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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: SC House and Senate return to take up Gov. Haley's vetoes

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Seanna Adcox

The Legislature is returning for a special session to wrap up work on the state budget and take up Gov. Nikki Haley's remaining vetoes. Haley's 51 budget vetoes will first go to the House, which gavels in at noon Wednesday. The Senate starts several hours later. Haley's line-item vetoes struck \$41 million in spending from the Legislature's \$7.5 billion plan for state taxes, which takes effect July 1. They include earmarks for state museums, historic sites and local parks. Bills Haley has vetoed since the regular session ended June 2 include one imposing safety restrictions on moped drivers. Overturning her vetoes takes two-thirds approval by both chambers. Haley wants legislators to also reach a compromise on two ethics-related bills she wants to become law. But those seem likely to die.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Lawmakers return to Columbia to tackle governor's vetoes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160615/PC1603/160619628>

Maya T. Prabhu

Fresh off primary wins, and some losses, South Carolina lawmakers head back to Columbia Wednesday to address vetoes made by Gov. Nikki Haley during the last two weeks. Among those vetoes were cuts of \$41.1 million to the state's \$7.5 billion budget and a bill that regulates those riding mopeds and another bill. Lawmakers will determine if they will be able to override the governor's vetoes, which takes two-thirds of the vote in the House and the Senate. Also up for discussions are several bills that are in compromise committees, where representatives from each chamber will debate to reach agreements on topics including ethics reform and regulation of police dash camera videos.

Associated Press: 2 Senate leaders survive Haley opposition; 1 senator ousted

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Seanna Adcox

So far, Gov. Nikki Haley is one for four. Two of the Senate leaders she tried to unseat defeated their challengers Tuesday, but a third will leave the Legislature after 32 years. A fourth Senate candidate backed by Haley advances to a runoff, but the only House candidate she endorsed lost. The elections represented the last chance for Haley, who's term limited, to change who runs the Republican-dominated Legislature while she's governor.

The State: Haley ousts 1 of 3 Senate leaders she targeted

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article83852312.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley and her allies helped push one longtime S.C. Senate leader, Wes Hayes of Rock Hill, out of office in Tuesday's Republican primaries. But two GOP Senate leaders who Haley also targeted – Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, and Sen. Luke Rankin, R- Horry – won their primary challenges despite the governor's endorsement of their opponents. A pro-Haley political group spent more than \$500,000 in an attempt to defeat the senators and reshape the Legislature's upper chamber. Leatherman beat back two challengers – including former Florence GOP chairman Richard Skipper, who Haley endorsed – to avoid a runoff in his bid for a 10th four-year Senate term. The most powerful legislator in the state, Leatherman said Haley and her allies "misread" how Florence voters would see their opposition.

Orlando Shooting News:

Associated Press: Investigators casting wide net in nightclub shooting probe

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fa93fb3237aa41f591c1b0c026d6c7c3>

Jay Reeves and Eric Tucker

Shot in the leg and lying in a mix of blood and water on a bathroom floor, Patience Carter heard gunman Omar Mateen dial 911 from just a few feet away. The American-born son of an Afghan immigrant, Mateen told the person on the other end he wanted America to stop bombing his country, she recalled. "We knew what his motive was. He wasn't going to stop killing people until he was killed," she said Tuesday during a riveting hospital news conference. Now, investigators are trying to figure out what led to Mateen's murderous rampage in a gay dance club where patrons say they knew him as just another regular who danced and sometimes tried to pick up men.

Associated Press: Details emerge about nightclub shooter's wife

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a586d923bdc14e0ea14e139ffbaf27c6>

Garance Burke, Holbrook Mohr, and Mitch Weiss

She was a sweet, pretty California girl with Palestinian roots who left an arranged marriage only to find love with a man who committed the worst mass shooting in modern U.S history. Little by little, details have begun to emerge about 30-year-old Noor Zahi Salman, who grew up in the small suburb of Rodeo, California, tucked in the dry hills near the oil refineries 25 miles northeast of San Francisco. Her romance with Omar Mateen — security guard, bodybuilder and devout Muslim — began online, according to a neighbor, and they were married on Sept. 29, 2011, near her hometown, according to public records. The couple has a 3-year-old son. Authorities believe Mateen's wife knew about the plot ahead of time, said an official who was briefed on the progress of the case but insisted on anonymity to discuss a continuing investigation. The official said investigators are reluctant to charge her only on the basis of possible advance knowledge of her husband's plans.

