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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Union Daily Times: Haley helps open "Meeting Place on Main"

<http://uniondailytimes.com/features/lifestyle/6926/haley-helps-open-meeting-place-on-main>

Charles Warner

A facility that will serve as the focus of a local church's efforts to help the less fortunate get jobs and become self-sufficient got its formal opening this morning during a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Gov. Nikki Haley. "Meeting Place on Main" is the result of a collaboration between Trinity Baptist Church's Channel of Blessing Ministry and the Original 6 Foundation established by Haley when she became governor in 2011. Located at 111 W. Main St. in downtown Union, Meeting Place on Main is part of Trinity Baptist expansion of its Chanel of Blessing Ministry to include helping the people it is serving through its food ministry become self-supporting by getting and keeping a job. The facility will focus on job preparedness for those who need help finding gainful employment. While the building was donated to the church by Jane Kirby, most of the funding for its renovation was provided by the Original 6 Foundation which allocated Trinity Baptist a total of \$37,000 for the project.

NOTE: Haley said that during her term as governor, that has announced 900 new jobs in Union County and that the unemployment rate has declined from 17 percent to 7 percent. She pledged to continue to work to bring even more jobs to Union County, but said that those jobs will require people who are ready to fill them. Haley said that Meeting Place on Main will help get people ready for those jobs by helping them develop the skills and obtain the resources needed to get one of those jobs and keep them.

Greenville News: 270 customer service jobs coming to Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/08/10/270-customer-service-jobs-coming-greenville/88513776/>

Amanda Coyne

Customer service company Morley is opening a new facility in Greenville County and adding 270 new jobs, Gov. Nikki Haley's office announced Wednesday. The new customer contact center and jobs will be part of a \$1.7 million investment on Brookfield Parkway in a new 25,000 square foot facility. Morley provides customer service to outside clients, including Fortune 500 companies. The facility's address is in Greenville, but it will actually be located in the city of Mauldin, according to a press release. "The City of Mauldin is extremely pleased to welcome Morley to our community along with their \$1.7 million investment and the addition of 270 high-tech jobs," said Mauldin Mayor Dennis Raines in the release.

Associated Press: Call center expected to create 270 jobs in Greenville County

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5Sf2Fj2o

SC State Wire

An outsourcing and event planning company is opening a customer contact center in Greenville County expected to employ 270 people by 2018. State and company officials announced Wednesday

that Michigan-based Morley is investing nearly \$2 million into a facility about 10 miles from downtown Greenville. Hiring is underway. The company website lists nine positions available in human resources and roadside services. Morley human resources director Jill Gushow says other initial positions being filled will include supervisors and recruiters. She says more than 100 employees should be working at the facility by year's end. Hiring will continue through 2017.

PBS News Hour: What's happened in the rural school district Obama fought to save

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/rural-school-district-obama-fought-save/>

Alan Richard

In 2007, when Sen. Barack Obama was running for president, he visited the public schools here in flat, sandy Dillon County, part of South Carolina's so-called "Corridor of Shame," a poor region that stretches from north to south along Interstate 95. Obama toured the old J.V. Martin Middle School, part of which dated to 1896 and was still in use. The building still had a furnace fueled by coal. Students in Dillon had little access to Advanced Placement courses, art and music; and teacher salaries were much lower than in other parts of the state. J.V. Martin had the lowest ratings possible for achievement and improvement on its state report card that year. Nearly half of its students scored "below basic" on the state's English language arts exam. "I think this school exemplifies some of the enormous problems that we're having just in terms of getting enough resources to educate our kids," the future president said, shooting a little basketball in the heavy heat of August in a gym with no air conditioning. Once he became president, Obama made education, and narrowing the achievement gaps between poor students and their better-off peers, one of his major priorities. Nine years later, as he approaches the end of his second term, educators and kids in Dillon County say President Obama made good on many of his promises.

