At stake for Donald Trump
Republican needs rebound from tumultuous week

BY KEVIN MURPHY • St. Louis Post-Dispatch
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By Jerome Solomon

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. • Hurricane Matthew churned along Florida’s Atlantic Coast on Friday, looking increasingly as if it will dodge the Sunshine State, but it still threatened parts of the South with record-breaking rainfall, coastal flooding and wind gusts topping 100 mph. By late Friday afternoon, the strongest hurricane to menace the United States in a decade had weakened to a Category 2 storm, and it was clear that Florida had dodged some of the worst-case destruction.

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