Associated Press: The Latest: Defense officials 'stand with' LGBT community

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e1460463a39b4f7180c50aa2aae764be>

Defense Secretary Ash Carter has issued a statement about the death of a U.S. Army Reserve soldier in the massacre at a gay Florida nightclub, and says officials there support the people of Orlando and the LGBT community. Ash says Capt. Antonio Davon Brown served for nearly a decade to protect others — "the noblest thing a young person can do." The statement says the Defense Department grieves with Brown's families and all the loved ones affected by the shooting. It also says: "We stand with the people of Orlando and the nation's LGBT community during this difficult time."

Aiken Standard: Augusta Pride will go on after shooting in Orlando

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160615/AIK0101/160619667>

Dede Biles

Even though a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, was the target during a horrific mass shooting Sunday, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the CSRA still are planning to hold their seventh annual celebration of diversity and self-respect in Augusta. This year's series of events will include the Beats on Broad outdoor dance party June 24 and the Augusta Pride Festival and Parade on June 25. "Sometimes when tragedies like this happen, they (the perpetrators) want us to stop enjoying the lives we have built and the freedoms we have gained, guarded and loved," said Augusta Pride Vice President Lonzo Smith, who lives in North Augusta. "What we need to do is to break down the things that have divided us and start walking forward hand-in-hand. Our celebration is a perfect opportunity for people to show their support and express their love."

Emanuel AME Shooting Anniversary:

Post and Courier: Emanuel: One year later

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC16/160619660>

One year ago Friday, nine black worshippers were slain during a weekly Bible study at Emanuel AME Church. The mass shooting changed who we are as a community. The pain of that tragedy ran deep, shaking the city to its core even as it inspired us to be more tolerant, forgiving and united as a people. As the anniversary approaches, we reflect on the year that has passed and explore the tragedy's impact, then and now.

Associated Press: Tight security, closed streets for shooting memorial events

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=73oVgNM7

SC State Wire

Police say streets will be closed and security tight during this week's events marking the anniversary of the shootings at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. Police announced Tuesday that roads will be closed during a memorial service Friday at the College of Charleston's TD arena. There will also be street closings the next day during a unity walk in the city. Friday is the anniversary of the fatal shootings of nine black parishioners during a Bible study at the church. Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen said during a news conference that the security plan was developed before 49 people were gunned down over the weekend in an attack at an Orlando, Florida, nightclub. But Mullen said the Orlando incident confirms that what police are doing in Charleston is absolutely needed.

Dylann Roof Case:

The State: U.S. Attorney Nettles stepping down on eve of Roof trial

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article83854022.html>

John Monk

Bill Nettles is retiring Wednesday as U.S. attorney for South Carolina, just before the federal death penalty prosecution of Dylann Roof, one of the highest-profile trials the state has seen. In recent months, Nettles quietly lobbied high officials in the Justice Department not to seek the death penalty against Roof, the accused white supremacist killer of nine African-Americans last June in a Charleston church, sources said. Nettles, who usually signs major documents, noticeably did not sign the Justice Department's recent notice of intent to seek the death penalty against Roof. To Nettles, a former criminal defense lawyer who represented a dozen clients in death penalty cases, it sufficed that state prosecutors were seeking the death penalty and had scheduled a January trial.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Some S.C. Republicans open to banning gun sales to terror suspects, but legislation remains elusive

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160614/160619662/some-sc-republicans-open-to-banning-gun-sales-to-terror-suspects-but-legislation-remains-elusive>

Emma Dumain

Some Republicans, including members of the South Carolina congressional delegation, are open to conversations with Democrats on how to make it harder for individuals on terrorist watch lists to buy guns. But more than two days after a gunman went into a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla., and committed the worst mass shooting in the nation's history, lawmakers on Capitol Hill are still no closer to reaching consensus on how — or even if — there's a role for Congress to play in preventing future attacks. Democrats are strongly suggesting they likely won't settle for anything less than a ban on gun sales to anyone on a terrorist watch list or a "no-fly" list as they revive the debate from months ago that followed the terror-inspired shooting in San Bernardino, Calif.

