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Nikki Haley: UN Ambassador News:

Marie Claire Magazine: Who Is Nikki Haley? 13 Things You Need to Know About Trump's Pick for U. N. Ambassador

<http://www.marieclaire.com/politics/news/a24492/nikki-haley-donald-trump-pick-un-ambassador/>
Kayleigh Roberts

In November, Donald Trump named South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley as his pick for U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. She was the first woman and first person of color Trump chose for his administration. She was also a vocal opponent of Trump early in the primaries, making her an interesting and unexpected choice for the president-elect. Here's what you need to know about Haley...

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Times and Democrat: Person of Year continues focus on the positive

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/person-of-year-continues-focus-on-the-positive/article_5ff63f89-1db8-59ba-9e9d-7f21e8342cfb.html

The Times and Democrat began selecting its Person of the Year in 2009. In describing the inaugural award, T&D Publisher Cathy Hughes said, "The recognition is not about being the biggest newsmaker, it is about being a leader who exhibits positive actions. (It) is intended to highlight positive contributions by residents of The T&D Region that affect residents of The T&D Region." The person of the year, which has become an annual recognition, is based strictly on the decision of The T&D. Individuals considered for the honor must live in the area or have lived in the area, and the person's actions must have affected local people in a positive way. In 2015 the honor went to William B. Cox Sr. of Orangeburg, founder and former CEO of Cox Industries, who has a lifetime of contributions to Orangeburg County, both in terms of his company's economic impact on the community and his charitable work on behalf of its citizens.

NOTE: 2011 — Gov. Nikki Haley. The award to the Bamberg County native recognized her first year in office during which she was a frequent visitor in The T&D Region, announcing new industries and jobs, speaking at events and holding one-on-one constituent meetings. She appointed numerous people with local ties to state leadership positions, boards and commissions. Haley said then that she's proud of her roots and will never forget the communities that helped mold her. She continues to lead South Carolina following her re-election in November 2014.

General Assembly News:

WCIV: Sen. Kimpson announces 'Time To Give Back' grant recipients for 2016

<http://abcnews4.com/news/lowcountry-and-state-politics/sen-kimpson-announces-time-to-give-back-grant-recipients-for-2016>

Sam Tyson

Sen. Marlon Kimpson and his wife Kimberlyn announced on Thursday the Time To Give Back Committee's recipients for grant funding from his South Carolina Senate salary. Each year, the group names a list of nonprofit groups that will get financial help. "I think it is important to give back to the people of Charleston and raise the bar for public service," said Senator Kimpson. "Although this is the

final year of a three year commitment, we plan to continue to demonstrate our generosity in other ways moving forward."The Kimpsons have donated more than \$20,000 to 42 different charities that serve District 42 since being sworn into office in 2014.This year the grants awarded range from \$240 to \$1,000.In South Carolina, state senators are compensated \$10,400 gross, annually as a salary. Kimpson chose a committee of citizens that reside in Senate District 42 to help him make the selections and reallocate the money to the nonprofits in his district.

SC Political News:

Bloomberg: Trump's pick for budget chief liked gold, had dim view of dollar

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-12-29/trump-s-pick-for-budget-chief-liked-gold-had-dim-view-of-dollar>

Noah Buhayar

President-elect Donald Trump's pick for budget chief, Mick Mulvaney, has been an active investor in gold and gold-mining stocks, often seen as a hedge against collapsing currency.The South Carolina Republican congressman has accused the Federal Reserve of debasing the value of the greenback and has praised bitcoin, an alternative currency. He held between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in precious metals as of the end of 2015, filings show.Now, as Trump's nominee to run the Office of Management and Budget, Mulvaney, 49, is poised to influence U.S. fiscal policy. As director of OMB, he would help the president set government spending and could end up working on an overhaul of the federal tax code. At least one other member of Congress appointed by Trump to a cabinet-level position, Representative Tom Price, also has a history of trading stocks while in office.Mulvaney's investments in mining companies date to at least 2010, the year he was elected to the House of Representatives as part of the Republican Tea Party wave. A filing detailing his holdings at the end of that year shows he and family members owned stocks and funds of gold- and silver-mining companies -- including Eldorado Gold Corp., Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. and Pan American Silver Corp. -- with a total value of between \$252,000 and \$855,000.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery:

Florence Morning News: YEAR IN REVIEW: Hurricane Matthew won't be forgotten

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_143b2e24-ce11-11e6-9d3b-83096beaa3e3.html

