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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: How to rebuild SC's failing state government

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article109958207.html>

Cassie Cope, Sammy Fretwell, and Jamie Self

There is not enough money, South Carolina, under the sofa cushions of the state's budget to fix the Palmetto State's crumbling roads and bridges. But there is a solution. All it requires is public and political will. Since May, The State newspaper has been spotlighting some of South Carolina's most pressing issues – from the need for better leadership, to better regulation of dams, to rebuilding crumbling state agencies and roads, to improving poor, rural schools. Some of the solutions are simple. Bursting dams, for example, have cost South Carolina hundreds of millions of dollars in damage during the last year. A fix could be as cheap at \$769,000, a small sum in the state's almost \$8 billion general fund budget. But money alone won't be enough. A fix also will require leadership. After last October's dam-busting floods devastated the Midlands, legislators knew they had to toughen the state's regulation of dams. They failed. Why?

NOTE: But some leaders are suggesting at least partial solutions. Last year, for example, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley asked legislators to borrow \$200 million to help poor schools build new facilities to replace leaking buildings that lack even the most basic technology.

NOTE: Helping poor school districts pay for new buildings, with technology, so they do not have to depend on weak local tax bases to raise that money. Gov. Haley has proposed the state borrow \$200 million a year to help poor districts pay for school facilities.

NOTE: Gov. Haley has touted her record in attracting new jobs to South Carolina. But the state's crumbling road and bridge infrastructure could put a screeching halt to that success story unless problems are addressed.

NOTE: Thus far, Haley has not connected the two issues in her political agenda, insisting she would approve higher taxes to repair roads only if passed with offsetting tax cuts that would defund large swaths of state government, including education.

NOTE: But, as legislators prepare to return to Columbia, the political winds are shifting. Haley is a second-term, lame-duck governor, and the legislators who return to Columbia will have won election or re-election in November, meaning they will not have to face the voters – including the GOP's no-new-taxes, tea party wing – again for two years.

NOTE: With legislators talking privately of ignoring Haley, unless she is willing to play a constructive role, the table is set to bite the tax-hike bullet. The House already has showed it will pass a higher gas tax, having done so last year.

Post and Courier: Hurricane phishing scams don't appear to have emerged as feared

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/hurricane-phishing-scams-don-t-appear-to-have-emerged-as/article_34dd73a6-96d2-11e6-828f-1fc411941edc.html

Thad Moore

In the days after Hurricane Matthew struck the Lowcountry, officials warned residents to beware the

risk of online scams preying on the storm's victims. The concern was that criminals would take aim at South Carolinians desperate to get help or information after the storm. The day after it made landfall, Gov. Nikki Haley warned people to look out for spoof emails saying they had updates about power outages that many evacuees were eager to get. Utilities like South Carolina Electric & Gas raised the same caution. Two weeks later, those threats don't appear to have materialized to the extent they had feared. The state Department of Consumer Affairs, which is tasked with tracking identify theft, hasn't received any reports of storm-related phishing scams, according to spokeswoman Juliana Harris. Neither has SCE&G, spokesman Eric Boomhower said. And for its part, the Charleston-based cybersecurity firm PhishLabs, which was monitoring hurricane phishing attacks, says it hasn't seen anything out of the ordinary. But that's not to say criminals aren't trying to seize the opportunity. After the storm passed and people got home, some attacks looked to take advantage of their urge to give back.

Hurricane Matthew:

Associated Press: Fort Pulaski still recovering after Hurricane Matthew

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Pz9TNBsY

SC State Wire

It remains uncertain when Fort Pulaski will reopen to the public after Hurricane Matthew roared past the national monument two weeks ago, officials said. "The damage was pretty devastating," said Melissa Memory, Fort Pulaski National Monument superintendent. "We had our plan in place, but no one really expected it to be as bad as it was." Images after the storm showed floodwaters surrounding the fort, swallowing trees in the distance, The Savannah Morning News reported (<http://bit.ly/2eljGxz>). Fort Pulaski, which is maintained by the National Park Service on Cockspar Island, was one of 10 parks damaged by the storm in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Another six parks were heavily damaged in North Carolina. Fort Pulaski has about 400,000 visitors each year, Memory told the Savannah newspaper, but that's come to a halt as the National Park Service assesses the damage caused by Matthew. Just before the storm, personnel were able to move a majority of the monument's Civil War artifacts and memorabilia to other preservation sites, authorities said.

Associated Press: As 1 part of SC recovers from flood, another is in a drought

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WW1Smtl8

SC State Wire

As one part of South Carolina continues to recover from flooding caused by Hurricane Matthew, another area is suffering a drought. The Greenville News reports (<http://grnol.co/2erklgV>) Upstate residents are being asked to conserve by limiting nonessential use of water, such as irrigating lawns and washing cars. Lake Hartwell is 7 feet below normal; Lake Jocassee is 10 feet below full level and Keowee, 4 feet. And the National Climate Prediction Center forecasts a warmer and drier than normal winter in the South. A Greenville Water System spokeswoman says voluntary conservation measures could become mandatory if drought conditions deteriorate and require limits on the drinking water drawn from Lake Keowee. "It's difficult to convince people to conserve water when a significant portion of South Carolina remains underwater from a hurricane," spokeswoman Olivia Vassey said. The state's Drought Response Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday. The western half of the Upstate is classified as being in a moderate drought, while the eastern half is in the incipient, or earliest, stage.

Post and Courier: The search for sand, beaches face rising costs, depleting supply

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/the-search-for-sand-beaches-face-rising-costs-depleting->

[supply/article_287049ae-953d-11e6-ae18-2f13b43f8287.html](http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109734967.html)

Bo Petersen

The beach might be running out of sand, money and time. Nearly every developed strand on the East Coast has been renourished, many of them repeatedly. And each time a storm such as Hurricane Matthew wracks one, the need increases. Nearshore sand that is fine enough and clean enough for renourishment is found only in shallow pockets that don't replenish quickly. Costs also are soaring and federal legislators have begun pulling back the funding they have provided, largely because of the cost. Local voters soon could be left to decide whether they want to pick up the tab for millions of dollars in recurring costs for their beaches. "There are going to be winners and losers," said Rob Young, a coastal geology professor at Western Carolina University. "Some communities won't be able to afford it." But coastal engineering groups say beach towns are such a tourism revenue generator that the money will continue to be there to pay for renourishments.

