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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Gov. Nikki Haley to sign ethics reform bills in Easley Thursday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC1603/160629783>

Maya T. Prabhu

Gov. Nikki Haley is heading to Easley on Thursday afternoon to sign two ethics bills passed last week by the General Assembly. The signing will take place at the Easley Law Enforcement Center at 2 p. m. Thursday. Haley and several state lawmakers spent four years pushing for ethics reform. The General Assembly last week passed bills that create an independent panel of investigators when elected officials are accused of wrongdoing and another that will require everyone who files a statement of economic interest to include sources of income.

**WFXG:** Borgeson Universal to open plant in Travelers Rest, create 3 dozen new jobs

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Dal Kalsi Borgeson Universal Company is opening its first South Carolina facility in Travelers Rest as part of \$4.5 million investment that will create 36 new jobs.

Founded in 1914, Borgeson Universal manufactures steering universal joints and components for the industrial, automotive, military and aerospace markets. According to Gov. Nikki Haley's office, Borgeson has plans to begin operating in an existing 101,500-square-foot facility on Krieger Drive in Travelers Rest. "When searching for a new home for our business, we found that South Carolina and the Travelers Rest community best fit our needs," Borgeson Universal Co. Vice President Alan Zordan said. "We look forward to a successful future in Greenville County and anticipate great things in the years to come."

**Post and Courier:** Special to The Post and Courier: A ProPublica investigation The homebuilding industry's war on fire sprinklers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160622/160629816/the-homebuilding-industrys-war-on-fire-sprinklers>

Robert Faturechi

South Carolina fire officials decided to make sprinklers mandatory in new homes. Homebuilders overturned the rule with help behind the scenes from Gov. Nikki Haley. It was one more win for an industry that has spent millions of dollars in state capitals to block a life-saving upgrade included in the nation's model building code. Over the last eight years, U.S. homebuilders have spent millions of dollars on an extraordinary effort to block a safety improvement that the writers of the nation's model building codes adamantly insist will save lives. The industry's campaign, conducted far from the spotlight of Washington, shows how a well-financed lobby can shape state politics in public and behind the scenes. The battle over sprinklers has consequences beyond politics. While house fires have become less common, thanks to smoke detectors and other improvements, modern construction techniques can make new homes more vulnerable to flames than older ones. There is no reliable central source of national data on house fires, but a ProPublica review of state records found two people who died and dozens who were injured in fires involving homes built without sprinklers since the beginning of 2009, after they became a nationally recommended standard.

### LGBT Laws:

**Associated Press:** Transgender child can pick restroom at South Carolina school

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HpXYu4mD](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HpXYu4mD)

SC State Wire

The U.S. Department of Education says a South Carolina school district has agreed to let a transgender elementary school student use the restroom with which she identifies. Transgender issues have been widely debated in recent months, and President Barack Obama's administration has directed public schools to allow transgender students use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity. The Department's Office for Civil Rights said in a statement that Dorchester District 2 had violated Title IX, which protects students from sex-based discrimination. The district originally denied the student access to the girls' bathroom because she is transgender, according to the office.

## SC Political News:

**Post and Courier:** Clyburn, House Democrats stage sit-in on chamber floor for gun safety legislation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC1603/160629794>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., last week followed a prayerful moment of silence on the House floor with a plea to vote on legislation that could stop further acts of gun violence after the June 12 mass-shooting in Orlando, Fla. On Wednesday, the third most senior House Democrat led colleagues in a prayer of his own, summoning up the memories of "those lives lost, those families broken ... because of our refusal to speak up, stand up, and support, just laws that could ensure the safety and security for our fellow humans." Around 11:30 a.m., Clyburn and dozens of other House Democrats, led by civil rights icon and U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., stopped House floor proceedings by staging a "sit in" to protest Republicans' refusal to bring up legislation preventing individuals on the no-fly list from purchasing firearms.

