-haleys-hometown-reacts-to-possibility-of-her-becoming-secretary-of-state>

Ashleigh Holland

A familiar South Carolina name could still be in the running for Secretary of State, as President-elect Donald Trump narrows his list of candidates. Emotions have been running high in South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley's hometown of Bamberg since she was announced to be in the running for Secretary of State and sat down to meet with the president-elect. The governor's face greets all who enter Bamberg town limits. Nikki Haley hails from the town a little more than 60 miles from the Capital. Those who grew up with her, like Bamberg County Councilman Trent Kinard, are proud of that. "I think overall, we've been proud. We, as with anything, we'd wished we could have gotten some more, you know, with her being from Bamberg. Some more industry and things of that nature, but I think overall she's done a good job trying to help us out," Kinard said. There have been some mixed feelings towards the news that she could become Secretary of State under President-elect Donald Trump.

Post and Courier: Go big or go home? Gov. Haley could wind up with new job

http://www.postandcourier.com/columnists/go-big-or-go-home-gov-haley-could-wind-up/article_1b2afad2-acdf-11e6-ba59-d740edd19821.html

Brian Hicks

So are we about to lose our governor to Washington or has she been cast in a twisted new season of "The Apprentice"? Cabinet edition. Late Wednesday, word got out that Gov. Nikki Haley was on President-elect Trump's list of interviews for Secretary of State, or something. She reportedly met with him Thursday. As the incoming prez says, this could be yuge. The question here is whether Trump is really doing conciliatory outreach to political opponents — or just toying with them for the

satisfaction of saying, in front of a national audience, "You're fired. Go back to the suite." Or the Statehouse, as the case may be. That's what Haley must determine as she listens to what is undoubtedly an attractive sales pitch, a ticket to the national (even international) stage. Folks say Trump holds grudges, and the governor was one of the few people who actually stood up to him during the campaign. You may recall back in the spring Trump sent a nasty Tweet about how the people of South Carolina were embarrassed by their governor. Haley responded with the ultra-classy "Bless your heart." Which really means, well, you know.

Post and Courier: Haley now has to wait for a Trump phone call, maybe

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/haley-s-office-confirms-meeting-with-trump-but-little-else/article_2523e17a-acd0-11e6-88f4-afa80a60b1f7.html

Schuyler Kropf and Andy Shain

From the top job in a state with no international borders, to maybe becoming the nation's chief diplomat, everyone is wondering whether President-elect Donald Trump will pop the question. After a whirlwind 24 hours of speculation, Gov. Nikki Haley met face-to-face Thursday with a previous political foe inside downtown Manhattan's Trump Tower. Neither side disclosed details of what was discussed, but Haley's long-shot possibility of becoming the nation's next secretary of state was widely considered the topic. "They had a good discussion, and she is very encouraged about the coming administration and the new direction it will bring to Washington," a Haley spokesman said in a statement after their midday session. While Haley has received high marks for handling domestic matters at home, her resume includes next to no experience in national security or foreign affairs, indicating the job may be a tough sell to the American people.

The State: How Gov. Haley's meeting with President-elect Trump went

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article115392398.html>

Jane Moon Dial

SC Gov. Nikki Haley traveled to New York City to meet with President-Elect Donald Trump Thursday, though there was no news yet of a new position for her in his administration. Haley met with Trump at his office in Trump Tower, and Rob Godfrey, Haley's deputy chief of staff, said the meeting went well. "Governor Haley was pleased to meet with President-elect Trump," Godfrey said in an emailed statement. "They had a good discussion, and she is very encouraged about the coming administration and the new direction it will bring to Washington."

Reports had been circulating that both Haley and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster were being considered for positions in Trump's administration. News outlets reported South Carolina's governor was being considered for the job of secretary of state, while McMaster, an early Trump supporter, could become Trump's attorney general. The meeting comes the day after Haley was named vice chair of the Republican Governors Association, a nationally visible post that puts her in line to become the chair of the association in 2018.

Greenville News: Nikki Haley appointment to Donald Trump cabinet would impact state

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/11/17/nikki-haley-donald-trump-cabinet/94044060/>

Amanda Coyne

The appointment of Gov. Nikki Haley or another South Carolina politician to President-elect Donald Trump's cabinet could have a serious impact on the state. Haley met Thursday with Trump in New York. The governor's office did not say what the pair discussed, but Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster has said Haley is under consideration for multiple cabinet positions, including secretary of state. If Haley were to join the Trump Administration, McMaster would assume the governorship, a position he has publicly considered running for in 2018. That could mean an advantageous position for McMaster, giving him experience with the job before campaigning begins. Two candidates — House Speaker Pro Tempore Tommy Pope and former Lt. Gov. Yancey McGill — have already publicly stated their intention to run for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, and multiple others are openly entertaining the idea.

Aiken Standard: Some 'optimistic' of possible South Carolina representation in Trump administration
http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/some-optimistic-of-possible-south-carolina-representation-in-trump-administration/article_001bc436-acf5-11e6-bf23-9b2a2e464353.html

Maayan Schechter and Christina Cleveland

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley met with President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday in Trump Tower in New York City amid news her name has been floated around for secretary of state. Haley's Deputy Chief of Staff Rob Godfrey said through email Haley was pleased to meet with Trump. "They had a good discussion, and she is very encouraged about the coming administration and the new direction it will bring to Washington," he said. Haley's name first showed up as a possible addition to Trump's cabinet after "Morning Joe" host and former Florida Congressman Joe Scarborough tweeted on Wednesday afternoon, "Sources tell me Donald Trump is now considering Governor Nikki Haley for Secretary of State." Scarborough followed that with, "Trump has spent the past several days reaching out to political figures who opposed him in the Republican primary to fill major positions."

WCIV: Expert: Haley in Trump cabinet could help 'build a bridge'

<http://abcnews4.com/news/lowcountry-and-state-politics/gov-haley-encouraged-by-coming-trump-administration>

Bill Burr

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley backed Florida Senator Marco Rubio during the GOP primaries. She wasn't a fan of Donald Trump, but she voted for him last week. Thursday, she had what was possibly an interview for a major role in his cabinet that would put her on the world stage. Television cameras kept a watchful eye on Gov. Haley's whereabouts at Trump Tower in New York City. Back home in South Carolina, political observers ponder the possibility of Governor Haley leaving her post. "I'm sure she will give it very serious consideration if it were to be offered," said Dr. Scott Buchanan of the political science department at The Citadel. Buchanan said he understands why the nation's next president is interviewing a popular 2-term governor from South Carolina for a cabinet position. "Getting a conservative Republican into the administration helps build a bridge to some in the Republican party who still are not entirely sure about President-elect Trump," he said.

WIS: Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster wants to do what he can to help Trump succeed

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33737804/lt-gov-henry-mcmaster-wants-to-do-what-he-can-to-help-trump-succeed>

Jeremy Turnage

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster says he has spoken to President-elect Donald Trump's transition team and he's open to taking a role in his administration. In brief remarks since Trump's stunning electoral victory last week, McMaster, who was one of the first mainstream Republicans to endorse Trump in the wide-open Republican primary in January 2016, said he wants to help Trump in the next four years. "I want to do whatever I can to help Mr. Trump succeed," McMaster said. "He's the perfect man for right now." McMaster, as well as Gov. Nikki Haley, have been floated as possible candidates for cabinet-level jobs within the Trump administration. A number of other more nationally prominent candidates for attorney general have been floated over the past week, and McMaster has also had his eyes on a run for governor. He says he'd have to seriously weigh both possibilities. "You just have to take those things as they come. The future of our state is wide open. We have enormous opportunities, more than I think any other state in the country. But our country is in trouble. We have great power and great potential but we've been going in the wrong direction. I want to do what I can to see our state goes to the top and also that our country gets stronger and stronger," McMaster said.