Island Packet: Rush-hour traffic jams hit Hilton Head during hurricane recovery

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109734967.html>

Daniel Salazar

You weren't imagining all the extra traffic onto Hilton Head Island this week. Traffic data from the South Carolina Department of Transportation suggests abnormally high traffic on U.S. 278 entering the island in the late morning and leaving the island in the early evening during the first work week following Hurricane Matthew. SC DOT tracks eastbound and westbound traffic on U.S. 278 as it passes by Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge. It tracks three-month averages for every hour of every day of the week. At times there were more than 1,000 more vehicles on the road during rush hour this week than the three-month average as work trucks and recovery crews crowded the causeway. The week's traffic data shows: On Oct. 17, the biggest difference between traffic and the three-month average for traffic onto the island occurred between 9 and 10 a.m. During that hour, 749 more vehicles entered the island than the historic average.

Island Packet: Debris piles rise as feds decide if they'll pay for private road cleanup

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109734492.html>

Kelly Meyerhofer

Hurricane Matthew did not discriminate in its battering of Beaufort County, but the federal government's disaster-relief policy often does when it comes to roads. Local officials say they are addressing the problem. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's public assistance program typically covers debris removal only on county, city and state roads, posing a problem for Beaufort County where more than 70 percent of roads are private. Beaufort County requested an exemption from the rule last week. However, FEMA spokesman Victor Inge said in an email Friday, "Right now, we have not received any requests." Local officials insist that's not true and remain hopeful FEMA will pick up a portion of the cost of debris removal from private roads, private communities and gated properties. Deputy county administrator Josh Gruber broke down the percentage of federal reimbursement rate for debris removal.

Island Packet: Close calls and regrets: Those who didn't evacuate for Matthew tell us about their night

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109890662.html>

Liza Farrell, Rebecca Lurye, and Wade Livingston

When Hurricane Matthew passed just 5 miles off the coast of Hilton Head Island in the early hours of Oct. 8, an untold number of Beaufort County residents — those who ignored Gov. Nikki Haley's order to evacuate days earlier — experienced the storm from inside their homes, from nearby shelters, from

their boats, from their cars and, in at least one case, from under the overhang of a small-town gas station.

Sun News: Storm recovery yields fertile ground for fraud and scam artists, officials warn

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article109898997.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

Be watchful. Be vigilant, state and federal recovery officials warned. Residents impacted by Hurricane Matthew are encouraged to be on the lookout for and report any suspicious activity or potential fraud from scam artists, identity thieves and other criminals who may attempt to prey on them, according to a release from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA encourages storm survivors to be especially vigilant of common fraud practices and stated the following list in a news release...

Morning News : Families of four Pee Dee Hurricane Matthew victims remember their loved ones

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_a6b33dfc-98a4-11e6-ae85-8b1ee197a58a.html

Jessica Imbimbo

Hurricane Matthew claimed five lives in South Carolina, including four Pee Dee residents. Two of the four deaths occurred on Oct. 8 in Florence County as flood waters washed out roads. One occurred in Dillon County. The fourth occurred in Marion County. Both Roosevelt Robinson of Pamplico and Sammie Muldrow of Florence lost their lives on Oct. 8, as a result of the storm. Billy Miller died on Oct. 10 in the Lake View area of Dillon County. James Taylor died on Oct. 13 in the Nichols area of Marion County.

WMBF: Disaster recovery center opening in Marion County

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33448547/disaster-recovery-center-opening-in-marion-county>

Brad Dickerson

A disaster recovery center will open in Mullins on Saturday to help residents with damages and losses from Hurricane Matthew. According to a Marion County press release, the center will be open Monday through Saturday until further notice. The hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday. It will be closed on Sunday.

Representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other public and private agencies are at the center to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors with applications for aid.

WMBF: Temporary disaster food and nutrition services center opens in Robeson County

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33455640/temporary-disaster-food-and-nutrition-services-center-opens-in-robeson-county>

Matt Corpening

North Carolina Governor announced Friday residents in 18 counties affected by Hurricane Matthew could apply for disaster food and nutrition service benefits, after his request was approved by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. According to a news release, Robeson County residents can apply through Wednesday at the 120 Glen Cowan Road in Lumberton between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The benefits are intended for individuals who are not current recipients of food and nutrition services or food stamp benefits. Those individuals may qualify for assistance for a one-month period if they experience any of the following as a result of Hurricane Matthew...

WMBF: SCDOT: More than 50 roads in Grand Strand, Pee Dee remain closed due to Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33451361/scdot-more-than-50-roads-in-grand-strand-pee-dee-remain-closed-due-to-hurricane-matthew>

Matt Corpening

The South Carolina Department of Transportation announced Saturday 60 roads and nine bridges were closed due to Hurricane Matthew across the state. Approximately 55 of those were in the Grand Strand and Pee Dee areas. According to a news release, SCDOT is focused on repairing damaged infrastructure and removing storm debris. 83,284 cubic yards of storm debris had been removed as of Saturday morning. The Socastee Bridge on the Intracoastal Waterway remains closed to marine traffic due to high water levels that have impacted the bridge's electrical system.

WMBF: FEMA: Over \$4M disbursed to those impacted by Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33452003/fema-over-4m-disbursed-to-those-impacted-by-hurricane-matthew>

Matt Corpening

A disaster recovery center has opened in Marion County. The amount of FEMA relief funds disbursed to those affected by Hurricane Matthew for individual and household assistance has grown to \$4,148,400 as of Saturday. According to information from Renee Bafalis, media relations specialist for FEMA, 20,774 South Carolina residents have registered for individual assistance. 21 South Carolina counties are currently eligible for FEMA's individual assistance program. Included in that list are Horry, Georgetown, Marion, Marlboro, Williamsburg, Florence, Dillon and Darlington counties. 13,426 inspections have been issued and FEMA inspectors have completed 5,009.

