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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Post: Hate crime? Terrorism? Mass shooting? How the increasingly blurred lines lead to a blurry response.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/06/14/hate-crime-terrorism-mass-shooting-how-the-increasingly-blurred-lines-lead-to-a-blurry-response/>

Janell Ross

In the days after Dylann Roof entered a historic black Charleston church and shot and killed nine people came the realization that we had just seen a combination of two terrible American phenomena -- a mass shooting and a race-related hate crime. But it took several days for that reality to set in. First, a series of conservative lawmakers insisted that the shooting was an expression of anti-Christian bias and an attack on believers everywhere. Then, there was the semantic debate about whether or not the Charleston shooting was an act of domestic terror. The murders seem to fit the precise definition of the word terrorism and until this weekend had much in common with most of the acts of terrorism committed in the United States since Sept. 11, 2001, according to an analysis by the New American Foundation.

Note: The flag lost its place at the state capitol, largely due to the efforts of the state's Republican governor, Nikki Haley. Lost in the discussion were the range of sentiments expressed by Roof in his manifesto that bear similarities to what Donald Trump is saying on the campaign trail about crime, race and immigration, how many people share some part of them (in most cases minus the violence), think and then vote accordingly. (Haley has since drawn a line between Trump's divisive rhetoric and the potential for what happened in Charleston.)

Orlando Shooting News:

Associated Press: FBI investigating whether Orlando killer was a club regular

<http://bigstory.ap.org/761507bed75f461e9fd95a1422e63ef7>

Jason Dearen and Terrance Harris

The FBI is investigating reports that Orlando gunman Omar Mateen had been a regular at the gay nightclub he attacked and had used gay dating apps, a U.S. official briefed on the case said Tuesday. A number of possible explanations and motives for the bloodbath that left 49 victims dead have emerged, with Mateen professing allegiance to the Islamic State group, his ex-wife saying he was mentally ill, and his father suggesting he was driven by hatred of gays. The picture grew more complex as patrons of the Pulse came forward to say that they had seen the 29-year-old American-born Muslim there a number of times or that he had been using gay dating apps. Mateen had a wife and 3-year-old son.

Associated Press: The Latest: Jamaica AG: Gay flag at US embassy disrespectful

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9232a5d04a1b4723b1c461f7058f07d6>

Jamaica's attorney general says a decision to fly the rainbow flag at the U.S. Embassy following the Orlando gay nightclub massacre is an affront to the island's anti-sodomy laws. On her social media accounts, Marlene Malahoo Forte condemned the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history but says she found the Kingston embassy's decision to fly the rainbow flag "disrespectful of Jamaican laws." The attorney general described this as her personal view. On Tuesday, the U.S. Embassy said

it is flying the rainbow flag "in solidarity with the victims who were targeted for being members of the LGBT community." U.S. embassies across the globe have also been flying the pride flag following the Sunday violence. Jamaica has longstanding laws criminalizing gay sex between men remain. Stigma against LGBT citizens is common.

Associated Press: Obama issues scathing rebuke of Trump's anti-Muslim rhetoric

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6ff707d28e454f87a2fc7c4681a11a01>

Kathleen Hennessey

President Barack Obama on Tuesday delivered a scathing rebuke of Donald Trump's anti-Muslim rhetoric, blasting the Republican presidential nominee's immigration proposals as dangerous and "not the America we want." Speaking to reporters after a briefing on the Orlando shooting, Obama said Trump's call for tougher talk on terrorism and a strict ban on Muslim immigration would make Muslim Americans feel betrayed by their government and would undermine American values. "If we ever abandon those values, we would not only make it a lot easier to radicalize people here and around the world, but we would have betrayed the very things we are trying to protect." Obama said. "And then the terrorists would have won and we cannot let that happen. I will not let that happen."

Associated Press: GOP scrambles to distance itself from Trump on Orlando

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b0f7864cac7845ce87366f583224b6af>

Erica Werner

Dismayed Republicans scrambled for cover Tuesday from Donald Trump's inflammatory response to the Orlando massacre, while President Barack Obama and Democrat Hillary Clinton delivered fiery denunciations that underscored the potential peril for the GOP. Republican hopes are fading for a new, "more presidential" Trump as the party's divisions around him grow ever more acute. Clinton, campaigning in Pittsburgh, said, "We don't need conspiracy theories and pathological self-congratulations. We need leadership and concrete plans because we are facing a brutal enemy."

