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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Fortune Magazine: Potential Clinton-Warren Ticket Spotlights Deep Bias Against Female Power Duos

<http://fortune.com/2016/06/24/potential-clinton-warren-ticket-spotlights-deep-bias-against-female-power-duos/>

Liz Olson

It's hard to find examples of two high-level women collaborators, said Betsy Polk, a Chapel Hill, N.C., consultant on leadership. She co-wrote the 2014 book, *Power Through Partnership: How Women Lead Better Together*. "It's more likely when you ask about partnerships, people will say Ben and Jerry," she said, of audiences who come to hear her and her collaborator Maggie Ellis Chotas talk about their book. When Polk and Chotas ask people to name female partnerships, many draw a blank. Instead, they throw out names like Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer at Facebook FB - 2.61% , or Marissa Mayer, CEO of Yahoo YHOO -4.08% . Both tend to be viewed as women who have succeeded solo in a nearly all-male environment.

Note: As far as visible female duos are concerned, politics is similar to the executive suite. There are – and have been – women governors, such as Bev Perdue in North Carolina, Jan Brewer in Arizona, and currently Nikki Haley in South Carolina. They stand out as the sole, or nearly the sole, woman in every photo. Occasionally, women have run together in a pair to become governor and lieutenant governor. But each of the five duos who have tried it over the past two decades have failed to be elected, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

WLOS: Pat McCrory and Roy Cooper go head-to-head in first gubernatorial debate

<http://wlos.com/news/local/first-debate-between-mccrory-cooper-to-be-held-friday>

Kristy Steward and Evan Donovan

For the first time in their contentious race for the Governor's mansion, incumbent Republican Pat McCrory and his Democratic challenger Roy Cooper met on stage. The debate was sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, and began just after 11 a.m. Friday. Their campaign is expected to be among the most expensive nationwide and the best chance for a Democrat to flip a gubernatorial seat held by a Republican. Cooper is trying to become the first challenger to oust an incumbent North Carolina governor in nearly 40 years. Polls show the race is extremely close. A Real Clear Politics average of recent polls shows Governor McCrory leading by 0.2% points over Cooper.

Note: Governor Pat McCrory, the incumbent Republican, won the coin flip and gave his opening statement first, touting his record. He said when he took over, NC had the 5th-highest unemployment in the country, and that since then he has brought 280,000 jobs to the state. He said when he arrived, "the good old boy system wasn't making our state competitive," and that South Carolina governor Nikki Haley told him our state wasn't even their competition anymore.

Orlando Shooting News:

Associated Press: After Orlando, slight cracks in gun-rights' grip on Congress

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2c90d5bd0494440796669282d063f3c0>

Alan Farm

How has the Orlando shooting slaughter affected the politics of gun control in Congress? A bipartisan House measure barring firearms sales to some suspected terrorists nicely captures the mix of new and familiar forces in play. The mere introduction Friday of a proposal backed by five Republicans and four Democrats highlights the post-Orlando, election-year pressures some lawmakers feel for action. One sponsor said that when the House returns from its July 4 recess, they will push GOP leaders for a vote. "The pressure will be continuous, it will be respectful but we're not going to let go of this," said Rep. Scott Rigell, R-Va. Yet Rigell also said to get a vote, they must show that their support from colleagues "eclipses that of the NRA" — an acknowledgment of the National Rifle Association's formidable clout in Congress.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Jury issues being worked out in church shooting trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2gBGMvOL

SC State Wire

Attorneys for the prosecution and defense in the federal trial of the 22-year-old man accused in the slayings of nine people at a South Carolina church disagree on how to select a jury. Dylann Roof faces charges including hate crimes in the shooting deaths at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. In court documents filed Thursday, attorneys agree on most jury procedures for the case set for Nov. 7. They agree between 1,200 and 1,500 jurors should be summoned. But they disagree about whether they should come from across South Carolina or just from the Charleston area.

LGBT Laws:

Associated Press: Obama names Stonewall national monument; 1st for gay rights

<http://bigstory.ap.org/38e8951008ed4e2d88ce23e044175743>

Josh Lederman

President Barack Obama created the first national monument to gay rights on Friday, designating the site of the Stonewall riots in Manhattan where the modern gay rights movement took root nearly five decades ago. The Stonewall National Monument will be anchored by Christopher Park, a small park just across from the iconic Stonewall Inn tavern, and covers a 7.7 acre swath of Greenwich Village where the uprising took place after police raided the gay bar in 1969. Obama said the monument would "tell the story of our struggle for LGBT rights" and of a civil rights movement that became a part of America. "I believe our national parks should reflect the full story of our country: the richness and diversity and uniquely American spirit that has always defined us," Obama said. "That we are stronger together, that out of many, we are one."