WPDE: Governor Haley hosting Pee Dee hurricane relief event

<http://wpde.com/news/local/governor-haley-hosting-team-south-carolina-hurricane-relief-event-in-marion-county>

Governor Nikki Haley, as well as other state and federal officials, will visit Marion on Friday, Oct. 28, for a Team South Carolina Hurricane Matthew relief event. The Team South Carolina Pee Dee Day will serve residents impacted by the storm from Darlington, Dillon, Florence and Marion counties, according to a release. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marion County Administrative Building at 2523 East Highway 76 in Marion. The Team South Carolina event will serve as a "one-stop" where residents can find out about recovery resources available to families and businesses.

Michael Slager Case:

Post and Courier: Documents, pretrial testimony give officer's most detailed account yet of Walter Scott shooting

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/documents-pretrial-testimony-give-officer-s-most-detailed-account-yet/article_bd7cba4c-97c6-11e6-8965-bb644680b131.html

Andrew Knapp

Walter Scott dropped something when North Charleston police officer Michael Slager shocked him with a Taser. It was a cellphone set to speaker mode. Slager could hear someone on the other end, he said. It was Scott's mother. "Stop," the voice said, according to Slager's account. "Do what the officer says." But Scott did not stop. Exactly what happened next will be the focus of fierce contention when Slager, 34, is tried next week on a murder charge. But prosecutors' 82-page court filing and accompanying courtroom testimony last week painted the most vivid picture yet of how the former officer said events unfolded on April 4, 2015. Slager said he shot Scott, 50, after Scott grabbed his Taser and came after him. The authorities, though, counter that his account doesn't align with a video

showing Scott running away as he's gunned down.

General Assembly News:

Associated Press : Lawmakers say closing pension to new hires an option

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=G0L0W6Bn

Seanna Adcox

Some lawmakers looking to shore up South Carolina's pension system for public workers say transitioning to a 401k-like plan is a possibility. But experts caution such a move won't erase existing debt. Legislative leaders aren't advocating the idea - at least not yet. But several want to explore it. "Every single solution is on the table and will be debated and considered," said Sen. Kevin Bryant, R-Anderson, co-chairman of a legislative panel studying possible solutions. GOP Rep. Bill Herbkersman, the other co-chairman, said the panel will "definitely look" at a hybrid plan that maintains pensions for existing employees but puts new hires into a "defined contribution" system, such as 401k retirement accounts. Currently, public employees in South Carolina can choose that path over a pension, but few do so. Republican state Treasurer Curtis Loftis says such a hybrid is inevitable, as he believes the existing system is beyond repair.

The Herald: SC House District 26: Thompsen challenges Felder

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/community/fort-mill-times/article110043667.html>

Andrew Stark

Raye Felder, the Republican incumbent for the state's District 26, has served two terms in the S.C. House of Representatives seat. The 54-year-old Felder owns a small insurance sales business and lives in Fort Mill with her husband, J. Wayne Felder. She attended Winthrop University and York Technical College before earning a bachelor's degree from Limestone College. Thompson, 56, was born and raised in Boston where he attended high school and college, but has been in Fort Mill for 13 years. Thompson, who is the Democratic challenger for the District 26 seat, works in document management and is running for elected office for the first time after previously serving as a Democratic county chair and as a delegate for two national conventions.

SC Agency News:

Greenville News: Audits: some county DSN boards failed consumers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/10/22/audits-some-county-dsn-boards-failed-consumers/92505390/>

Tim Smith

County agencies responsible for caring for thousands of intellectually disabled state residents have failed to adequately protect the money and property of those they are caring for, according to audits of the agencies. In more than half of audits conducted during the past three years, dozens of county disabilities and special needs boards were cited for failing to properly manage the funds and property of consumers, the term used to describe the disabled who receive services from the agencies. The internal audits by the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs also cited many boards for sloppy financial management, including personal use of board credit cards, inadequate cash and inventory controls and spending issues. DDSN Commissioner Vicki Thompson of Seneca said commissioners are aware of county audits as they are done but she has not seen a compilation of issues found by auditors to spot systemic issues.

The State: 'It just gets me in the gut,' mental health director says of suicide rate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article110031267.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The 12th annual Walk Out of the Darkness in Columbia drew a crowd to the State House on Sunday to honor those who have died from suicide and those who have survived it. The crowd marched from Boyd Plaza on Main Street to the State House, then back again. Among the speakers was Emily Torchiana, a 22-year-old student at the College of Charleston. Torchiana said that due to experiences while she was in high school, she tried to overdose on pain medication after her senior year, while starting college. "When I was struggling back in high school, I thought I was the only one that was feeling that way," Torchiana said. "So events like these and organizations like these let you know that you're not alone and that there are people that feel the same way you do – and that there's support for you." Also among the speakers was S.C. Department of Mental Health State Director John Magill.

Aiken Standard : Registered sex offenders have Halloween curfew; Aiken offenders must report to central location

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161023/161029831/registered-sex-offenders-have-halloween-curfew-aiken-offenders-must-report-to-central-location>

Tripp Girardeau

The S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services will again supervise a statewide curfew for sex offenders on Halloween, and those offenders monitored in Aiken County will not be allowed in the streets during curfew. Agency spokesman Peter O'Boyle said the department is currently monitoring about 50 offenders in Aiken County. Those offenders will be under a curfew from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 31. "Parents in Aiken County can breathe a little easier when their children are trick-or-treating on Halloween, because all the registered sex offenders in Aiken County monitored by the (S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services) will be required to report to a designated location during the curfew hours," O'Boyle said. During that time in other counties in South Carolina, offenders have been notified that they cannot host parties, attend carnivals, distribute candy or even have their outdoor lights on, O'Boyle said. Department agents will call and drop by some of those offenders' homes to check in during the curfew hours.

SC Delegation News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina's incumbent congressional members hold huge fundraising leads
http://www.postandcourier.com/news/south-carolina-s-incumbent-congressional-members-hold-huge-fundraising-leads/article_bf9049fc-9799-11e6-962c-4f52f8fb74e2.html

Emma Dumain

The saying goes that money isn't everything. That's true for politics as well. But it does count for a heck of a lot. Three of the candidates running against three leading South Carolina incumbents in Washington want to challenge the convention that money equates to electoral success. Right now there's more optimism in the bunch than cash. "If money is the only metric people are relying on, they're going to be surprised this year," said Dimitri Cherny, the Democrat vying to replace Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford in the coastal 1st Congressional District. "Money defines who a candidate is (and) whether they will be accepted by the party they represent," said Thomas Dixon, the North Charleston pastor challenging Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott.