NOTE: In its final ruling in the case in late 2014, the South Carolina Supreme Court ordered the Legislature to fix rural "educational ghettos" across the state. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley appealed the court's decision twice, but has proposed a \$200 million-a-year package for school construction and home internet access in rural areas. This spring, lawmakers approved little new funding specifically for the rural districts; per pupil funding was raised by about \$200, but the increase applies to all districts.

WIS: My Take: It's a good idea to arm Guardsmen at South Carolina armories

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32727499/my-take-its-a-good-idea-to-arm-guardsmen-at-south-carolina-armories>

Would it surprise you to learn that until just a few weeks ago, National Guard members could not carry concealed weapons at armories across the state? It surprised me. Until last year, South Carolina Guardsmen weren't permitted to carry concealed guns unless they were deployed to combat zones. That changed after five service members were killed by a terrorist in 2015 at two military installations in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Following those horrific acts, Congress asked Defense Secretary Ash Carter to come up with a plan that would give state leaders and installation commanders the ability to allow service members to carry personal sidearms while on duty.

NOTE: Last summer, Governor Nikki Haley signed an order calling for qualified Guard members to be trained and armed. South Carolina Adjutant General Bob Livingston cautiously supports the idea. "It's a sad commentary on our world that we are having to arm our facilities throughout the United States," Livingston said. "It is a balancing act between that very strong bond with the community and being prepared to deal with a bad actor that comes through that community." Since October, about 200 Guard members have received instruction that mirrors police training from SLED.

Post and Courier: S.C. officials react to Trump and 2nd Amendment comments

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819943/sc-officials-react-to-trump-and-2nd-amendment-comments>

Emma Dumain and Maya T. Prabhu

South Carolina officials from both parties weighed in Wednesday on Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's latest flap, this time suggesting gun owners should take action against Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. "There is no place, zero, for even the slightest suggestion of violence in a political campaign," Gov. Nikki Haley's spokeswoman, Chaney Adams, told The Post and Courier while reiterating the comments Haley made earlier in the week about not having time to weigh in on the daily back-and-forth of the presidential campaign while running a state. Other Republicans were equally concerned. "In running for the most powerful political position in the world, a position wherein words and even their interpretation can have global impact, Mr. Trump has shown a remarkable degree of carelessness in choosing his words," U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., a frequent critic of Trump, said in an email. Trump's remarks Tuesday were part of a larger speech in Wilmington, N.C. He was discussing the importance of having a president who will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices who won't strike down the constitutional right to gun ownership.

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Associated Press : South Carolina school board moves to reinstate prayer

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

SC State Wire

Despite the threat of a lawsuit, the Berkeley County school board is moving to reinstate prayer before its meetings. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2ayM7Hf>) the school board gave initial approval to a new policy Tuesday after dropping the use of the Lord's Prayer earlier this year. The board has been using a moment of silence instead. State Sen. Larry Grooms sent the board a letter signed by 50 state lawmakers citing a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court decision reaffirming the right to pray at public meetings. Gov. Nikki Haley last month signed a state law allowing school boards the right to open meetings with prayer. Americans United for Separation of Church and State wrote members in June and again Monday warning that using the prayer is unconstitutional. "I appreciate everyone's hard work on working through this policy in light of the threats we've gotten," said board member Mac McQuillin, a lawyer. The board's new policy calls for future invocations to be nonsectarian and nondenominational. It also states the prayer cannot favor or criticize any faith. "No one at the meeting is required to participate in the prayer. Americans United says that the Constitution supersedes state law.

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Associated Press: New report will fuel debate over closing Guantanamo prison

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e03ab567e15e4306909b039c7a856a5a>

Deb Reichmann

A new report on Guantanamo detainees tells the stories of former al-Qaida bomb makers and bodyguards as well as low-level militant cooks and medics who have been transferred or cleared for release — despite fears they are at risk of returning to battle and many after being held without charge for more than 14 years at the military prison the president wants to close. The Pentagon gave the unclassified report to Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., who has been pushing the Obama administration for years to be more transparent about who is being transferred out of the prison at Guantanamo Bay,

Cuba. She shared it with The Associated Press and posted it online Wednesday. "By clearly detailing some of the disturbing terrorist activities and affiliations of detainees at Guantanamo, the report demonstrates why these terrorists should not be released — they pose a serious risk to our national security," Ayotte said in an email response to questions. The remaining detainees "will no doubt" return to the fight once released, she said, noting that the Defense Department told her that 93 percent of the detainees still at Guantanamo as of late last year were high risk for re-engagement in terrorism.