Associated Press: Domestic violence funds narrowly survive LGBT law fight

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b1b2c45178b245eba71da8c6f5818f30>

Jonathan Drew

Millions of dollars in funding for domestic violence programs in North Carolina narrowly survived a legal fight over a law limiting protections for LGBT people. Federal judge Thomas Schroeder ruled Thursday to preserve nearly \$5 million the state is scheduled to receive in the coming months under the federal Violence Against Women Act. He signed his order at 11:25 p.m., about a half-hour before

a deadline that could have made the federal funding the first casualty of the legal battle. The judge's order allows the Department of Justice to ignore a provision of the federal act that would have required a suspension of funding within 45 days after its lawsuit was filed. The Justice Department sued the state in May, alleging that the law limiting LGBT protections constitutes discrimination under the Violence Against Women Act and other federal laws.

Post and Courier: Same-sex marriage 'routine' in South Carolina a year after U.S. Supreme Court decision

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629658/same-sex-marriage-routine-in-south-carolina-a-year-after-us-supreme-court-decision>

Gavin Jackson

Sunday marks a year since the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision upheld the right for same-sex couples in South Carolina and across the nation to marry. "In general I find people are very receptive, very friendly and I think most people accept it as the next step in civil rights," said Charleston County Councilwoman Colleen Condon of the Obergefell v. Hodges ruling. The decision solidified Condon's right to marry her now wife Nichols Bleckley seven months after a federal judge found South Carolina's gay marriage ban was unconstitutional. "While there are certainly people raising issues, we're not seeing mass discrimination issues," Condon said.

SC Political News:

The State: Human Trafficking Task Force calls on law enforcement for help with potential cases

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article85799082.html>

Cynthia Roldan

State officials dealt with more than 100 victims of human trafficking last year and are asking law enforcement agencies to keep an eye out for potential cases to help address the issue. Members of the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force are also asking officers provide 2014 and 2015 cases of prostitution, sexual exploitation of a child and other similar crimes for the task force to comb through in hopes of identifying potential cases of human trafficking. The effort would ideally allow the task force to compile data for those two years in hopes of identifying trends and areas they should target. In 2015, about a dozen participating task force agencies reported helping 155 victims, though officials warn about 20 or so could be duplicate cases.

SC Agency News:

Post and Courier: Public asked to submit dead birds to DHEC for West Nile testing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629632/public-asked-to-submit-dead-birds-to-dhec-for-west-nile-testing>

Derrek Asberry

In an effort to stop the spread of West Nile, the public is being asked to safely retrieve "freshly dead" birds and transport them to the closest local health department office. The request was sent out Friday by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The agency is asking that residents submit dead blue jays, crows, house finches and house sparrows through Nov. 30. Birds should only be submitted if they show no signs of physical trauma or decay. Some of the key safety tips include covering the hands when picking up birds by using doubled clear plastic bags that have been turned inside.

South Carolina News:

The State: USC trustees approve largest tuition hike in 5 years

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article85742887.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Students at the University of South Carolina will pay 3.25 percent more in tuition on average to attend the state's flagship university starting this fall. The school's board of trustees voted Friday to approve the hike, USC's largest in five years. Undergraduates from South Carolina will pay \$11,855 for tuition during the upcoming academic year, \$373 more than in 2015-16. Out-of-state students will pay \$31,283, up \$985 from last year. "We think the 3.25 percent is prudent," USC president Harris Pastides said. "It's something that we hoped that our in-state residents could live with."

Associated Press: University of SC approves largest tuition hike in 5 years

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=x10JcVDS

SC State Wire

The University of South Carolina has passed its biggest tuition hike in five years. Local media outlets report the university's board of trustees on Friday approved an average tuition increase of 3.25 percent. Undergraduate students from South Carolina will pay \$11,855 for annual tuition during the upcoming academic year, \$373 more than this past year. Out-of-state students will pay \$31,283, up \$985 from last year. Chief financial officer Leslie Brunelli says a state-mandated 3.25 percent pay raise for state employees will cost the school \$11.8 million. Spokesman Wes Hickman says the state is expected to provide \$4.4 million, but the school must pay the rest from tuition revenue. Clemson University trustees agreed Thursday to raise tuition just over 3 percent for in-state students and over 4 percent for out-of-state students.