WACH: SC politicians high on Haley as Trump's Secretary of State

<http://wach.com/news/local/sc-politicians-high-on-haley-as-trumps-secretary-of-state>

Shelli Adamczyk

Governor Nikki Haley visited with Donald Trump in New York Thursday over the possibility of being the President-elect's Secretary of State. Haley's office said that the governor had a good meeting with Trump and was "very encouraged" about the new administration. Following that meeting, top SC

politicians voiced their support for the governor for the cabinet position. "She has brought new, fresh ideas to government that is the same sort of ability and determination and vision she will take with her wherever she goes. I think Mr. Trump and the Trump transition team has recognized that talent," said Lt. Governor Henry McMaster. McMaster reportedly is being considered for Attorney General under Trump. McMaster spoke to Trump's transition team over the phone Thursday and said he fully supports Haley and that the President-elect's focus on South Carolina says a lot.

Red State: Ann Coulter Can't Stop Herself... Nastily Insults Nikki Haley

<http://www.redstate.com/mickeywhite2/2016/11/17/ann-coulter-cant-stop/>

Mickey White

Ann Coulter who has been relatively quiet on social media broke her silence in a big way this afternoon. After the rumors were floated that Nikki Haley was among those being considered for Cabinet positions, possibly even Secretary of State, Coulter tweeted this out to her over 1 million followers: She was apparently watching MSNBC at the time. Nikki Haley isn't even that kind of "Indian". She says she's being funny with this lean into the white nationalist stuff, but I fail to see the humor. Coulter appears to have spent the rest of the day tweeting links to InfoWars. As I've said previously Ann Coulter is one of the most disappointing figures of 2016. There was a time when many looked to her columns and books for smart analysis. Those days are no longer. Instead of piercing through the nonsense, to deliver the truth to her devoted fans, Coulter has become the noise. Rubbing elbows with the "alt-right", She's the reason people think Republicans are Racist. Did I mention she has over a Million followers on Twitter alone?

WIS: Ann Coulter suggests 'Tonto' for Secretary of State over Gov. Nikki Haley

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33746052/ann-coulter-suggests-tonto-for-secretary-of-state-over-gov-nikki-haley>

Jeremy Turnage

Conservative commentator and author Ann Coulter appears to not be a fan of President-elect Donald Trump potentially tapping Gov. Nikki Haley for a cabinet-level position in his administration. In a tweet posted just after Haley met with Trump and the transition team on Thursday, Coulter offered another suggestion for Secretary of State. Haley's name has been floated as a potential Secretary of State candidate as Trump looks to fill out roles in his cabinet ahead of the Jan. 20, 2017 inauguration. Coulter has blasted Haley in the past for several items. In Jan. 2016 following Haley's response to the State of the Union where the governor urged GOP voters to not listen to the angriest voices in the party, Coulter suggested Haley should be deported when Trump became president. Haley is an American citizen. Coulter also called Haley a "bimbo."

WYFF4: Ann Coulter slams PEOTUS Trump's consideration of Gov. Nikki Haley for cabinet

<http://www.wyff4.com/article/ann-coulter-slams-peotus-trumps-consideration-of-gov-nikki-haley-for-cabinet/8302893>

Carla Field

On the day South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley met with President-elect Donald Trump and his transition team about a potential cabinet position, political commentator Ann Coulter made what appeared to be an obvious jab at the governor's heritage. Ann Hart Coulter tweeted Thursday afternoon: "If Trump wants an Indian Sec of State, how about Tonto?" Coulter describes herself as the author of 11 New York Times bestsellers, a legal correspondent for Human Events and writes a syndicated columnist for Universal Press Syndicate. She is known for incendiary remarks, particularly on social media. Haley was born in Bamberg, South Carolina, in 1972. Her birth name is Nimrata Nikki Randhawa. Her parents are Sikh immigrants from Punjab, India. CNN reported Wednesday that Haley has been tapped as a nominee for Secretary of State, alongside top Trump adviser and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. After the meeting Thursday with Trump, Haley's office released a statement saying: "Governor Haley was pleased to meet with President-elect Trump. They had a good discussion, and she is very encouraged about the coming administration and the new direction it will bring to Washington."

President-elect Trump News:

Associated Press: Trump quickly settles university lawsuits after a long fight

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7e7eb71318c7457e830142816c53dff5>

For more than six years, Donald Trump fought hard against a lawsuit in which former customers of his now-defunct Trump University accused him of fraud. Less than two weeks after being elected president, he agreed to a \$25 million settlement. "We definitely detected a change of tone and change of approach" after the election, plaintiffs' attorney Jason Forge said when the agreement was announced Friday. About 7,000 students would be eligible for refunds if U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel approves the settlement. Under the terms, the Republican president-elect admits no wrongdoing in settling two federal class-action lawsuits in San Diego and a lawsuit brought by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, a Democrat. The agreement came 10 days before jury selection was scheduled to begin in San Diego in the oldest case, which was filed in April 2010. The complaint accused Trump University, which wasn't an accredited school, of defrauding students who paid up to \$35,000 a year to enroll in programs that promised to share Trump's real estate secrets.

Associated Press: Trump agrees to \$25M settlement to resolve Trump U lawsuits

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b6457d25591b4f45b22563e037251d17>

President-elect Donald Trump agreed Friday to pay \$25 million to settle several lawsuits alleging that his now-defunct school for real estate investors defrauded students who paid up to \$35,000 to enroll in Trump University programs. If approved by a judge, the deal announced by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman would settle a lawsuit he filed three years ago and two class-action lawsuits filed in California on behalf of former students. The suits alleged that Trump University failed to deliver on its promise to teach success in real estate. They accused the program of misleading students by calling itself a university when it was not an accredited school and by saying that Trump "hand-picked" instructors. Messages left with several of Trump's attorneys and a spokeswoman were not returned Friday. Trump has denied the allegations and said during the campaign that he would not settle. He told supporters at a May rally that he would come to San Diego to testify after winning the presidency.

Associated Press: Donald Trump's Cabinet picks, so far

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6a4338387e6847eeb6f59db3b8d1fb0a>

President-elect Donald Trump faces a daunting challenge as he prepares for his move to the White House: Selecting the men and women who will fill his administration. Trump must choose thousands of appointees and nominees who will oversee the nation's security, economy, foreign affairs and domestic policies. His picks so far suggest that loyalty is paramount. Early backers and those who served key roles in Trump's campaign will continue to form the inner circle of a Trump administration filled with a combination of experienced, Washington insiders and controversial outsiders, including some whose selection has sparked anger and alarm. Here's who he's chosen so far...

Associated Press: Analysis: Appointments signal national security hard line

<http://bigstory.ap.org/24b6aa48c98643c7ba1ff93b9b195da0>

It wasn't just talk. If there was any doubt about whether Donald Trump meant business with his hard-line campaign pronouncements on immigration, race, terrorism and more, the president-elect went a long way to dispel them Friday with his first appointments to his national security team and at the Justice Department. Trump's trifecta in selecting Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general, retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn for national security adviser and Rep. Mike Pompeo to lead the CIA sent a strong message that Americans are going to get what they voted for in electing a Republican whose campaign talk about national security matters largely toggled between tough and tougher. There has been ongoing mystery about what to expect in a Trump presidency: Even some of Trump's own supporters wrote off some of his more provocative campaign comments. Trump's own policy statements have zigged and zagged depending on the audience. And his first two appointments to

the White House staff — GOP Chairman Reince Priebus as chief of staff and onetime Breitbart News chief Steve Bannon as a senior adviser — sent a mixed message with the choice of an establishment figure and a flame-throwing outsider.