SC Political News:

Associated Press: School choice nonprofits forced to close; give \$42K to state

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qJl3ecIE

SC State Wire

Private nonprofit groups forced to close by state law have turned over about \$42,000 in remaining donations to a new state-run charity that's replacing their role in South Carolina's private school tuition program. Concerns over how the private nonprofits distributed scholarships prompted legislators to shut them down. The state budget set an Aug. 1 deadline. The State newspaper reports (<http://bit.ly/2aPqr77>) most of the transferred money came from Palmetto Kids First, the organization behind the concerns. A state audit found it violated state law by giving grants to donors' children. The Legislature approved the limited program for children with disabilities in 2014. Scholarship donors can collectively claim up to \$10 million in dollar-for-dollar tax credits. Two other nonprofits that were state-certified to receive donations and grant scholarships transferred about \$5,000 total.

Post and Courier: Lawmakers suggest technology to protect assisted-living seniors

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819936/lawmakers-suggest-technology-to-protect-assisted-living-seniors>

Derrek Asberry

State lawmakers suggested on Tuesday that assisted-living facilities use GPS systems or some other type of technology to monitor residents who may wander off due to dementia. But officials with the state health department said it would be hard to provide funding for that equipment and that using such devices could also be an invasion of a resident's privacy. "We also don't have ways to determine which residents would need it," said Gwen Thompson, an official who oversees health facilities licensing for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. During a meeting at North Charleston City Hall, state Reps. Wendell Gilliard, D-Charleston, and Leon Howard, D-Richland, said they expect to pre-file legislation in December to address staffing and regulations at assisted-living facilities. The legislation may also include ways to keep track of residents, such as using public funds to purchase GPS systems or wrist watch technology.

The State: Richland legislators ask for records from Recreation Commission

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94776592.html>

Avery G. Wilks and Bristow Marchant

A slim majority of Richland County legislators pressed harder Wednesday for answers from the county Recreation Commission, the target of a corruption probe and lawsuits. The latest inquiry — an open-records request by the legislators for more information about allegations of nepotism and sexual harassment against the commission's embattled director — again triggered a complaint by an African-American legislator that his fellow lawmakers are interfering with an ongoing investigation. "All they're doing is blowing smoke," Democratic state Rep. Leon Howard said of the nine lawmakers who

requested the information. The mostly white legislative delegation is interfering with ongoing law enforcement investigations, Howard added. "I don't have the privilege that those guys have, to do all these crazy things and get away with it." However, state Sen. Joel Lourie, one of the authors of the open-records request, said it is "insulting and ludicrous to think that this has any racial overtone whatsoever."

Post and Courier: Challenge to Charleston Statehouse candidate's residency will be heard Friday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819960/challenge-to-charleston-statehouse-candidates-residency-will-be-heard-friday>

Schuyler Kropf

Charleston County elections officials will hear a residency challenge Friday involving Republican House District 110 nominee William Cogswell Jr. Johns Island resident Timothy Squire says property, voter registration and driver's license records indicate Cogswell has ties to both an address on Savage Street in downtown Charleston, as well as to a home on Wadmalaw Island. House District 110's boundaries include parts of Charleston and Mount Pleasant but do not carry to Wadmalaw, which is in the southern part of the county. State law requires that Statehouse candidates to be a resident of the district at the time they file for office. Filing for the seat closed in March. Cogswell said earlier his family lives in a rented house on Savage Street, opting to move from Wadmalaw into downtown because of the commute and because his children wanted to be closer to their friends. His wife owns the house on Wadmalaw, he said. Cogswell is set to face Democrat Alice Wakefield in November.