SC Political News:

Associated Press: Emails show Clinton campaign attention to black voters.

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

Darlene Superville

Hacked emails from the personal account of Hillary Clinton's top campaign official show some of the attention her team paid to courting black voters. There were worries about Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' appeal to that historically Democratic voter group. There was angst over whether Clinton should give a speech on race relations. Meanwhile, a South Carolina Democratic Party official voiced concerns that Clinton hadn't visited a particular region of the state. The emails were among hundreds released Saturday by WikiLeaks. The notes were stolen from the email account of John Podesta, the Clinton campaign's chairman, as part of a series of high-profile computer hacks of Democratic targets that U.S. intelligence officials say were orchestrated by Russia, with the intent to influence the Nov. 8 election. It was impossible to authenticate each hacked email that WikiLeaks published, but Democrats have openly acknowledged they were hacked and have not pointed to any specific case where an email was altered to inflict political damage.

The State: How would SC's economy fare under Trump, Clinton?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article109896537.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Donald Trump, the Republican Party's nominee for president, might be leading in the polls in South Carolina, but his economic positions on immigration and foreign trade would hurt the Palmetto State's economy, experts say. However, Sen. Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee, has softened her support for a major free trade deal as the campaign has progressed, they say. And free trade is perhaps the most important economic issue for South Carolina workers because the state is manufacturing heavy, export and import dependent and has one of the nation's leading ports. Like the majority of the America public, economists and business leaders interviewed are not overly enamored with either candidate. One economist even refused to comment because he felt the plans weren't worthy of comment. But the majority of those interviewed feel Clinton's proposed economic policies – particularly her call for comprehensive immigration reform – are more in line with South Carolina's economic goals.

The State (Opinion) : Hillary Clinton: praise and criticism from friends, foes, pundits

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article109663442.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

With less than three weeks before Election Day, we've compiled this quick read with highlights of commentary from across the country on Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

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<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article109663502.html>

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With less than three weeks before Election Day, we've compiled this quick read with highlights of commentary from across the country on the Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Post and Courier: Former Miss USA contestant says Donald Trump hasn't changed

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/former-miss-usa-contestant-says-donald-trump-hasn-t-changed/article_a6681cee-96e9-11e6-be99-a3a60ee806b7.html

Schuyler Kropf and Brenda Rindge

Former Miss USA pageant contestant Samantha Holvey of Mount Pleasant watched last week's presidential debate to see if Donald Trump might have changed his attitudes toward women. She was disappointed. Calling Hillary Clinton "such a nasty woman," and then saying that he supports women, came off as shallow, Holvey said. "I threw-up in my mouth a little bit," she said. Holvey, 30, represented North Carolina in the 2006 pageant, which Trump owned at the time. She said Trump's

conduct was "creepy" around the women participating but never made an advance toward her. "He wasn't talking to us," she said of one contestant lineup. "He was just looking at us, kind of like when you go to the zoo and you look at the animals in their natural habitat."

Post and Courier: Cast your vote, cast aside trumped up claims of voter fraud

http://www.postandcourier.com/columnists/cast-your-vote-cast-aside-trumped-up-claims-of-voter/article_57e8d3ce-979d-11e6-ac0a-1f03b20a205d.html

Brian Hicks

Gov. Nikki Haley finally, reluctantly, jumped back into this deplorable muck of a presidential election last week. With good reason. "This election is not rigged and it is irresponsible to say that it is," Haley said Thursday. As Emma Dumain reported, the governor was quickly joined by a chorus of the state's other Republican leaders including Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, congressman Mark Sanford and state GOP Chairman Matt Moore. What kind of bizarro world is this when Republicans in one of the reddest states in the country feel compelled to contradict their party's presidential nominee? Dorothy, we aren't in Kansas anymore. This shouldn't be an issue, but someone is trailing in the polls so badly he's resorted to claiming that, if he loses, it means the election is rigged. No, it doesn't.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: Matthew reminds Charleston of a rising challenge

http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/commentary/matthew-reminds-charleston-of-a-rising-challenge/article_53ee060a-9797-11e6-9b2f-eb888d853687.html

Editorial: Steve Bailey

Three days after Matthew, the carriages were rolling again down Savage Street, my street. Broad Street is "the economic dividing line," and this is the home of the SOBs, the carriage driver was saying cheerfully. The small yellow house on the right belonged to George Barnard, the famed Civil War photographer who chronicled Sherman's March to the Sea. Note the "privacy door": when it was open, the residents were accepting callers; when it was closed, stay away. "This whole neighborhood was burned in the Great Fire of 1861," the driver said. But on this sunny Tuesday morning, there was something new to talk about: Hurricane Matthew and the carnage it left behind. See the muddy SOB — that would be me — with sump pump in hand. See the mounds of rubbish already piling high on the sidewalk. It is all very entertaining if you can go home to Ohio — not so much if it is your house that had been swamped yet again. For the second time in a year, Charleston's Historic District found itself under water. If the first step to salvation is admitting you have a problem, the Thousand Year Storm followed almost precisely a year later by Matthew should be the moment when Charleston finally decides that it must save itself from the rising seas.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley and Mayor John Tecklenburg were passionate and effective in convincing those in the path of Matthew to leave their homes. What we need now is a leader with the passion and the vision to champion the vastly more complex and costly challenge of keeping us in our homes in the face of the tides that are rising all around us.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Nearly 465,000 attend South Carolina State Fair

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

SC State Wire

Nearly 465,000 people attended this year's South Carolina State Fair in Columbia. The fair closed at 10 p.m. Sunday. Officials credit an expanded ride promotion, ideal weather and a record attendance

for a Saturday that included a home football game for this year's attendance. Officials told local media that the 2016 attendance was up nearly 35,000 from the 2015 fair. Last year's fair came as the state struggled to recover from historic flooding. General manager Gary Goodman says people were clearly glad to be back at the fair under more normal conditions. He says the expansion of the pay-one-price for rides to every day helped attendance. Previously that had only been offered on weekdays. The nearly 61,000 who attended Saturday set a record for the best Saturday ever.