Greenville News: U.S. attorney: SC lacks adequate gun, ethics laws

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/06/15/us-attorney-sc-lacks-adequate-gun-ethics-laws/85699312/>

Tim Smith

South Carolina's top federal prosecutor says he increased resources to battle white-collar crime and public corruption when he took office six years ago but lacked one tool available to prosecutors in other states — adequate state laws. The state especially lacks adequate gun and ethics laws, Bill Nettles, who leaves office today as South Carolina's U.S. attorney, told The Greenville News. Nettles, who boosted prosecution on white-collar crimes and public corruption cases when he took office in 2010, said that in some states, gun laws are so comprehensive that federal prosecutors don't bring gun charges. Not so in South Carolina, he said. "I shifted resources out of drugs because there are plenty of state drug laws," he said. "But I left resources in guns because we have no gun laws in South Carolina."

The State: Judge: Solicitor Myers' DUI trial will go forward

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article83772317.html>

John Monk

A Spartanburg County magistrate ruled Tuesday that a DUI first offense trial for 11th Judicial Circuit Solicitor Donnie Myers can go forward. In making the ruling, Magistrate James Pasley rejected arguments by Myers' attorney, Heath Taylor of West Columbia, that Pasley should dismiss the case because portions of the videotape taken by the S.C. Highway Patrol on the night of Myers' arrest were flawed. Instead, Pasley ruled that the flawed portions of the videotape should be deleted and the jury can see the undisputed portions of the videotape, which were taken when Myers was arrested Feb. 22 after his car ran off a Lexington County road and hit a utility pole. No date was set for trial. Pasley asked lawyers for each side to agree on a date when he could come from Spartanburg to preside over the trial, which will be held in Lexington County.

SC Elections:

The State: Fewer voters turned out for Tuesday's primaries

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article83845777.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

South Carolina logged one of the lowest turnouts in the past 20 years as voters trickled to the polls to cast ballots in primaries that boasted no statewide offices. Turnout was estimated to be less than 20 percent.

Aiken Standard: Voter turnout low across Aiken and South Carolina in primaries

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160615/AIK0101/160619668>

Christina Cleveland

Voter turnout for primaries was low in Aiken County on Tuesday, mirroring a low turnout throughout the state, election officials said. South Carolina Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire told the Associated Press turnout was light across the state. In Aiken County, a total of 9,987 of 107,053 registered voters headed out to the polls, totaling a voter turnout of 9.33 percent. Statewide, voter turnout was 13.78 percent, with 416,552 of 3,023,520 registered votes participating.

Associated Press: Gov. Haley backed challenger defeats incumbent SC Sen. Hayes; 2 supported Senate candidates lose, while 1 makes runoff

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lo3092yl

The Herald: Wes Climer upsets longtime SC Sen. Wes Hayes in Rock Hill

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/election/local-election/article83848462.html>

Bristow Marchant

For more than 30 years, Rock Hill voters have chosen Wes Hayes to represent them in Columbia, first as a member of the House of Representatives and then, since 1991, as a senator in District 15. In that time, Hayes rose to become one of the chamber's senior Republicans, chairing the banking and insurance committee and being labeled the "dean of ethics reform" by his fellow senators. He won re-election to his York County seat six times in 20 years. On Tuesday night, that came to an end, as Hayes was upset by 33-year-old financial adviser and former York County GOP chairman Wes Climer. The race was decided by nearly 4 percentage points on Tuesday in one of the closest and most closely watched Senate races in the state. The primary winner will be running unopposed in the fall.