The State: Clinton vs. the stairs? SC photo makes rounds online

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94767272.html>

Bristow Marchant

Critics of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign are spreading a photo they say questions her physical fitness to be president. And the image has a South Carolina connection. A photo posted to the Drudge Report this week purportedly shows an "unstable" Clinton being helped up a flight of stairs. But there's more to the photo, which was taken in South Carolina back during February's Democratic primary. The Washington Post reports the photo – which originally appeared on the American Mirror under the headline "Multiple staffers help unstable Hillary up stairs" – was originally published by Getty Images during a campaign stop in South Carolina. The original caption read that Clinton had been steadied by aides after slipping on the stairs. The original post – picked up by Drudge and shared several times on social media – used the photo as evidence Clinton's "questionable health condition" is an "ongoing issue" in the campaign.

LGBT Laws:

Post and Courier: Six S.C. comedians come together for the second annual 'LGBTLOL: A Night of Comedy' event

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819955/six-sc-comedians-come-together-for-the-second-annual-lgbtlol-a-night-of-comedy-event>

T. Ballard Lesemann

In the six years since its inaugural one-day rally at a North Charleston park, the ever-expanding Charleston Pride Festival has evolved into an impressively diverse and eclectic eight-day, city-wide celebration of the LGBTQ (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer) community and its allies. This year's Charleston Pride festival kicked off Aug. 6 and will continue this weekend with various events

leading up to a concluding all-day party downtown at Brittlebank Park on Saturday. One of main shows of the Charleston Pride weekend is the stand-up showcase "LGBTLOL: A Night of Comedy" at 8 p.m. Friday at the Charleston Music Hall. The bill features six South Carolina-based performers, including host Jenn Snyder, headliner Jeremy McLellan, musical comedian Lily Slay, two special guests from Columbia — Topher Riddle and Zach Kennedy — and local stand-up Shawna Jarrett. "We have definitely made a concerted effort to grow the reach of our festival," says Chase Glenn of Charleston Pride. "By expanding our programming to offer a little something for everyone, we're hoping to provide a space for folks to come together: learn together, laugh together, celebrate together and experience the unity of our community."

Michael Slagger Case:

Associated Press: Deputy demands police group return dues to 40,000 officers

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ES25nOjm

Susanne M. Schafer

A sheriff's deputy in South Carolina is suing a police association that offered legal defense benefits for law officers but refused to help a former North Charleston police officer charged with killing an unarmed black man. The lawsuit seeks the return of the \$23.50 monthly dues that some 40,000 officers paid to the Southern States Police Benevolent Association. It also seeks an unspecified amount of punitive damages. The lawsuit, which seeks class-action status, was filed last week in state court in Charleston by attorneys for Lt. Donald Stanley of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. It doesn't name Michael Slager, charged with murder in the April 2015 shooting death of Walter Scott. Slager says he is innocent. The former officer filed a separate lawsuit against the association last year after it refused to assist him. It's pending in federal court.

Associated Press: Lawsuit: Police association refused legal help to officer

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

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Opinion/Editorial:

Bluffton Today : DOT: The test case for reform

<http://www.blufftontoday.com/bluffton-opinion/2016-08-10/dot-test-case-reform#.V6timVe9Bkh>

Opinion: Phil Noble

Simple math: "High cost" plus "bad roads" equals "corruption." To say that there is corruption in the South Carolina Department of Transportation is like saying it's dark at night. The question is, will the current reform effort shed any light or is this simply a case of the day following the night, only to see darkness return? We'll see. Highway departments, especially in the South, have been notoriously corrupt since states first began to spend significant money to pave dirt roads in the 1930s. To adapt a

saying from the Watergate era, corruption follows the money, and budgets skyrocketed to meet the demands of voters who were no longer content to be stuck in the mud — literally. How bad is it in South Carolina today? This analysis from FitsNews.com by controversial Republican blogger Will Folk: "This agency is an absolute disaster incompetent in its operations, corrupt to the core in its leadership and always pushing non-essential projects as it complains about its funding despite its base budget more than doubling over the last six years." As if right on cue, last month Attorney General Alan Wilson obtained five indictments for corruption against former DOT employees and their friends.

