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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Haley vetoes moped bill over helmets, safety vests

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160613/160619755/haley-vetoes-moped-bill-over-helmets-safety-vests>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley has vetoed two widely supported bills dealing with mopeds and mobile veterinary clinics due she said led to burdensome regulations. Haley said the moped bill went too far by requiring drivers under 21 to wear helmets and for all drivers and passengers wear reflective vests at night. "Mandating that adults must wear helmets or safety vests is government overreach," Haley said in her veto message. "I believe that adults over the age of 18 -- who are allowed to vote and serve our military -- should decide for themselves what they should wear for their personal safety." The General Assembly, which passed the moped bill on the last day of the legislative session, will take up the veto when lawmakers return to the Statehouse on Wednesday. Overriding the veto requires a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate.

Associated Press: Gov. Haley vetoes moped safety bill over helmets, vests

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

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley has vetoed a moped safety bill because it requires reflective vests for nighttime driving and helmets for drivers under 21. The Republican governor says the mandates on adults represent government overreach. People over 18 "should decide for themselves what they should wear for their personal safety," she wrote in her veto message, signed Friday. In her veto letter, Haley said the proposed restrictions for mopeds exceed those for motorcycle drivers.

WJCL: SC governor orders flags at half-staff

<http://www.wjcl.com/news/local-local-news/sc-governor-orders-flags-at-half-staff/214487228/story>

Kevin Solomon

The governor of South Carolina is ordering flags to be at half-staff following the Orlando nightclub massacre. SC Gov. Nikki Haley posted the message on her Twitter account Monday. In a tweet, she said, "As you look to the sky, you will see flags lowered to half-staff in honor of the many people suffering from the events of the FL shooting." She also posted a message on Sunday, the day the shooting happened. The tweet on Sunday said "My heart hurts. We don't have to agree all the time, but hate is never the answer. Pray for the injured & the families of the victims in FL." The massacre happened at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. 50 people were killed and dozens remain hospitalized.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Mount Holly smelter workers in limbo as time runs out for legislative help

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160612/PC05/160619761>

David Wren

The legislative session has ended in Columbia, but there still is no word on the future of Century Aluminum's Mount Holly smelter in Goose Creek. Century had been counting on the General Assembly to pass a bill that would have allowed the company to buy all of its electricity on the open

market. Bills were introduced in both chambers, but neither ever made it out of committee. Mike Bless, Century's president and CEO, has said Mount Holly would be forced to shut down if a legislative solution could not be reached. Bless said the smelter cannot afford to keep buying one-fourth of its power from Moncks Corner-based utility Santee Cooper, which uses expensive and highly regulated coal to generate electricity. Instead, Century wants to buy all of its power from out-of-state sources that use cheaper natural gas.

Orlando Shooting News:

Associated Press: Clinton, Trump at odds over tackling terrorism, guns

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c50b7d85cea44ed983768b4667b288ed>

Julie Pace, Jill Colvin and Lisa Lerer

In both style and substance, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton offered drastically different proposals Monday for stemming the threat of terrorism and gun violence that have Americans on edge following the deadly weekend attacks at a gay nightclub in Orlando. Trump focused heavily on the nation's broken immigration system in his fiery address, although the Orlando shooter was born in the United States. The presumptive Republican nominee redoubled his call for temporarily banning Muslims from the United States, saying he would lift the ban once the government could "properly and perfectly" screen immigrants. Clinton said she would prioritize stopping "lone wolf" attackers as president — those who may be radicalized without having direct contact or orders from a larger terror network. Overseas, the presumptive Democratic nominee called for ramping up the U.S. air campaign targeting the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria and pointedly called out U.S. partners in the region by name, saying Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar must stop their citizens from funding terrorism.