Associated Press: SC Senate President Pro Tem Leatherman defeats Gov. Haley backed challenger and wins nomination outright

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OU7jaSLA

Post and Courier: Sen. Hugh Leatherman escapes runoff; Sen. Wes Hayes loses re-election in primary

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160614/160619633/sen-hugh-leatherman-escapes-runoff-sen-wes-hayes-loses-re-election-in-primary->

Cynthia Roldan and Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley failed to dethrone her most powerful political rival in the Legislature — and several other targets — when Senate leader Hugh Leatherman narrowly escaped a runoff in Tuesday's primary election. Leatherman's own \$1.5 million war chest proved effective as he took 54 percent of the vote against a heavy spending effort by the Haley affiliated political advocacy group, A Great Day SC. The governor had endorsed former Florence County GOP Chairman Richard Skipper in the race, but he fell short, finishing with 41 percent of the vote according to unofficial returns. Florence County Treasurer Dean Fowler, Jr., trailed with 5 percent.

Morning News: Leatherman wins Senate 31, re-elected for tenth term

http://www.scnw.com/news/election_2016/article_6fb12e10-3295-11e6-b380-f7e0bb282e81.html

Joshua Lloyd

Florence Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. held off two challengers in Tuesday's primary to claim victory in the state's 31st Senate district for a tenth straight time. Leatherman, the 85-year-old Senate president pro tempore and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, won with 54.6 percent of the vote. He will not face Democratic opposition in November, making him a shoo-in for Senate District 31. Richard Skipper, a former Florence County GOP chairman and local insurance agency owner, finished with 40.2 percent of the vote, while Dean Fowler, Florence County's four term treasurer, held 5.2 percent.

Note: "The winner this evening is the Florence area," Leatherman told the crowd of about 100. "I want to publicly thank Gov. Haley. She started doing robocalls, talking about how terrible I was but the people of this county didn't hear that. That hurt our opponent more than it helped him. I hope she understands that she can't come into the Pee Dee and start meddling in our business and try to tell us who the senator should be."

Sun News: Luke Rankin defeats Scott Pyle for state senate District 33

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article83841212.html>

Christian Boscholt

According to preliminary unofficial results, Luke Rankin defeated Scott Pyle for state senate District 33 by a margin of 10 percent with almost 9,000 votes counted Tuesday night. Rankin arrived at a gathering at Second Avenue Pier restaurant to celebrate, high-fiving friends and family in attendance. Myrtle Beach Mayor John Rhodes and Horry County Council chair Mark Lazarus also were at the party to support Rankin. "This is just an unprecedented race, to have the governor of the state of South Carolina to come in and insert themselves in a local race, I've never seen it before," said Lazarus. "The governor and I have worked on a lot of projects over the years, and we've done some great things together. But to come in and challenge a race in our local jurisdiction is not the right thing to do."

Horry News: Rankin keeps Senate 33 seat

http://www.myhorrynews.com/news/article_c168c78e-32a1-11e6-b527-bb9d85c02bb6.html

Tom O'Dare

Luke Rankin will keep his seat in the state Senate, despite the efforts of South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to send him packing. Rankin defeated Scott Pyle in the Republican primary Tuesday for Senate District 33, unofficially picking up 56 percent of the votes. Pyle received the endorsement of Haley in the waning days of the campaign—something that was duly noted by Rankin Tuesday evening. "I'm honored to receive the support from folks who were not persuaded by the unparalleled infusion of out-of-state money that flowed into this campaign, besmirching this county," Rankin said.

Note: Following Haley's endorsement of Pyle, Rankin said the governor had gone to New York to get thousands of dollars for her PAC to spend on campaigns in the state. He also said Haley had lied about his voting record in the Senate. "I'm tickled that despite the deception, it did not work," he added.

