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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Area Development: Prysmian Group North America Expands Abbeville, South Carolina, Manufacturing Plant

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/7-5-2016/prysmian-group-north-america-abbeville-south-carolina.shtml>

Prysmian Group North America, a worldwide leader in the production of electrical cables, will invest \$1.9 million to expand its existing operations at 569 S.C. Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville, South Carolina. According to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Prysmian Group North America, a manufacturer of low, medium and high voltage electrical cables, is upgrading the equipment at its Abbeville County plant to meet increased customer demand.

NOTE: “We are proud to announce another expansion with our friends at Prysmian Group in South Carolina. They have called Abbeville home for over 50 years and this \$1.9 million investment and creation of new jobs is another commitment to their partnership with our state,” Governor Nikki Haley said.

WSPA: Documentary Highlights Church Response to SC Flood

<http://wspa.com/2016/07/04/documentary-highlights-church-response-to-sc-flood/>

Robert Kittle

A documentary on the volunteer work done by Mormons after the historic floods in South Carolina last October highlights the work that churches of all denominations have done to help the state recover. Les Carroll, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was doing volunteer work in Columbia after the flood and saw the work his fellow church members were doing, so he decided to make the documentary. “I did it to sort of document what our church members were doing. But I also realized that there were a lot of people involved that came together, all faiths, all different groups and all different religious faiths came together and worked in this area, and it didn’t matter what church you went to or anything like that. It was just all a matter of helping the people in our neighborhood,” he says. Some of the homes in the Columbia neighborhood on which the documentary is focused are still not habitable. Rachel Larratt lives in the neighborhood, where water was at the roof line of several houses. “Basically we were sitting at the top of the hill going, what are we going to do when the water recedes? Because you’re just, water’s everywhere and you know it’s dangerous and you don’t know when it’s going to come, how long it’s going to stay, and when it’s going to go away,” she says.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley gave an update last week on the state’s progress on rebuilding after the flooding, saying church volunteers are still at work on homes. “What is amazing is we have had \$12 million in skilled work donated,” she told reporters.

Associated Press: Secessionist group: Haley broke law flying university flag

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

Jeffrey Collins

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley apparently broke the law when she flew a university flag over the Capitol to celebrate a baseball national championship last week. The governor likely violated the state's Heritage Act, which requires a two-thirds vote by lawmakers in order to change or remove historical items - including the flags that fly over the Capitol Dome. "If she can do this without any

repercussions, I want to put up my plaques," said Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams, who is among the critics who say the law is overreaching. The law has blocked Adams from replacing existing plaques on a city World War I monument that list soldiers as "colored" or "white" with new plaques that don't segregate them. James Bessenger of The South Carolina Secessionist Party first brought up the issue. He said his organization is talking to an attorney and considering whether to file a formal complaint with law enforcement over Haley's decision to fly the Coastal Carolina flag for a day.

NOTE: Lucas' spokeswoman said he likely wouldn't comment on the issue. Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams answered questions about the flag with a statement pointing out the governor was just continuing a tradition started when Clemson University's football team won the national championship in 1981.

NOTE: The governor's seemed to have good intentions with the flag-raising. She sent pictures of her watching the game Thursday on Twitter , then photos of her and her husband as the Coastal Carolina flag was raised. A video on the front page of her state website Tuesday afternoon shows the event with upbeat band music being played in the background.

Dylann Roof Case:

Post and Courier: Without statewide jury, feds fear '11th-hour' move to derail Dylann Roof trial
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160705/160709713/without-statewide-jury-feds-fear-11th-hour-move-to-derail-dylann-roof-trial>

Andrew Knapp

Federal prosecutors fear an "eleventh-hour" maneuver by defense lawyers could derail Dylann Roof's trial unless a jury is picked from all parts of South Carolina, court documents stated. Roof's attorneys have said in past filings that they have no "present" intention to ask for the trial to be moved outside Charleston. But to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson, the lawyers' refusal to rule that out altogether indicates that they could seek a different venue if the court struggles to find impartial jurors among local residents. In a filing Saturday, Richardson said that using a statewide group of prospective jurors would help stave off that dilemma. "After requesting (a local jury pool), Roof's counsel may change tack and raise issues concerning a Charleston-area jury in a challenge to venue," Richardson wrote. "Indeed, the possibility of just such an approach appears to be what leads Roof to refuse to affirmatively waive a subsequent challenge."