Post and Courier: Lindsey Graham slams presidential candidates on response to Orlando shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC1603/160619696>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham says he wants to win the war against radical Islamic terrorists — and that both parties' presumptive presidential nominees aren't prepared for the task. The South Carolina Republican told reporters on Tuesday he was disappointed, albeit not surprised, by responses from Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton in the immediate aftermath of the deadly shooting at a gay night club in Orlando, Fla. Gunman Omar Mateen, who killed 49 and wounded more than 50, was an Islamic State sympathizer. "She clearly doesn't understand what it takes to win the war," Graham, in an interview with CNN, said of Clinton and her calls for stricter gun control in the wake of the worst mass shooting in the nation's history. "She is not adjusting the policies that need to be adjusted." Of Trump, who delivered a speech Monday reiterating his support for a ban on Muslim immigrants, Graham said, "He's making it harder to win the war."

Post and Courier: Jim Clyburn follows moment of silence for Orlando shooting with call for action on gun violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160613/PC1603/160619717>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn and fellow congressional Democrats are not letting their Republican colleagues forget that a year has passed since the Emanuel AME Church shooting — and there's been no action on legislation to curb gun violence. The day after a gunman opened fire at a gay night club in Orlando, Fla., and killed 49 people, the South Carolina lawmaker broke the requisite moment of silence over the tragedy to ask when the House could expect to act on any number of pending bills to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Clyburn, the third-ranking House Democrat, was not afforded the opportunity by Republicans to make what he said was simply a "parliamentary inquiry." He allowed members to be silent for several seconds, but once House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.,

prepared to move the House onto other legislative business, Clyburn interrupted.

Herald-Journal: Greer athlete lost brother in Orlando massacre

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160614/articles/160619866>

Daniel J. Gross

A Greer cheer and dance gym is mourning the loss of an Orlando mass shooting victim who was the brother of one of its athletes. Amanda Almodovar, of Tennessee, who competes with Rockstar Cheer Greenville in Greer, lost her brother, Stanley Almodovar III, in the massacre at the Pulse nightclub on Sunday. He was one of 49 people shot and killed inside the club. The gym's owner, Scott Foster, posted his condolences on his Facebook page.

Emanuel AME Shooting Anniversary:

Post and Courier: Security tight, roads closed for Emanuel anniversary events

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160614/160619692/security-tight-roads-closed-for-emanuel-anniversary-events>

Andrew Knapp

Security will be tight and roads will be closed later this week as thousands converge on downtown Charleston to memorialize the victims of the Emanuel AME Church shooting a year ago. Charleston Police Department Chief Greg Mullen said the measures were put into place before the attack last weekend that killed 49 people in Orlando, Fla. But that shooting affirmed the need for such security, he said. Everyone participating in the events should be vigilant and call 911 if they notice something suspicious. "As a result of what occurred in Orlando, that certainly ... requires us to recognize that what we're doing is absolutely needed," Mullen said Tuesday during a news conference. "It just confirms to us that we are doing the right thing."

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: New Jersey Democrat unsuccessful in forcing debate to remove Confederate flag from Citadel

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC1603/160619674>

Emma Dumain

The U.S. Senate on Tuesday passed its 2017 National Defense Authorization Act without language to compel The Citadel to take down the Confederate flag hanging in Summerall Chapel. U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., was championing the cause after U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., and other Democrats were unsuccessful in securing the amendment's adoption as part of the House NDAA bill. Both amendments would have barred Reserve Officers' Training Corps funding from any military academy that flies the Confederate battle flag. The Citadel is currently the only institution that fits that description.

SC Elections:

Associated Press: The Latest: Few glitches, low turnout in SC primaries

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rhNPuGA8

SC State Wire

South Carolina Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire says turnout has been light in the state's primaries. There are no statewide races being decided Tuesday. There are only three contested primaries in U.S. House races, and just 39 legislators in the South Carolina General Assembly's 170 seats face a challenger. Whitmire says there have been only a few voting glitches. In two Richland County precincts custodians didn't unlock polling places by the time the polls were supposed to open at 7 a.m. In one Aiken County precinct, the poll workers didn't initially realize there was a Democratic primary on the ballot so some early voters ended up voting instead in the Republican primary. Whitmire says some voters not casting Democratic primary ballots could be an

issue for a subsequent protest if the election is close.