Greenville News: Elliott takes out Nanney in SC House District 22

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/06/14/elliott-takes-out-nanney-sc-house-district-22/85834604/>

Rudolph Bell

Greenville lawyer Jason Elliott repeatedly criticized S.C. Rep. Wendy Nanney for missing votes in

Columbia as part of his campaign to unseat the four-term incumbent. Judging by the results of Tuesday's Republican primary, it was an effective attack. With 98 percent of precincts reporting at 9:40 p.m., Elliott had captured more than 58 percent of the vote to become the Republican nominee for South Carolina House District 22. The victory should make Elliott the district's next representative since he's unopposed in November's general election.

Post and Courier: Four-way battle to dethrone Sen. Lee Bright triggers runoff

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC1603/160619629>

Cynthia Roldan

The conservative Upstate senator who led the transgender bathroom fight will face a runoff for his Senate District 12 seat. Sen. Lee Bright, R-Roebuck, took 38 percent of the vote in a heated four-way Republican primary. His nearest rival, attorney Scott Talley, trailed with 27 percent, according to unofficial results. Bright could not be reached for comment late Tuesday. Talley figured to be a strong contender. He has high name recognition in the district, having served previously in the House of Representatives. The primary was also bitter, with Bright's three challengers unified in their desire to dethrone Bright, who is arguably one of the Senate's most controversial members.

Herald-Journal: Bright to again face Talley in SC Senate District 12 runoff

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160614/articles/160619827>

Chris Lavender

State Sen. Lee Bright of Roebuck will again face former state House Rep. Scott Talley in a runoff after failing to capture a majority of the vote Tuesday. Bright received 3,681 votes, or 38 percent, in the District 12 Republican primary. Talley came in second, with 2,594 votes, or 27 percent. Greer businessman David McCraw and Duncan Mayor Lisa Scott received 2,241 and 1,250 votes, respectively. A runoff election will be held June 28. Bright greeted supporters gathered at the Super Clock restaurant on Reidville Road after the final Republican primary results were in.

Aiken Standard: Incumbent Massey defeats Pettigrew in S.C. Senate District 25

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160615/AIK0101/160619663>

Dede Biles

Incumbent Shane Massey expressed relief after defeating challenger John Pettigrew on Tuesday in the primary battle between Republicans in S.C. Senate District 25. "Campaigns are exhausting physically and mentally," Massey said. "I'm glad that it's over, and I can get back to work." According to unofficial results provided by the S.C. State Election Commission, Massey received 58.85 percent of the vote with five of five counties reporting late Tuesday. In April, Massey was elected the S.C. Senate Majority Leader following the resignation of Gaffney Republican Sen. Harvey Peeler.

Herald- Journal: Peeler wins re-election in SC Senate District 14

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160614/articles/160619845>

State Sen. Harvey Peeler, R-Cherokee, won Tuesday's Republican primary contest by a substantial margin, according to unofficial election results. With all four counties reporting in state Senate District 14, Peeler won 5,189 votes (about 83 percent) to 1,072 votes (about 17 percent) for newcomer Charles "Kenny" Price of Boiling Springs. Peeler, 67, the former Senate majority leader, said he was surprised at the large margin of victory in a year where voters appeared to want change.

The State: Race to succeed Myers appears headed for runoff

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article83844647.html>

The contest to succeed longtime 11th Circuit Solicitor Donnie Myers appears headed for a second

round June 28. Longtime Myers assistant Rick Hubbard of Gilbert fell just short of winning outright the three-candidate match in Tuesday's Republican primary ballot, finishing with 49.84 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results. If that count holds after a review, Hubbard will face former Grand Strand assistant prosecutor Candice Lively of Chapin in a runoff election since no candidate received more than 50 percent. "This is stage one, and now we enter the final phase," Hubbard said. Lively could not be reached for comment.