SC Agency News:

The State: S.C. prison system to notify 20,000 inmates of pending mental illness settlement
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article87712832.html>

John Monk

Over the next five weeks, officials at the S.C. Department of Corrections will conduct a massive outreach to make sure all inmates in the state prison system are notified of a pending landmark proposed settlement in a longstanding lawsuit over how mentally ill inmates are treated. The outreach in the class action lawsuit was approved by state Judge Robert Hood at a Tuesday hearing at the Richland County courthouse. Hood gave lawyers until Aug. 19 to report back to him. Of the approximately 20,000 inmates in South Carolina's 22 institutions, approximately 3,500 are estimated to have mental illnesses that will qualify for the state prison system's new and sharply upgraded mental health care program.

NOTE: The schedule to notify inmates was jointly agreed to by S.C. corrections director Bryan Stirling, as well as Stuart Andrews and Dan Westbrook, lawyers for disabled rights group Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities. Eleven years ago, that group sued the department seeking better treatment for mentally ill prisoners.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: 15 S.C. mayors urge Obama to say no to seismic blasting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160705/160709732/15-sc-mayors-urge-obama-to-say-no-to-seismic-blasting>

Robert Behre

Most Lowcountry mayors have signed a letter urging President Barack Obama to oppose seismic airgun blasting for the Atlantic Ocean. Beaufort Mayor Billy Keyserling led the effort, and he was joined by the mayors of Charleston, Mount Pleasant, James Island, Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island, Folly Beach, Seabrook Island, Rockville and Edisto Beach, among others. In March, the federal government decided not to permit drilling for oil and natural gas off the South Carolina coast, but three companies currently have state approval for seismic testing offshore for oil and natural gas — and none have withdrawn their applications. Conservation groups now are targeting those permits.

Associated Press: New chief judge to take over 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kfOSe7QJ

SC State Wire

Judge Roger L. Gregory will become the next chief judge of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reports (<http://bit.ly/29fC5FY>) Gregory will replace Chief Judge William B. Traxler Jr., whose seven-year term expires Friday. The Richmond-based court, which has 15 active and two senior judges, handles appeals from Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. University of Richmond School of Law professor Carl Tobias says the active judge with the most seniority - and who's under age 65 - becomes the new chief judge when the prior chief's term expires.

WIS: 911 calls released in Moe Baddourah CDV case

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32367356/911-calls-released-in-moe-baddourah-cdv-case>

Jeremy Turnage

Officials have released 911 calls placed on the day Columbia City Councilman was accused of criminal domestic violence outside of a well-known restaurant. Councilman Moe Baddourah, 53, is charged with second-degree criminal domestic violence and turned himself in over the weekend to face those charges. According to the Richland County Sheriff's Department, a verbal argument turned physical when the councilman slammed his wife's leg in the car door at Rockaways on Rosewood Drive back on June 29. Investigators say Baddourah and his wife are going through a divorce and conduct child custody exchanges at the restaurant. Baddourah dialed 911 shortly after one of these exchanges and explained the situation to the dispatcher.

Charlotte Observer: Trump rally in Raleigh will go on without Sen. Richard Burr and Gov. Pat McCrory

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article87678477.html>

Jim Morrill

While North Carolina's Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate and governor will share the stage with their presumptive presidential candidate Tuesday, their Republican rivals will be miles away from their candidate. Democrats Deborah Ross and Roy Cooper will be on stage at the Charlotte Convention Center with President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Both Ross and Cooper skipped Clinton's visit to Raleigh last month. But Sen. Richard Burr and Gov. Pat McCrory will be no-shows when Donald Trump headlines a rally in downtown Raleigh Monday night. Burr will be in Washington. And McCrory will be out-of-state.