Associated Press: Pushing US policy rightward, Trump taps Sessions and Flynn

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f031d113b2f54a39804d782356c809d1>

President-elect Donald Trump signaled a sharp rightward shift in U.S. national security policy Friday with his announcement that he will nominate Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general and Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo to head the CIA, turning to a pair of staunch conservatives as he begins to fill out his Cabinet. Trump also named retired Lt. Gen Michael Flynn as his national security adviser. A former military intelligence chief, Flynn has accused the Obama administration of being too soft on terrorism and has cast Islam as a "political ideology" and driver of extremism. Sessions and Flynn were ardent Trump supporters during the campaign, and their promotions were seen in part as a reward for their loyalty. The selections form the first outlines of Trump's Cabinet and national security teams. Given his lack of governing experience and vague policy proposals during the campaign, his selection of advisers is being scrutinized both in the U.S. and abroad.

Associated Press: Flynn: Critic of Muslim militancy and culture

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9f7697a31c754f38a043522a4aced1a8>

Michael Flynn, the retired Army lieutenant general and intelligence officer who is Donald Trump's pick to serve as his national security adviser, is a harsh critic of Muslim extremism and the religion itself, calling "radical Islam" an existential threat to the United States. In strident speeches and public comments, including a fiery address at the Republican National Convention, Flynn has aggressively argued that Islamic State militants pose a threat on a global scale and demanded a far more aggressive U.S. military campaign against the group. In a June interview with CNN, Flynn complained the U.S. needs to "discredit" radical Islam, but that "we're not allowed to do that right now." But his comments about Islam, a religion practiced by more than 1.5 billion people worldwide, have at times gone beyond condemning radicals inside the faith. In Flynn's book, "The Field of Fight: How We Can Win the Global War Against Radical Islam and its Allies," he condemned U.S. leaders who have called Islam a religion of peace. "This insistence on denying the existence of jihad led President Obama to the absurd claim that the Islamic State has nothing to do with Islam," Flynn wrote.

Associated Press: Racial issues likely to come up at Sessions' Senate hearing

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b8973f3317ce494388105e7d993ee770>

The Senate confirmation hearing of Sen. Jeff Sessions, President-elect Donald Trump's pick for attorney general, is likely to rehash racially charged allegations that derailed his efforts to become a federal judge and made him a symbol of black-voter intimidation under the Reagan administration. The expected focus on Sessions' record on race, policing and immigration comes as the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has surged in prominence under the Obama administration. If confirmed, Sessions would have broad latitude to define how federal prosecutors across the country wield their powers and make changes to the Justice Department's priorities. Lawmakers and advocates expressed concern Friday that Sessions could sideline or undo the Obama administration's civil rights efforts, which have included investigations of police departments for unconstitutional practices and lawsuits meant to protect the rights of transgender individuals and black voters.

Associated Press: Trump's CIA pick is conservative Kansas congressman

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1e4056109826425ab790b1685e8fd302>

President-elect Donald Trump's choice for CIA director is Mike Pompeo, a hard-line Republican congressman from Kansas who heavily criticized the Iran deal, blasted Hillary Clinton over the attack on a U.S. diplomatic outpost in Libya and believes Edward Snowden is a traitor. Before starting the job, Pompeo would have to be confirmed by the Senate. One issue that could dominate a confirmation hearing is Pompeo's views on using harsh interrogation techniques on detainees. Trump

has backed these techniques, saying: "We should go tougher than waterboarding," which simulates drowning. During the campaign, Trump suggested that he would push to change laws that prohibit waterboarding and other harsh techniques, saying that banning them puts the U.S. at a strategic disadvantage against Islamic State militants.

Associated Press: Political risks come with control of Washington for GOP

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e6d10d7461584479bb091bf3fd4cc999>

Erica Werner

For Republicans, there will be no one left to blame. As they prepare to take control of the White House and both chambers of Congress next year, Republicans are celebrating the opportunity to enact a new agenda for the country, including lowering taxes, securing the border and repealing President Barack Obama's health care law. But with that opportunity comes massive political risk: If President-elect Donald Trump and congressional Republicans don't deliver, they will face a serious reckoning with voters. That could begin with the 2018 midterm elections, when every House member and one-third of the Senate will be up for re-election. "The American public has clearly said that they want to go a different direction," said Republican Rep. Ken Buck of Colorado. "And if we are not effective in moving in that different direction, they will take the opportunity away from us, and they will return it to the Democrats." Said Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, speaking Friday at the Federalist Society: "It's time to put up or shut up. There are no excuses."

Associated Press: Obama to reassure leaders in Peru on successor's presidency

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fc53dbd327d947efb51f0b0ba2c6e8c5>

President Barack Obama will close a three-nation, post-U.S. election tour the same way he opened it: by reassuring leaders from around the world that U.S. democracy isn't broken and that everything will be fine when Republican Donald Trump succeeds him next year. Obama is spending the weekend in Lima, Peru, to make a final appearance at an annual Asian-Pacific summit. But global concerns about Trump's pending ascension to the world's most powerful office after a surprise win in last week's U.S. presidential election will be a key topic of discussion during Obama's meetings. The Trump issue overshadowed the president's interactions with world leaders earlier this week in Athens, Greece, and Berlin. Trump opened what was an unlikely presidential bid by blasting Mexicans as criminals and rapists, and vowing to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border to keep them and other Latinos from entering the U.S. illegally. During the campaign, the New York businessman rattled U.S. allies by questioning the value of multinational organizations like NATO, and he opposed international trade deals, including a pending Pacific trade pact that Obama negotiated with 11 other countries, calling such agreements harmful to U.S. workers.

Associated Press: 'Hamilton' member gives Pence earful. Trump: "Apologize!"

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c81185e52b6c4624b159405b5840ee82>

President-elect Donald Trump on Saturday demanded an apology from the cast member who gave Mike Pence an onstage earful from about equality. Actor Brandon Victor Dixon told Pence after the curtain call that multiracial and multicultural cast is concerned about the Trump administration. "We, sir, are the diverse America who are alarmed and anxious that your new administration will not protect us, our planet, our children, our parents, or defend us and uphold our inalienable rights," said Dixon, who plays Aaron Burr, the nation's third vice president. "We truly hope this show has inspired you to uphold our American values and work on behalf of all of us. All of us." Pence, a Republican, ducked out before Dixon finished the unprecedented message but heard the full remarks from the hallway outside the auditorium. "Our wonderful future V.P. Mike Pence was harassed last night at the theater by the cast of Hamilton, cameras blazing," Trump tweeted Saturday. "The theater must always be a safe and special place. The cast of Hamilton was very rude last night to a very good man, Mike Pence. Apologize!"