The State: SC State Fair closes with banner attendance

<http://www.thestate.com/entertainment/state-fair/article110069162.html>

Noah Feit

An expanded ride promotion, record football Saturday attendance and ideal weather lead to a banner year for the 147th South Carolina State Fair, which welcomed 464,878 visitors before the gates closed for the year Sunday night. The 2016 attendance figures marked an increase of 34,931 over last year's fair, which followed the historic floods. "We were thrilled to see so many returning faces and lots of news ones and we couldn't be happier with this year's results," said general manager Gary Goodman. "It was clear that folks were looking for a good time and were eager to rebound after last year's challenges." Goodman credits the increase in large part to the expansion of the fair's pay-one-price promotion to all 12 days this year. Previously that promotion has only been offered on weekdays. "I think the pay-one-price days had a significant influence," Goodman said, noting many families are only able to come to the fair on weekends.

Charlotte Observer: Ex-NFL player's son will be at prison gates when father who wanted him dead goes free

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/sports/spt-columns-blogs/scott-fowler/article109620807.html>

Scott Fowler

The boy Rae Carruth wanted dead is working hard. He sits in the Charlotte office of his occupational therapist, practicing one of the mundane tasks he finds so difficult because of his cerebral palsy and brain damage. On this day, his task is to button a single button on his shirt. One minute ticks by. Then another. Six months ago, it took the boy 15 minutes to button this one button. He furrows his brow, concentrating. The boy's mother, Cherica Adams, was murdered in 1999. She was killed because of a murder conspiracy masterminded by Carruth, the first-round draft choice of the Carolina Panthers in 1997. Carruth wanted to kill his on-and-off girlfriend because she was eight months pregnant with his child and he didn't want to pay child support. He hired a hit man to pull the trigger. The four bullets that struck and ultimately killed Cherica Adams in a south Charlotte drive-by shooting also severely damaged her unborn baby.

Local News:

The Herald: Rock Hill mom mourns death of son, 14, in 'choking game': 'It's in my mind forever.'

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article110045047.html>

David Thackham

Jennifer Steele doesn't feel very strong. She doesn't feel brave for speaking out about her 14-year-old son's death from the "choking game" earlier this summer. What she feels is grief and pain and heartache, four months later. Halloween and Christmas and the holidays are coming soon, and the Steele family can only brace themselves for an emotional few months. "Memories of him dressing up in Halloween costumes flood my mind," said Steele, who found her son, Carson, lying in his room after playing the game. "We're gearing up for a hard couple of months." Just a week before Carson's death on June 18, he and his twin brother Alex had celebrated their 14th birthday. In the "choking

game," youths cut off their airwaves, using a belt, rope or some other form of pressure on the neck, in an attempt to get a sense of euphoria. The game claimed the life of another York County child earlier this year. Officials say the game can be played with scarves, belts, neckties or a variety of other objects that can be tied to bedroom furniture or doorknobs.

Associated Press: Prosecutors drop murder, gun charges from 2014 shooting
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XeNW99Rr
SC State Wire

Prosecutors have dismissed a murder charge against a 25-year-old North Charleston man after determining witness statements weren't credible. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports Sunday (<http://bit.ly/2eHMqwW>) the state's case against Travis Sellers for a 2014 shooting death relied almost entirely on two witnesses. A court filing by Assistant Solicitor Alexander Ziegler says the two told inconsistent stories and lied repeatedly to investigators. His filing also dropped a weapon possession charge. There is no forensic evidence linking Sellers to the May 2014 death of 36-year-old Ricardo Smith of Ladson. Ziegler says detectives learned Smith used the home for drug dealing, and he and another person were trying to manufacture drugs when the shooting occurred. That person got rid of the drugs and left with another witness before police arrived.

Associated Press : Coroner: 32-year-old man fatally shot in North Charleston
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HpM85Url
SC State Wire

North Charleston police are investigating the shooting death of a 32-year-old man. Dorchester County Coroner Alice Durr says Curtis Jerome Franks of North Charleston was fatally shot about 10 p.m. Saturday. Durr says Franks was with several other people when he was shot in a parking lot of a townhome complex. Franks was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

Associated Press: Man shot to death at Columbia-area apartment
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=PhkrfOb2
SC State Wire

Richland County sheriff's deputies are investigating the shooting death of a man at a Columbia-area apartment complex. The sheriff's department told local media outlets that the man was found unresponsive by a female acquaintance around 8:30 p.m. Saturday at an apartment complex southeast of Columbia. Lt. Curtis Wilson says the man had been shot in the upper body and was pronounced dead at the scene. His name has not been released. No arrests have been made.

Associated Press: Inmate sentenced to life for ordering shooting of witness
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nabxDkxH
SC State Wire

A Summerville drug dealer has been given a life sentence for ordering the shooting of a federal witness who was set to testify against him. The Post and Courier (<http://bit.ly/2dBqho0>) reports that Ivory Brothers survived being shot between seven and 11 times in 2014 prior to testifying against 34-year-old Martin Ballard. Brothers followed through with his testimony and Ballard was convicted last year of nine charges, including drug violations and murder for hire. On Thursday, Ballard was given a life sentence in a Charleston courtroom for ordering the hit. Because there is no parole in the federal system, Ballard will be imprisoned until his death. Acting U.S. Attorney Beth Drake said the penalty delivers a "strong message" that people who harm witnesses will not receive any leniency.

Associated Press: SC woman fatally shot as family gathered before funeral

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SC State Wire

Police say a South Carolina woman was fatally shot by a stray bullet as she gathered with family inside a Gastonia home before her sister-in-law's funeral. Media outlets report 37-year-old Jacobia Lane of Sumter, South Carolina, was sitting on a couch in her brother's home about 12:30 a.m. Saturday when someone outside fired about 30 bullets. Lane was hit in the back of her head. Family spokesman Christopher Dennis tells The Charlotte Observer (<http://bit.ly/2eux3vx>) about 30 people had gathered at the home before attending a funeral Saturday of a family member who died of cancer. Lane made the trip with her husband and their two children. One bullet struck a pillow where Lane's husband was sleeping, but he wasn't hurt. A teenager in the home was hit in the arm.