Local News:

Sun News: Judge declares mistrial in Heather Elvis kidnapping

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article85819292.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

A judge has declared a mistrial Friday afternoon in the Sidney Moorer kidnapping trial in connection with the disappearance of Heather Elvis. The jury heard four days of testimony by witnesses called by the state. The defense rested without calling anyone to the stand. The jury got the case late Thursday and returned to the courtroom several times Friday to look further at evidence, but could not reach a verdict. Moorer is also charged with obstruction of justice, but that trial is set for a later date. His wife, Tammy Moorer, also faces kidnapping charges, but a separate trial for her is also at a later date.

Associated Press: Victim's son forgives killer but parole denied

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FzGw8x6P

SC State Wire

Parole has been denied for a man convicted in a York County killing 27 years ago although the victim's son has forgiven the man. The Herald of Rock Hill reports (<http://bit.ly/28VMIGm>) that 68-year-old Roy Lee Buff of Charlotte, North Carolina, was denied parole for the third time in six years Wednesday. Buff is serving time for the 1989 shooting death of Gene Eddy Evans Sr. at a Fort Mill bar. The newspaper reports Evans' son, Eddy, has forgiven Buff saying he has served enough time and needs to get out of prison and be with his family before he dies. But several other members of Evans' family, as well as another victim injured in the shooting, opposed parole.

The Herald: 1989 York County killer forgiven by dead man's son denied parole

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article85326912.html>

Andrew Dys

The South Carolina parole board rejected a convicted killer's request for release Wednesday, even after the victim's son forgave him and no longer opposed parole. Roy Lee Buff, 68, of Charlotte, lost a chance for parole for the third time in six years, state parole officials said. Buff killed Gene Eddy Evans Sr. in 1989 at a Fort Mill bar called Peanut's Place after a gambling game. Buff fled South Carolina for two years before he was caught in 1991 in Florida after the case was featured on America's Most Wanted. The Herald reported Sunday that Evans' son, Eddy, forgave Buff before the parole hearing, 27 years after the killing, saying Buff had served enough time and needed to get out of prison to be with his family before he died. However, several others in Evans' family and another victim who was injured in the crime opposed parole.

Post and Courier: Sheriff: Inmates pried open a window to escape from St. George jail

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629689/sheriff-inmates-pried-open-a-window-to-escape-from-st-george-jail>

Dave Munday and Thad Moore

Three inmates used part of a desk to pry open a window to escape from the jail in St. George early Friday, according to Dorchester County Sheriff L.C. Knight. They were still on the loose Friday afternoon. They were last seen around 5 a.m. near Summerville driving a black 2000 Dodge extended-cab pickup, with damage on passenger side and license plate DFW 437. The truck, which was reported stolen Friday, was parked about a mile from the jail, unlocked with the keys apparently left in it. The inmates pried open the metal flange on the side of the window using a piece of the desk in their cell, Knight said. They squeezed out of a narrow opening and used bed linens to slide down from the second floor.

The Herald: Grant helps Chester County authorities increase DUI efforts

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article85322277.html>

Teddy Kulmala

Anyone driving on Chester County roadways will likely notice more officers on patrol, thanks to a state grant that provides \$100,000 per year to increase DUI enforcement. Law enforcement agencies in Chester County have formed a DUI task force called Empowering Communities for Healthy Outcomes, or ECHO. Funding for the grant, which will provide \$100,000 each year for the next five years in Chester County, was made possible through a cooperative agreement between the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the S.C. governor's office. Chester was one of nine counties in the state to receive money from the grant, according to Melody Reid, director of prevention services at Hazel Pittman Center in Chester, which played a key role in securing the grant.

Post and Courier: Cocaine, pills ... and textbooks- How a college drug ring hid in plain sight

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629670/how-a-college-drug-ring-hid-in-plain-sight>

Doug Pardue and Tony Bartelme

It was one of Charleston's bigger drug busts: a network of present and former College of Charleston students and other twenty-somethings accused of funneling hundreds of thousands of dollars of cocaine, pills and other narcotics into downtown's white-hot party scene. But the bust only hinted at a problem that's been hiding in plain sight for years: A drug- and booze-fueled culture around the college that generates enormous profits for young drug dealers even as it increases risks of addiction and violence. A Post and Courier examination of police and court documents, along with interviews with people knowledgeable about the drug ring, reveal an eye-opening portrait of audacity and

excess. Operating from million-dollar homes steps away from the college's oak-shaded courtyards, networks of students and former students stamped out pills by the thousands with a factory-grade press using chemicals from Chinese internet suppliers and other sources.