SC Political News:

The State: McMaster praises Trump's AG choice, Clyburn critical

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article115663548.html>

Bristow Marchant and Cassie Cope

S.C. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster praised President-elect Donald Trump's nomination Friday of U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., as U.S. attorney general. Earlier this week, McMaster said he was under consideration for attorney general in Trump's incoming administration. However, that job went to Sessions, R-Ala., who like McMaster was an early ally of Trump's in the presidential campaign. The lieutenant governor called Sessions, who was a U.S. attorney at the same time as McMaster in the 1980s, "a great choice." While Trump's transition team approached McMaster about the attorney general's post, the lieutenant governor has said he would prefer to stay in South Carolina, where he plans to run for governor in 2018. The lone Democrat in the state's congressional delegation, however, was much more critical, citing Sessions's "appalling" civil rights record that once prevented Sessions from earning a federal judgeship, and compared him to Trump's controversial advisor Steve Bannon, who has been tied to white nationalists.

The State: Health experts: Enroll in Obamacare despite campaign rhetoric

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article115648408.html>

Bristow Marchant

In less than three weeks, Sharita Moultrie has helped dozens of people sign up for health care using a program the incoming Trump Administration vows to repeal. Since Nov. 1, the community health specialist has been signing people up at the Richland Library for health coverage under the federal Affordable Care Act – also known as "Obamacare." However, Republican Donald Trump campaigned on a promise to "repeal and replace" that law and, with an incoming Republican Congress, the president-elect would seem to be in a position to do it. But Moultrie is telling those she helps not to be too concerned about it. "What I tell them is: 'Nothing's changed,'" she said. "The ACA is the law, and that's not going to change tomorrow or next month." Whatever happens with the law after Trump becomes president in January, customers are signing a contract with an insurance company that guarantees them health coverage throughout 2017, explains Moultrie, who works for the library.

Herald-Journal: SC Realtors hope Trump will be good for housing

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161118/sc-realtors-hope-trump-will-be-good-for-housing?rssfeed=true>

Bob Montgomery

Realtors say they're optimistic about what the incoming Trump administration may mean for the housing market. If President-elect Donald Trump follows through on his campaign promises to cut taxes, reduce regulations and create jobs, it should be easier to buy and sell a home, said Nick Kremydas, CEO and president of South Carolina Realtors. "It's difficult to comment ... because we haven't seen actual proposals," Kremydas said. "As a real estate developer, President-elect Trump should understand the importance of home ownership and investing in property. We hope he takes the right steps to protect these ideals." Locally, a strong and diversified economy means the Upstate will continue to hold its own regardless of which Trump policies succeed, according to Patty Wilds, an agent with Century 21 Upstate. Wilds said the Greenville-Spartanburg real estate market continues to flourish as a result of new and expanding businesses.

McClatchy DC: The 2020 presidential campaign is about to kick off. Is SC Sen. Tim Scott in the mix?

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article115619858.html>

Matthew Schofield

There are cloak-room style whispers in Washington these days that South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott is being thought of as a Republican Plan B in case the yet to be formed Trump administration doesn't find its footing. Scott's office dismisses the talk as idle chit-chat, though admits they've been hearing such questions. But it's now been a full week since the last presidential election ended. Washington being Washington, it's time to get the rumors going for the 2020 election. There are experts and insiders who think this one makes a bit of sense. "This was an, um, unusual election," said Julian

Zelizer, an author and public affairs expert who's a professor at Princeton University. "It makes sense that there would be a Plan B, and one that would be antithetical to Plan A. "It's important to remember, though, that Plan B is always predicated on things that haven't happened, while Plan A is still in effect. Right now for Republicans, the reality is that it's Plan Trump."

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: South Carolina jobless rate falls for 6th consecutive month

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=as8FUVaM

SC State Wire

South Carolina's jobless rate has fallen for the sixth consecutive month. The Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday that South Carolina's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in October, down from 4.9 percent in September. That marked the first time the state rate has fallen below 5 percent since April 2001. The agency says the number of South Carolinians working rose to a new high of nearly 2.2 million. The number of unemployed people who are looking for work declined to about 108,500. According to the federal Labor Department, the state's rate ranks 22nd lowest nationwide. The national jobless rate in October averaged 4.9 percent. New Hampshire and South Dakota both posted the lowest rate of 2.8 percent, while Alaska had the highest at 6.8 percent.

Post and Courier: South Carolina's jobless rate drops to 4.7 percent despite Hurricane Matthew

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/south-carolina-s-jobless-rate-drops-to-percent-despite-hurricane/article_9cabf39e-ad99-11e6-adbe-e792ad85f3c8.html

Thad Moore

South Carolina's jobless rate improved to 4.7 percent in October, even as job growth appeared to be hampered by Hurricane Matthew. The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday that the drop - from 4.9 percent in September - continues a six-month streak of improvements to the jobless rate, which was 5.8 percent in April. It's now at its lowest point in 15 years. Statewide, the workforce agency said roughly 3,400 fewer people were unable to find work in October. Some 108,500 people are now jobless, the fewest since August 2001. Despite the top-line progress, the October labor report presented a murky picture. The department's estimates of employment levels, based on two separate surveys, yielded two divergent results: Either the state added nearly 6,900 jobs last month, or it shed almost 10,000.

Post and Courier: Powder Keg: Low pay, low morale creating chaos inside and outside our prisons

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/powder-keg-low-pay-low-morale-creating-chaos-inside-and/article_204bbefa-aac0-11e6-b6f5-6711628717ec.html

Maya T. Prabhu

It's shortly after noon on April 11 in Pelzer. An officer at Perry Correctional Institution makes her rounds in the dorm. She sees a commotion on the other side of the building, a fight between inmates. As she approaches the wing, she sees inmates assaulting someone on the floor — another correctional officer. She calls for backup. But when help arrives, guards find inmates have taken the officer hostage. Calls for more help go out to local law enforcement agencies. Now the inmates in the A wing have begun to riot. They damage windows, lights and sprinkler systems. They start a fire. Like the growing blaze, the riot spreads to the B wing. More property is destroyed. More law enforcement agencies converge on the prison. More than an hour goes by before two prisoners carry and release their hostage outside. He's gathered up and taken to the hospital. After more than four hours, officers gain the upper hand and the melee ends. But the deeper problem remains.

Post and Courier: Former correctional officer says constant threat of danger, low pay and lack of leadership causes prison understaffing

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/former-correctional-officer-says-constant-threat-of-danger-low-pay/article_ab521a36-ace5-11e6-822d-7f46bba1b2eb.html

Maya T. Prabhu

The assaults were bad enough. But when Kevin Miller, a former Lieber Correctional Institution officer, was stabbed and beaten by two inmates, he decided to quit. Miller lives in Ridgeville near the tension-filled, maximum-security prison where he said he worked for nearly five years. In July 2015, he was looking for a contraband cellphone when prisoners jumped him and another officer inside a cell. He was stabbed with a broken broomstick, doused by his own pepper spray and pummeled for eight minutes before he was able to alert another officer to open the cell door. The attack on Miller is not an isolated incident. Prison officials say attempting to take a prisoner's cellphone is when officers are most at risk of being assaulted. "From my personal experience being at Lieber, the assaults have been through the roof," he said. "It's ridiculous. And there's not much you can do because people just keep leaving. It just gets worse and worse and it's going to continue to get worse."