Associated Press: Man charged with stabbing person during church service

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SC State Wire

A 65-year-old South Carolina man is charged with stabbing the person sitting in front of him in church. Local media outlets report Billy Lewis of Wedgefield, about 35 miles east of Columbia, is charged with attempted murder for stabbing a man during services Sunday at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church. Authorities have not identified the victim. He was airlifted to a hospital in Columbia with severe injuries. Witnesses told Sumter County Sheriff's deputies that Lewis stood about 9:30 a.m. and began stabbing the man in front of him in the back and head for no apparent reason. A nurse attending the service helped the victim until emergency responders arrived. Deputies say Lewis has a history of mental health issues, but that hasn't included violence.

Associated Press : Authorities release name of 9-year-old victim of 6-car crash

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SC State Wire

The Charleston County coroner has released the name of a 9-year-old child killed in a six-vehicle crash in North Charleston over the weekend. The coroner tells local news outlets that the crash killed Da'Vieona Hamilton of Charleston. She died Saturday evening of injuries suffered in the accident which occurred at an exit ramp on Interstate 26. Five other people were also taken to the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Authorities say 56-year-old Dale Edward Yarborough of Hanahan is charged with reckless homicide, of felony DUI resulting in death and three counts of felony DUI resulting in great bodily injury. Yarborough is in jail and it was not immediately known if he had an attorney.

Associated Press: Teen dies after crashing into pole in Spartanburg County

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SC State Wire

Spartanburg County authorities say a 16-year-old driver died after crashing into a power pole. Coroner Rusty Clevenger says Haven Olivia Blackwell of Greenville died in the single-vehicle crash. Highway Patrol troopers report Blackwell's vehicle ran off the right side of the road about 4 a.m. Sunday, hit the pole and overturned. She was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the car.

Associated Press: South Carolina freshman Felder arrested, jailed for assault

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tWWdMnJ4

SC State Wire

South Carolina freshman guard Rakym Felder was arrested Sunday and charged with several counts, including assault, resisting arrest and public disorderly conduct. Felder, a 6-foot-1 shooting

guard from New York, is being held at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County, according to the facility's website. A team spokeswoman said coach Frank Martin was aware of Felder's arrest and was gathering more information. Per South Carolina athletic department policy, Felder is suspended indefinitely. Felder was charged by the Columbia police with simple assault and battery, resisting arrest, public disorderly conduct, failure to stop on police command, a pedestrian on a controlled access highway and use of another's or altered license or identification card.

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

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

Glenn Smith

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

Sun News: Area police agencies make a dent in shortages

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article109939507.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

Blue lines are growing in Horry County as some area agencies have been steadily increasing their numbers after struggling with shortages. A mixture of variables, such as officers retiring, national scrutiny, frustrated officers leaving and a new generation's general disinterest in the field, have created a nationwide problem that also hits home in Horry County, officials have said. During August, Horry County police were facing a vacancy of about 23 or so with only 11 future officers in training, but that number has since been whittled down to about six expected, according to new Horry County Police Chief Joseph Hill, who took helm in late September. On Wednesday, 10 Horry County Police Department officers will be sworn in, ready to begin serving the community. Nine of those new officers were brought on board thanks to a \$1,000 incentive plan posed to Horry County council by Interim Chief Lance Winburn prior to Hill's arrival.

Associated Press: Signing bonus: Incentives bring officers to Horry County

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SC State Wire

Horry County has a shortage of law enforcement officers like other places around the country. But a new incentive program seems to be helping fill the ranks. Local news outlets report that the county started the incentive program in August to attract experienced officers from other areas. Under the program, current officers earn \$1,000 if they recruit an officer from other parts of the state. Once hired, the new officer gets a \$1,000 signing bonus, and if they live outside the county, receive an additional \$1,000 to help them relocate. County police had 23 vacancies in August with only 11 future officers in training. On Wednesday, the county will swear in 10 new officers, nine of whom were brought to the county through the incentive program.

The State: Short-staffed 911 dispatchers deal with emergencies and the bizarre

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article110021137.html>

Audrey Hudson

The Horry County 911 dispatch center fields nearly 1,000 calls on a busy day, most for actual emergencies, but the overworked and understaffed dispatchers also get a fair share of callers who think the trained operators are a hub for information. Like one recent caller who wanted to know the best way to trap a cat. Or the late night tourists making their way to Myrtle Beach, who are lost in the dark, and call 9-1-1 for directions to their hotel. "People sometimes use 911 just because it's convenient and someone will answer the phone," says Lori Woods, 911 communications supervisor. But in order for that someone to answer the phone, the 911 dispatchers have been working extra shifts to make up for a shortage of manpower this year — 10 vacancies in August that had been reduced to five by October.

Associated Press: Florence teen does work for new Smithsonian museum

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=P8iEVIwr

Melissa Rollins

Books are often referred to as a voice from the past. One Florence teen has now become the actual voice for history at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. "There is an app that came out," Jada Hunt said. "It is a storytelling app. Instead of pushing buttons for the exhibits, nowadays you download the app and listen to it. I did the kids' section. There were nine stories." Hunt said that the concept of providing a voice for the app was something new to her. "I had never heard of voice-over before," Hunt said. "My voice coach, Lisa Biggs, was working for my agency and she did the voice-over portion. She had me record a demo last year, in January, and she submitted it for this. I happened to get chosen out of the dozens of kids that submitted." Though it was different, Hunt said she liked it. "It was a new opportunity for me," Hunt said. "I really enjoy acting, and this is part of that." Though it was an interest in acting that led her to voice-over work, it was yet another pursuit that brought her to acting: beauty pageants.