Charlotte Observer: Lines grow massive for Clinton-Obama rally in Charlotte

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article87263092.html>

Jim Morrill and Tim Funk

President Barack Obama returns to Charlotte on Tuesday for his first campaign appearance with presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. They'll hold a rally at the Charlotte Convention Center – three short blocks from where, four years ago, Obama accepted his own renomination before a packed house at Time Warner Cable Arena. The visit is Clinton's second in two weeks to

what's expected once again to be a battleground state. It's her first visit to Charlotte since a March 14 rally at Grady Cole Center, a day before she won the state's primary. Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee, will be in Raleigh. Obama and Clinton will arrive in Charlotte together at 2:25 p.m. on Air Force One and travel to the Convention Center for the 3 p.m. event. Doors open at 1.

SC Elections:

Greenville News: Rice campaign credits two moms with bringing down Martin in Senate District 2 race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/07/05/rice-campaign-credits-two-moms-bringing-down-martin-senate-district-2-race/86618302/>

Ron Barnett

Stacy Shea and Diane Hardy aren't out to take down powerful politicians. They'd rather persuade them to agree with them. But the two Upstate moms are willing to fight to accomplish their goals – and they proved it by organizing a successful assault on state Sen. Larry Martin, one of the Upstate's most senior members of the Legislature and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Kurt Potter, a professional political strategist hired by Martin's foe, Rex Rice, at the behest of Shea and Hardy, credits them with recruiting Rice to run against Martin, crafting a ground game that included organizing an army of 35 volunteers who strategically knocked on almost 7,000 doors, and making countless phone calls to try to convince the citizens of Pickens County of why they shouldn't send Martin back for a sixth term. "The machine built by the two ladies rolled like a wave through the community and ultimately achieved their goal of removing Sen. Martin from office," Potter said.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: S.C. only state with average gas price under \$2 per gallon

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160705/160709736/sc-only-state-with-average-gas-price-under-2-per-gallon>

Warren L. Wise

Gas prices dipped again during the past week across South Carolina, the only state with the average cost per gallon under \$2. The price dropped 3.1 cents per gallon in the Palmetto State last week to an average of \$1.95, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA puts the price a penny higher. That's about 47 cents less per gallon than this time last year. Nationally, the price fell 3 cents per gallon during the past week to an average of \$2.26 a gallon, according to GasBuddy. AAA puts the price a penny higher. That's about 51 cents per gallon lower than last year at this time.

Sun News: Dustin Johnson remains committed to U.S. Olympic Team

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/golf/article87638647.html>

Alan Blondin

Dustin Johnson wants to add to the recent run of trophies earned by Coastal Carolina teams and alumni by bringing a gold medal home from the Summer Olympic Games next month in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Johnson is not among the game's top players who have withdrawn from Olympic consideration, and reaffirmed last week at the WGC Bridgestone Invitational his intentions to participate in the games. Johnson was among the four prospective members of the men's U.S. Olympic golf team who met last week with representatives of USA Golf and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Local News:

Associated Press: Police: Man who shot officer dies of injuries from standoff

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nMC5JEOq

SC State Wire

The man suspected of wounding a South Carolina police officer died after being shot by other officers

in a standoff, officials said Tuesday.

William Tracy Patterson, 34, died of injuries he suffered Monday evening at his North Charleston home, the Charleston County coroner's office told local media. North Charleston Police Officer Wayne Pavlischek was shot and wounded during the standoff, Deputy Chief David Cheatle told local media outlets. Police had been called Monday afternoon about a driver who tried to run over a pedestrian and officers went to a home where the suspect's car was parked, Cheatle said.

Associated Press: Sumter County man's body pulled from Wateree River

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=28r8l9Xq

SC State Wire

The body of a Sumter County man has been pulled from the Wateree River. Local media outlets reported that the body of 51-year-old Oscar Brunson was found Monday afternoon in the river on the Sumter-Richland county line. Brunson had been reported missing Sunday afternoon where he had been camping with family members. Sumter County Coroner Harvin Bullock said an autopsy is planned Tuesday. Sumter County sheriff's deputies, the Sumter Fire Department, Richland County sheriff's deputies, the Columbia-Richland Fire Department and the state Department of Natural Resources helped in the search.

