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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Gov. Haley and her allies clash in legislative endorsements  
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Seanna Adcox

While 39 state legislators face primary challengers Tuesday, the spotlight will be on Republican Senate races that pit GOP Gov. Nikki Haley against many of her longtime allies. With two years left in her tenure, Haley is spending her time and political capital trying to oust several Republicans she sees as obstacles, notably the state's most powerful lawmaker, Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman of Florence, as well as Sens. Luke Rankin of Conway and Wes Hayes of Rock Hill. She also opposes state Rep. Stephen Goldfinch of Murrells Inlet, who's in a four-way primary to replace retiring Sen. Ray Cleary. A Haley political group is backing her opposition campaigns with hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of ads. The group - A Great Day SC - is named for the greeting Haley asked all state employees early in her tenure to give when they answer the phone.

### General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: 'Verbal attack' by Kiawah lobbyist over Capt. Sam's bill shook legislators, they say  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160612/160619929/verbal-attack-by-kiawah-lobbyist-over-capt-sams-bill-shook-legislators-they-say->

Bo Petersen

A lobbyist for Kiawah Partners "verbally attacked" a Charleston legislator at the close of a Judiciary committee hearing in May amid debate over development of Capt. Sam's Spit on Kiawah Island, according to three lawmakers. That incident amid the company's intense lobbying over a bill that could stymie the development angered legislators and likely contributed to the unanimous vote that sent the bill to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. "Rep. (Peter) McCoy was verbally attacked by a lobbyist," said Rep. Bill Herbkersman, R-Bluffton. "And that never happens. It's inexcusable. It really didn't sit well, not with me, not with a lot of House members. It very well could have contributed to the vote." It was a climactic moment after months of back-and-forth lobbying that turned an otherwise technical regulatory rewrite into what House speaker Jay Lucas called "the most-asked-about bill in the chamber."

### 1 Year- Charleston Shootings:

Associated Press: 1 year after church shooting, much is the same in Charleston  
<http://bigstory.ap.org/357bd1c8eca04ba191b85772c2fb4d70>

Jeffrey Collins and Jonathan Drew

After nine black parishioners were slain at a Charleston church, South Carolina did what many thought would never happen: It moved the Confederate flag off Statehouse grounds. The June 2015 massacre resonated across the country as streets, parks and even lakes were stripped of the names

of Confederates. But for the most part, Charleston and other areas of the South remain unchanged. Charleston's Confederate commemorations remain intact — and longstanding racial issues endure.

Associated Press: Charleston church shooting sparked changes nationwide

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SC State Wire

In the wake of the shootings of nine black churchgoers in Charleston, officials nationwide have taken steps to distance themselves from Confederate symbols and names. Suspect Dylann Roof appeared in photos with the Confederate flag. Here is a look at some of those moves...

The State: Most SC blacks say Dylann Roof should get life without parole

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article83131927.html>

Cassie Cope

A majority of black South Carolinians say Dylann Roof should be sentenced to life without parole — not death — if he is found guilty of murdering nine African-American members of Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. But most white South Carolinians say Roof should be sentenced to death if he is found guilty, according to a University of South Carolina poll. Roof faces federal and state charges in connection with the Charleston massacre. Both federal and state prosecutors have said they will seek the death penalty. The difference of opinion over Roof reflects historically differing attitudes toward the death penalty between black and white South Carolinians, according to the USC poll, released Saturday.

Post and Courier: Charleston professor leads statewide discussions on race, diversity

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160611/PC16/160619793>

Derrek Asberry

Creating change in South Carolina is going to take dialogue on race relations and economic opportunity among a diverse group of people, said Graeme Coetzer, a professor at the College of Charleston. Coetzer is the director of an effort to put a "community enhancement system" in each of the Palmetto State's 46 counties. Legwork for the effort, known as the Institute for Community Development, began in the wake of nine parishioners being killed in a racially fueled shooting on June 17, 2015, inside Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. Attorneys for accused killer 22-year-old Dylann Roof filed papers on Thursday requesting to bypass a jury and instead face a federal judge. Coetzer said the shooting, and other problems plaguing the state, require a collaborative effort to resolve issues. Specifically for Charleston, he said this type of effort is important to continue the healing process.