Herald-Journal: City preservation efforts focus on repurposing historic buildings

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161022/city-preservation-efforts-focus-on-repurposing-historic-buildings?rssfeed=true>

Alyssa Mulliger

Spartanburg has no shortage of historic buildings representing past strides in industry, education, religion and residential growth. But over time, some of the most prominent buildings in and around the city have fallen into disrepair after years of vacancy. A few have faced the auction block, while others been demolished. Suzanne Brooks, executive director of the Spartanburg County Historical Association, said preservation has benefits beyond protecting the city's history. "People tend to flock to areas that have some longstanding cultural heritage, rather than ones that are tearing down and rebuilding every 10-20 years," Brooks said. "Preservation fits into so much that is happening in Spartanburg right now." Motivated by a desire to safeguard endangered pieces of history, civic leaders, concerned residents and visionary developers are spearheading efforts to restore and repurpose old buildings so they may again serve the community.

The State: New faces have opportunity to shape schools in Richland 1 and Richland 2

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article110040757.html>

Sarah Ellis

Four or five new school board members will emerge from a crowded field of 18 candidates between the two Richland County school districts. Longtime board members in both Richland 1 and Richland 2

are transitioning out of their positions, making way for hopeful newcomers and a few who have run or held board seats in the past. For the first time in 24 years, Vince Ford won't return to his post on the Richland 1 school board. His at-large seat, along with that of Pamela Adams, opens up at a time when the district has come under fire for flubbing an application for reimbursement of federal funds for low-income students. Some parents publicly asked Superintendent Craig Witherspoon to resign over the loss of \$3.1 million. The six candidates for the two Richland 1 at-large seats are Darrell Black, a former professor and chief information officer; Otha Dillihay, a retired human resources officer for the district; Avni Gupta-Kagan, an education consultant; Donna Mack; Germon "Mama G" Miller, a nonprofit executive; and Lila Anna Sauls, director of the St. Lawrence Place transitional housing community and the Homeless No More nonprofit.

The State: Lexington coroner's race stormy as Barron goes up against Fisher – again

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article110041512.html>

Tim Flach

A low-profile contest for Lexington County coroner is erupting into an exchange of insults as it nears the end. Republican incumbent Margaret Fisher and challenger Frank Barron are calling each other unfit for the job of overseeing investigations of nearly 2,000 violent and unexpected deaths that occur in the 758-square-mile county each year. Their volleys over style come in the only countywide match on the Nov. 8 ballot. Barron, who's running as a Constitution Party candidate, insists Fisher often is "crude and disrespectful" in dealing with relatives of those who died, claims she says are "ginned up for political purposes" that ignore a bulletin board full of thank-you notes in her office. So far, no one who has dealt with Fisher has stepped forward to back up Barron. But he insists that families are spreading the word quietly in his favor. In some respects, the name-calling is a continuation of an unsuccessful challenge to Fisher in the June 14 Republican Party primary election.

Post and Courier: Council members vying to become next Kiawah Island mayor

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/johnson-weaver-vying-to-become-next-kiawah-island-mayor/article_1da428c6-97cf-11e6-b3ce-e34d80b6103c.html

Prentiss Findlay

This beachfront municipality will have a new leader in six weeks. Current Mayor Charles Lipuma is not seeking a new term, and Kiawah Island Council members Mary Q. Johnson and Craig Weaver will vie for the mayor's job in the town's Dec. 6 election. She has served on Council for four years. He has held office for two years. If elected, Johnson said she will work to restore public trust and government transparency. Weaver's priorities include preservation of property values and effective growth management. The winner will succeed Lipuma, who has served two terms. Under Lipuma, Kiawah hired a new administrator and treasurer, and the town began work on a \$9.25 million municipal center that will open next summer on Betsy Kerrison Parkway. "If I have a legacy, I would say the legacy is moving the town forward from the original Town Hall to the new one," he said.

Independent Mail: Anderson County courting manufacturer, at least 60 jobs

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/23/anderson-county-courting-manufacturer-least-60-jobs/92647616/>

Nikie Mayo

Anderson County is courting a manufacturer that could bring 60 new jobs to the Pendleton area. Officials have not made public the identity of the company, which is code-named "Project Smokey" in county documents. County Administrator Rusty Burns said the company is considering making a \$19.5 million investment in this part of the Upstate. "This would be a big win because this company is looking at a building right outside the Pendleton town limits that has been sitting idle for a while,"

Burns said. "And the jobs it would bring have an average salary over \$20 an hour, so it would be wonderful to land that." He declined to give other identifying details about the company, including what kinds of goods it manufactures. County officials are considering incentives for the company. The Anderson County Council gave preliminary approval this month indicating that it would support incentives, but those inducements would need to be approved twice more to become final.

Herald-Journal : Denny's expands into Philippines

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161022/dennys-expands-into-philippines?rssfeed=true>

Spartanburg-based Denny's Corp. has opened its first Denny's restaurant in the Philippines, the company recently announced. The Bistro Group plans to open 10 Denny's restaurants over the next 10 years across the Philippines. The first location is the Uptown Parade in Bonifacio, Global City, in Manila. A second location is set to open in November in Santa Rosa, Laguna. The new Denny's features a welcoming atmosphere with American comfort food served for breakfast, lunch and dinner, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the company stated. "With over 1,700 locations throughout the world, Denny's is excited to open in the Philippines, an important gateway to Asia," stated John Miller, Denny's president and CEO. "We're delighted with the performance of our America's Diner concept with the increasing global acceptance and demand for our brand."

The Herald: Sisters open construction school in Lancaster

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article109920182.html>

Brandon Byron

Two sisters are hoping their business venture not only provides new vocational education opportunities for area residents, but that their unique classroom-hands-on program will give students a career advantage. Carolina Construction School opened its doors to students pursuing careers in construction and commercial truck driving earlier this month. The eight-week program is purposed to generate better-qualified workers in the industry by investing in advanced construction education. In addition to classroom and field training, Carolina Construction School promises student internships; President Jan Lineberger says that's what makes the school exceptional. "There are several programs sort of like ours," she said. "Where ours differs is that we have a sponsorship with LCI – Lineberger Construction – so that we can offer internships ... that's been something that we've found no one else is offering."