Independent Mail: Anderson County voting running smoothly

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-county-voting-running-smoothly-353ed15d-06d7-5e50-e053-0100007f885e-382954661.html>

Charmaine Smith-Miles

oting in the Anderson County primary election was running relatively smoothly Tuesday, according to voters, poll workers and political party officials. Dan Harvell, chairman of the Anderson County Republican Party, said he had received a few calls about potential issues at the polls as of noon Tuesday. "That is better than usual," Harvell said. "Usually, by noon, I've got eight to 10 complaints. This time, I've had five complaints." And of the five complaints Harvell received, only one of them required a correction, Harvell and Anderson County Elections Director Katy Smith said. Smith said that someone was standing too close to a polling precinct entrance in Pendleton while holding a sign for Carol Burdette, who is running for South Carolina Senate.

Island Packet: Update: 'Slow' morning at Beaufort County polls

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/election/article83677892.html>

Lucas High

eaufort County voters are casting ballots today in a host of local and statewide partisan primary races. Polls across the county opened at 7 a.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m. "The word of the day is 'slow,'" county elections director Marie Smalls said around 11:30 a.m. "There are no lines anywhere — that's in the southern end of the county and the northern end of the county." Some precincts, such as Seabrook Precinct 2 at Whale Branch Elementary School, reported only five voters had cast ballots as of late Tuesday morning, Smalls said. There were some polling stations reporting 20 or 30 had come through, she said, and Hilton Head Island Precinct 2C at Indigo Run reported "approximately 40 voters" had cast ballots.

Morning News: Voters head to the polls

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_8c8288ec-3257-11e6-aa3e-c79bab173f8d.html

Joe Perry

Sandra Jackson had no trouble keeping track of voters at Ron McNair Jr. High School. "Two so far," she said at 9:30 a.m. "The primaries are usually low turnout, especially in this area. Come November you won't be able to get in the door."

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: South Carolina primary day

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC1603/160619708>

Maya T. Prabhu

South Carolinians will head to the polls today to vote in the primary for their local, state and federal elected officials. Due to a variety of factors, including district gerrymandering, many races for local and state offices lack two-party competition. In many cases, Democratic and Republican primaries throughout the state won't face major-party opposition in the fall, which means winning the primary means winning the office. Polls opened at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m.

Opinion/Editorial:

Greenville News: Editorial: We need to stop this

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/06/14/editorial-we-need-stop/85834308/>

Just as South Carolina residents were bracing to remember the very painful anniversary of the Emanuel AME massacre that killed nine of our brothers and sisters a year ago, the entire nation was given a very sobering reminder that we live in a very dangerous, often senselessly violent world. Early Sunday morning, we awoke to the disturbing news that a radicalized gunman entered an Orlando nightclub and brutally killed 49 innocent people before dying in a gun battle with police. The attack was the deadliest mass shooting in American history and the deadliest terror attack on United

States soil since 9/11. That the massacre was in a gay nightclub during Gay Pride month has understandably left the nation's LGBT community stunned. But all Americans mourn, as they did with Charleston and with Newtown and with San Bernardino, and the list unfortunately goes on and on and on.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina-Georgia port board to meet in Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC05/160619706>

John McDermott

The agency overseeing the development of new container port that South Carolina and Georgia would operate along the Savannah River in Jasper County will hold its next board meeting in downtown Charleston. The Jasper Ocean Terminal Joint Project Office will meet at the S.C. State Ports Authority's offices on Wednesday morning. The agenda includes a review and possible approval of a budget for the 2017 fiscal year, which starts July 1. Both states have spent years discussing, studying and debating the proposed \$4.5 billion terminal, which would occupy 1,500 acres in Jasper County in the Palmetto State, not far from downtown Savannah. The two states are expected to split the \$15 million costs of preparing for the required permits over the next three years.

