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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – NOVEMBER 3, 2017

TOP STORIES

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TRIP TO ASIA. The Asian odyssey will take him to five countries and two international summits. Trade issues and North Korea's nuclear threat are likely to dominate the discussions. Here's a quick primer on what to watch for at each stop. [Read more.](#)

JUDGE RULES NO JAIL TIME FOR BERGDAHL. The judge, Col. Jeffrey Nance, instead sentenced Bergdahl to a reduction in rank, a payment of \$1,000 per month for 10 months and a dishonorable discharge. [Read more.](#)

HIRING REBOUNDS, UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS IN OCTOBER. Nonfarm payrolls rose a seasonally adjusted 261,000 in October, the Labor Department said Friday. That was a pickup from the prior month, but undershot economists' expectations for 315,000 new jobs. [Read more.](#)

ISIS CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR NYC ATTACK. Suspect Saipov has told authorities that watching ISIS videos inspired him to carry out this week's attack and that he closely followed the terror group's playbook. The group said Saipov was "a soldier of the caliphate," without providing evidence to back up its claim. [Read more.](#)

CONGRESS AND POLITICS

TRUMP: "I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH" ABOUT MEETING WITH PAPADOPOULOS. President Trump on Friday sought to diminish the importance of the campaign foreign policy meeting where former adviser George Papadopoulos tried to broker connections between Russians and the Trump campaign, with the president claiming that he did not remember what was said. [Read more.](#)

ELIZABETH WARREN BACKS BRAZILE. U.S. President Donald Trump has called for an investigation after a Hillary Clinton supporter said the Democratic Party "rigged" its primary for her. [Read more.](#)

DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DoD IS LOSING THE BUDGET ENDGAME. The recently passed budget resolution focused on making sure Congress could pass a tax reform bill, and designated all of its budget flexibility toward that end. The defense budget was left at the BCA cap level: \$52 billion below the budget request. [Read more.](#)

NAVY FINDS DEEP-ROOTED FAILURES LED TO COLLISIONS. In one of the most remarkable U.S. Navy documents in recent memory, the service is admitting to widespread failures and training shortfalls at the core of its most basic function: safely operating ships at sea. [Read more.](#)

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

THE HIDDEN 46% TAX BRACKET. Thanks to a quirky proposed surcharge in the tax plan the GOP introduced Thursday, Americans who earn more than \$1 million in taxable income would trigger an extra 6 percent tax on the next \$200,000 they earn. [Read more.](#)

A TAX CUT THAT LIFTS THE ECONOMY? Economists are still parsing the details, but even some ardent supporters of the plan say expectations about heady growth and job gains are exaggerated. [Read more.](#)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

TRUMP DISAPPEARS FROM TWITTER FOR 11 MINUTES. Twitter said the error was made by a customer-support employee on his or her last day of work at Twitter. The glitch demonstrates the vulnerabilities of the platform that has become one of President Trump's preferred ways of communicating with constituents. [Read more.](#)

LONG LINES AT APPLE AS THE iPhone X IS RELEASED. The \$1,000 price tag on Apple Inc.'s new iPhone X didn't deter throngs of enthusiasts around the world who waited -- sometimes overnight -- in long lines with no guarantee they would walk out of the store with one of the coveted devices. [Read more.](#)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

EPA NAMES ADVISORY OFFICIALS. Among the dozens of new members of the boards are representatives of Phillips 66 Co., Southern Co. and the North Dakota Petroleum Council. Some of the new advisers have controversial scientific views, like one who believes air quality is too clean for children and multiple climate change skeptics. [Read more.](#)

PERRY: FOSSIL FUELS HELP PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT IN AFRICA. Energy Secretary Rick Perry suggested on Thursday that increasing fossil fuel use to spread electricity across Africa would help prevent sexual assaults there. [Read more.](#)

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – OCTOBER 27, 2017

TOP STORIES

TRUMP DECLARES OPIOID CRISIS A PUBLIC-HEALTH EMERGENCY.

Mr. Trump announced a plan to target the abuse of opioids, which kill more than 140 Americans each day, at the White House. [Read more.](#)

THE JFK FILES. President Donald Trump on Thursday didn't release all of the files about the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy — but he did make public more than 2,800 pages of documents. [Read more.](#)

CATALAN INDEPENDENCE CRISIS ESCALATES. The Catalan regional parliament has voted to declare independence from Spain, while the Spanish parliament has approved direct rule over the region. [Read more.](#)

CONGRESS AND POLITICS

HOUSE ADOPTS SENATE BUDGET, TAKES STEP TOWARDS TAX REFORM. The budget will allow Republicans to pass a tax overhaul that adds up to \$1.5 trillion to the deficit through a process known as reconciliation, which only requires 51 votes to pass in the Senate. [Read more.](#)

PAUL RYAN SAYS FBI WILL HAND OVER DOSSIER-RELATED DOCUMENTS. The announcement marks the end of a long-running impasse between Congress and federal law enforcement. [Read more.](#)

DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

KENYA ELECTION MARRED BY CLASHES AND LOW VOTER TURNOUT. Kenya held a rerun of its botched presidential election Thursday, but the opposition boycotted and clashes broke out between police and protesters, threatening further political turmoil in one of sub-Saharan Africa's key economies. [Read more.](#)

MATTIS DENOUNCES NORTH KOREA IN VISIT TO DMZ. Mr. Mattis, making his first trip to the DMZ as defense secretary, reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to South Korea's security. He also said that Washington's goal "is not war, but rather the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." [Read more.](#)