Joshua Lloyd

In October 2015, the Pee Dee was hurt during the 1,000-year flood. A year later, the area was hit hard again, this time by wind and rain.Hurricane Matthew slammed the Pee Dee Region the weekend of Oct. 8-9, leaving millions of dollars of damage in its wake and drawing comparison to 1989 superstorm Hurricane Hugo.Though the storm had nothing to do with politics, the recovery has everything to do with city, county, state and federal governments. The hurricane is the story of the year – period – in the Pee Dee.Matthew, technically just a Category 1 storm, downed thousands of trees – many of which remain along roadways and yards.Hundreds of thousands of people were left without power for days, and flash flooding during the height of the storm washed out dozens of Pee Dee roads and caused two deaths in Florence County.Officials estimated more than \$52 million in damages to Florence County alone. At last check, that number continues to increase.

South Carolina News:

Fort Mill Times: It was South Carolina "until we die." Now, they'll be living in North Carolina.

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/community/fort-mill-times/>

John Marks

She says it with as much charm, grace and pleasantry as a person can, but Dee Martin doesn't mince words on what she looks forward to about her "move" to North Carolina."Not one thing," said the four-year resident of Sentinal Oak Drive, who next fall will be married to husband Glenn for 70 years. "We moved here thinking we would live here until we die, in South Carolina."Much was made in recent

years of the state line change that takes effect Jan. 1. There was plenty of discussion, even state concessions made, on the gas station just a short walk from the Martin home. How swapping from South Carolina to North Carolina would mean higher gas prices and no selling fireworks or alcohol. "I don't buy liquor and I don't care much for fireworks," Martin said on Wednesday, just days ahead of the switch. "I do like to buy gas at South Carolina prices." For Martin, a far more pressing issue is Glenn's health. He will be 90 years old soon. His health coverage out of Rock Hill expires with 2016 since the company — the only one Dee Martin can find to make house calls — isn't licensed in North Carolina.

Local News:

The Herald: Bruce Bryant eyes public office, retires next month after 20 years as York County's top cop

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article123622974.html>

David Thackham

If you need to catch Bruce Bryant in 2017, check fishing pond around the region. He'll likely be wrestling in a trout or two. Or maybe he'll be hacking around a Rock Hill golf course, surrounded by a few friends. If you don't see him there, you might see him in the little woodwork shop at his York home, just a few steps away from his beloved wife, Blanche. After 45 years in law enforcement -- the last 20 of them as York County Sheriff -- Bryant will officially retire next month as he makes way for son-in-law Kevin Tolson to lead the department. Retirement won't mean rest, Bryant says. If everything works the way he expects, it'll be just the next chapter in a long and distinguished public life. "(Blanche) and I talked about what we're going to do," said Bryant, during a quiet moment in his office. "But as time gets closer, I sort of get more jittery about it. I'm thinking 'Am I going to wake up in the morning and not have anything to do?'"

Independent Mail: McBride takes oath of office for Anderson County sheriff post

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/12/29/mcbride-sworn-tonight-anderson-county-sheriff/95954930/>

Mike Ellis

Chad McBride's youngest daughter, 2-year-old Gracie James, lost her shoe in her rush to be beside him Thursday evening as he took the oath of office for the Anderson County's sheriff post. "We rehearsed that all day," McBride joked. He will become sheriff at the stroke of midnight at the start of Jan. 3, which will make him the chief law enforcement officer in a department of around 450 employees including office staff, support personnel and deputies. McBride is required to take the oath before assuming office, but John Skipper remains the sheriff until the first moments of Jan. 3. On a stage at Anderson University's Henderson Auditorium, McBride was joined for a swearing-in ceremony Thursday by several pastors he said would help hold him accountable.

WIS: Municipal judge put on trial, ordered to pay fine <http://www.wistv.com/story/34151640/municipal-judge-put-on-trial-ordered-to-pay-fine>

Jack Kuenzie

A Midlands judge was in court on Thursday, but not on the bench. In fact, she was trying to defend herself against charges from the Town of Lexington. The judge is Shirley Sons who is listed as Chief Judge in the town of Swansea. She's also served as a magistrate in Lexington County. In Lexington on Thursday, her role in the courtroom was that of defendant. She was facing two charges from the Town of Lexington of violating zoning rules. Sons was charged with having storage containers on her residential property on Dreher Street and allowing her property to be used for commercial purposes. That included having vehicles from an HVAC and tree service companies parked there overnight.