**Associated Press:** Rebellious Democrats disrupt House, stage protest

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e6a6f341e3ea426985490fac1ad5014a>

Matthew Daly

Rebellious Democrats shut down the House's legislative work on Wednesday, staging a sit-in on the House floor and refusing to leave until they secured a vote on gun control measures. Exasperated Republicans were forced to recess while cutting off cameras that showed the protest. Nearly 100 Democrats led by Georgia Rep. John Lewis demanded a vote on measures to expand background checks and block gun purchases by some suspected terrorists in the aftermath of last week's massacre in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 people in a gay nightclub. It was the worst shooting in modern U.S. history. "No bill, no break," shouted Democrats, who demanded that Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., keep the House in session through its planned weeklong recess next week to debate and vote on gun legislation. Democrats accused Republicans of political cowardice by failing to schedule a vote.

**Breitbart: News:** GOP Lawmaker: AG Lynch Should 'Resign Immediately' for Proposing 'Love' as a Top Weapon Against Terror

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/06/22/gop-lawmaker-ag-lynch-resign-immediately-proposing-love-top-weapon-terror/>

Caroline May

A Republican lawmaker is calling for Attorney General Loretta Lynch's immediate resignation after the nation's top prosecutor proposed "love" as the best weapon to combat terrorism. "US Attorney General Loretta Lynch said during a press conference yesterday that our most effective weapon against terrorism is 'love,'" Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC) wrote on Facebook Wednesday morning. "All you need is love" may be a great Beatles song, but it's a terrible foreign policy." "She further proves that this Administration has no idea what it takes to fight Islamic terrorism" he continued. "She should

resign immediately.” The South Carolina lawmaker also took to Twitter to direct his message to Lynch, writing “.@Lorettalynch, resign immediately” and doubling down with, “Seriously @LorettaLynch, resign immediately.”

**Associated Press:** Federal court nixes SC court's ruling on graduation prayers

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Meg Kinnard

A federal court in Virginia has overturned a South Carolina judge's ruling over a public elementary school's graduation ceremony at a Christian university. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday rejected a district judge's ruling that had upheld prayers at a graduation ceremony for Mountain View Elementary School in Taylors. The Richmond, Virginia-based appellate court sent back to the lower courts to determine if the American Humanist Association members can stop future graduation prayers and also the constitutionality of holding public school events in religious venues. The association sued in 2013 on behalf of a fifth-grade Mountain View student, arguing the school improperly holds graduation at Baptist-affiliated North Greenville University. The suit says the location of the graduation ceremony violates the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

**The Herald:** Longtime York County Magistrate Judge Davenport retiring

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article85080572.html>

Andrew Dys

If Bob Davenport's courtroom were a country song – and it sure seemed like it, with all the saints and sinners and everybody in between that walked through the doors over 22 years – the title would be “The Fair Shake Saloon.” Because in the longtime magistrate's courtroom, everybody was equal. Everybody was treated the same. The poor guy in the overalls was the same as the rich guy in the fancy suit. Cops and lawyers and defendants and prosecutors knew it in the Rock Hill courtroom – officially called the Catawba-Ebenezer court – among the busiest in South Carolina with thousands of cases each year. But no more. Robert “Bob” Davenport, 55, is retiring. The end of June means the end of the career for the throwback judge.

**Post and Courier:** Lawsuit by former mayoral candidate dismissed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC16/160629784>

Robert Behre

U.S. District Judge Margaret Seymour has dismissed a lawsuit that former North Charleston mayoral candidate John Singletary had filed against the city and several media outlets, including The Post and Courier. The lawsuit sued North Charleston, the city's police department, mayor and multiple news outlets and stemmed from recent news reports that Singletary had been convicted of soliciting a prostitute in 2010. During last year's mayoral campaign, which Singletary lost to incumbent Mayor Keith Summey, Singletary held a news conference to call those news reports “malicious and willful reporting of disinformation” and a “smear tactic.”

