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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Passage of ethics reform welcomed, but others say much more still needed
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160619/160629973/passage-of-ethics-reform-welcomed-but-others-say-much-more-still-needed>

Maya T. Prabhu

Lawmakers took a victory lap after passing ethics reform last week. But some political watchdogs say that while there are good things in the small steps taken, there's much more that should be done. Starting in April, House and Senate members will be investigated by an independent eight-member ethics commission when they are accused of wrongdoing. That's a change from being solely policed by their colleagues. Lawmakers also will be required to disclose independent sources of private income, with the goal of revealing any possible conflicts of interest. That starts in January. "I feel like we accomplished a great deal with getting those two bills through here," said Pickens Republican Sen. Larry Martin, who has worked more than anyone to move the legislation through the Senate during the past four years. "Independent investigations of ethics complaints is a huge development."

Emanuel AME Anniversary:

Post and Courier: Service at Emanuel marks transition to normalcy, worship
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160619/PC16/160619360>

Adam Parker

In a well-attended Sunday morning worship service at Emanuel AME Church that felt like a purposeful return to normalcy, the Rev. Betty Deas Clark importuned her listeners to trust that the Lord will relieve burdens and provide comfort. Music permeated the sanctuary of Emanuel AME, and with solo flugelhorn added to the band and choir, the gospel tunes exuded a celebratory New Orleans-style flair. Many regular members of the congregation were in attendance for the 9:30 a.m. service, though about one-third of the worshippers were visitors, acknowledged and welcomed by Clark and her church. Among the visitors were Mayor John Tecklenburg and his wife Sandy, who took seats in the first pew.

Herald-Journal: Gaffney church honors those killed at Emanuel AME Church
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160619/articles/160619649>

Chris Lavender

Former South Carolina Lt. Gov. Mike Daniel expected he would see state Sen. Clementa Pinckney again after they spoke a year ago outside the Senate Finance Committee room in Columbia. Daniel said he met with Pinckney on June 17, 2015 in Columbia hours before Pinckney traveled to Charleston to Mother Emanuel AME Church, where he served as pastor. Pinckney was among nine killed at the church that evening during a Bible study by Dylann Roof, now 22. "As we shook hands and left each other, I never in my life dreamed that would be the last time I would see this wonderful, magnanimous, godly person alive," Daniel said. Daniel was among those gathered Sunday at Buford

Street United Methodist Church in Gaffney to honor the lives of those individuals killed at the church. During the service, Daniel read their names aloud. The shooting still resonates a year later, he said.

WIS: Mother Emanuel holds powerful praise and worship service one year after tragedy

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32252880/mother-emanuel-hold-powerful-praise-and-worship-service-one-year-after-tragedy>

Billie Jean Shaw

Friday afternoon, hundreds of worshipers gathered inside Emanuel AME church for a powerful praise and worship service. The service was just one of the many ways the community paid tribute to the nine worshipers who were killed inside of the church one year ago. Carolyn Reed-Smith traveled nearly four hours from Spartanburg, South Carolina to attend the service. "It was so worth it," she said. "I sat in the basement and I saw the remodeling but while I was looking there I remember a year ago there were slain people and blood there. Today I took away make a difference. This should be not just remember and say it's lovely but remember and make a commitment to do something different." Through songs and scripture the worshipers praised God for bringing them through a year of heartache and pain.

WIS: A look at the problem that allowed Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof to buy gun

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32253136/roof-gun-loophole>

Jack Kuenzie

This week's events marking the one-year anniversary of the Mother Emanuel slayings remind us of the circumstances that allowed Dylann Roof to arm himself. They involved the system that gives a seller and federal authorities a chance to determine whether the buyer could be a public safety risk. That system failed in the Roof case, but changes have been made to help prevent another failure. During Friday's services at Emanuel AME, and over the past few weeks, there have been a number of references to the "Charleston loophole." The problem many critics see with that part of the procedure to buy a gun had some additional complications in the Dylann Roof case. In the days following his arrest for the Mother Emanuel murders, we learned Roof had a previous arrest by the Columbia Police on a felony drug charge in February 2015. But in the booking process, an employee at the Lexington County Detention Center made a mistake, listing the sheriff's department as the arresting agency.

Orlando Shooting News:

Associated Press: FBI releasing conversations between gunman and police

<http://bigstory.ap.org/196c91013aa1461a91efb0abf1774933>

Mike Schneider and Terrance Harris

Federal investigators promised to provide more insight as to what was happening inside the Pulse nightclub after a gunman started a deadly assault that was the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history. The FBI was releasing on Monday a printed, partial transcript of the conversations between the gunman within the Pulse gay nightclub and Orlando police negotiators, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said. The release is coming a day after tens of thousands of people held a candlelight vigil in the heart of downtown Orlando for the 49 victims who died in the massacre. The victims also were remembered at church services and at makeshift memorials throughout Orlando. "As a community, it's important that we gather together to show our support because only together can we move forward," said Gabrielle Claire, a musician and Universal Orlando worker who says she knew three Pulse victims who died. She was holding a "Hugs for Healing" sign at the vigil and numerous strangers came up to hug her.