NOTE: The roads bill passed by the Legislature this year supposedly had some significant reform provisions. Here's what Gov. Nikki Haley said of the so-called reforms: "A lot of elected officials went home and said, 'We got you roads. Rah-rah!' You know, 'Re-elect us. We did a great thing.' And the truth of the matter is I think we stepped back a decade." So much for reform.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Sister of Emanuel AME shooting victim Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor joins wrongful death lawsuits

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819947/sister-of-emanuel-ame-shooting-victim-rev-depayne-middleton-doctor-joins-wrongful-death-lawsuits>

Gregory Yee

The sister of one of the nine Emanuel AME Church shooting victims has joined a series of wrongful death lawsuits filed against the federal government alleging that clerical errors allowed Dylann Roof to buy the gun he used during last year's shooting. Bethane Middleton-Brown, sister of the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, filed the lawsuit Friday, according to court documents. The complaint alleges Roof should have been prevented from buying a gun because he previously admitted using an illegal drug but authorities botched a federally-mandated background check. After the three-day window for background checks closed in April 2015, a West Columbia gun store owner sold Roof a .45-caliber Glock authorities say he used to kill nine worshippers at Emanuel's Bible study two months later.

Greenville News: Family of flood victims file wrongful death suit against city

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/08/09/family-flood-victims-file-wrongful-death-suit-against-city/88474298/>

Anna Lee

Relatives of two flood victims whose bodies were recovered in the aftermath of a torrential 2014 storm have filed lawsuits against the city of Greenville. Kimberly Jackson, 36, and Timothy Sullivan, 39, were swept away by raging waters after they tried to walk to safety from their stranded car, authorities said at the time. As much as 6 inches of rain fell on Greenville County that August weekend, flooding a number of low-lying areas including the intersection of Byrdland Drive and Airport Road, where Jackson and Sullivan were pulled into a 10-foot metal pipe and carried downstream into Laurel Creek. "The obvious gross negligence of the city became apparent in our investigation of the facts," said state Sen. Karl Allen, who's representing the two families. The wrongful death suits, filed Monday at the Greenville County Courthouse, alleges the city "failed to barricade and block hazardous and unsafe streets" and install guards over the "wide entrance of the culverts to prevent automobiles, debris and persons from being pulled into the drains with no reasonable escape out."

Associated Press: Police report another shooting on I-26 near Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7bM5Ghks

SC State Wire

Police are investigating another shooting on Interstate 26 outside of Charleston - a stretch of road that has seen several such incidents in recent years. North Charleston police spokesman Spencer Pryor tells local media outlets that an officer saw a pickup truck with a flat tire pull into an urgent care center just off the interstate about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday. The truck had been riddled with bullets and the man driving it suffered a gunshot wound. The truck was towed from the parking lot and the man was treated at the urgent care center. The stretch of I-26 through North Charleston has been the scene of several shootings in recent years. From 2011 to early 2013, two people were killed and five wounded along the expressway.

Island Packet: Judge agrees to release unredacted police investigation docs

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article94711977.html>

Lucas High

A Beaufort County judge ruled late Tuesday afternoon that The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette are entitled to an unredacted copy of a report related to an internal investigation into citizen complaints against a former Beaufort County sheriff's deputy. The decision by Beaufort County Special Circuit Court Judge Marvin Dukes reversed his previous ruling that determined the newspapers could receive only certain portions of the report. That original decision came after an anonymous plaintiff sought to block the release of the documents related to the investigation. Dukes heard arguments for reconsideration Monday, with the newspapers challenging the ability of an unnamed third party to try to block the release of documents the government had deemed as public record.