## SC Elections:

**The State:** Caskey, Miles vying for Lexington seat in SC House

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article85302967.html>

Cassie Cope

A political newcomer and West Columbia city councilman are in next Tuesday's runoff for the S.C. House District 89 seat that stretches across Cayce, Springdale and West Columbia in Lexington County. Assistant Solicitor Micah Caskey, who placed first in last week's GOP primary race among four candidates, never has held political office. But Caskey says his business and military experience will help him modernize state government. Meanwhile, West Columbia Councilman Tem Miles, who came in second in the June 14 primary, said he has led hard political fights before and will again if elected to the State House. As a city councilman, Miles says he worked to make West Columbia

government more open.

**Post and Courier:** Candidate will reimburse sheriff for use of deputies in political ad

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC1603/160629780>

Schuyler Kropf

None of the deputies who appeared in political ads for a Charleston Statehouse hopeful will be disciplined for their participation, but the candidate will reimburse the department for the cost of their time. Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon on Wednesday called the use of his deputies by Republican state Senate candidate Sandy Senn a miscommunication between supervisors. "Ms. Senn will be reimbursing the Charleston County Sheriff's Office for the time the officers spent to make the videos," he said. The amount was set at \$241.41.

### **Savannah River Site/MOX News:**

**Aiken Standard:** Salt Waste Processing Facility has ribbon-cutting ceremony, moves into operations testing phase

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160621/AIK0101/160629881>

Thomas Gardiner

The U.S. Department of Energy celebrated a milestone Tuesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, officially marking construction of the Salt Waste Processing Facility, or SWPF, complete. Parsons, the Energy Department's contractor handling the SWPF project, declared construction complete in April and the DOE validated that status last month. Parsons was awarded the initial contract and design work began in 2002. Construction on the facility got underway in 2009. Since then, 27 miles of piping, 91,000 tons of concrete and 5,000 tons of steel rebar were installed by engineers and other experts to create a facility with a 9.4 million gallon per year capability.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** USC wants to become nation's first college to end Greek pledging

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC16/160629782>

Andy Shain

Fraternities can't stay out of trouble at the University of South Carolina. Nearly 75 percent of the school's chapters, 18 in all, have been closed or placed on probation over the past three years for hazing, alcohol and drug violations. A pledge died last year from alcohol poisoning. Frustration reached such heights that USC invited leaders from national fraternity and sorority offices for an unprecedented summit last month. At the summit, South Carolina's flagship university proposed a radical idea meant to curb hazing and cut down alcohol and drug abuse.

### **Local News:**

**Associated Press:** Sheriff: Suspect in Florida priest slaying moved to new jail

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SC State Wire

authorities say an inmate accused of killing a 71-year-old Florida priest has been moved to a third jail after trying to kill himself with a bedsheet in one county jail and then trying to flood his cell in another lockup. According to news outlets, Burke County Sheriff Greg Coursey says he reached out to the Georgia Sheriff's Association to find another place to hold 28-year-old Steven James Murray and Clayton County, outside Atlanta, agreed. In April, a weeklong search for the Rev. Rene Wayne Robert of St. Augustine, Florida, ended in east Georgia when the priest's body was found in the woods.

**Associated Press:** Deputies: Man drives to hospital after bullet grazes head

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SC State Wire

Authorities in South Carolina are investigating after a man's head was grazed by a bullet and he drove himself to the hospital. Berkeley County Chief Deputy Mike Cochran tells news outlets that the shooting happened about 2 a.m. Wednesday. Cochran says the man was driving out of a mobile home park when a bullet grazed his head. The man drove himself to a hospital in North Charleston, where he was treated and released. The man's name was not immediately released. Deputies continue to investigate the shooting.