Associated Press : U.S Rep. Mark Sanford wins Republican nomination in South Carolina's 1st District

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1ZXS00x3

Post and Courier: Mark Sanford wins GOP primary in tighter race than expected

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC1603/160619642>

Emma Dumain

Congressman Mark Sanford successfully defended his 1st District seat in Tuesday's GOP primary, but his margin of victory was narrower than expected. The race was called just after 9 p.m. in favor of Sanford, who defeated state Rep. Jenny Horne by a 56 percent to 44 percent margin, according to unofficial results. Given his campaign cash advantage and name recognition — he held the seat in the 1990s and then was a two-term governor — Sanford was expected to win easily. He had endured public embarrassment during his governorship when he disappeared for a romantic tryst in Argentina, but his triumphant return to Capitol Hill in a 2013 special election signaled that all might have been forgiven.

Associated Press: U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney wins Republican primary in South Carolina's 5th District

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4WjJE1CZ

The Herald: Mick Mulvaney wins Republican primary for 5th Congressional District

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article83840742.html>

Jennifer Becknell

U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney appeared to easily defeat a challenge from Lake Wylie resident Ray Craig for the 5th Congressional District seat in Tuesday's Republican primary, according to early unofficial results. Mulvaney led by nearly a 4-to-1 margin over Craig late Tuesday, with results from seven of 10 counties in the congressional district reporting. "It's very flattering," Mulvaney said as he prepared to board a plane bound for Washington, D.C. "What do I take from that? Folks like the job that I'm doing. And that's what I want the race to be about." Mulvaney said he believes the results show he's more in sync with the district's voters than his opponent. "It's very nice to see that," he said.

Associated Press: Sanford, Mulvaney easily win primaries in re-election bids

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8wVfht6k

Bruce Smith

Incumbent Republican U.S. Reps. Mark Sanford and Mick Mulvaney easily captured their party nominations Tuesday in a quiet South Carolina primary. In one of only three primaries in the state's seven congressional districts, Sanford defeated state Rep. Jenny Horne of Summerville in the 1st District running along the south coast from Charleston to the Georgia state line. Mulvaney, who was first elected six years ago, easily turned back Ray Craig of Lake Wylie in the 5th District in the middle of the state along the North Carolina border. In the only other congressional primary, Arik Bjorn of Columbia and Phil Black of Lexington appear likely to end up in a runoff in the Democratic primary in the 2nd District in the Midlands.

Associated Press: The Latest: Recount likely in 2nd District Democratic race
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rhNPuGA8

SC State Wire

The Democratic nomination in South Carolina's 2nd Congressional District appears to be set for a recount. Arik Bjorn of Columbia held a 49-vote lead over Phil Black of Lexington with all precincts reporting Tuesday. The margin of 0.3 percent with more than 19,000 votes counted was well within the 1 percent required for a recount. Bjorn used to work for the South Carolina SmartState Program and Health Sciences South Carolina, while Black is semi-retired and ran as a Republican four years ago. The winner will move on to face long-time incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson.

WCIV: Incumbents largely survive primary night in South Carolina

<http://abcnews4.com/news/local/lowcountry-election-results>

Sam Tyson, Lara Rolo, Stacy Jacobson and Brodie Hart

Whether it was in South Carolina's 1st Congressional District or the Dorchester County sheriff's race, incumbents were able to throw back their opponents across the Lowcountry on Tuesday. Rep. Mark Sanford faced a tough primary battle from state Rep. Jenny Horne, but was declared the winner late Tuesday night. Horne says she has no regrets about the campaign. Sanford will face Democratic challenger Dmitri Cherny in the general election. Sanford will be heavily favored in the strongly Republican district against the Democrat and two third-party candidates in November.

Note: Meanwhile, Gov. Nikki Haley had a tough night. The candidates she backed to oust political allies-turned-opponents did not fare well. Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman defeated two challengers in Tuesday's Republican primary. He received more than 54 percent of vote in the three-way race.