Post and Courier : Racial divides remain deep after Emanuel AME Church, Walter Scott shootings

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160611/PC16/160619938>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

On the eve of Friday's one-year anniversary of the Emanuel AME Church shooting, a new poll of South Carolinians reveals that black and white residents hold starkly divergent views of their relationships with each other following the tragedy. Many South Carolinians felt strong racial unity amid peaceful responses to the racially motivated shooting, which left nine black worshippers dead, followed by events afterward that drew diverse crowds of mourners. But a year later, whites were more than twice as likely as black residents polled in the new survey to think race relations had improved as a result of the church shooting. At the same time, more than one-third of black residents said race relations had gotten much or somewhat worse since then.

Greenville Online: Has South Carolina changed after church shootings?

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/11/has-south-carolina-changed-after-church-shootings/85640400/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

Tim Smith

"Most of South Carolina does not change with a tragedy," Dr. Lonnie Randolph, longtime president of the state NAACP conference, told The News. "I've lived here long enough to criticize it. And I don't criticize all people. But when you have one bad apple, it's one too many. We don't care enough about each other." Gov. Nikki Haley, who persuaded the Legislature to remove the Confederate battle flag from its perch on the Statehouse grounds as a result of the tragedy, believes the shootings have resulted in a changed South Carolina. "Everybody stepped up," she said. "I said it multiple times. We didn't have violence, we had vigils. We didn't have protests, we had hugs. We had people stand across the state hold hands. Everybody came together. It was love and forgiveness and grace and strength that I am so proud to have witnessed in my lifetime." U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn of Columbia said the shootings have caused "some people to face the impact of the Confederate battle flag and what that symbolizes."

Post and Courier: Events set to commemorate first anniversary of church shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160612/PC16/160619872>

Brooks Brunson

Over the next few weeks, people across the Lowcountry will hold a host of events to commemorate the nine lives lost on June 17 when a man attended a Bible study at Mother Emanuel AME church, pulled out a gun and began firing. The events range from religious services to concerts and share a common theme of honoring the victims of the tragic event. They include...

Beaufort Gazette: Bakari Sellers among speakers at Emanuel AME memorial service

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article83076922.html>

Stephen Fastenau

A memorial service will be held in Beaufort next week for the nine victims of the Emanuel AME Church shooting last year in Charleston. Grace Chapel AME Church, at 502 Charles St., will host the service at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. It is being sponsored by the Beaufort Unified Interfaith Community Coalition. Former state representative Bakari Sellers is expected to be among the speakers, according to a news release. Sellers is a Columbia attorney who was a state representative from 2006 until 2014 and has contributed as a CNN commentator. Emanuel AME pastor Clementa Pinckney, a state senator who was killed in the shootings, had also preached at Jericho AME in Beaufort and Porter's Chapel AME in Port Royal.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: New operators at SRS maintain strong workforce

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160611/AIK0101/160619892>

The Department of Energy's managing and operating contractor at the Savannah River Site, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, hired more than 80 new operators in April. The majority of the new hires are from the local area, and their arrival helps the company address workforce sustainment needs. "Many of our new hires are from programs and schools that partner with SRNS through our training and education outreach programs," said Wyatt Clark, Senior Vice President of Environmental Management Operations. "In fact, 12 operators are coming out of the Nuclear Engineering Technology program SRNS has established with Augusta Technical College. It is satisfying to know

that not only are we getting the trained, quality workers we need, but we are also helping our neighbors and friends by hiring locally," Clark said.