General Assembly News:

WACH: Lawmaker calls on rec commissioners to step down after documents released

<http://wach.com/news/local/lawmaker-calls-on-richland-county-rec-commissioners-to-step-down>

Tara Petitt

Richland County Representative Beth Bernstein is calling on the six remaining Board Members at the Richland County Recreation Commission to resign. Governor Nikki Haley has already issued an Executive Order to have the Commissioners removed following a state-mandated hearing November 30th, but Bernstein says they need to step down immediately on their own so that the Commission can restore public trust. One Board Member resigned earlier this week, and the Richland County lawmaker is now calling on the rest of them to do the same. "I hope the Commissioners will see this as the bigger picture and go ahead and resign, and we can start with a fresh slate," said Bernstein. "We need to start vetting our Commissioners and making sure our Commissioners that we're appointing are qualified to serve in those positions." Documents obtained exclusively by WACH FOX News reveal gruesome written complaints, letters, and lawsuits that have been hidden to the public. They contain details about a hostile environment at the agency over the last couple of years. Complaints describe bribery and sexual advances that were made by the former Executive Director James Brown.

Wildfires Across Southeast:

Greenville News: Crews burn 1,300 acres to tame Pinnacle Mountain fire

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/11/17/families-evacuate-near-table-rock/94012830/>

Michael Burns and Anna Lee

Smoke cloaked Table Rock State Park all day Thursday as firefighters burned nearly 1,300 acres along the slopes of Table Rock in an effort to contain a wildfire of historic proportions. At 4 p.m., the Pinnacle Mountain fire had burned approximately 4,000 acres, though most of the growth came from the burnout operation to keep the fire from crossing Saluda Road, an official with the state Forestry Commission said. About 400 acres remain in the burnout area, said Forestry Commission spokesman Russell Hubright, and plans are to finish burning by mid-day Friday. Meanwhile, Pickens County Schools announced a two-hour delay Friday due to dangerous air quality conditions. Heavy smoke from the burnout operation was expected to combine with existing air pollutants to "create dangerous air quality conditions in parts of the county, especially in the morning," said school district spokesman John Eby.

Independent Mail: Pinnacle fire grows, but burnout appears successful

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/11/18/pinnacle-fire-grows-but-burnout-appears-successful/94069052/>

The Pinnacle Mountain fire expanded significantly overnight, to 5,095 acres, because of controlled burns that have helped set up a fire line before it can reach homes just east of the fire borders. The fire line is holding and firefighters are working today using chainsaws and fire rakes to cut down flammable material to strengthen the fire lines, said Holly Welch, a public information officer with the

South Carolina Forestry Commission. Firefighters call it mop-up and it is grueling work, requiring them to hike into areas carrying their gear. The biggest danger will be winds this weekend, which will require the fire line to hold or else the fire would reach homes in the area, which it has not done so far, Welch said. That's why firefighters are working in areas that were intentionally burned Thursday to deprive the fire of fuel, work requires lots of people, she said.

Herald-Journal: Massive burnout at Pinnacle fire termed a success

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161118/massive-burnout-at-pinnacle-fire-termed-success?rssfeed=true>

Thursday's large-scale burnout of 1,400 acres of forest at Table Rock was a success, according to fire managers at the Pinnacle Mountain fire in northern Pickens County. The wildfire, believed to be the largest mountain fire in South Carolina's history, grew to 5,095 acres as it entered its ninth day today. It is 35 percent contained. Embers from a campfire started the fire, which began on Nov. 9. "Yesterday went great!" incident commander Mike Bozzo, Incident Commander stated in a Facebook post this morning. "There is still a lot of work to do today, but I slept a lot better last night." Originally, firefighters estimated 2,000 acres would be burned out to create a firewall. But that was reduced to 1,400 acres on Thursday, according to S.C. Forestry Commission spokesman Russell Hubright. Hubright said Thursday the firebreaks combined with areas that already burned have now encircled the fire, which should prevent it from spreading further.

Herald-Journal: Firefighters make progress in Carolina fires

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161118/firefighters-make-progress-in-carolina-fires?rssfeed=true>

Thursday's large-scale burnout of 1,400 acres of forest at Table Rock has been deemed a success, according to fire officials in northern Pickens County. The Pinnacle Mountain wildfire, believed to be the largest mountain fire in South Carolina's history, grew to 5,100 acres as it entered its ninth day Friday. It is 35 percent contained, according to Pickens County Emergency Management. "Yesterday went great!" incident commander Mike Bozzo stated in a Facebook post Friday morning. "There is still a lot of work to do today, but I slept a lot better last night." Originally, firefighters estimated 2,000 acres would need to be burned out to create a firewall. But that was reduced to 1,400 acres on Thursday, according to S.C. Forestry Commission spokesman Russell Hubright. Hubright said Thursday the firebreaks combined with areas that have already burned have now encircled the fire, which should prevent it from spreading further.

The State: Most outdoor burning prohibited throughout SC starting Saturday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article115815598.html>

Rachael Myers Lowe

As of 6 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2016, any outdoor burning of yard debris or to clear farm land or forest areas is prohibited in South Carolina, the state Forestry Commission announced on Friday. The ban extends to the whole state a ban that has been in effect in the Upstate since November 9th. Although cooler windier conditions improved air quality for the Midlands on Friday, the forecast has increased the risk of wildfires, officials said in a news release. The increased risk coupled with the deployment of so many of the state's firefighting resources to the Pinnacle Mountain fire prompted the ban's expansion statewide. The Pinnacle Mountain fire was sparked by a campfire on November 9, the news release stated. While the outdoor burn ban does not cover outdoor fires used to cook food, to keep warm, or for ceremonial purposes, people are encouraged to "refrain from any unnecessary burning."

The State: What smoke? Cold front expected to drag down smoke, but strong winds could affect its effects

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article115678138.html>

Cynthia Roldan

The worrying about the Columbia area's air quality may be in the past for the immediate future. Shifting winds that will accompany a cold front Saturday might drag more smoke from the Upstate –

but the strength of the gusts could make the effects less noticeable than in recent days, said Chris Rohrbach, a meteorologist at the Columbia office of the National Weather Service. Strong breezes in the 20 to 25 miles per hour range are likely to gust to as much as 30 mph, according to Rohrbach and the forecast. "So if there is smoke in the Upstate, it would come down our way," he said. "It may also be well dispersed with how fast those wind speeds are. It may not be as noticeable." As of Friday afternoon, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control had not issued an air quality alert for Saturday. On Thursday, the agency declared the area's air quality was under "yellow code," which means the quality of air is acceptable, except for people who are "unusually sensitive" to air pollution.

Post and Courier: Lowcountry asthma patients suffering due to mountain wildfire

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/lowcountry-asthma-patients-suffering-due-to-mountain-wildfire/article_346777ea-acf4-11e6-aaea-f714ab132141.html

Derek Asberry

Jasmine Matthews, a 7-year-old asthma patient, has battled red and irritated eyes, chest pains and shortness of breath since Saturday. Her doctor at Charleston Allergy and Asthma put her on a breathing treatment Thursday, hoping it would offset the smoky conditions in the Lowcountry caused by the mountainous wildfires, including one atop Pinnacle Mountain in Pickens County. "She came to me and told me how much her chest hurts and so the treatment should get her lung functioning back to where it needs to be," said Jennifer Matthews, Jasmine's mother. The state Department of Health and Environmental Control says the large wildfires are producing smoke plumes that are making conditions worse for those who suffer from chronic heart and lung diseases.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery:

Associated Press: Disasters for county farmers create uncertain future

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=k1XNOTIW

Audrey Hudson

The Double R Farm has produced abundant crops for four generations of Rabon family farmers here, and despite the double whammy of record rains during the October harvest last year and last month's hurricane, they are determined to weather the hardship. "I'll do whatever I gotta do, even if it means I'm worn out and broke," says Ronald Rabon. "But if I make it this year, it will take a miracle from the Lord." Tropical storm-force winds and 12 inches of rain from Hurricane Matthew battered 700 acres of his cotton just as the bolls began to open, resulting in hardlock that made picking nearly impossible. They were able to salvage about 100 acres, mostly from farm lands tucked among wooded areas protected from the wind. Instead of 1,400 bales of cotton this year, the Rabons will likely end up with about 450 bales. "I've lost more money than I made in two years," Rabon said.