Associated Press: The Latest: Trump says US-born Mateen born 'in Afghan'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d9adf457747446498991b7549fd1f4fa>

Donald Trump is claiming that the gunman in the Orlando mass shooting was an Afghanistan native — even though the suspect was born in New York City. Trump made the claim in his speech in Manchester, New Hampshire Monday. He said the gunman, who has been identified as Omar Mateen, was "born an Afghan." The shooter was born in Queens to parents who emigrated from Afghanistan. It's possible Trump misspoke. The false claim that Mateen was born in Afghanistan is not included in Trump's prepared remarks distributed by the campaign during Monday's speech.

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Associated Press: Orlando mourns its dead; gunman may have been 'homegrown'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c8f30177229546728bb92f4dd514d0f3>

Jason Dearen

Orlando mourned the 49 people slaughtered in the attack on a gay nightclub, as the White House and the FBI portrayed the killer Monday as an apparent "homegrown extremist" who espoused support for a jumble of often-conflicting Islamic organizations. The last of the bodies were removed from the nightclub late Sunday, and vigils and makeshift memorials to the victims of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history began to take shape as counterterrorism authorities delved into

gunman Omar Mateen's background and defended their handling of their previous contacts with him. Wielding an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and a handgun, Mateen, a 29-year-old American-born Muslim, opened fire at the crowded Pulse Orlando club early Sunday. He was killed in a gun battle with a SWAT team after police used explosives and a small armored vehicle to punch a hole in a wall and allow dozens of club-goers to escape, police said.

Associated Press: As mass shootings plague US, survivors mourn lack of change

<http://bigstory.ap.org/73d2bc976d7a496b9c9725495b2f73db>

Sadie Gurman

The deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history has people around the world wondering why mass violence keeps happening in America. For those who have lived through mass shootings, and for the law enforcement officers trying to prevent them, the answer is self-evident. "Because we allow it," said Sandy Phillips, whose daughter was among 12 killed at Colorado movie theater in 2012. The nation began the week mourning the 49 people killed early Sunday when a gunman wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. Authorities are investigating whether the assault was an act of terrorism, a hate crime, or both. Politicians lamented the violence as tragically familiar despite its staggering scale. The causes of mass shootings are as disparate as the cases themselves, but those involved in other tragedies couldn't help but feel the similarities.

Associated Press: Did a delay in police response give shooter more time?

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a5fdb5645eb347eea450209450aa1402>

Lisa Marie Pane

As the largest mass shooting in modern U.S. history began to unfold, an off-duty police officer working at a gay nightclub exchanged gunfire with the suspect. But three hours passed before one of the nation's most revered SWAT teams stormed the building and brought the attack to an end. The decision by law enforcement to hold off on entering the club — where more than 100 people were shot, 49 of them killed — immediately raised questions among experts in police tactics. They said the lessons learned from other mass shootings show that officers must get inside swiftly — even at great risk — to stop the threat and save lives. "We live in a different world. And action beats inaction 100 percent of the time," said Chris Grollnek, an expert on active-shooter tactics and a retired police officer and SWAT team member.

Associated Press: The Latest: Mexico's president says 3 killed were citizens

<http://bigstory.ap.org/629fe8d2bd11408c8e134e3a90e9023f>

Mexico's president says three people killed in the Orlando nightclub attack were citizens of his country, and a fourth was wounded but is in stable condition. President Enrique Pena Nieto also says his government is assisting families of the victims of what is the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Christina Hernandez, a Hispanic activist who spoke Monday during a gathering at Hispanic Federation office, noted that the victims' names are overwhelmingly Latino and Hispanic. She says the victims were part of the LGBT community and the Hispanic community.

Associated Press: Nightclub shooter was a body builder, security guard

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c1e716e2f9724863b1eca2563c42ccfb>

Ben Fox and Mitch Weiss

He was a body builder and a security guard, a religious man who attended the local mosque and wanted to become a police officer. Early Sunday, 29-year-old Omar Mateen opened fire at a gay nightclub in Orlando. Police said 49 victims died and 53 were wounded. Mateen also was killed. Mateen was the son of an Afghan immigrant who had a talk show in the United States, the nature of which was not entirely clear: A former Afghan official said the program was pro-Taliban and a former colleague said it was enthusiastically pro-American. He attended evening prayer services at the city's Islamic Center three to four times a week, most recently with his young son, said Imam Syed Shafeeq Rahman. Although he was not very social, he also showed no signs of violence, Rahman said. He

said he last saw Mateen on Friday.