**Post and Courier:** Man shot, wounded while driving in Berkeley County; takes self to hospital

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC16/160629814>

Dave Munday

A man was shot and wounded while driving out of a Berkeley County mobile home park early Wednesday, according to the Sheriff's Office. He was hit in the head, but the wound was not serious, and he drove himself to a hospital for treatment, according to Chief Deputy Mike Cochran. His name was not immediately released. Just before 2 a.m., the man was driving an Audi A5 from the Summer Creek mobile home park off College Park Road when a bullet grazed his head, Cochran said. He drove to Trident Medical Center for treatment and was released.

**Island Packet:** False report led to aborted Hunting Island search

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article85194122.html>

Caitlin Turner

Authorities have suspended a search for five people who reportedly disappeared from sight off Hunting Island Tuesday night after the report was determined to be false. According to the Beaufort Water Search and Rescue team spokesman Dick Jennings, an unidentified man reported seeing five people walking to a sandbar off the beach Tuesday around 7:45 p.m. at low tide. That man then alerted security at the Harbor Island gate who then called the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. Search and rescue team deployed boats, Jennings said. "We went into action thinking these people could drown any minute," Jennings said Wednesday morning. Jennings said he assumed the missing people had been at the Hunting Island campground before they disappeared, but rangers interviewed campers and no one was missing. "I have been doing this for many years and we have never had a false alarm of people missing," he said.

**Post and Courier:** Civil rights leaders continue push for federal investigation of North Charleston police

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC16/160629801>

Dave Munday

Civil rights leaders continued their call Wednesday for a federal investigation of the North Charleston Police Department. About half a dozen gathered for a news conference to announce a Thursday town hall meeting on policing reform. The purpose of the meeting is to review and document complaints of racial discrimination by police officers. This is the third meeting to gather evidence to persuade the Justice Department to conduct a civil rights investigation. "North Charleston has to be held accountable," James Johnson, state coordinator for the National Action Network, said outside Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church.

**Associated Press:** Reports: Pastor of Emanuel AME Church reassigned

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SC State Wire

Media outlets report the pastor at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston is being reassigned to Georgetown. The Rev. Dr. Betty Deas Clark was appointed in January as the permanent pastor of Emanuel, where nine people were killed during a Bible study last year. Media outlets quote sources as saying that Bishop Richard Franklin Norris of the 7th District of the AME Church reassigned Clark

on Tuesday to Bethel AME Church in Georgetown. A spokeswoman at the district office in Columbia said Wednesday that no statements are being issued.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston bed-and-breakfast sells for \$6.5M

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC05/160629786>

Warren L. Wise

Another downtown Charleston home has fetched a hefty price tag. The Palmer Home, a bed-and-breakfast known as the Pink Palace, at 5 East Battery sold Tuesday for \$6.5 million. A moving van was parked outside the three-story mansion Wednesday. The buyer is Maison Cinq LLC, owned by Scott Bessent, the former chief investment officer of Soros Fund Management, the investment vehicle of billionaire George Soros. Bessent left Soros Fund Management late last year to start a new venture, Key Square Group, a hedge fund launched with \$2 billion from Soros.

**National News:**

**McClatchy DC:** Orlando shooter wanted revenge against Puerto Ricans, alleged lover says

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article85221392.html>

Elizabeth Koch

A man claiming to be Orlando shooter Omar Mateen's lover said the gunman wanted revenge against Puerto Ricans because of an unprotected threesome he had had in his past, BuzzFeed News reported Tuesday. Mateen, who on June 12 killed 49 people at the Orlando gay nightclub Pulse in the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history, allegedly told the man that he had had a threesome with men he had met at the club in the past. The lover, who used the name "Miguel" in an interview with Noticias Univision, said that Mateen "had rage" against Puerto Ricans because one of the members of the threesome later disclosed he had HIV. "He hated Puerto Rican gays because of the bad things they did to him," "Miguel" said.