Island Packet: Hurricane Matthew evacuation gets high marks, thanks to lessons from the past

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article115727728.html>

Erin Heffernan

Hurricane evacuations in Beaufort County's past brought traffic nightmares. Drivers took more than four hours to travel the 35 miles from Hilton Head Island to Hardeeville during Hurricane Hugo in 1989, The Island Packet reported. In Hurricane Floyd in 1999, some evacuees were stuck more than nine hours getting from Beaufort County to Columbia. But the evacuation for Hurricane Matthew was different. Local traffic was so light by the mandatory evacuation that lane reversals planned to fix those backups were quickly removed. Roads were already clear. The operation received praise from experts who say state and local leaders improved on past problems clearing the coast. One of those experts is Susan Cutter, director of the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute at the University of South Carolina. Cutter worked on a study of failures during the state's Hurricane Floyd evacuation and is conducting a survey on evacuation behavior during Matthew. "Without a doubt this was handled much better," Cutter said.

NOTE: Better weather-forecasting technology and more effective planning contributed to Haley's

ability to call the evacuation much earlier, Cutter said. Haley also took advantage of a new evacuation zone system that distinguishes higher-risk areas so the entire coast doesn't evacuate at once.

NOTE: The governor's process was staggered, allowing heavily populated areas in the southern part of the state, such as Charleston and Beaufort counties, to evacuate before more inland and northern areas. Haley has also been praised for her communication during the evacuation. On most days, she held two news conferences, flanked by experts from essential departments.

NOTE: "Gov. Haley did a good job of calibrating the situation and providing clear and honest information," said state Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, who served as a chief of staff to former Republican Gov. Mark Sanford. "I think it lent her credibility. She established a connection between her and the people."

NOTE: Other apps and websites also helped in the evacuation. For example, Haley recommended websites such as Expedia and Airbnb to help evacuees find hotel rooms before they left home, eliminating another layer of stress for them.

Island Packet: Hurricane Matthew cleanup costs could lead to a county property tax increase

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article115650248.html>

Lucas High

Hurricane Matthew cleanup costs are expected to take a big bite out of Beaufort County's cash reserves and could ultimately lead to a property tax increase. Preliminary figures estimate the recovery effort will cost the county roughly \$17.5 million. But that number is "very, very estimated" and expected to grow significantly, county chief financial officer Alicia Holland said earlier this week. Debris removal makes up the majority of the cleanup costs at \$10 million. However, that figure includes only public roads. Once the cost of cleaning up roadways in private and gated communities — which the county has pledged to assist in — is tabulated, that \$10 million estimate is likely to double, deputy county administrator Josh Gruber said.

NOTE: County administrator Gary Kubic has suggested that the County Council make a formal request to Gov. Nikki Haley "that the (county's) local match be supplemented" with state funds. But even in the the best-case scenario, local leaders expect the county to be left with a sizable tab.

Island Packet: Ridgeland disaster relief center to close soon; Beaufort County locations still open

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article115109658.html>

Wade Livingston

The Jasper County Disaster Recovery Center in Ridgeland is tentatively slated to close at 7 p.m. Friday, according to officials. While that center — located at 1509 Grays Highway — should shut down, Beaufort County relief centers will remain open, according to Jasper County Emergency Services. Those centers are located on Hilton Head Island at the Hilton Head Island Town Hall Council Chambers at 1 Town Center Court, and in Beaufort at Burton Wells Recreation Center at 1 Middleton Recreation Dr. The Hilton Head center's hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The Beaufort location is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Jasper residents in need of help after the Ridgeland center closes can register with FEMA disaster assistance at www.disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800- 621-3362.

WACH: Recovery center to open in Sumter for Hurricane Matthew survivors

<http://wach.com/news/local/recovery-center-to-open-in-sumter-for-hurricane-matthew-survivors>

Matthew Stevens

State officials announced Thursday that they will open a disaster recovery center in Sumter to help Hurricane Matthew survivors. The center will be open for three days from November 21 through November 23. State, FEMA and USBA officials will be there to help survivors from October's hurricane to apply for disaster assistance and other necessary aid. Those impacted by Matthew may be eligible for federal and state assistance for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs. The recovery center will be at the Cherryvale Community Center in Sumter on Confederate Road and will be open from 9am to 7pm.

Island Packet: Faced with massive re-entry after Hurricane Matthew, Beaufort County lacked a workable plan

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article115729013.html>

Erin Heffernan

Hours after Hurricane Matthew hit Beaufort County, local emergency management officials were faced with a massive undertaking and no detailed plan for how to cope with it. The day after the storm, Sunday, Oct. 9, brought the first controlled re-entry into the county after a natural disaster since 1959. Law enforcement believed many areas still weren't safe, yet miles of cars piled up at the county line with residents desperate to get home, running low on gas, food and — most of all — patience. Now, more than a month after Matthew, county leaders acknowledge re-entry created problems they hadn't anticipated. Chief among them were the backups at the barricades at the county line. "We got almost post-storm riots at these roadblocks," Beaufort County Sheriff P.J. Tanner told The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette in a recent interview. "It was getting that bad."

Island Packet: Hilton Head's 'tiny' plans for some of Matthew's fallen trees

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article115773883.html>

Teresa Moss

Debris from Hurricane Matthew could help resolve low-income housing shortages on Hilton Head Island, an island businessman claims. Tiny homes — generally defined as a house 400 square feet or less, either on wheels or a foundation — built from reclaimed wood is the solution, says James McGrath. "One log from Hurricane Matthew is enough to do an entire living room of a tiny home," McGrath said in an interview Friday with The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette. Plans to build a tiny-home community on Hilton Head Island are already in the works, said McGrath, owner of McGrath Custom Hardwoods. The homes could total in size from 196 to 312 square feet and cost \$30,000 to \$70,000, he said. Chefs, musicians and other key workers in the island's tourism industry could rent the homes for a low cost or rent them to own, McGrath said.

The State: SC to give mobile homes to poorest survivors of October 2015 flood

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article115386128.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Some of the poorest survivors of the historic October 2015 storm could get a brand new home for Christmas. Before the new year begins, state disaster recovery officials expect to begin giving out the first of the free, 860-square-foot mobile homes to S.C. residents who need them. Officials plan to eventually deliver 600 or more homes to low- and moderate-income families still homeless or living in housing damaged by the storm, which dropped more than two feet of rain on parts of South Carolina. "These people have been in need for a long time," S.C. Disaster Recovery Office spokeswoman Beth Parks said. "For more than a year, they've been in these horrible situations and can't get out on their own." Federal recovery dollars will pay for the \$60,000 mobile homes, which state officials prefer to call "manufactured homes."