Charlotte Observer: 'Destined for a grand stage,' former Concord student among Orlando mass shooting victims

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article83444957.html>

Elizabeth Leland

Shane Evan Tomlinson, a talented vocalist who graduated from Northwest Cabarrus High School and East Carolina University, was a victim of the mass shooting in Orlando. Also killed was Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25, of Statesville. According to his Facebook page, he studied Business administration at Strayer University South. Tomlinson, 33, sang lead vocals for Frequency, a cover band that performed at nightclubs and weddings in the Orlando area. Saturday night, he had sung with his band at the Blue Martini.

The Herald: 'Hate will not win today': Chester Co. vigil honors Orlando attack victims

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article83450527.html>

Teddy Kulmala

An American flag suspended from a fire truck ladder flew high above Interstate 77 late Sunday night. Down below, in the parking lot of the Gateway Conference Center, candlelight flickered across the faces of about 30 people as they mourned and prayed for the victims of Sunday's terror attack at an Orlando nightclub. Fire engines from the Chester and Lando fire departments had their ladders extended toward the sky over the conference center. One ladder was lined in red, white and blue lights, and the American flag hung from the second one. After attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rev. Kevin Taylor, lead pastor of Ember Church in Chester, offered words of healing and perseverance.

Dylann Roof News:

Associated Press: Judge rules jury will mull case of church shooting suspect

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=944NVjFt

Meg Kinnard

Jury, not a judge, will consider hate crimes and other federal charges against the man charged in the shooting deaths of nine parishioners at a South Carolina church. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel ruled Monday that jurors will determine the guilt or innocence of Dylann Roof in his federal trial. If he's convicted, a jury will also hear arguments on a possible death sentence. Roof's lawyers had requested a bench trial. Earlier Monday, prosecutors filed papers opposing a bench trial.

Post and Courier: Federal judge rules Dylann Roof must face trial by jury

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160613/PC16/160619764>

Andrew Knapp

A federal judge ruled Monday that Dylann Roof must face a trial by jury in last year's deadly mass shooting at Emanuel AME Church. The ruling came after Roof's defense attorneys last week said he wanted to waive his right to a jury trial in the death penalty case and instead have U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel decide his fate. But under federal court rules, prosecutors must also agree to such a bench trial and a judge must approve. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson said in a filing earlier Monday that the prosecutors did not agree. "The government advises the court that it does not consent and, instead, respectfully requests that a jury determine the defendant's guilt and appropriate punishment," Richardson said in the document.

Emanuel AME 9 Anniversary:

Post and Courier: From Orlando, Emanuel AME pastor calls for stricter gun laws and unity after mass shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160613/PC1603/160619753>

Emma Dumain

Days before Charleston commemorates the anniversary of the Emanuel AME Church shooting, the church's pastor is in Orlando, Fla., to stand with a community reeling from a gun-related tragedy of its own. The Rev. Dr. Betty Deas Clark arrived some 24 hours after Omar Mateen opened fire on a gay nightclub, killing 49 people in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. Clark told reporters during a media telephone conference call she came to Orlando as a guest of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, which hosted the call that included a reverend from the First Unitarian Church of Orlando and the president of the African American Council of Christian Clergy. "We must have stricter regulations for individuals to have access to a gun," Clark said. "It is very important for us to join together and to push the envelope in every way possible to make sure that we do better as a society."