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

U.S. ECONOMY GREW AT 3 PERCENT PACE IN Q3. The U.S. economy expanded at a faster pace than expected, weathering the effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. [Read more.](#)

TRUMP NARROWS FED CHAIR CHOICE DOWN TO TWO. President Trump has largely settled on nominating either former investment banker Jerome "Jay" Powell or Stanford economist John Taylor to be chairman of the Federal Reserve. [Read more.](#)

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DIUx HANDS OFF CYBER PILOT PROJECT TO ARMY. The Pentagon's commercial technology hub has successfully transitioned a program from pilot to full-blown contract, a milestone for the 2-year-old office. [Read more.](#)

TWITTER PULLS RT, SPUTNIK ADS. Twitter said Thursday it's dropping all ads from Kremlin-funded English-language media outlets RT and Sputnik, as the company prepares to face lawmakers next week over Russian use of social media to interfere with the 2016 election. [Read more.](#)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

STUDY SHOWS EXTREME WEATHER HAS ALREADY COST THE U.S. \$350 BILLION. The study by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), a federal agency that does audits on behalf of Congress, warns that climate change will impact various sectors and regions differently. [Read more.](#)

COURT HALTS EPA RULE REGULATING TRACTOR-TRAILERS. At issue is a 2016 regulation that increased fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas standards for heavy-duty trucks. [Read more.](#)

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FULL RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED OVERNIGHT FOR I-64 WIDENING PROJECT

Detours will be in place during overnight closures on November 5-10

NEWPORT NEWS — Contractor crews with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will close the following ramps and roads to perform construction activities on the first and second segments of the I-64 Widening Project:

- **I-64 west off-ramp to Fort Eustis Boulevard (exit 250A)** on November 7, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- **I-64 west off-ramp to Jefferson Avenue (exit 250B):**
 - November 7, from 8 p.m to 5 a.m.
 - November 10, from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- **I-64 west on-ramp from Route 143** on November 8, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- **I-64 west on-ramp from Fort Eustis Boulevard** on November 9, from 8 p.m to 5 a.m.
- **I-64 west off-ramp to Route 143 (exit 243B)** on November 5-9, starting as early as 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- **I-64 east on- and off-ramps at Route 199 west (exit 242A)** on November 5-9, starting as early as 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

All construction work is dependent upon weather conditions. Signs will be in place to alert motorists to the ramp closures and detour.

Traffic will be detoured as follows:

Westbound traffic on I-64 to Fort Eustis (VA-105W) and Jefferson Ave (VA-143)

- Take Exit 247 to Yorktown Road
- Turn right onto Yorktown Road (Route 238)

- Turn right onto Jefferson Avenue (Route 143)
- Continue straight to Fort Eustis Boulevard

Westbound traffic on Jefferson Ave to I-64 west:

- Continue straight on Jefferson Avenue (VA-143) through Yorktown Road (Rt. 238)
- Take the exit on the right and follow signs for I-64 west

Eastbound traffic on Jefferson Ave to I-64 west:

- Continue straight on Jefferson Ave
- Turn right onto Fort Eustis Boulevard (VA-105 W)
- Keep right and follow signs for I-64 east
- Keep right to stay on Exit 250 A to Fort Eustis Boulevard (VA-105 E)
- Keep right and follow signs for I-64 west

Eastbound traffic on Fort Eustis Boulevard (Route 105) to I-64 west:

- Continue east on Fort Eustis Boulevard (Route 105) to Jefferson Avenue (Route 143)
- Turn left onto Jefferson Avenue (Route 143)
- Take the immediate exit on the left onto I-64 west

I-64 west off-ramp to Route 143 (exit 243B) closure:

- Take Exit 242A to Humelsine Parkway (VA-199 west)
- Keep right and follow signs for VA-143 detour
- Exit right at the Williamsburg VA-143 exit

I-64 west (exit 242A) ramp closure:

- Take Exit 238 to Route 143 east
- Take the I-64 east on-ramp
- Follow signs to exit 242A to Route 199 west

I-64 east (exit 242A) ramp closure:

- Take Exit 243B to Route 143 west
- Follow signs on Route 143 west to ramp for Route 199 west

Route 199 east on-ramp to I-64 west closure:

- Follow signs on Route 199 east to traffic signal
- Make a U-turn at signal to access Route 199 west

- Follow Route 199 west to I-64 west on-ramp

Route 199 west on-ramp to I-64 east closure:

- Follow signs on Route 199 west to Route 60 ramp
- From Route 60 take the Route 199 east ramp
- Follow Route 199 east to the I-64 east on-ramp

Additional scheduled lane closures for the I-64 Widening project this week include:

Segment I: Jefferson Avenue (exit 255) to Yorktown Road (exit 247)

- Alternating single-lane closures on I-64 east and west from Lee Hall (Exit 247) and ending near Jefferson Avenue (Exit 255) on November 5-11, starting as early as 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following morning. Friday and Saturday night closures will not begin until 11 p.m. and will last until 8 a.m.
- Alternating single-lane closures on Fort Eustis Boulevard in both directions at the I-64 overpass on November 6-10, starting 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Segment II: Route 199 (exit 242) to Yorktown Road (exit 247)

- Alternating single-lane closures on I-64 east and west from Colonial Parkway to Lee Hall (Exit 247) November 5-9 starting as early as 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following morning.
- Lane closures under flagger control on Jefferson Avenue and Penniman Road at the I-64 overpasses on November 5-9, starting as early as 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following morning.

Project information, construction updates, and additional weekly lane closures are available on the VDOT website at <http://i64widening.org/> and on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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