Wilson-Pascoe News:

Post and Courier: Pascoe-Wilson case goes before S.C. Supreme Court Thursday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160611/PC1603/160619870>

Gavin Jackson

One of the state's biggest legal showdowns of 2016 takes center stage Thursday when Attorney General Alan Wilson and 1st Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe face off. This time it won't be through news conferences or legal filings, but in front of the five justices of the state Supreme Court. In what could be the first constitutional fight of its kind, the justices will hear arguments over whether a special prosecutor — in this case Pascoe — can open a state grand jury investigation into Statehouse corruption without the blessing of the attorney general. Wilson's office said it had not determined whether the attorney general or one of his deputies will present the case.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: India's prime minister tweeting to S.C. congressmen

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160611/160619941/indias-prime-minister-tweeting-to-sc-congressmen->

Many of South Carolina's congressmen pride themselves on their social media skills. Last week, they were rewarded for their tweeting habits with Twitter shout-outs from the visiting prime minister of India. Narendra Modi was on Capitol Hill to deliver a special address to a joint session of Congress, an honor bestowed to foreign leaders. U.S. Reps. Joe Wilson, Jeff Duncan and Mark Sanford, all Palmetto State Republicans, tweeted photos of Modi and expressed their excitement about his presence. Modi, himself a prolific tweeter, thanked them for their kind words. Wilson, a former co-chairman of the Congressional India Caucus, received the most characters. "Delighted to meet you Rep. Wilson. Had a very good discussion with you and other members of Congress," he wrote. The runner-up was Duncan, to whom Modi tweeted, "Thanks for the kind words Rep. Duncan." Sanford received a simple, "thank you."

Associated Press: Donald Trump's loyal volunteers: Superfans and workhorses

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Julie Bykowicz

Dale "Boomer" Ranney can get in Donald Trump's face like almost no one else. She has nudged her way to the front of 21 of his rallies, passing up book after book, photo after photo for him to autograph, finding success some 66 times. He smiles at her in recognition now. When she made a trip to Trump Tower in New York to be near him for his home state primary in April, he spotted her and told his security guards to let her into his victory party there later that day. A photo snapped that morning shows Ranney and her candidate grinning and giving the thumbs up. He's in his suit and red tie, she's in her sequined American flag vest and matching boots. Ranney is not only a Trump superfan, she's also a forceful advocate and volunteer on behalf of the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. Since February, she has guided an ad hoc team of 50 volunteers who have made some 75,000 telephone calls to voters to preach the gospel of Trump.

The State: THE BUZZ: Clinton's nomination shatters glass ceiling

[http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article83205697.](http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article83205697)

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Avery G. Wilks

When state Rep. Beth Bernstein was a child, most girls in her classes didn't talk about growing up and running for public office. That was for the boys. Now, when the Richland County Democrat visits elementary schools, more and more girls say they want to be president one day. Those dreams seem a little more attainable now after Hillary Clinton Tuesday became the first woman to clinch the presidential nomination of a major U.S. political party. "The glass ceiling has broken," Bernstein said. Some of South Carolina's most prominent women in politics say Clinton's victory carries enormous significance. Seeing Clinton, arms outstretched and beaming, as she soaked in her critical primary wins Tuesday was uplifting for women currently in public office and could be inspiring to others, thinking of getting involved in the political process, they say.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: In Pascoe v. Wilson, another challenge to power of attorney general

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article83050857.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

THE S.C. SUPREME Court hears oral arguments Wednesday in a case that will decide whether the attorney general gets to keep the power the state constitution says he has. It's the second time in two years that the high court has been asked to emasculate the state's prosecutor-in-chief, which is more than a little worrisome. The last time, then-House Speaker Bobby Harrell's lawyers were arguing that the attorney general couldn't investigate their client because somehow a law that they were mischaracterizing trumped the constitution, which vests in attorneys general the authority to direct all criminal prosecutions. The Supreme Court wisely, and easily, rejected that argument. This time, the argument is coming from another prosecutor, who believes that his concept of legal ethics — which is a very good concept, except in those extraordinary cases where it doesn't work — trumps state law (laws, actually, since there are at least two in play) and the state constitution.