WJCL: Exclusive interview with Sheriff P.J. Tanner following this month's deputy-involved shooting

<http://www.wjcl.com/article/exclusive-interview-with-sheriff-p-j-tanner-about-body-cameras-use-of-force-in-the-wake-of-deputy-involved-shooting-at-tanger-outlets/8546871>

Tori Simkovic

On December 9, Akeem Jenkins was shot by a Beaufort County deputy in the parking lot of Tanger Outlets in Bluffton. In the days following, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office came under scrutiny for the 75 minutes between the incident and alerts to the public. "When that call comes in of an officer down, shots fired, our main focus isn't sending out a Nixle or sending out a Facebook post. Our goal is to figure out what the heck is going on," said Beaufort County Sheriff P.J. Tanner in an exclusive sit-down interview with WJCL News. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating the details of the incident, but the Sheriff's Office has said the deputy pulled over Jenkins for an improper lane change and that Jenkins dragged the deputy with his vehicle before shots were fired. "I think we've given out a lot of information that's pertinent at this particular point," Sheriff Tanner said. The incident sparked conversations over deputies' use of force.

NOTE: In June 2015, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley signed a bill into law, requiring departments to create body camera policies. The law does not require agencies to implement those policies until the cameras are fully funded. "Our application to the state was \$450,000. They gave us \$75,000," Sheriff Tanner said.

Post and Courier: Group cites progress in easing gang violence but says more work needs to be done

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/group-cites-progress-in-easing-gang-violence-but-says-more/article_688a9a5a-cdfd-11e6-8e74-37cdf89e9fd1.html

Prentiss Findlay

Progress connecting with young African-American males in the Dorchester-Waylyn neighborhood shows that the United Black Men of Charleston County and the community can make a difference in their lives, UBMCC members said Thursday. Since its formation last April, UBMCC members walked the neighborhood streets and held community meetings. They gave out their cellphone numbers to encourage young men to call for mentoring rather than turning to gun violence. "The community response was great," said member DeAndre Muhammad.

But much work remains because problems affecting young, disadvantaged black males are systemic, UBMCC members said. "We must provide them with an opportunity to talk," Muhammad said. "Let them know we are their friends and mentors." The organization held a press conference Thursday in North Charleston to call for better education and jobs that would help break the cycle of incarceration that springs from gang-related violence. Parents, churches, businesses, schools and government must unite in the effort, members said.

The Herald: Authorities find body of Lancaster man, 74, missing from adult care center

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article123344204.html>

The body of a Lancaster man missing from an adult care center since last week has been found, authorities said Wednesday. Police found the body of Jerry Roscoe Cauthen, 74, in a heavily wooded area off of Flint Ridge Road, according to a statement from the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. Cauthen was believed to have left the Heath Springs Residential Care Center on foot on Friday, authorities said. Deputies stated that he had some dementia and suffered from Alzheimer's disease. A search involving deputies and a helicopter had been underway since then. Cauthen's family has been notified and the sheriff's office is investigating the death, according to the statement. Further details about the cause of his death were not available.

The State: Agencies team up to find armed robbers who hit two businesses Wednesday night

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article123669459.html>

Rachael Myers Lowe

Springdale Police and Lexington County deputies are looking for two men believed responsible for two armed robberies Wednesday night. Around 9 p.m., two masked men entered a C Mart convenience store on Two Notch Road in Lexington County, struck the clerk and at gunpoint demanded money from the cash register. The clerk was able to trip the alarm which sent the would-be thieves fleeing from the store without any cash, said Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon in a news

release. Deputies arriving on scene a short time later found tire tracks behind the store thought to have been made by the getaway vehicle. A short time after the failed armed robbery at C Mart, two armed masked men successfully robbed the Super 8 motel on Cherokee Lane in Springdale, the police said in a news release. Described as an older black male standing around 5 foot 6 with graying facial hair and a black male standing between 5 foot 8 and 5 foot 10 inches tall, the men matched the description of the suspects wanted in the C- Mart incident.

Associated Press: Greenville Waffle House robbed in brazen dinnertime crime

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

SC State Wire

Police say two suspects made off with cash from a South Carolina Waffle House after a brazen armed robbery at dinnertime. WYFF-TV reports <http://bit.ly/2hToU27> that the suspects came to the restaurant around 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Police say the suspects demanded money from the register and showed a gun. Authorities didn't say how much cash was stolen from the restaurant just north of Greenville Technical College.

The State: Columbia Police looking for suspect who stole a car with a child inside

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article123650289.html>

Rachael Myers Lowe

A heart-stopping moment for a parent who left a child in the car while going into a Two Notch Road filling station to pay for gas. Although Columbia police report that the car and child were quickly recovered, someone jumped into the car and drove off with the child inside Thursday. The search is now underway for the suspect who stole the car.