Associated Press: 1 year after church shooting, much is the same in Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WL0BiX9c

Jeffrey Collins and Jonathan Drew

After the June 17, 2015, massacre, South Carolina lawmakers did what many people thought was impossible to achieve and removed the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds in Columbia. Across the country, as far away as Alaska, officials moved to strip streets, college dormitories and even lakes of the names of Confederates, secessionists and public figures who championed segregation. But a year later, little has changed in Charleston, the city where tens of thousands of enslaved Africans first set foot in North America. It was here that the work of plantation slaves made the city one of the wealthiest in the nation before the Civil War. It was here where the bombardment of Fort Sumter threw the nation into that war in 1861.

Associated Press: Elevator that was priority of late Emanuel pastor dedicated

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8Qx9eCcR

SC State Wire

An elevator that was a priority of the late pastor and state Sen. Clementa Pinckney is now operating at Emanuel AME church in Charleston where Pinckney and eight others were killed a year ago. The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/1trviTR>) reports that the elevator was dedicated in a ceremony Sunday. Pinckney and former Charleston Mayor Joe Riley launched a fundraising campaign two years ago to raise about \$280,000 of the \$330,000 cost for the elevator which makes the church accessible for disabled people.

The State: 'We have to think about how this happened' author of book on Charleston church massacre says

<http://www.thestate.com/living/article83465827.html>

Erin Shaw

Like all Charlestonians, South Carolina Poet Laureate Marjory Wentworth remembers the exact moment she heard about the Emanuel AME church shooting. She had gone to bed early the night of June 17, and woke up to her cellphone buzzing with worried texts and voicemails. "I walked out to my driveway and picked up the newspaper and I fell over," Wentworth said of the moment she first saw the headlines that nine people were killed during Bible study in the historic church. "I fell to the ground. I don't think I've ever fallen down from the weight of something like that. I just fell over and was in the fetal position of my driveway. I just could not believe what had happened." It was one question, and it felt like a punch in the gut, she said. "What happened in your town?"

SC Elections:

Associated Press: 3 US House races, legislative contests highlight primary

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Qtvvcv7Fn

Bruce Smith

A record 3 million people are registered to vote in South Carolina, but don't expect any voting records to be set when voters go to the polls Tuesday in the state primary. There are no statewide races, and

in a relatively quiet campaign season, there are primaries in only three of the state's seven congressional districts. Across the state, 39 state legislators faces primary challenges. A look at Tuesday's primary, in which polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. EDT...

Opinion/Editorial:

Times and Democrat: Road repair issues not yet resolved

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/road-repair-issues-not-yet-resolved/article_9367e148-b96c-5a71-b668-21157bffca7f.html

Editorial

Gov. Nikki Haley's reluctance to sign legislation that will fund road improvements in South Carolina is understandable in light of her stated priorities. But she made the right call in pushing ahead with the plan sent to her by the Legislature. Haley did not get what she wanted as the state's chief executive: control of the S.C. Department of Transportation. She contends the DOT reforms by the General Assembly fall far short of what is needed to ensure accountability. The governor is politically savvy. She is aware South Carolinians were going to blame her as much as lawmakers if another legislative session passed with a continuing stalemate on roads. So the plan for an immediate infusion of money for road and bridge improvements will move forward.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Carowinds theme park operating normally after 2nd outage

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SC State Wire

The Carowinds theme park on the North Carolina-South Carolina state line is operating normally after a second power outage in less than a week. Carowinds spokeswoman Laresa Thompson said Monday that the park was operating normally after power was restored. The power went out in part of the park shortly before noon Sunday. Thompson says those rides were shut down and guests were evacuated. She said everything was working again by about 4:30 p.m. Thompson said Duke Energy found a bad underground cable and repaired it.

Post and Courier: S.C. gas prices fall for 2nd week; lowest in nation once again

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160613/PC05/160619766>

Warren L. Wise

Gasoline prices edged slightly lower across South Carolina for the second week in a row last week as the Palmetto State posted the lowest prices in the nation again. The price fell 1.3 cents to an average of \$2.07 per gallon, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA puts the price a penny higher. The price per gallon in S.C. is about 40 cents less than this time last year. Nationally, the price increased slightly by 2.4 cents to an average of \$2.38 per gallon, according to both gas price services. That's down nearly 42 cents per gallon from one year ago at this time.