Associated Press: Predicted tides nix Folly Beach fireworks on Fourth of July

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2FzkFjN7

SC State Wire

Officials in Folly Beach have canceled Fourth of July fireworks 11 days ahead of schedule because of the expectation of above average high tides. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/28Sy6Py>) Folly Beach Department of Public Safety spokesman Alan Kleinfeld said the Folly Association of Business won't hold its annual display because the expected high tide at sunset won't leave enough beach to launch them. Kleinfeld also said the association also couldn't find a suitable vendor. A fireworks display is planned for Labor Day weekend instead.

Post and Courier: S.C. farm aid website launches

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629634/sc-farm-aid-website-launches>

Gavin Jackson

A website to assist flood-affected farmers who are applying for grants was launched Friday by the S. C. Department of Agriculture. The site provides farmers with information on the application process. Applications will be available July 1 and due by Aug. 15. Farms must be located in one of the 42 counties declared a disaster area by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Grants are capped at \$100,000 and may not exceed 20 percent of the verifiable loss. When combined with insurance, the grant may not exceed 100 percent of the total loss.

The State: Public input will help decide use of Richland flood recovery money

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article85780717.html>

Sarah Ellis

Public meetings begin next week for input on how one large pool of federal grant dollars should be spent for long-term flood recovery projects in Richland County. Public input will help Richland County officials prioritize recovery projects to be funded by \$23.5 million granted to the county by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program.

Post and Courier: Emanuel AME Church finale concert to feature Lowcountry Voices, others

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160624/160629685/emanuel-ame-church-finale-concert-to-feature-lowcountry-voices-others>

Nine days of events marking the one-year anniversary of the Emanuel AME Church shootings will end with a grand finale concert featuring emcee Ann Caldwell, dancer Sarah Taylor, the Ebenezer AME Church Might Male Choir, gospel singers Desmond Pringle and Mario Desaussure, Lowcountry Voices led by Nathan Nelson and the Mother Emanuel Mass Choir. The free concert is 6 p.m. Saturday at Emanuel AME Church, 110 Calhoun St. A capacity crowd is expected; attendees are required to have a ticket, obtainable at the church office 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and at The Chronicle newspaper, 1111 King St. during regular business hours. The event is coordinated by Emanuel AME Church member Jean Ortiz and Councilman Dudley Gregorie.

National News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Flood's death toll rises to 18 in West Virginia

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9df4b71e51914f779d0a887ac27f744c>

The death toll from the floods that ravaged West Virginia has risen to 18, and officials fear the number will continue to climb. Chris Stadelman, chief of staff for Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, said 14 deaths have been confirmed by the state medical examiner. But local sheriffs and rescue workers across the state confirmed others not yet included in the state's official tally. Greenbrier County was one of the hardest hit areas. Sheriff Jan Cahill said at least 13 were killed there. Three were killed in Kanawha County and one each in Ohio and Jackson counties. Stadelman said at least 100 homes were destroyed. John Manchester, mayor of the hard-hit town of Lewisburg in Greenbrier County, said a stretch of highway was completely washed away. Houses were thrown from their foundations and the rubble lines creek beds all over the county. Rescue crews are braving thick mud and oppressive humidity to search for those still unaccounted for.

World News:

Associated Press: Crisis or speed bump? What UK vote means for world economy

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8558e29186414defa60c72c80eb281be>

David McHugh

Britain's vote to leave the European Union adds a heavy dose of uncertainty to a world economy that is still struggling to reach full speed years after the global financial crisis. The most immediate pain will be felt in Britain. But economists say the ripples could be felt much farther afield. Companies will wonder whether to invest or locate in Britain during the years-long negotiations to define new trade conditions with the EU, its biggest business partner. Across Europe, trade and immigration may lose ground to nationalism and protectionism. The EU itself, minus market-oriented Britain, may turn to more government intervention and regulation. Other countries may eventually seek to leave the bloc. "A new set of economic circumstances has been created, which the world will have to deal with," said India's Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. "Volatility is the new norm. And therefore, economies have to learn to live with crisis after crisis."

Associated Press: Pro-EU Scots, Northern Irish eye UK escape after Brexit vote

<http://bigstory.ap.org/cace8f31f50245b093e26cdd434d236e>

Paul Kelbie and Shaen Pogatchnik

The United Kingdom's stunning vote to depart the European Union could end in the breakup of the U.K. itself. While majorities of voters in England and Wales backed the campaign to leave the 28-nation bloc, the U.K.'s two other regions of Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to stay. Hot on the heels of Friday's results, nationalist leaders in both countries vowed to leave the U.K. if that is the required price to keep their homelands fully connected to Europe. Scotland, where nationalists already in power narrowly lost a 2014 independence referendum, appears poised to be first out the U.K. door if its English neighbors don't manage a negotiated U-turn to remain inside the EU. Most analysts dismiss that prospect.

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