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press : Obama campaigns in Nevada, visits California

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4014deb0064c4f0b9be84d64486c84dc>

President Barack Obama is stepping up the pace of his campaign to boost Hillary Clinton as his successor while pushing as well for Democrats to retake the Senate, visiting tightly contested Nevada before headlining party fundraisers Monday in California. Getting into the Las Vegas spirit Sunday night, Obama told Nevadans they have a winning hand in Clinton and Senate candidate Catherine Cortez Masto. "You've got black jack," Obama told a crowd of 3,000 boisterous supporters packed into a local high school, while another 2,100 were in an exterior courtyard. Obama was unsparing in his criticism of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, describing the billionaire businessman as unfit to serve as president. Obama said that for years, Republican politicians and far right media outlets have served up "all kinds of crazy stuff" about him, Clinton and Sen. Harry Reid, the Nevadan who leads Senate Democrats. Obama cited as an example those who questioned whether he was born in the U.S. and others who argued that he aimed to take away everybody's guns.

Associated Press: Obama presses campaign to elevate Clinton to White House

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Associated Press : With email dumps, WikiLeaks tests power of full transparency

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d64ba1bda47f4e8bb07b88a2b047d1d8>

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange first outlined the hypothesis nearly a decade ago: Can total transparency defeat an entrenched group of insiders? "Consider what would happen," Assange wrote in 2006, if one of America's two major parties had their emails, faxes, campaign briefings, internal polls and donor data all exposed to public scrutiny. "They would immediately fall into an organizational stupor," he predicted, "and lose to the other." A decade later, various organs of the Democratic Party have been hacked; several staffers have resigned and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has seen the inner workings of her campaign exposed to the public, including disclosures calling into question her positions on trade and Wall Street and her relationship with the party's left. Many of these emails have been released into the public domain by WikiLeaks.

Associated Press: Clinton aides suggested email jokes, say hacked messages

<http://bigstory.ap.org/0937b835d5f4453bb83a959d962a0c0a>

Hacked emails from the personal account of Hillary Clinton's top campaign official show her aides considered inserting jokes about her private email server into her speeches at several events — and at least one joke made it into her remarks. "I love it," she told a dinner in Iowa on August 14, 2015, noting she had opened an online account with Snapchat, which deletes posts automatically. "Those messages disappear all by themselves." The crack scored a laugh from the audience, but the issue was plenty serious. About a month earlier, news broke of an FBI investigation into whether some of the emails that passed through Clinton's unsecured server contained classified information. Ultimately, the agency criticized Clinton for being reckless with classified information but declined to prosecute her. But hacked emails of John Podesta, Clinton's top campaign official, show the Democratic candidate and her team were slow to grasp the seriousness of the controversy, initially believing it might blow over after one weekend. It did not, and became the most recent example of a penchant for secrecy that has fueled questions about Clinton's trustworthiness, which she has acknowledged has been a political challenge.

National News:

Associated Press: In year of 3,000 shootings, a teen faces life beyond bullet

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7f29b0f2b61e4113beaef19677244ff3>

He suddenly felt as if a hot wire had torn through his chest. It hurt to breathe. Jonathan Annicks wasn't

sure he'd been shot. It was after midnight when he'd dashed outside his family's house to retrieve a phone charger from the car. Now, slumped over in anguish, he frantically punched his brother's number into his phone. "You might have to take me to the hospital," he gasped, "Come outside, please!" He slid from the car; his legs ended up splayed across the floorboard, the top half of his body sprawled on the pavement. The driver's side window was shattered, the passenger door flung open. In the harsh glare of a streetlight, a baseball-sized smear of blood glistened on the center console. Jonathan had seen the gunman for just a few seconds: a hooded stranger wearing shiny earrings who bounded out of a van, stood about six feet away and uttered something like, "What's up, homie? Run it."

Associated Press: 13 killed, 31 hurt in one of California's deadliest wrecks

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e709de7e64094250ba6840cad67f4a4e>

A maintenance crew had slowed down traffic on a California highway through the night, and the work had gone on for hours without problems. Then a tour bus returning to Los Angeles from a casino trip slammed into the back of a semi-truck. Passengers who were asleep on the bus woke up to loud screams and the sound of crushing metal. The gambling jaunt ended in one of the deadliest wrecks in California history with 13 people killed and 31 others injured. Authorities said the bus was going much faster than the truck, causing it to plow about 15 feet into the truck on Interstate 10 just north of the desert resort town of Palm Springs. "You can see it was a substantial impact," California Highway Patrol Border Division Chief Jim Abele said. It was not known if alcohol, drugs or fatigue played a role in the crash, but the bus was inspected in April and had no mechanical issues, Abele said. The bus driver was killed, and the truck driver received minor injuries.

World News:

Associated Press: Iraq forces shell IS near Mosul; group urges airstrike probe

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4a4ac337654d434b8f4f4dff34ef12aa>

Iraqi forces shelled Islamic State positions outside Mosul on Monday as fighting to retake the extremist-held city entered its second week and a rights group urged a probe into a suspected airstrike that hit a mosque, killing over a dozen civilians. The purported airstrike in northern Iraq struck the women's section of a Shiite mosque on Friday in the town of Daquq amid a large Islamic State assault on the nearby city of Kirkuk. That assault was meant to distract the Iraqi forces and their allies from the massive operation around Mosul, the country's second largest city. Human Rights Watch said Daquq's residents believe the attack was an airstrike because of the extent of the destruction and because planes could be heard flying overhead. The New York-based watchdog said at least 13 people were reported killed. The U.S.-led coalition and the Iraqi military, which are waging the offensive to drive IS from Mosul, are the only parties known to be flying military aircraft over Iraq.

Associated Press: Limited gains in first week of Iraq's Mosul offensive

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2baf7e7a5653410b94b88c5ae700db83>

In the week since Iraq launched an operation to retake Mosul from the Islamic State group, its forces have pushed toward the city from the north, east and south, battling the militants in a belt of mostly uninhabited towns and villages. In the heavily mined approaches to the city, they met with fierce resistance as IS unleashed suicide truck bombs, rockets and mortars. In other areas, the militants retreated, and in at least one village civilians rose up and overthrew them before the troops arrived. IS meanwhile launched a massive assault on the city of Kirkuk, some 170 kilometers (100 miles) away, killing at least 80 people in two days of clashes in an apparent attempt to divert Iraqi forces. Here is a look at the main developments during the first week of the offensive...

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