The Herald: 'They've lost it all': Nation Ford team helps clean up hurricane-ravaged SC town

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article115459753.html>

Bret McCormick

As John Young sifted through a stranger's belongings last week, he came across a photo of a young girl. Amid the soiled and destroyed contents of an elderly lady's house in Nichols, S.C., the partially torn photo felt important. The lady's reaction when Young showed her the picture confirmed it. "She grabbed on to it and held it like it was the last thing she had," he said. Young was one of 70 Nation Ford football players who traveled to Nichols the week of Nov. 9 to help the devastated town of 400 people continue to clean up. After Hurricane Matthew passed through in mid-October, rivers in the Pee Dee region of the Carolinas rose quickly, including the Lumber River, which passes just east of Nichols. At least seven dams broke upstream and the the river's waters rose 17 feet in just a few hours, according to the AP.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: Shipments of nuclear material to Savannah River Site could continue
http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/shipments-of-nuclear-material-to-savannah-river-site-could-continue/article_52996fce-adc7-11e6-853a-3b61beb03e76.html

Thomas Gardiner

Spent fuel from a research reactor at the University of Alberta in Canada could soon be en route to South Carolina's Savannah River Site. According to documentation provided by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, shipping casks for the transfer are being reviewed and a planned shipping route has been approved. The exact route through the U.S. begins at the Sweet Grass, Montana, border crossing, and ends near Aiken County at the Savannah River Site. According to Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesperson Roger Hannah, actual routes are not publicized because of security concerns. However, the journey from Sweet Grass to Aiken County is close to 2,300 miles along major U.S. highways, depending on which cities the route goes through.

Serial Killer Todd Kohlhepp:

Greenville News: Arizona police eye accused SC serial killer Todd Kohlhepp <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/11/18/arizona-police-eye-accused-sc-serial-killer-todd-kohlhepp/94067900/>

Michael Burns

Police in Tempe, Arizona, say they are searching through unsolved homicides dating back 30 years to see if there are any connections to alleged serial killer Todd Kohlhepp, who's made national headlines after being linked to seven deaths in South Carolina. In a phone call earlier this month to inform Melissa Ponder Brackman that investigators had made an arrest in the 2003 shooting death of her husband, businessowner Scott Ponder, a Spartanburg County sheriff's deputy said Kohlhepp "admitted to shooting somebody in Arizona." "There isn't a specific case that we're looking at directly, but they are working on it and it just takes a little bit of time," said Tempe Police Department Detective Lily Duran. Brackman and family members of three other victims killed at Superbike Motorsports in Chesnee, South Carolina, are preparing to file a wrongful death lawsuit against Kohlhepp, according to attorney Doug Brannon.

South Carolina News:

Aiken Standard: Thanksgiving travel expected to increase in the Carolinas
http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/thanksgiving-travel-expected-to-increase-in-the-carolinas/article_71d15944-ad0c-11e6-b4dd-ff57a206c513.html

Tripp Girardeau

As millions across the state and nation prepare to hit the roads for the Thanksgiving holiday, the South Carolina Highway Patrol is urging motorists to take the necessary precautions and preparations for a safe trip. AAA Carolinas projects 2 million Carolinians will travel 50 miles or more from home this Thanksgiving, with just under 1.4 million North Carolinians and 670,000 South Carolinians traveling. This represents a 1.9 percent increase over 2015. This year's increase in Thanksgiving travel is spurred by improvements in the economy during the second half of the year, including rising wages, increased consumer spending and overall strength in consumer confidence, Tiffany Wright, spokeswoman with AAA Carolinas, said in a news release. Fuel prices are down slightly in North Carolina, but up in South Carolina, from this point last year.

Post and Courier: Charleston airport expects record number of travelers over Thanksgiving
http://www.postandcourier.com/business/charleston-airport-expects-record-number-of-travelers-over-thanksgiving/article_cfa3cbe2-adc5-11e6-a7e6-e35bd4686541.html

Warren L. Wise

About 3 percent of Charleston International Airport's annual travelers will trek through the terminal over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Last year, 3.4 million ticket holders flew in and out of the state's busiest airport, with close to 100,000 navigating the temporary corridors and work zones during the terminal overhaul over the holiday weekend. This year, that number is expected to climb at the refurbished terminal, recently christened after a \$200 million face-lift that added five new gates and a slew of other bells and whistles. For those planning to fly this year, Charleston County Aviation Authority, the agency that oversees the airport, suggests arriving early to find a parking space and to maneuver through crowded security lines. Parking in recent years over the holidays has become a bigger problem as larger jets and more airlines ferry more passengers to more destinations from the Lowcountry.

Associated Press: Deputy US marshal, fugitive killed in Georgia shootout

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=M5EZ4fYV

SC State Wire

A fugitive accused of attempting to murder police officers fatally shot a deputy U.S. marshal trying to arrest him Friday in southeast Georgia, where other law officers returned fire and killed the suspect, federal authorities said. The U.S. Marshals Service said 53-year-old Patrick Carothers, deputy commander of the agency's Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force, died after being shot twice as a team of officers tried to serve a warrant at a mobile home in rural Long County. The slain suspect was identified as Dontrell Montese Carter. He was wanted in Sumter County, South Carolina, since September on charges of attempted murder of police officers, domestic violence and illegally discharging a weapon, the Marshals Service said in a news release. The agency said Carothers and his team had tracked Carter to a mobile home just outside Ludowici, about 55 miles southeast of Savannah. Carothers was shot as they were entering the home.

Associated Press: The Latest: Fugitive killed wanted for shooting at police

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WNPM1kmA

SC State Wire

A fugitive slain in a shootout that also killed a deputy U.S. marshal was wanted for shooting at police in South Carolina after a September car chase. The U.S. Marshals Service says 25-year-old Dontrell Montese Carter was shot multiple times by law officers Friday morning after he opened fire on them at a mobile home in southeast Georgia. Patrick Carothers, deputy commander of the agency's Southeast fugitive task force, died after being shot twice. Carter had been wanted since Sept. 18, when he fled Sumter County, South Carolina. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office at the time said officers were called after Carter assaulted his girlfriend and fired a gun into the home of a relative who intervened. Authorities said Carter led officers on a car chase, then fired his gun at police as he escaped on foot.

Local News:

Island Packet: Suspect in Hilton Head teen's shooting death to be tried as adult

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/crime/article115698333.html>

Caitlin Turner

A Hilton Head Island teenager who was 15 when he allegedly shot and killed Dominique Williams in an island park in 2015 will be tried as an adult, a Beaufort County Family Court judge ruled Wednesday. John Duncan, now 17, is accused of shooting and killing the 17-year-old Williams at Coligny Beach Park on July 19, 2015. Judge Pete Fuge granted the motion by the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office to charge Duncan as an adult late Wednesday. The solicitor's office announced the ruling in a news release Friday. Duncan's case has been transferred to General Sessions Court, and he is being transferred to the Beaufort County Detention Center from a juvenile detention center in Columbia. He will remain in the Beaufort County facility until he has a bond hearing on the murder charge, according to the Solicitor's Office news release.

Sun News: Myrtle Beach's recent shooting was 'gang-related.' So they built a fence.

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article115631608.html>

Chloe Johnson

A move to install a fence and security cameras around the edge of Futrell Park has divided some members of the Booker T. Washington community. In a Nov. 8 city council workshop, City Manager John Pedersen was discussing a recent shooting in downtown Myrtle Beach that police said was driven by gang activity when he suggested constructing a fence near the park. "I believe that the breeding grounds for gang activity is the area right outside of Futrell Park and Carver Apartments known as 'Three Poles,'" he said. However, the people who spend time in that area, named for three yellow columns in the middle of a concrete path, deny they are part of a gang. On Thursday morning, Jordan Pyatt was hanging around the fence with several friends, and said he and his friends are part of a music group, Beach Boy Entertainment. "Don't pay no attention to what they saying about us, because it's not the truth," Pyatt said.

