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Mike White, Rite-Hite CEO, warns employees of 'personal consequences' if Obama is re-elected

Milwaukee manufacturer Rite-Hite owner and Chairman Mike White sent an email to employees saying they "should understand the personal consequences... of having our tax rates increase... if... Obama is re-elected."

Read more: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/10/25/mike-white-ceo-email_n_2017372.html

Energized Baldwin seeks young voters at UWGB

Baldwin made several campaign stops on Tuesday including one at UW-Green Bay. She told students that there is a clear choice between her and Tommy Thompson and that young voters are critical this election.

Read more: <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20121030/GPG010410/121030063>

Venture capitalist Einhorn paid for voter fraud billboards

Stephen Einhorn- a Wisconsin venture capital fund manager and major GOP donor- acknowledged he paid for dozens of anonymous billboards in the Milwaukee area and two Ohio cities "warning" against voter fraud.

Read more: <http://www.jsonline.com/blogs/news/176346381.html>

Ryan supporters praise his jobs, budget plans after rally

Racine residents left vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan's rally Wednesday feeling confident that the local Republican congressman can get the U.S. economy rolling again. About a dozen protestors also attended.

Read more: http://www.journaltimes.com/article_3b25b578-23b0-11e2-924b-001a4bcf887a.html

Obama tells Green Bay crowd 'we've got more work to do'

President Barack Obama asked supporters in Green Bay Thursday to help him win a second term, saying "we've got more work to do" to strengthen the United States and "we've come too far to turn back now."

Read more: <http://www.wispolitics.com/index.iml?Article=283436>

Federal judge rules Milwaukee County could shift some health costs to retirees

Milwaukee County's move to charge its retirees for some health care costs- a 2012 change that shifted millions in costs from taxpayers to retirees and active employees- was upheld in federal court Tuesday.

Read more: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/176503731.html>

Hopper resigns from business development post

Former state Senator Randy Hopper resigned Tuesday as the head of the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corp. Hopper was arrested 10 days ago for the second time since he was recalled in 2011.

Read more: <http://www.wrn.com/2012/10/hopper-resigns-post/>

State

Van Hollen asks appeals court to put hold on collective bargaining ruling

State lawyers on Thursday asked a state appeals court to re-impose the new collective bargaining law on municipal and school workers and delay enforcement of a judge's order that threw out key parts of the law.

Read more: http://host.madison.com/article_877d24e4-1eea-11e2-9193-001a4bcf887a.html

Judge strikes down law giving Walker new powers in setting DPI rules

Part of a law giving Walker veto powers over rules written by the school superintendent was struck down Tuesday by a county judge, the latest in a series of legal battles between Walker and public employee unions.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/JudgestrikesdownlawgivingWalkernewpowersinsettingDPIrules>

Teachers unions WEAC, AFT-Wisconsin consider merger

The state's two largest teachers' unions AFT and WEAC are contemplating a merger after losing about 30 percent of their membership in the wake of new collective bargaining rules and cuts in education funding.

Read more: http://host.madison.com/article_8d73e2d8-22f1-11e2-8710-0019bb2963f4.html

Retailer pressures workers to take anti-Obama "civics course"

All year, Menards has encouraged employees to take an at-home online "civics" course that characterizes the economic policies of Obama as a threat to the success of businesses and to the employees' own well-being.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/RetailerpressuresworkerstotakeantiObamacivicscourse>

State agrees to pay \$257,000 in redistricting case

The state has entered into a settlement to pay more than \$257K in attorneys' fees in a lawsuit brought by a team of Dems and immigrant rights groups that sued over newly drawn legislative boundaries in Milwaukee.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/Stateagreestopay257000inredistrictingcase>

Democratic Assembly candidate admits voting for Walker

47th Assembly District Democratic candidate Robb Kahl says he has supported members of both parties in the past- including Gov. Scott Walker in 2010- but that his policy positions are more in line with Democrats.

Read more: http://host.madison.com/article_b3477418-23a3-11e2-8e0e-001a4bcf887a.html

GAB head projects 3 million voters, expresses concerns about polling places

Government Accountability Board Executive Director Kevin Kennedy said he expects at least 3 million votes cast in Wisconsin on Tuesday and is working out concerns over efficiency and transparency at polling places.

Read more: <http://www.wispolitics.com/index.iml?Article=283073>

Five Wisconsin lawmakers settle suit with groups seeking ALEC emails

Five Republican legislators settled an open records lawsuit by agreeing to disclose to two groups personal emails to and from ALEC- a conservative organization that works with corporations to draft legislation.

Read more: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/176441471.html>

Federal

Marquette poll shows Obama up significantly in Wisconsin; Baldwin leads Thompson

The latest Marquette Law School poll released Wednesday shows Pres. Barack Obama leading Mitt Romney 51 percent to 43 percent, and Democratic U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin leading Tommy Thompson 47 to 43.

Read more: http://host.madison.com/article_f467776c-2386-11e2-8aca-001a4bcf887a.html

Baldwin backs Obamacare, won't push for single-payer system

Rep. Baldwin said Thursday that if elected to the Senate, she will focus on implementing Obamacare rather than advocating for having the government pay all citizens' health care costs, as she's backed in the past.

Read more: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/175832031.html>

Thompson reports having \$1.3 million on hand; Baldwin yet to report

On Thursday, Republican Tommy Thompson's campaign reported it had \$1.3 million cash on hand for the final days of the Senate race against Democrat Tammy Baldwin. Baldwin had yet to file her finance report.

Read more: http://host.madison.com/article_03cf2310-1ef7-11e2-b595-0019bb2963f4.html

Firefighter groups defend Baldwin; announce ads rebuffing Thompson's 9/11 claim

Two firefighter organizations rushed to the aid of Tammy Baldwin Thursday, saying allegations by Thompson that the congresswoman did not support ailing 9/11/01 first responders are "dishonest" and "disgusting."

Read more: http://host.madison.com/article_f3e58686-1efd-11e2-9e5d-0019bb2963f4.html

Campaign finances favor incumbents in state's US House races

At least five of Wisconsin's U.S. House incumbents hold a financial edge heading into the Nov. 6 elections, according to campaign finance reports filed Thursday. All eight House seats will be on Tuesday's ballot.

Read more: http://host.madison.com/article_1940f48c-1f04-11e2-aca1-0019bb2963f4.html

Emails shed light on Ryan, Walker relationship

Emails between office aides reviewed by the AP offered an unusual, behind-the-scenes glimpse of the interpersonal relationship between Republican U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/EmailsshedlightonRyanWalkerrelationship>

Paul Ryan's 'problematic' RNC spending spree

Federal campaign finance disclosure reports submitted by Paul Ryan's congressional campaign indicate that he may have improperly used re-election funds for presidential campaign activities at the RNC last August.

Read more: <http://politicker.com/2012/10/paul-ryan-campaign-money/>

Upcoming Events

Early voting ends Friday, Nov. 2; general election is Tuesday, Nov. 6: <http://bit.ly/voterresources>

For a listing of statewide events visit <http://www.seiuwi.org/events/>

For a listing of legislative hearings visit <http://committeeschedule.legis.wisconsin.gov/>