Post and Courier: Hicks column: He rode a blazing saddle, he took a felony rap

http://www.postandcourier.com/columnists/hicks-column-he-rode-a-blazing-saddle-he-took-a/article_7e19fb7c-cd30-11e6-9e67-33160117b6d2.html

Brian Hicks

Fellas, it looks like we're gonna have to round up a posse. We need to go save one of our own from some dirty rotten hornswogglers. See, a bunch of lawmen in Kentucky done arrested local attorney and former county councilman Curtis Bostic, and then went and charged him with rustlin'. You heard me – rustlin'. This is serious, men. For all we know, they still hang horse thieves up in those parts. It is Appalachia, after all. Now of course ol' Curtis ain't guilty of nothing of the sort. He and some good ol' boys were just there on a horse rescue mission. Apparently, folks up that way turn their horses loose to fend for themselves in the winter. Some check in on them, and some don't. The ones what don't get any attention, well, sometimes they go hungry. That just ain't right, mistreating horses and such. So Curtis and his buddies went up there to save them mares and done got sideways with the law. Boys, it's time to saddle up.

Associated Press: Warm water discharge creating trouble for manatees?

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=B5M6LkXz

Bo Petersen

Goose, the wayward manatee that had to be rescued last year from the Cooper River, has been netted there again. The "sea cow" was one of four trapped recently and relocated to Florida after surrounding waters became too cold for them to survive. The problem is, the temperature was fine where they were: in the warm water discharge from the KapStone Paper and Packaging mill in North Charleston. Last year, Goose had to be pulled from the discharge waters below Williams Power Station in Bushy Park in Goose Creek. That might be an emerging problem. Five manatee now have had to be rescued in the Cooper in the past two years. Before that, only one or two had to be rescued from South Carolina waters across a decade or so, said Jim Valade, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manatee rescue coordinator.

Associated Press: Charleston hotels getting boost from upcoming 2017 eclipse

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

SC State Wire

Charleston hotels are already getting a boost in business from a celestial event happening months from now. The Post and Courier reports (<http://bit.ly/2hTiLD0>) that the city is in the path of a total solar eclipse that will occur on Aug 21, 2017. The eclipse's narrow path will go from Oregon to Charleston. The eclipse will make the sun completely dark for about 90 seconds over Charleston. Because the coastal city is the final stop and a tourism hub, it's a top destination for sky-watchers. The Charleston Visitors Bureau has created a web page with eclipse information. Some hotels are offering special packages and say they're already getting a boost in business nearly a year before the eclipse.

President-elect Trump News:

Associated Press: With clock ticking, Palestinians pin hopes on Paris summit

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/35cf14f554d94333a89026f2b68e2767/clock-ticking-palestinians-pin-hopes-paris-summit>

After a pair of diplomatic victories, the Palestinians are now setting their sights on a Mideast peace conference in France next month in a bid to rally support as they prepare for the uncertainty of the Trump administration. The Palestinians are hopeful that a strong international endorsement in Paris will insulate them from what they fear will be a close alliance between President-elect Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. With their hopes for gaining independence in a deep freeze, the Palestinians had a rare week of optimism. First, the U.S. allowed the U.N. Security Council to adopt Resolution 2334, which declared Israeli settlements on occupied lands illegal. Then, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry delivered a farewell speech that harshly criticized Israeli settlements, saying Israel's continued construction was imperiling hopes for a peace agreement and endangering the country's democracy.

National News:

Associated Press: Cosby, a year later: Will he seek deal or prepare for trial?

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/ff5ba65afb3948cda91967599016b781/cosby-year-later-will-he-seek-deal-or-prepare-trial>

Bill Cosby is starting 2017 in a legal dragnet that has only tightened around him since his stunning arrest a year ago. Cosby was charged with aggravated sexual assault on Dec. 30, 2015, just days before the 12-year statute of limitations would have run out over a 2004 encounter at his estate near Philadelphia. A year later, it's increasingly unlikely that he can avoid a felony trial slated for June. The judge has denied nearly each defense motion as the two sides fight over Cosby's deposition, other accusers and the decade-long delay in filing charges. "It doesn't sound like the prosecutors are inclined to give him a deal that will matter," said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson, who is not involved in the case. "It's an elderly man, and any (jail sentence) is probably, in his mind, worth fighting."