Morning News: EDITORIAL: Leatherman deserving of another term

[http://www.scnw.com/opinion/editorials/article\\_65d31bd6-2f5e-11e6-8a0e-bfc892a68c12.html](http://www.scnw.com/opinion/editorials/article_65d31bd6-2f5e-11e6-8a0e-bfc892a68c12.html)

Thumbs up to S.C. Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. The Republican from Florence is running for re-election Tuesday in the Republican Party primary. He has two challengers: Richard Skipper, formerly the chairman of the Florence County Republican Party, and Dean Fowler, the Florence County treasurer. But you'd swear this strictly is a race between Leatherman and S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley. As the president pro tempore of the Senate and the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Leatherman has been called arguably the most powerful person in the state. We see no need for the word "arguably." From the standpoint of what's good for Florence County, we are pleased to be represented by the most powerful person in the state. We believe he has wielded his power well on our behalf without abusing that power at the detriment of the rest of the state. We are puzzled about why outsiders are trying to tell Florence County residents that we would be better off with a rookie senator in the Statehouse. Leatherman has been in office for 36 years. He should be congratulated for his many years of great public service, not criticized. He did not become powerful overnight. He worked hard and earned that power.

The State: How the Senate is stalling ethics reform

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article83046087.html>

Guest Columnist: Tommy Pope

Every so often South Carolinians learn about another politician who has broken the rules and

betrayed the trust of his constituency for personal gain. Genuine trust is hard to gain, but easily broken. And it is sad that a corrupt few erode the public's trust of the entire system. Members of the S.C. House understand that meaningful ethics reform must take place in order to regain the public's trust in all elected officials. It starts with promoting accountability and transparency, two ideals that guided us into crafting a comprehensive ethics-reform package. This week, the House and Senate will meet to take up Gov. Haley's vetoes and consider conference reports. South Carolinians should still have some hope that the independent-investigation bill will become law this year. But the only way this will happen is if senators put the interests of the public ahead of their own, come back to the conference table and uphold their end of the deal.

Greenville News: Editorial: One last chance at ethics reform

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/06/12/editorial-one-last-chance-ethics-reform/85642370/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

South Carolina legislators have one more opportunity this year to pass an ethics reform package that would bring some added accountability to the General Assembly, although the options still available to them do not go nearly far enough. The Legislature has been debating ethics reform for four years and has made very little progress on the issue. This year, a compromise was reached that would have led to at least some improvement, but the talks stalled as the two-year legislative session wound to a close. Chances of progress now appear slim. If lawmakers don't pass an ethics reform bill, it will be their most significant failure of this legislative session.

Herald-Journal: Business left unfinished by lawmakers

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160612/OPINION/160619982?Title=Business-left-unfinished-by-lawmakers>

Editorial

South Carolina lawmakers made some headway this year toward repairing the state's neglected roads and bridges, but they did little to address other major state priorities. Much attention had been focused on the roads bill, but it should not have been the only priority for lawmakers. Yet again, lawmakers failed to get ethics reform passed. They had said ethics reform was a priority for them. In her State of the State Address at the start of the session, Gov. Nikki Haley pointed out that a meaningful bill is necessary to restore public trust in the legislature. The problem is that any ethics allegation against a lawmaker is secret under state law. And that complaint is investigated by either the House or Senate ethics committee, which decides on any punishment. In other words, House members and senators investigate their own.

Post and Courier: Why is Gov. Haley breaking promise of economic opportunity?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160612/160619818/why-is-gov-haley-breaking-promise-of-economic-opportunity>

Editorial: Bernie Mazyck

In his famous "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington in 1963, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of an unfulfilled promise made by America to the poor and especially to African Americans. Dr. King used the following metaphor: "In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check; a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' " Well, Gov. Nikki Haley has also defaulted on a promissory note, one written by the Legislature in 2000 and one

that the General Assembly is trying to fulfill. But Gov. Haley continues to default on this note every opportunity she has.