Associated Press: Man dies while trimming tree in Oconee County

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Sfb6aiF8

SC State Wire

A Walhalla man has died while trimming a tree 70 feet in the air in Oconee County. Coroner Karl Addis said in a statement that 57-year-old David Wayne Vaughn died Monday afternoon. Firefighters were called to a home by homeowners around 1 p.m. who noticed they did not hear the tree-trimmer's saw working. Vaughn had been working at the home since 8 a.m. Monday. Addis says Vaughn was found unresponsive in his safety harness. Vaughn had no obvious injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy was planned Tuesday.

Associated Press: Man drowns in Broad River in Cherokee County

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

SC State Wire

A man has drowned in the Broad River in Cherokee County. Coroner Dennis Fowler said in a news release that crews were called to a dam near Blackburg around 9 p.m. Monday. The body of Carl Owens Sr. of Gaffney was found shortly after 10 p.m. Fowler Owens had been fishing with his son when he fell down a steep embankment. The coroner says the man's son was unable to get his father out of the water because of the swift current. An autopsy was planned Tuesday.

The State: New details emerge in snake bite death

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article87721827.html>

Sammy Fretwell

A West Columbia naturalist who died after a snake bit him three weeks ago was looking for a place to swim at a national wildlife refuge when a rattler emerged from a brushy area and struck him above the left ankle, according to an incident report released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The report verifies much of the initial information about the death of Wayne Grooms the afternoon of June 12, but provides details about the circumstances surrounding the snake bite at Santee National Wildlife Refuge. Grooms' death, attributed by the coroner to the snake bite, stunned many people in South Carolina because fatal snake bites are so rare. Friends of Grooms said they were surprised that such a tragedy could happen to him, since was experienced in the outdoors. Grooms, 71, was a Lexington Soil and Water Conservation district commissioner. He was commemorated recently with a memorial service at Peachtree Rock, a state nature preserve where was widely known for his volunteer work.

Morning News: Disaster recovery meetings set for citizens

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_b8965f26-42bf-11e6-b798-2709a2b52bb9.html

The South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (SCDRO) will have three town hall meetings this week to present the state's action plan and receive public feedback. The action plan is designed to serve as many citizens as possible. SCDRO will concentrate on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable population. Based on public response, they may add or revise portions of the action plan. All town hall meetings will take place from 6-8 p.m. The following are locations and dates of the meetings. Citizens affected by this past October's flooding are asked to attend.

Post and Courier: Installation on homelessness to raise awareness, donations

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160705/160709711/installation-on-homelessness-to-raise-awareness-donations>

Diane Knich

Life-size silhouettes on the grounds of the Gaillard Center and scattered around Charleston County will serve as a reminder that even though the encampment known as "Tent City" is gone, homelessness still exists. The idea for the installation, which includes 430 cut-outs representing men, women and children who are homeless, came from Meadors, a local architectural and design firm. Christine Bozigar, a designer with Meadors, said company employees working on an affordable housing project for the city were moved by "Tent City" and those who lived there. The upper-Meeting Street encampment, once the site of more than 100 tents, raised public awareness of the area's homeless problem, she said. But after it was closed, people seemed to forget about it.

Morning News: Duke Energy Progress seeks 14 percent rate hike, its first in almost 30 years

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/local/article_e165a39a-42b4-11e6-bc32-930dd0094e10.html

A growing service area and expanded customer energy needs have led Duke Energy Progress to seek its first base rate increase in 28 years for its 168,000 South Carolina customers. The utility has filed a request with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSCSC) to increase revenues by about \$79 million, for an overall increase of 14.5 percent. "We work every day to keep costs as low as possible for our customers," said Clark Gillespy, Duke Energy state president -- South Carolina. "We have made significant investments in recent years to build a smarter energy infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing customer base, and to comply with rigid environmental requirements at the state and federal level. These investments are the main reason for the proposed increase."