The Herald: Winthrop police: Student, 18, 'pinned to ground,' sexually assaulted on campus

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article115619203.html>

David Thackham

Winthrop University officials are asking for the public's help in tracking down the suspect in an October rape on campus that was reported Thursday. An 18-year-old Winthrop University student reported to campus police Thursday that she was the victim of an Oct. 29 sex assault on campus while walking in the area behind Bancroft Hall. According to a Winthrop police report, the student said that she was pinned to the ground and sexually assaulted about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 29 by an unknown male in the area behind Bancroft Hall, by Margaret Nance and Owens halls. The report said the victim was looking for a friend's keys in the courtyard area but that she could not find them. Police say a male suspect approached her from behind, and that the woman stumbled on a light fixture and fell to the ground as she tried to walk away. The report said the suspect got on top of the victim, had her perform oral sex on him and then fled.

Island Packet: Minority students suspended, expelled at higher rates in Beaufort County schools — and it's getting worse

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article115662058.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Minority students continue to be disciplined at far higher rates than their white peers in Beaufort County public schools, according to data released Friday at a Board of Education work session. While minority students — who identify as black, Hispanic or another race other than white — represent about 60 percent of the district's 21,750 students, they have typically received a disproportionate number of suspensions and expulsions in the Beaufort County School District, as in most school systems nationwide. But data show the trend isn't getting much better in local schools. The school board discussed the Student Services Report's discipline statistics Friday, but not these racial breakdowns.

The State: Man severely beaten, Richland deputies seeking information about the crime

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article115881363.html>

Sarah Ellis

A man has potentially life-threatening injuries after he was beaten early Saturday morning in Richland County. Sheriff's deputies are seeking information about the crime that left the severely beaten victim in the 200 block of Saluda River Road, off Broad River Road and Greystone Boulevard near the Copperfield apartments, around 3 a.m. Saturday. The victim was taken to Palmetto Health Richland Memorial hospital. Sheriff's deputies have not arrested any suspects. Anyone with information about the crime can call Crimestoppers anonymously at 1-888-CRIME-SC.

The State: Narcotics bust part of Richland Sheriff's continuing effort to address citizen complaints

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article115697118.html>

Cynthia Roldan

The brick house along the 800 block of Prescott Road in North Columbia blended in with the rest of the neighborhood during the day. At night, because of its broken streetlight, the home is shrouded in darkness where neighbors barely can see what's happening. Neighbors have been complaining to the authorities for weeks about curious comings and goings that raised their suspicions. The 1,200-square-foot house, which sits just outside of the city's limits, is off Fairfield Road. Richland County Sheriff's Department narcotics agents have been watching and were convinced that drugs were being sold from the house that sits across from John P. Thomas Elementary School. On Thursday night, they raided it, found drugs and cash in plain view and arrested four people.

Sun News: Grand Strand sees increase this year in officer-involved shootings, suicide by cop

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article115753973.html>

Jason M. Rodriguez

Earlier this month, a 35-year-old man was wielding a butcher knife at 1700 North Kings Highway in Myrtle Beach with the hopes that police would shoot him, according to a Myrtle Beach police report. When Myrtle Beach police officers arrived to the call of "suspicious circumstances" just after 2 p.m. on Nov. 3, the man led police back and forth across the busy highway. After the man came back toward police, an officer asked, "Why do you want to do this?" the man said, "I told you to shoot me. ... You're going to f*cking shoot me." The man was shot with a Taser and eventually apprehended. In 2015, police departments along the Grand Strand had no officer-involved shootings. In 2016, there have been four — two of them involved suicidal subjects, according to police reports that identified the men as suicidal, and one of those resulted in death. The fourth was a North Myrtle Beach officer who was shot in the foot, but has recovered.

The State: 3 plead guilty for billing \$3 million in fake invoices to Providence Hospital

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article115687903.html>

Jane Moon Dial

Three people connected to a scheme to send \$3 million in fake invoices to a Columbia orthopedic practice have pleaded guilty to federal conspiracy charges, officials said. Timothy Weldon Arthur, 39, of Columbia and Danielle Nicole Burroughs, 35, of Duncan pleaded guilty to conspiracy in federal court Wednesday, according to a news release from acting U.S. Attorney Beth Drake. U.S. District Judge Mary Geiger Lewis accepted the guilty pleas and will sentence the two at a later date, Drake said. Gary Lee Joiner, 56, of Columbia pleaded guilty to the same offense on Sept. 29, Drake said. Joiner was the director of orthopedic services for Moore Orthopedic Clinic between 2006 and 2015. Conspiracy carries a sentence up to 20 years and \$250,000 in fines.

Post and Courier: Charleston ports agency files permit application for Dillon inland port

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/charleston-ports-agency-files-permit-application-for-dillon-inland-port/article_671abef4-adc1-11e6-9f7c-33c8e08b6ea1.html

David Wren

The State Ports Authority on Friday filed an application for a federal permit that would allow construction of a \$40 million rail facility in Dillon to link the Port of Charleston with markets in North Carolina and beyond. The SPA hopes to open the \$40 million cargo hub next year along the Interstate 95 corridor at a business park already served by the commercial railroad operator CSX. The Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Health and Environmental Control are accepting written comments on the proposal for the next 30 days, although there is no timetable for a permit decision. The application includes new details about the facility, which would be the SPA's second inland port. The maritime agency's first opened in Greer in October 2013 and primarily serves the nearby BMW car manufacturing plant. The Upstate site is projected to handle 110,000 cargo containers in fiscal 2017, which started July 1.

National News:

Associated Press: Grandson of US Rep. Davis victim of Chicago gun violence

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f21f22aaab33432a9885dcdfaceb1976>

The grandson of Illinois U.S. Rep. Danny Davis was fatally shot in a home invasion in Chicago, the Democratic congressman and police said. Jovan Wilson, 15, died Friday night at the scene in the Englewood neighborhood on the city's South Side, Officer Michelle Tannehill told the Chicago Tribune (<http://trib.in/2f9HroG>). Davis said in a statement that a 17-year-old girl and 15-year-old boy forced their way into the home and after an argument the 15-year-old shot Wilson in the head. Davis said Wilson's mother was not at home, but Wilson's uncle and three siblings were. Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi told the newspaper Saturday that it was not a random incident, and that Wilson and the two people being sought had a history. Chicago has seen a dramatic rise in the number of shootings and homicides, with August being the deadliest month in the city in two decades. There have been more than 600 homicides this year, including the fatal shootings of the cousin of Chicago Bull Dwyane Wade, a Chicago police officer's son and the son of a famed percussionist.

World News:

Associated Press: Iraqi troops face stiff resistance from IS in eastern Mosul

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e3560d6a6a724d478d04ca9a153476da>

Iraqi troops faced stiff resistance Saturday from Islamic State militants as they pushed deeper into eastern Mosul, backed by aerial support from the U.S.-led international coalition, a senior military commander said. At dawn, troops moved into the Muharabeen and Ulama neighborhoods after fully liberating the adjacent Tahrir neighborhood on Friday, said Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridi of the Iraqi special forces. Al-Aridi said IS militants were fighting back with snipers, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar rounds. Thick black columns of smoke were seen billowing from the two areas, while dozens of civilians were seen fleeing to government-controlled areas. Shortly before noon, a suicide bomber emerged from a house in the Tahrir neighborhood and attacked security forces, wounding four troops. Another suicide car bomber hit the troops in Aden neighborhood afternoon, killing a soldier and wounding three others.

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