Associated Press: Virginia officer to head Horry County Police Department

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=blbOquY9

SC State Wire

A law enforcement officer from Virginia has been selected to head the Horry County Police Department in the Myrtle Beach area. Horry County announced that Maj. Joseph Hill with the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department, will start in Horry County on Sept. 26. Hill replaces Sandra Rhodes as chief. Rhodes served for 23 years and is retiring to spend more time with her family. Hill was selected after a nationwide search. Horry County is in one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation. It's the only county in South Carolina with two countywide law enforcement agencies. It also has a county sheriff's office.

Greenville News: Clemson adopts stadium security enhancements

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/sports/college/clemson/2016/08/10/clemson-adopts-stadium-security-enhancements/88525930/>

In an effort to provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite fan entry into Memorial Stadium, Clemson Athletics has announced new security measures for the 2016 football season, including adoption of a Clear Bag Policy. Working in conjunction with Clemson University Police, the Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement officials around the State of South Carolina, Clemson Athletics also will institute a voucher system for re-entry into Memorial Stadium. Fans bringing any bag larger than a small purse (4.5" by 6.5") must now use clear plastic bags, consistent with the practice adopted at many NFL stadiums Clemson fans have visited for postseason games the past few seasons. Stadium event staff will be able to perform more thorough checks of all bags in a quicker manner, which in turn will ease the access into the stadium for fans. This public safety measure has been successfully instituted at all NFL stadiums since 2013. Several

other colleges and universities have recently adopted similar policies at their home stadiums. Clemson fans traveling to the Auburn game on Sept. 3 should be aware that Auburn has a similar clear bag policy in place.

Greenville News: Fundraiser to provide handlers with K9 medical kits

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/08/10/fundraiser-provide-handlers-k9-medical-kits/88516038/>

Liv Osby

When K9 officers are in the field with their handlers, anything can happen. So the nonprofit South Carolina Vets Care Foundation, which provides veterinarians with a charitable way to promote animal welfare, is sponsoring a hamburger plate fundraiser in Greenville Friday to provide medical kits for K9 handlers in the community. The kits, which can be used on both handler and dog, contain a tourniquet, decompression needle for chest trauma or bloat, veterinary thermometer, gauze, chest seals for stab or bullet wounds, a pressure bandage, gloves and alcohol pads, said Dr. Rob Presley, a veterinarian with Upstate Veterinary Specialists who developed the kits with Brent Bronson of North American Rescue in Greer. While there are other kits on the market, they can be too large to be used in the field, Presley said. The K9 Handler individual first aid kit measures 4 by 6 inches and 2 inches thick, and is worn on the handler's vest, he said.

Associated Press : New Jersey police drive 650 miles to reunite dog with owner

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

SC State Wire

Two police officers have driven 650 miles from New Jersey to South Carolina to reunite a dog with its owner. Wall Township Patrolman Frank Kuhl last month responded to a call from a man from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in a disabled vehicle who needed medical attention. The man also had a basset hound named Bella. Kuhl took the dog to the Monmouth County Humane Society, which could only hold Bella for seven days before placing her up for adoption. Bella's other owner couldn't make the trip to New Jersey, so the patrolman made arrangements to keep the dog with his family for two weeks. Kuhl and another patrolman reunited Bella with her family Aug. 4.

Greenville News: Greenville schools may block Pokemon Go stops

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2016/08/10/greenville-schools-block-pokemon-go-stops/88510768/>

Nathaniel Cary

Sorry, students. You may have to take a break from Pokemon Go when you return to school next week. Greenville County Schools Deputy Superintendent Mason Gary sent a memo on Tuesday to all school principals with instructions on how to block their school from becoming a Pokestop, Beth Brotherton, Greenville County Schools' spokeswoman, said. The downloadable game application played on mobile devices has swept the world and has millions of people walking around in search of game figures called Pokemon, which they collect, join teams and then battle other Pokemon Go players in "gyms" to rule an area. The game, developed by Niantic for IOS and Android devices, uses augmented reality and a user's location to reveal the location of Pokemon.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Trump, on defense, blames media for Second Amendment flap

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2185d29322c84a54b790291dab9f1a0c>