The State: SC anti-gun violence rally mourns Orlando, Charleston victims

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article84591752.html>

Massacres at an Orlando nightclub June 12 and in a Charleston church last summer drove a crowd to the S.C. State House on Saturday to mourn victims and demand action against gun violence.

Speakers called for closing the so-called Charleston loophole that allowed accused Charleston shooter Dylann Roof to buy a gun before his background check was complete. They also called for lawmakers to pass an assault weapons ban and state hate-crime legislation.

Columbia legal assistant Tamekia Hunter Ross spoke about her nephew, one of 53 who were injured in the Orlando nightclub shooting. Her nephew was shot three times, once in each arm and once in his back, missing his spine by less than a half inch, she said. He has had three surgeries and "daily is in excruciating pain, and nightly, he has night terrors reliving something that will remain with him the rest of his life," she said, adding that "our government and laws failed my nephew and everyone at the Pulse nightclub."

Post and Courier: Security on club owners' minds in wake of Orlando massacre

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160619/PC16/160629975>

Abigail Darlington and Melissa Boughton

A week after a gunman opened fire in an Orlando nightclub and killed 49 members of the LGBT community, many in Charleston's nightlife industry are considering whether to bulk up security in local clubs, restaurants and even public festivals. "Everybody was a little freaked out (after the shooting) because I guess everybody thought that this couldn't possibly happen to us," said Levi Duncan, manager of Tabbuli Grill on Market Street. "It shocked everybody." The restaurant, which also turns into a club, keeps two security guards on the premises at all times and has a strict dress code, especially when it comes to baggy clothing that could conceal weapons, Duncan said. He said there was an extra security guard at the club last week as a safety precaution. They also had a moment of silence at a drag show there Wednesday night for the victims of the Orlando shooting, Duncan said.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier : Fostering overdue reform

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160620/160629965/fostering-overdue-reform>

Editorial

By agreeing to make reforms in foster care, the state of South Carolina is beginning a critical process to protect its most vulnerable children — and to remove a shameful stain on its reputation for not having done so earlier. And after having underfunded the Department of Social Services for years, the Legislature has increased its allocation for the coming year. That's a welcome indication that lawmakers are serious about meeting the needs of children under the care of the state. South Carolina is under pressure because of a class action lawsuit alleging 11 children in foster care were abused, neglected, separated from their siblings and over-medicated.

Note: In March, Gov. Nikki Haley, as part of an initiative to recruit 1,500 licensed foster parents, called on families across the state to take in foster children.

Miami Herald: If it talks like a Hitler and walks like a Hitler ...

<http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/leonard-pitts-jr/article84512862.html>

Leonard Pitts Jr.

Yes, Hitler. Some of you questioned my evocation of history's great villain in a recent column on House Speaker Paul Ryan's surrender to presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump. I likened Ryan

to Franz von Papen, a German politician who helped Adolf Hitler rise to power under the naive delusion that he could control him. A handful of Trump fans found that. as one put it, "a bit of a stretch." One guy expressed his skepticism through the time-honored expedient of the triple punctuation mark: "Hitler???" Yes, Hitler. Not that their dubiousness is unreasonable. In recent years, Hitler and the Holocaust have popped up in political debate as routinely as dandelions on the lawn. One man said having to tack a "No Smoking" sign on his building was like being a Jew forced to wear a yellow star; another claimed popular anger over the excesses of the rich was reminiscent of Kristallnacht. Almost by definition, Hitler and Holocaust comparisons trivialize that era and reveal the ignorant insensitivity of those who make them. But the key word there is, almost.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Decade after housing peaked: Owners richer, renters hurting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=L5a1HGmx

Josh Boak

It's a troublesome story playing out across America in the 10 years since the housing bubble peaked and then burst in a ruinous crash: As real estate has climbed back, homeowners are thriving while renters are struggling. For many longtime owners, times are good. They're enjoying the benefits of growing equity and reduced mortgage payments from ultra-low rates. But for America's growing class of renters, surging costs, stagnant pay and rising home values have made it next to impossible to save enough to buy. The possible consequences are bleak for a nation already grappling with economic inequality: Whatever wealth most Americans possess mainly comes from home equity. An enlarged renter class means fewer Americans can build that same wealth and financial security.