Post and Courier: Save history from Haley vetoes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160612/160619816/save-history-from-haley-vetoes>

Editorial

Gov. Nikki Haley made the right call by vetoing a proposal to “study” moving the Confederate Relic Room from Columbia to Charleston. The Relic Room ought to remain in Columbia, adjacent to the state museum. It is the capital’s oldest museum, and there is no reason to bring it to Charleston, where there already is a wealth of sites related to the Civil War. But there are other budget vetoes, related to historical and cultural sites, that lawmakers should override when they return to Columbia. At the top of the list is a \$1.5 million allocation needed for the restoration of the Fireproof Building on Chalmers Street in Washington Park, across from City Hall.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC Air National Guard resumes flights following midair crash

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SC State Wire

The South Carolina Air National Guard has resumed flight operations less than a week after two pilots survived a midair collision in Georgia. Flying was temporarily halted after two F-16 jets from the South Carolina Air National Guard crashed Tuesday night at a rural bombing range in Louisville, Georgia. The pilots were in good shape after the crash at the Bulldog Military Operations Area while on a training mission.

Local News:

Associated Press: N. Charleston mayor calls for security cameras after murder

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SC State Wire

North Charleston's mayor is calling for more security cameras after a tourist from Ohio was gunned down and killed outside a hotel last month. Mayor Keith Summey tells The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/1UJx4Ff>) that he's proposing an ordinance to require any new business larger than 7,000 square feet to have surveillance cameras. The city's legal department is researching the idea Police have said the Hyatt Place Airport/Convention Center had no camera to record who fatally shot 35-year-old Barri Shank, a banking executive visiting from the Cleveland area, around 12:30 a. m. May 30.

Greenville News: Greenville County sheriff waits on state funds for body cams

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/06/10/greenville-county-sheriffs-office-sc-body-cameras/84768308/>

Romando Dixson

Nearly a year after public outcry led to a new law requiring police officers to wear body cameras, little has changed at three of the Upstate's largest agencies as they wait for grant money to pay for the new equipment. Sheriff's offices in Greenville, Pickens and Anderson have applied for grants and could receive funding this summer. Other police agencies, including the Greenville Police Department and sheriff's offices in Oconee and Spartanburg, have built camera inventories over time and will seek reimbursement for the cameras they have purchased. Bruce Wilson, founder of the nonprofit

Fighting Injustice Together, said he believes some agencies are not taking the body camera law seriously and taking advantage of the way the law was written to delay buying body cameras.

Sun News: Pretrial hearings in Heather Elvis case start Monday

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article83091777.html>

Claire Byun

Pretrial hearings for Sidney Moorer, who is charged in connection with the disappearance of Heather Elvis, are scheduled to start Monday morning, and the defense is seeking to suppress testimony from Elvis' former roommate. Attorney Kirk Truslow filed documents in April to prohibit certain evidence, hold separate trials on Moorer's remaining charges and suppress testimony by Elvis' former roommate during the trial scheduled to start June 20. Moorer, 40, and wife Tammy Moorer, 43, faced several charges related to the disappearance of Elvis, who was last seen in December 2013. The murder charges were dropped March 10 by the Horry County Solicitor's Office, along with the obstruction of justice charge for Tammy Moorer. Indecent exposure charges against the couple were also dismissed.

Associated Press: Winthrop University trustees approve tuition increase

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SC State Wire

Winthrop University's trustees say they had to increase tuition in order to fund a 3.25 pay increase that legislators approved for state employees. The State of Columbia reports (<http://bit.ly/1Yhkoes>) the school's board of trustees approved a 2.5 tuition increase for undergraduate students for the 2016-2017 school year, or an extra \$354. Trustees also voted on a 2 percent increase in what students pay for on-campus housing, and an extra 4.7 percent on students' meal plans. Tuition for graduate students will increase 3.5 percent. An in-state undergraduate will pay \$7,255 for the fall 2016 semester, and graduate students will pay \$7,156.