Local News:

Associated Press: Alabama man gets 55 years for killing South Carolina man

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

SC State Wire

An Alabama man has been sentenced to 55 years in prison in the shooting death of a South Carolina man two years ago. The State newspaper reported (<http://bit.ly/1YpwL8u>) that 25-year-old Justin Antonio Butler of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, was convicted of murder in the 2014 death of 29-year-old Tycus Toland of North. Prosecutors said Monday that Butler was also convicted of attempted murder in the wounding of 35-year-old VonKeith Toland of Pelion.

Associated Press: Man arrested in shooting death in Allendale

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0putDi75

SC State Wire

A man has been charged with murder in the shooting death of a man in Allendale. State Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry said in a statement Tuesday that 36-year-old Randy Laron Campfield of Allendale has been charged with murder and being a felon in possession of a weapon during a crime. Jermond J. Manuel was shot June 11 during an argument at a civic center in Allendale. Manuel was taken to the Allendale County Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Associated Press: 73-year-old man shot to death in North Augusta

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zRG7MoFs

SC State Wire

Aiken County sheriff's deputies are investigating the shooting death of a 73-year-old North Augusta man. Coroner Tim Carlton said in a statement that J.C. Mims was apparently shot about 10:45 p.m. Monday and died about 45 minutes later at the Augusta (Georgia) University Medical Center. Sheriff's Capt. Eric Abdullah said in a statement Tuesday that a witness told investigators they heard several gunshots and saw someone run from the area. Abdullah said the witness was not able to provide a description.

Post and Courier: Reward in North Charleston tourist killing grows to \$30,000

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC16/160619704>

Dave Munday

The reward for finding out who killed a tourist outside a North Charleston hotel last month has grown

to \$30,000. It's believed to be the biggest reward for any crime in the Charleston area. Barri Shank, 35, a bank executive from the Cleveland area, was fatally shot outside the Hyatt Place Airport/Convention Center around 12:30 a.m. May 30 while walking his dogs from his car to the hotel, according to police. He said before he died he had no idea who shot him. The hotel had no security camera in the parking lot where he was shot. Police announced the \$30,000 reward Tuesday and said it's being advertised on an electronic billboard along Interstate 26.

Sun News: Domestic violence victim claims abuse by Horry Police detective

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article83640282.html>

Audrey Hudson

A third lawsuit was filed late Monday against the Horry County Police Department, claiming former Detective Troy Allen Large coerced a domestic violence victim to participate in nude, sexual-fetish catfights. The lawsuit was filed by the victim identified only as Jane Doe 3, who was abused by two different husbands, and shot numerous times by one of them. The lawsuit says Large engaged in a pattern of unwanted sexual encounters against her will, and at one point videotaped an arranged catfight between Jane Doe 3 and another woman in North Carolina. Two other lawsuits targeting Large have been filed since December that claim two victims were sexually assaulted by Large and also encouraged to participate in the catfight videos.

Post and Courier: Monument for family members of the fallen to be built at Patriots Point

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC16/160619679>

Diane Knich

Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams says family members of those who lost their lives serving in the military haven't been honored for their sacrifices, but he's on a mission to change that. Williams, 92, was among those gathered Tuesday at Patriots Point for a groundbreaking ceremony for a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. He hopes eventually to place at least one monument in every state, he said. So far, eight monuments are completed, and dozens of others are in the works. Patriots Point spokesman Chris Hauff said the exact location for the monument will be decided after Bennett gets approval on the lease.

National News:

Associated Press: Democratic Party's computers breached by Russian hackers

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c20489e1d97142e3bb570c5f72a87517>

Jack Gullim, Deb Reichmann and Julie Pace

Sophisticated hackers linked to Russian intelligence services broke into the Democratic National Committee's computer networks and gained access to confidential emails, chats and opposition research on presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump, people familiar with the breach said Tuesday. CrowdStrike Inc., a cybersecurity firm, said the DNC asked it to investigate a suspected breach of its systems that began as early as last summer. CrowdStrike said it quickly found traces of two of the best adversaries in the hacking arena, both tied to the Russian government. The newly revealed attacks join a host of high-profile digital breaches affecting current and past White House hopefuls, underscoring vulnerabilities in digital networks that increasingly hold sensitive data about political candidates, their opponents and their donors.

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