Associated Press: Dustin Johnson wins US Open at Oakmont for first major title

http://hosted2.ap.org/apdefault/3d281c11a96b4ad082fe88aa0db04305/Article_2016-06-19-GLF--US%20Open/id-2a44e5f9d751422f8d3ff06f110c2f50

Doug Ferguson

All the chaos and confusion couldn't stop Dustin Johnson from proving he had the head to be a U.S. Open champion. One year after the most devastating of all his close calls in the major, Johnson endured two hours of not knowing the size of his lead while the USGA questioned whether he should be penalized one stroke for his ball moving on the fifth green. Johnson said it didn't. The USGA said it would wait until after the final round to decide. America's most powerful golfer took matters into his own hands Sunday at Oakmont with a 10-foot par save on the 16th hole, a tee shot he smashed down the middle of the 18th fairway and an approach to 5 feet for birdie that left no doubt who won the toughest test in golf. Only after he was guaranteed that silver trophy did the USGA assess him a one-shot penalty, turning his final score into a 1-under 69 for a three-shot victory.

Post and Courier: New Boeing South Carolina leader, but union battle more of the same

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160619/PC05/160619477>

Meet the new boss. Same as the old boss. At least that's the case when it comes to the International Association of Machinists. Joan Robinson-Berry, introduced this month as the new vice president and general manager of Boeing South Carolina, mirrors her predecessor, Beverly Wyse, on the union issue, saying the aerospace giant's North Charleston 787 Dreamliner plant doesn't need one. "I think the best thing for our team is to have a direct relationship with us," Robinson-Berry said. "I think when you have that upfront personal contact ... and not having someone in between is the best way to run a lean and efficient, competitive environment."

Local News:

Sun News: Elvis family prays as initial kidnapping trial looms

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article84675457.html>

Heather Elvis' family gathered to pray with supporters Saturday night at their regular monthly vigil as Sidney Moorer prepares to stand trial Monday in connection with her kidnapping. "It's not easy. It doesn't get any easier. I think the hardest part, besides not knowing what happened, is knowing that someone knows what happened and their heart is so hardened that they won't tell," Terry Elvis, Heather Elvis' father, said at a news conference Saturday just before the vigil. Elvis disappeared Dec. 18, 2013, and the then-20-year-old's car was found abandoned at Peachtree Landing in Socastee Dec. 19, 2013, and the family and supporters met regularly there on the 18th of every month for prayer vigils.

Associated Press: Second South Carolina twin dies after falling into pool

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=v1wFuD55

SC State Wire

A second 3-year-old South Carolina boy has died after falling into a backyard swimming pool with his twin brother near Easley. Anderson County Deputy Coroner Don McCown said Ezekiel Marcengill of Westminster died Sunday afternoon at a Greenville hospital. McCown says his brother, Caleb Marcengill, died Saturday afternoon shortly after he fell into the water. The deaths have been ruled accidental drownings. The coroner says the boys and their family were attending a gathering Saturday and a group of children went outside to play after lunch. Emergency personnel were called shortly before 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The coroner says he thinks the boys were in the water for 15 to 20 minutes.

Associated Press: Federal agents hosting church safety seminar in Bluffton

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Q1nt2Zd6

SC State Wire

Federal agents are in Bluffton to talk about active shooter situations with the faith-based community. On Monday, agents from the FBI are holding a situational awareness symposium at LowCountry Community Church in Bluffton from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Agents say they will give up-to-date information about what they've learned about responding to such situations and how to handle future threats. They'll talk about characteristics of active shooters, how to handle a crush of national news and support victims and their families. The FBI began hosting these sessions after the June 2015 shootings at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. Similar events have been held in more than half a dozen other South Carolina cities.

Associated Press: South Carolina authorities seize 15 pounds of cocaine

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xv8L9HuK

SC State Wire

South Carolina authorities have made four arrests and seized about 15 pounds of cocaine. The Greenville News reports (<http://goo.gl/R6kPhj>) that the drugs worth \$700,000 were bound for Anderson County. Anderson County Sheriff's Lt. Sheila Cole said Friday that the investigation was conducted by local authorities and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The drugs were found after agents stopped four men driving a truck and a sedan with out-of-state tags. The drugs were found when the vehicles were searched. The suspects are residents of Georgia and Texas. They were charged with trafficking.

Greenville News: Unseen Greenville: A year of progress, more work ahead

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/18/unseen-greenville-year-progress-more-work-ahead/85975408/>

Eric Connor

It was about this time last year, when a steady rain on a sultry night wouldn't deter hundreds from filling the KROC Center to speak and learn about the parts of Greenville that go largely unnoticed. The discussion over the plight of the poor in this community has continued in the year since the The Greenville News' "Unseen Greenville" forum. There has been action, some resulting from the sharing of ideas, much of it already under way through the good works of dedicated people. And a year later, there has been a hunger for more discourse to keep issues like affordable housing, transportation, healthcare and education top of mind. In the coming months, The News has plans to bring the community together again, to take stock of progress — or the lack of it — and to try to determine the next steps forward.