Morning News: Pee Dee districts fight to hire and retain quality teachers

[http://www.scnow.com/news/education/article\\_f9544fae-3023-11e6-98c9-3f7f5e0e6eee.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/education/article_f9544fae-3023-11e6-98c9-3f7f5e0e6eee.html)

Jake Crouse

Teachers are at the frontline of education. They are expected to take programs and curriculums and implement them in a way that produces child success in the classroom. But in the Pee Dee, as well as other areas the state, many districts are struggling to find and retain teachers of quality to accomplish this task. For instance, 16 teachers left their positions in the Florence 4 School District last year. That number may seem small, but the district only allocated 60 teaching positions for its student base of nearly 761 students that year. A turnover of 16 teachers is equivalent to Timmonsville High School turning over all of its faculty positions in one year.

The State: Harvest Hope officials call rappelling fund-raiser a success

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article83219137.html>

Tim Flach

More than 50 Midlands residents scaled down Columbia's second-tallest building Saturday for charity. "I like a little bit of adventure," Dee Travis of Batesburg-Leesville said after rappelling 326 feet down the side of The Hub, a student apartment building on Main Street. Like 51 others, the 59-year-old Travis took the 20-story controlled plunge to raise money for Harvest Hope Food Bank a day after local celebrities did it. Food bank officials expect to realize more than \$50,000 from the fund-raising event. Those who took part were supported by donations received and promised. "It looks like it's going to be a big success," Harvest Hope spokesman Ash Little said. The trips occurred without

problem as rappelling experts guided the plunges with safety mechanisms, he said.

National News:

Associated Press: Police: Approximately 20 killed in Florida club shooting

<http://bigstory.ap.org/435dd4b47ec7403888f74e9c5c3480b5>

Mike Schneider

A gunman wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun opened fire inside a crowded Florida nightclub before dying in a gunfight with SWAT officers, police said Sunday. The attack left about 20 people dead and 42 others wounded. Authorities were investigating it as an act of terrorism. Police Chief John Mina said the shooter also had some sort of "suspicious device." He said the suspect exchanged gunfire with an officer working at the gay club around 2 a.m., then went back inside and took hostages among more than 300 people inside. Around 5 a.m., authorities sent in a SWAT team to rescue the hostages. Police have not determined an exact number of casualties, but Mina said "approximately 20" bodies were inside the club.

Associated Press: Students to show support for victim at Stanford graduation

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e3bd3e5583fa4e58844dfce0f4d417bc>

Olga R. Rodriguez

Stanford University graduating students and women's rights advocates plan to use the school's commencement ceremony to again express their anger over the six-month jail sentence given to a former student for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman. Students will demonstrate Sunday during "Wacky Walk," a rambunctious, slow-moving stroll by graduating students dressed in zany costumes that precedes the official graduation events. Organizers are asking them to carry signs and decorate their caps with messages showing solidarity to the woman sexually assaulted on campus last year by former Stanford swimmer Brock Turner. The woman's emotional statement to the court about how the assault devastated her life was widely shared online, attracting national attention to the case.

Associated Press: Former President George H.W. Bush celebrates 92nd birthday

<http://bigstory.ap.org/34234fd5065741ea95de57da269a78e4>

Former President George H.W. Bush is celebrating his 92nd birthday with family on the Maine coast. His chief of staff says Sunday's celebration is low-key and Bush is spending the day with his wife, Barbara Bush, and other family members in Kennebunkport. His son, former president George W. Bush, is in town. The family is planning a private dinner. Chief of Staff Jean Becker says the family patriarch is doing well after a scare last summer when he broke a bone in his neck in a fall at his home. Bush has celebrated previous birthdays by skydiving, his latest jump when he turned 90. Bush is the oldest living former president.

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