WBTW: SC Primary yields new sheriffs, incumbent state lawmakers

<http://wbtw.com/2016/06/14/sc-primary-yields-new-sheriffs-incumbent-state-lawmakers/>

Erica Walters

The South Carolina Primary did not fail to produce excitement and upsets in 2016. According to the latest election results, Senator Hugh Leatherman defeated challenger Richard Skipper to retain his powerful seat in the SC Senate despite heavy campaigning against him from Governor Nikki Haley. Another incumbent Senator who Gov. Haley campaigned against, Luke Rankin, won over challenger Scott Pyle. On the local level, Darlington County Sheriff Wayne Byrd lost to challenger Tony Chavis. Dillon County Sheriff Major Hulon held on to his position with a narrow win over challenger Douglas "Humbunny" Pernell. Charles Lemon defeated three other challengers handily in the Marlboro County Sheriff's race.

The State: Lott surges to sixth term as Richland sheriff

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article83843277.html>

Clif Leblanc

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott sported a Superman T-shirt after easily winning a sixth term as the county's top lawman. Lott, 62, surged past his Democratic Party challenger, ex-State Law Enforcement Division agent James Flowers on Tuesday. Lott outpaced Flowers 3-to-1, according to unofficial totals. At his crowded victory party at Seawell's, Lott said, "Look around this room. You see everything (races, genders and sexual orientation). That's the support we got throughout this election.

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Opinion/Editorial:

The State: How SC legislators can still pass dash-cam law, maybe ethics reforms

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article83851022.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

HOUSE MEMBERS understandably feel burned by the Senate over ethics and reform of the state Transportation Commission and probably a lot of other legislation that I'm not thinking about. But there is still a chance of salvaging some good legislation — if they'll swallow hard and try again. Three important reform bills are in position to be passed when lawmakers return to Columbia this week to take up Gov. Nikki Haley's budget vetoes: one to make police obey the state's open-records law, one to let an independent panel investigate legislators' compliance with the ethics law and one to make legislators tell us where they get their income. I list them in descending order of likelihood for making it to the governor's desk. The police bill should actually be easy.

Post and Courier: Override Haley veto on moped rules

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160615/160619648/override-haley-veto-on-moped-rules>

Editorial

The bill requiring new safety measures for moped use was passed by the Legislature because the rising numbers of accidents involving injury and death demand it. Lawmakers should stand by their work to improve moped rules and override Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of the bill when they return to Columbia this week. Gov. Haley vetoed the moped bill as "government overreach" since it requires drivers under 21 to wear helmets and all drivers and passengers to wear reflective vests at night. "I believe that adults over the age of 18 — who are allowed to vote and serve in our military — should decide for themselves what they should wear for their personal safety," she said. So would the governor support eliminating the mandate for seatbelts in motor vehicles, despite their indisputable contribution to saving lives, at a minimum of personal inconvenience?

Post and Courier: Honor the Emanuel Nine with an enlightening tone

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160615/PC1002/160619646>

Editorial

Nine members of my community were murdered by someone who joined them for Bible study. The question everyone asked was "Why?" Just as African American churches were burned and ministers were murdered in my childhood (often by other professing Protestants), my parents' generation asked the same question we now ask: What convinces people that an entire ethnic group can be so in conflict with their best interest that in their minds, everyone from that race becomes a threat or enemy, potentially worthy of death? How can one prevent violence that comes from a place of fear more so than a place of hate?

Post and Courier: Flags lowered, but guns still raised

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160615/PC1002/160619643>

Editorial

Friday, June 17 marks the one-year anniversary of the shootings and murders of nine victims at Emanuel AME Church. While the Confederate flag has been taken down throughout South Carolina, mass shootings haven't stopped, as the June 12 horrific mass killing of 49 in Orlando shows once again. Guns and assault weapons aren't any harder to buy. Though he lost the Republican presidential nomination, Ted Cruz was right when he said that the 2016 election is important to the future of the Supreme Court and the Second Amendment. On Feb. 14, Cruz appeared on "Meet the Press" and said, "We are one justice away from the Second Amendment being written out of the

Constitution altogether.”