The State: Four Richland County neighborhoods weigh new tax for dam repairs

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article84727807.html>

Tim Flach

Four small neighborhoods are in the forefront of developing a way to repair some of the 45 Richland County dams destroyed or severely damaged by floods from record rain in October. Homeowners in each of the Northeast Richland neighborhoods will go to the polls in the next two months to decide whether to tax themselves extra – possibly for as long as three decades – to replace dams that either broke or need strengthening. In three of the four areas, houses now ring an empty lake bed. A "yes" vote would restore the dams and bring back water. Beaver Lake's dam, which still holds back water, would be strengthened.

Island Packet: Juneteenth celebration promotes African-American culture, history and education

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article84632997.html>

Madison Hogan

The Mitchelville Preservation Project kicked off its second annual Juneteenth Celebration with live music, food, art and education on Hilton Head Island on Saturday. Juneteenth is a celebration of the abolition of slavery and the freedom of the last remaining African-American slaves in the South. According to Courtney Young, the Mitchelville Preservation Project's marketing director, it was important to host this celebration in Mitchelville, "the first place in which people were free to live, exist and govern themselves with the United States government."

Sun News: Chanticleers keep rolling, best top-ranked Florida in CWS opener

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article84767027.html>

At this point, nothing the Coastal Carolina baseball team does or accomplishes should surprise anyone. The Chanticleers' magical season got even more incredible Sunday night as they never trailed against top-seeded Florida on the way to a 2-1 win in the program's first-ever College World Series game, played before a crowd of 19,696 at TD Ameritrade Park. The Chants (50-16) nearly squandered too many opportunities, but it didn't matter with junior right-hander Andrew Beckwith on the mound. He was simply sublime while allowing only that one run in a complete-game effort, giving up seven hits, no walks and striking out seven. He threw 71 of his 98 pitches for strikes in a legendary performance that will go down in Chants lore.

National News:

Associated Press: Senate to vote on gun control, prospects dim for change

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e33f665dddeb46ffaaf9f0fa83628bb6>

Mary Clare Jalonick

Democrats get their long-sought votes on gun control a week after the massacre in Orlando, Florida, but election-year politics and the powerful National Rifle Association dim any prospects for changes in the nation's laws. The Senate will vote Monday night on four measures — two sponsored by Republicans, two by Democrats. All are expected to fail in a bitterly divided Congress. Gun control remains at a stalemate as few lawmakers are willing to challenge the NRA and no mass shooting the past five years — from Phoenix; to Aurora, Colorado; to Newtown, Connecticut; to Charleston, South Carolina; to San Bernardino, California — has led to new laws. Polls show large numbers of Americans agree with the need for at least some limited gun measures such as background checks. But Democrats have been unable to translate that into legislation because the NRA is able to mobilize and energize voters who will threaten to vote lawmakers out on the gun issue alone.

Associated Press: Biden asserts Trump could trigger surge in anti-Americanism

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a2c4dfce9a3b439f8806e6b7970a4414>

Josh Lederman

Warning of a potential surge in anti-Americanism, Vice President Joe Biden is tearing into Donald Trump's views on foreign policy and urging the country not to follow the presumptive Republican nominee down a path of isolationism and bigotry. Biden, in a speech Monday to the Center for New American Security, planned to deliver a point-by-point rebuttal of Trump's ideas on immigration, terrorism and relations with Russia. In excerpts of his speech released in advance by the White House, Biden cautioned against policies he said would make the U.S. and its neighborhood poorer, less democratic and less secure. "Wielding the politics of fear and intolerance, like proposals to ban Muslims from entering the United States or slandering entire religious communities as complicit in terrorism, calls into question America's status as the greatest democracy in the history of the world," Biden planned to say.

World News:

Associated Press: UN says 65 million people displaced in 2015, a new record

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c0aa083aa6d645a3ac0e19e56b43231a>

Jamey Keaton

Imagine the entire population of Britain uprooted: The U.N. refugee agency says just over that number — 65 million people — were displaced worldwide by the end of last year, easily setting a new postwar record, as it warned that European and other rich nations can expect the tide to continue if root causes aren't addressed. In a year when more than a million people arrived on European shores, UNHCR said continued conflicts and persecution in places like Syria and Afghanistan fueled a nearly 10-percent increase in the total number of refugees and internally displaced people in 2015. "I hope that the message carried by those forcibly displaced reaches the leaderships: We need action, political action, to stop conflicts," said Filippo Grandi, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "The message that they have carried is: 'If you don't solve problems, problems will come to you.'"

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