Associated Press: Panel delays decision on whether to release Manson follower

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/a263cd30f0de46738b0e5e527e471b73/charles-manson-follower-seeks-parole-47-years-after>

A two-member parole panel delayed making a decision Thursday on whether to release an accomplice of cult killer Charles Manson who is the longest-serving female inmate in California. After a daylong hearing, the panel from the Board of Parole Hearings postponed a decision on whether to recommend freeing Patricia Krenwinkel "because they felt information discussed at the hearing was cause for an investigation," spokeswoman Vicky Waters said in an email. The hearing will be continued once the investigation is concluded, she said. Sharon Tate's sister, Debra Tate, said the parole officials told her the hearing was likely to be postponed about six months while they research to see if Krenwinkel meets the criteria for having battered women's syndrome.

Associated Press: Pay to rise for millions as 19 states increase minimum wage

<http://bigstory.ap.org/93a8043e3a2e4d41aabf388350925412>

David Klepper

It will be a happy New Year indeed for millions of the lowest-paid U.S. workers. Nineteen states, including New York and California, will ring in the year with an increase in the minimum wage. Massachusetts and Washington state will have the highest new minimum wages in the country, at \$11 per hour. California will raise its wage to \$10.50 for businesses with 26 or more employees. New York state is taking a regional approach, with the wage rising to \$11 in New York City, \$10 in its downstate suburbs and \$9.70 elsewhere. "This \$1.50 increase, I cannot even comprehend or tell you how important this will be," said Alvin Major, a New York City fast-food worker. The 51-year-old father of four helped lead the fight for the increase in his state, one of several successful efforts by fast-food workers and other low wage workers around the country. "The price of food has gone up. Rent has gone up. Everything has gone up. ... This will make a difference for so many people."

NOTE: Voters in Arizona, Maine, Colorado and Washington approved increases in this year's election. Seven other states, Alaska, Florida, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio and South Dakota, are automatically raising the wage based on indexing. The other states seeing increases are Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Michigan and Vermont.

World News:

Associated Press: Putin says Russia won't expel US diplomats in hacking flap

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/58baa91c5a204aac92167f227207e62d/us-levels-sanctions-against-russia-over-alleged-hacking>

The United States unleashed a string of sanctions and ordered expulsion of 35 Russians in retaliation for alleged cyber-meddling against the U.S. election, but President Vladimir Putin ruled out any move to kick out American diplomats in response to Washington's move. In a statement on the Kremlin's web site Friday, Putin referred to the sanctions as a "provocation aimed to further undermine Russian-American relations." But he also said Moscow would not be expelling American diplomats, as the Obama administration had ordered against Moscow. "The Russian diplomats returning home will spend the New Year Holidays with their relatives and dear ones," Putin said. "At home. We will not create problems for U.S. diplomats. We will not expel anybody." The diplomatic showdown between Washington and Moscow, which had been festering even before the Nov. 8 presidential election elevated Donald Trump to the presidency, puts pressure on the billionaire businessman not to let Russia off the hook after he takes office on Jan. 20.

Associated Press: Syria's cease-fire holding despite minor violations

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/84b46f69e1b84e1a9085577cdc493203/syrias-cease-fire-holding-despite-minor-violations>

A nationwide Syrian cease-fire brokered by Russia and Turkey that went into effect at midnight was holding Friday despite minor violations, marking a potential breakthrough in a conflict that has been shredding high-level peace initiatives for over five years. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported clashes early Friday between troops and rebels in the central province of Hama and near the capital, Damascus, but said there have been no reports of civilian casualties since the truce began. The group also reported an aerial attack on the rebel-held Barda Valley near Damascus. Opposition activist Mazen al-Shami, who is based in the Damascus suburb of Douma, said minor clashes nearby left one rebel wounded. Activist Ahmad al-Masalmeh, in the southern Daraa province, said government forces had opened fire on rebel-held areas.

Associated Press: In a Pakistan family, deal is made, a girl is given as bride

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/f1b91f290a514605846c3a316a008551/pakistan-family-deal-made-girl-given-bride>

Mohammad Ramzan can neither hear nor speak, and he has a childlike mind. But he knew his wife,

Saima, was too young when she was given to him as a bride. The 36-year-old Ramzan smiles, eager to please, as he uses his fingers to count out her age when they married. One, two, three . . . until 13, and then he stops and looks at her, points and nods several times. The girl's father, Wazir Ahmed, says she was 14, not 13, but her age was beside the point. It mattered only that she had reached puberty when he arranged her marriage as an exchange: his daughter for Ramzan's sister, whom he wanted to take as a second wife. His first wife, Saima's mother, had given him only daughters, and he hoped his second wife would give him a son. But Sabeel wouldn't marry him until her brother had a wife to care for him. She would be a bride in exchange for a bride. "We gave a girl in this family for a girl in their family," Ahmed says. "That is our right."

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