Josh Lederman

On the defensive once again, Donald Trump is blaming faulty interpretations and media bias for an uproar over his comments about the Second Amendment. He's insisting he never advocated violence against Hillary Clinton, even as undeterred Democrats pile on. The latest controversy to strike Trump's campaign arose, as they often do, out of an offhand quip at a boisterous campaign rally. Claiming falsely that Clinton wants to revoke the right to gun ownership guaranteed in the Constitution's Second Amendment, Trump said there would be "nothing you can do," if she's elected, to stop her from stacking the Supreme Court with anti-gun justices. Then he added ambiguously: "Although the Second Amendment people, maybe there is — I don't know. But I'll tell you what: that will be a horrible day." Was Trump suggesting gun owners take matters into their own hands if Clinton wins the White House? Or was he merely musing about the indisputably powerful influence of the gun lobby?

National News:

Associated Press: Report blasts Baltimore police over racial bias, force

<http://bigstory.ap.org/73b34305bd2b4e3c8680cf5c1e14b6b5>

Juliet Linderman and Eric Tucker

The Justice Department and Baltimore police agreed to negotiate court-enforceable reforms after a scathing federal report released Wednesday criticized officers for using excessive force and routinely discriminating against blacks. The report, the culmination of a yearlong investigation into one of the country's largest police forces, found that officers make a large number of stops — mostly in poor, black neighborhoods — with dubious justification and unlawfully arrest citizens when officers "did not like what those individuals said." "These violations have deeply eroded the relationship between the police and community it serves," Vanita Gupta, the head of the Justice Department's civil rights division, said during a news conference alongside the city's mayor and police commissioner. The federal investigation was launched after the April 2015 death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man whose neck was broken while he was handcuffed and shackled but left unrestrained in the back of a police van. The death set off protests and the worst riots in decades.

Associated Press : Delta struggles through third day of computer problems

<http://bigstory.ap.org/60bfebb3138d45f9b95e3179d1bcb2c9>

Scott Mayerowitz

Delta fliers faced delays, cancellations and more headaches Wednesday as the Atlanta-based airline struggled with its computer systems for the third straight day. Nearly 300 flights were canceled by the afternoon, in addition to the 800 scrapped Tuesday and 1,000 canceled Monday. Hundreds of other flights were delayed Wednesday. Delta Air Lines said in a statement during the morning that it planned to resume "normal operations" by Wednesday afternoon but by 2 p.m. had yet to do so. Hundreds of thousands of passengers have been stranded overnight throughout the ordeal, many spending the night in airports around the globe. Others were put up in hotels by Delta, including 2,300 in Atlanta alone Tuesday night. The system the airline uses to check in and board passengers as well as dispatch its planes is still slow, Gil West, Delta's chief operating officer said Tuesday. The problems started early Monday when, according to a statement by West, critical piece of equipment failed at the airline's headquarters. It caused a loss of power and key systems and equipment did not switch over to backups as designed. Delta extended a travel-waiver policy to help stranded passengers rearrange their travel plans. It offered refunds and \$200 in travel vouchers to people whose flights were canceled or delayed at least three hours. Airlines have been packing more people in each plane, so when a major carrier has a technology crash it's harder to find seats for the waylaid. Last month, the average Delta flight was 87 percent full.

World News:

Associated Press: In setback for Brazil's Rousseff, Senate puts her on trial

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Brazil's Senate on Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to put suspended President Dilma Rousseff on trial, bringing the nation's first female president a step closer to being permanently removed and underscoring her failure to change lawmakers' minds the last several months. After some 15 hours of debate, senators voted 59-21 to put her on trial for breaking fiscal rules in her managing of the federal budget. It was final step before a trial and vote on whether to definitively remove her from office, expected later this month. The political drama is playing out while Rio de Janeiro is hosting the Olympic Games, which run through Aug. 21. The outcome was widely expected: The Senate already voted in May to impeach and remove Rousseff from office for up to 180 days while the trial was prepared. Wednesday's vote underscored that efforts to remove her may have actually gained steam despite her attempts to woo senators who have expressed doubt about the governing ability of interim President Michel Temer.

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