Local News:

Post and Courier: Filing: State knows of no ‘unlawful policies’ at issue in Walter Scott case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160614/PC16/160619667>

Andrew Knapp

Prosecutors do not know of any “unconstitutional or unlawful policies” at the North Charleston Police Department that led to Walter Scott’s shooting death, 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson said Tuesday in a court filing. Even if the city found such details in its own probe into the killing, it likely would cite attorney-client privilege in keeping it from attorneys who want to use it in defense of Michael Slager, the officer who shot Scott, the filing stated. The document indicated that prosecutors and Slager’s defense team are still at odds over whether the state should hand over certain records in the murder case. City officials have deflected accusations that its practices played a role in the encounter.

Aiken Standard: Aiken County Council continues back-and-forth on bodycam mandate, offers prayers for Orlando victims

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160615/AIK0101/160619662>

Maayan Schechter

Aiken County Council agreed, then disagreed Tuesday whether to keep funding in the fiscal year 2016-17 budget for body cameras for the Aiken County Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office is asking for around \$180,000 worth of body camera equipment for every officer on the road. Though several deputies with the Sheriff’s Office are currently using body cameras, Aiken County Sheriff Michael Hunt said the agency is still deciding what cameras will work best for them. In April 2015, unarmed motorist Walter Scott was fatally shot by former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager. After cellphone video of the shooting was released days later, people across the country, and in South Carolina, demanded police officers wear body cameras when interacting with the public so as to give a better view of the officer’s actions. Currently, Hunt is awaiting word on whether his office will reap benefits from a federal grant. The grant requires a 50 percent county match.

Associated Press: Conservationist dies after snake bite at wildlife refuge

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

SC State Wire

Authorities say a 71-year-old conservationist has died after being bit by a rattlesnake near Lake Marion. Clarendon County Coroner Hayes Samuels told The State newspaper (<http://bit.ly/25WiF44>) that venom from the rattlesnake caused Wayne Grooms’ death. The coroner says Grooms also had a medical condition, so autopsy results were needed to determine what killed the conservationist. Samuels says Grooms was bitten on the leg Sunday afternoon at the Santee National Wildlife Refuge near Santee and died about 15 minutes later as a friend tried to help him to a car.

The State: Autopsy confirms snake bite killed SC conservationist, coroner says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article83824427.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Preliminary autopsy results have confirmed that a snake bite caused the death of a West Columbia man at the Santee National Wildlife Refuge over the weekend, Clarendon County Coroner Hayes Samuels said Tuesday night. Wayne Grooms, a well-regarded conservationist in the Midlands, died late Sunday afternoon after a snake bit him on the lower left leg, according to the coroner’s office.

Grooms had been on a field trip from his Lexington County home to the Santee National Wildlife Refuge. Samuels said Monday an undisclosed medical condition could have contributed to Grooms' death. But preliminary autopsy results Tuesday showed that "a rattlesnake bite caused the death," Samuels told The State newspaper.

Island Packet : Hilton Head says yes to public dollars for private beach

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/article83832462.html>

Teresa Moss

Hilton Head Town Council unanimously approved a new annual budget Tuesday, including providing \$300,000 to help restore a private beach. Mayor David Bennett said after the vote he continues to disagree with the town helping to pay for a planned renourishment project which would dump new sand on Pine Island Beach in Hilton Head Plantation to lessen the affects of erosion. The section of beach is open to Hilton Head Plantation residents and members of the public who boat to it. "It's a private beach that isn't available to tourists and all of our citizens," Bennett said Monday. But supporters, including Town Council member Bill Harkins, have said the erosion puts the town's stormwater system at risk, so it's appropriate for the town to give money toward the renourishment project. Harkins has previously served on a committee of the Hilton Head Plantation property owners' association.

Associated Press: Beaufort F-35 jets conduct training people may see and hear

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SC State Wire

Marine Corps F-35 jets are conducting certain training maneuvers that residents in Beaufort may be able to see and hear in the coming days. Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Clayton Groover says several of the warplanes are taking to the skies Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Groover says the flights involve abrupt and deliberate climbing and banking maneuvers. He says this training is similar to flights conducted in April.

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