Sun News: Why HGTC President Neyle Wilson is stepping down after 46 years

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article87712507.html>

Christian Boschult

Horry Georgetown Technical College President Neyle Wilson said his journey to the top was the classic example of "coming from the ground up," starting as a teacher in 1970. Under Wilson's presidency, the school's attendance has grown from about 4,500 students to almost 10,000. He also helped develop the Early College High School program, which has helped many high school kids who are underrepresented in secondary education earn two years of college credit by the time they graduate or the following summer. But after 46 years with HGTC, the 69-year old Wilson is finally calling it quits. He plans to step down in April 2017. Although Wilson says he still has the energy to be president, he wants to spend more time hunting and fishing while he's still physically capable. "I'm just looking to spend more time with my family," he said. "See my kids who all live in Atlanta, spend more time with my wife, do some things that I've always wanted to do and not have five days a week planned for you."

Post and Courier: Tire industry supplier Evonik Industries to locate in Berkeley County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160705/160709717/tire-industry-supplier-evonik-industries-to-locate-in-berkeley-county>

David Wren

Germany's Evonik Industries plans to build a \$129.4 million facility in Berkeley County that will make chemicals used in the production of vehicle tires, one of South Carolina's largest business sectors

and a key export product through the Port of Charleston. The facility will be Evonik's largest investment in North America this decade, according to a statement Klaus Engel, chairman of Evonik's executive board, made last year as the company was scouting sites in the southeastern U.S. Evonik's plans for Berkeley County are included in state agency documents, although no official announcement has been made. A spokesman for Evonik could not be reached for comment.

Herald-Journal: Michelin announces new Mexico plant

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160705/articles/160709884>

Just weeks after BMW broke ground on a new auto plant in Mexico, Michelin on Monday announced plans to build a \$510 million production facility in Mexico. "Michelin is building this plant to respond both to sharp growth in Mexico's automobile market and to the confidence that the world's largest car manufacturers have put in us," Michelin Group CEP Jean-Dominique Senard said in a statement. Michelin announced the move from its headquarters in Clermont-Ferrand, France. Michelin North America, headquartered in Greenville, employs more than 22,500 and operates 20 major manufacturing plants in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

National News:

Associated Press: No charges recommended in Clinton email probe, FBI says

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f9d071a7d1f5401696d825d46c34e4ff>

Eric Tucker and Ken Thomas

The FBI won't recommend criminal charges against Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email server while secretary of state, agency Director James Comey said Tuesday, lifting a major legal threat to her presidential campaign. But Comey called her actions "extremely careless" and faulted the agency she led for a lackadaisical approach to handling classified material. Comey's decision almost certainly brings the legal part of the issue to a close and removes the threat of criminal charges. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said last week that she would accept the recommendations of the FBI director and of career prosecutors. "No charges are appropriate in this case," Comey said in making his announcement. But Comey made that statement after he delivered a blistering review of Clinton's actions, saying the FBI found that 110 emails were sent or received on Clinton's server containing classified information. He added it was possible that people hostile to the U.S. had gained access to her personal email account.

Associated Press: Obama, Clinton making first joint campaign appearance

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ee7029293c594d81b658527697382324>

Julie Pace and Kathleen Hennessey

Eight years after Hillary Clinton helped unite Democrats behind Barack Obama's presidential campaign, he's returning the favor. Obama and Clinton are making their first joint appearance of the 2016 campaign Tuesday in North Carolina, hours after FBI Director James Comey announced he was not recommending charges be brought against Clinton for her controversial email practices at the State Department. Still, Comey's scathing criticism of Clinton — he called her "extremely careless" in her handling of classified information — ensures the matter will continue to hang over her campaign. Yet Clinton and Obama were all smiles as they stepped off Air Force One after a quick flight from Washington, pausing side-by-side to wave for cameras. Then they walked together to greet supporters on the concrete before leaving in a motorcade.