Local News:

Sun News: Sidney Moorer's attorney asking for separate trials during pretrial hearing

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article83466557.html>

Claire Byun

Sidney Moorer, who's charged in the disappearance of Heather Elvis, may only face one charge at his trial next week. Kirk Truslow, Moorer's attorney, asked to keep Moorer's kidnapping and obstruction of justice charges from being tried together during a pretrial hearing Monday morning. Judge Markely Dennis heard arguments from the defense and the Horry County Solicitor's Office – who is prosecuting the case – but did not make a decision. 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 solicitor's office, along with the obstruction of

justice charge for Tammy Moorer. Indecent exposure charges against the couple were also dismissed.

Sun News: Coastal Carolina headed to the College World Series for the first time

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article83396057.html>

Ryan Young

This was always the goal, for two-plus decades now since Gary Gilmore took over the baseball program at his alma mater and began building it into a national contender. And then rebuilding it back again. This was one of the reasons he turned down an opportunity to coach in the SEC at Auburn eight years ago, to have a chance to experience this dream with this school – his school. And that dream came true Sunday night. After a resolve-testing, gut-wrenching and nearly disastrous top of the ninth inning in which Coastal Carolina squandered a one-run lead and nearly more, the Chanticleers finished off a dramatic 4-3 walk-off win over host Louisiana State to complete a two-game sweep of the teams' NCAA super regional series at Alex Box Stadium and clinch the program's first-ever College World Series berth.

Sun News: Chants basking in the glow of first College World Series berth

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article83488447.html>

Ryan Young

Waiting in the lobby of the team's hotel Monday morning before the trip back home, Coastal Carolina baseball coach Gary Gilmore said he had already received more than 400 texts from former players, fellow coaches and friends congratulating him on the Chanticleers' first College World Series berth. While nobody has lived and died emotionally with every game, every surge and setback these last 21 seasons more than Gilmore, there are so many others who had bought into his dream of the Chants one day being on college baseball's marquee stage as they are now. And, as he made sure to reiterate, so many who have contributed to making that dream a reality.

Associated Press: Massachusetts firm buying Charleston properties for \$50M

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

SC State Wire

A Massachusetts company is buying five apartment and townhome communities with more than 1,000 units in the Charleston area for \$50 million. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/1UNhqsl>) that VVT Management purchased the properties in a portfolio sale from an undisclosed company in Ohio. The sale includes three properties in Goose Creek, one in Hanahan and one in the West Ashley area of Charleston. VVT already owned a 460-unit apartment complex in North Charleston.

Post and Courier: Massachusetts firm buys 5 Charleston-area multifamily complexes for \$50 million

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160613/PC05/160619953>

A Massachusetts company with a presence in the Charleston apartment market recently paid \$50 million for five separate multifamily communities in the region. VTT Management Inc. purchased 1,043 units, which extend from Goose Creek and Hanahan to West Ashley, in a portfolio sale from an undisclosed Ohio-based firm, according to John True with real estate firm Coldwell Banker Commercial Atlantic International, who brokered the deal with colleague Brent Case.

Island Packet: Beaufort County schools tell bus riders to shape up

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article83439412.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Plans are shaping up for the Beaufort County School District's first year of operating its own bus fleet, including stricter punishments for kids who misbehave on school buses. As of this month, the district is taking a three-strikes approach to bus discipline, according to superintendent Jeff Moss' recent

update to his administrative regulations. If students commit three Level II violations or higher on the bus, they can lose their riding privileges for the remainder of the school year, the new rule states. Previously, administrators could only suspend unruly riders for up to 10 days at a time, resulting in some students being punished frequently over the course of the year, only to return to the school buses where they were causing problems, Moss said.

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