**Associated Press:** Florida's has 3 suggestions to replace Confederate statue

<http://bigstory.ap.org/925daa6b97114f2bb84cabe6567a3d10>

Brendan Farrington

Either the African-American woman who founded what's now Bethune-Cookman University, the founder of Publix supermarkets or the woman credited with saving the Everglades will replace a Confederate general's statue that represents Florida in the U.S. Capitol. The three Floridians were selected Wednesday by a committee that reviewed 130 recommendations made by the public. The Legislature will now choose which of the three will replace the statue of Edmund Kirby Smith. Mary McLeod Bethune, who founded Daytona Literary and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in 1904, was the unanimous choice of the four-member committee on its first vote. Bethune's school eventually became the historically black university that bears her name in Daytona Beach. Publix founder George Washington Jenkins and "The Everglades: River of Grass" author Marjory Stoneman Douglas were the pick of two members. No other person received more than one vote and the committee immediately agreed to accept the three without a second vote.

**Associated Press:** Jimmy, Rosalynn Carter mark 70 years 'even closer together'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/5bb7b19f02ee45b9808d1e164a033380>

Kathleen Foody

When doctors told Jimmy Carter they had found four small tumors on his brain, the former president and his wife, Rosalynn, feared his life could end within weeks. "I didn't know what I was going to do," the former first lady said Wednesday. "I depend on him when I have questions, when I'm writing speeches, anything, I consult with him." Nearly a year later, the former first couple is preparing to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary July 7. Jimmy Carter has said his doctors found no sign of cancer in recent scans and he has stopped receiving regular doses of a drug that helps his immune system fight the disease. The couple spoke with The Associated Press before heading to Maryland for an annual fundraising retreat for The Carter Center, the human rights organization they founded in

1982.

**Associated Press:** Clinton 'gets rich making you poor,' Trump charges

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e8b73258b2314ef7a7e6aa2e8bc7cd91>

Julie Pace and Jill Colvin

Donald Trump launched a broad rebuke of his presidential rival Hillary Clinton Wednesday, accusing her of being "a world class liar" who personally profited from her tenure at the State Department. "She gets rich making you poor," Trump said. Seeking to steady his campaign after a difficult stretch, the presumptive Republican nominee cast himself as the White House candidate best positioned to address Americans' economic interests. "This election will decide whether we're ruled by the people or the politicians," Trump said during an address at his hotel in New York's SoHo neighborhood. He made his arguments in a pointed yet measured tone, less loud and strident than has been typical in most previous campaign speeches.

**Associated Press:** House Democrats cheer Clinton in first Capitol Hill meeting

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ae296075aad44979956464ad039177e9>

Lisa Lerer

Hillary Clinton received a rousing reception from House Democrats on Wednesday, making her first stop on Capitol Hill since clinching the Democratic nomination. Greeted by chants of "Hillary, Hillary," the presumptive Democratic nominee promised to use her massive campaign infrastructure to help Democrats win congressional races as part of what she called a "50 state strategy."

"She said: 'I know the difference between having the House and not having the House, and I want the House,'" recalled Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash. So far, Clinton has focused much of her efforts on traditional battleground states, though she told Democrats that her efforts may expand to include Georgia. Some Democrats point to recent demographic changes in that traditionally GOP state as a sign that it could be winnable for their party, particularly with Donald Trump at the top of the Republican ticket.

**World News:**

**Associated Press:** British politicians make final appeals in EU vote campaigns

<http://bigstory.ap.org/370ebb89526a4cc9bbf871b19af84d27>

Danica Kirka

Campaigners on both sides of the crucial vote over whether Britain should remain in the European Union crisscrossed the country Wednesday, their last day to win support from the undecided. Prime Minister David Cameron outlined his vision for a future with Britain retaining its place in the 28-nation bloc, bristling at the notion that the country would be headed in the wrong direction if it stayed in. He flatly rejected the charge that the institution is moribund. "We are not shackled to a corpse," Cameron told the BBC. "You can see the European economy's recovery. It's the largest single market in the world."

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