Associated Press: The Latest: Obama won't address FBI decision about Clinton

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4819c085c5bb45ffa652a8ffbcde4b7f>

The White House says President Barack Obama is enthusiastic about Hillary Clinton's campaign but doesn't plan to address the FBI investigation into her emails when he campaigns with her Tuesday. White House press secretary Josh Earnest is dodging questions about the investigation's findings and how they reflect on Clinton. He says the White House is trying to avoid the appearance of interfering while the Justice Department considers whether to charge Clinton. The FBI recommended

no charges and the attorney general has said she'll accept the recommendations of career Justice Department prosecutors. Earnest tells reporters traveling with Obama and Clinton to North Carolina that FBI Director James Comey didn't tell the White House the results of the investigation in advance of his public comments.

Associated Press: Guns, immigration and Zika top agenda as Congress returns

<http://bigstory.ap.org/162223fa2ea54b078f925dfa968df27d>

Matthew Daly

Gun control, immigration and money to combat the Zika virus top the congressional agenda as lawmakers sprint toward the political conventions this month and a seven-week summer recess. Amid all that, Republicans plan to squeeze in a meeting with Donald Trump on Thursday. The House and Senate have just eight legislative days before their break, and lawmakers have scheduled a handful of politically charged votes with implications for incumbents in November's election. In the House, legislation to fight terrorism and a gun control measure that already failed in the Senate are planned for this week. House Speaker Paul Ryan said a GOP plan to keep suspected terrorists from obtaining firearms would do so "without compromising a citizen's basic bill of rights," including the rights to bear arms and receive due process under the law.

Associated Press: Authorities investigating death of US student found in Rome

<http://bigstory.ap.org/45fb49ecdc74e339950074c112f8e49>

Frances D'Emilio

Authorities are looking into whether an American college student whose body was found in the Tiber River was robbed and killed after the teen was found with a head wound and his credit card was used after his disappearance, his brother said. The body of 19-year-old Beau Solomon, who was last seen by his friends early Friday morning at a pub in Rome, was found in the river Monday, John Cabot University confirmed. "We express our most heartfelt condolences to the Solomon family and to all those who loved Beau," said a statement from the Rome-based English-language university where Solomon had just arrived for an exchange program. He had recently completed his first year as a personal finance major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. An earlier statement from the university said it was "alerted by his roommate, who reported that he had lost contact with Beau around 1 a.m. ... and was worried when he did not see Beau at orientation" Friday morning.

World News:

Associated Press: Conservative Party starts choosing leader as pound sinks

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8f708d694728444b82430566cdd12a1e>

Danica Kirka and Gregory Katz

The race to succeed Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron intensified Tuesday as Britain grappled with growing signs of economic strain resulting from the country's vote to leave the European Union. With the British currency plunging to its lowest point in three decades, Home Secretary Theresa May scored a substantial victory in the first round of voting to determine who will follow Cameron as party leader and prime minister. She garnered just over half the votes cast, with 165 Conservative Party members of Parliament backing her. Her strong showing does not guarantee she will eventually reside at 10 Downing Street, however, as lawmakers will vote until they narrow the field to two candidates and then put the matter to a vote before the entire party membership. That means more twists and turns are likely in the vital leadership race. The victor, to be announced Sept. 9, will be charged with becoming prime minister and leading what are expected to be tense negotiations to extricate Britain from the 28-nation EU bloc.

Associated Press: Islamic State tightens grip on captives held as sex slaves

<http://bigstory.ap.org/bc71decfae2f4fee8196a20515b4c5fc>

Lori Hinnant, Maya Alleruzzo and Balint Szlanko

The advertisement on the Telegram app is as chilling as it is incongruous: A girl for sale is "Virgin.

Beautiful. 12 years old.... Her price has reached \$12,500 and she will be sold soon." The posting in Arabic appeared on an encrypted conversation along with ads for kittens, weapons and tactical gear. It was shared with The Associated Press by an activist with the minority Yazidi community, whose women and children are being held as sex slaves by the extremists. While the Islamic State group is losing territory in its self-styled caliphate, it is tightening its grip on the estimated 3,000 women and girls held as sex slaves. In a fusion of ancient barbaric practices and modern technology, IS sells the women like chattel on smart phone apps and shares databases that contain their photographs and the names of their "owners" to prevent their escape through IS checkpoints. The fighters are assassinating smugglers who rescue the captives, just as funds to buy the women out of slavery are drying up.

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