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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press : South Carolina's Haley: Trump better candidate than Clinton
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SC State Wire

Republican South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says given a choice between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, she supports Trump for president. But she told a Statehouse news conference Monday she'll continue to speak up when she thinks someone is wrong. Local media outlets report Haley's comments came a week after criticism of Trump's treatment of the parents of a Muslim U.S. Army captain killed in Iraq. Haley didn't mention Trump by name last week, but she said Monday that "Gold Star families are off-limits. Period." Haley said she supports Trump's intention to nominate a conservative to the U.S. Supreme Court. But she said she's not going to always comment on the back-and-forth between presidential candidates telling reporters "I have a state to run."

Greenville News: Automotive supplier launching in Duncan with 60 jobs, \$6 million investment
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/08/09/automotive-supplier-launching-duncan-60-jobs-6-million-investment/88454362/>

Amanda Coyne

Automotive supplier Brose will add 60 new jobs and invest \$6 million in a new Duncan facility. The new facility will produce door systems and "systems for on-demand control of cooling air supply for its automotive customers," according to a release from Gov. Nikki Haley's office. Brose will occupy a 77,000 square facility at 1171 Howell Rd., moving from their current home of 10 offices in the Spartanburg Community College's Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Development. The CBED is a "soft landing facility" designed to help new economic development projects grow in Spartanburg County.

NOTE: "Our automotive industry is truly one of the driving forces behind South Carolina's economic growth, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome Brose to our family," Haley said in the release. "This nearly \$6 million investment, and the more than 60 jobs it means for Spartanburg County, will make a huge difference in the Upstate and is a reason to celebrate across the state."

WCSC: Brose to open Duncan plant, create 60 jobs

<http://www.live5news.com/story/32718331/brose-to-open-duncan-plant-create-60-jobs>

Dal Kalsi

Brose North America, Inc. will open a new automotive component manufacturing facility in Spartanburg County that will create at least 60 new jobs as part of a \$6 million investment, according to Gov. Nikki Haley's Office. The governor's office said Brose is a "technological leader in the integration of mechanics, electrics and electronics." The company is moving into a 77,000-square-foot space on Howell Road in Duncan. Brose currently occupies 10 office spaces in Spartanburg Community College's Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Development (CBED), a soft landing pad facility. "The soft landing pad is an innovative new concept, designed to promote and house new

economic development projects in the region. A unique business strategy, landing pads allow companies to build a core while they ramp up operations in South Carolina," the governor's office stated. Brose will manufacture door systems and systems for on-demand control of cooling air supply for automotive clients.

WYFF4: New production facility to bring 60 jobs to Upstate county

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/New-production-facility-to-bring-60-jobs-to-Upstate-county/41120124>

Josh Kuhn

Brose North America, Inc. is establishing a new production facility in Spartanburg county, the company said. The new manufacturing operation is slated to bring approximately \$6 million in capital investment and at least 60 new jobs. Brose's current operations are in Spartanburg Community College's Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Development, a soft landing pad facility. The company will move into a 77,000-square-foot space in Duncan. The company will produce door systems and systems for on-demand control of cooling air supply for its automotive industry customers.

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SC Political News:

Post and Courier : Attorney Gen. Alan Wilson sticking with Trump

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809467/attorney-gen-alan-wilson-sticking-with-trump>

Andy Shain

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson plans on voting for Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, though the likely 2018 gubernatorial candidate said he would like to see more focus from the New York billionaire's campaign. Wilson's comments Tuesday came a day after another top South Carolina Republican, Gov. Nikki Haley, told reporters that she continues to support Trump, a week after criticizing his spat with the parents of Army Capt. Humayun Khan, a Muslim who died fighting in Iraq. Wilson said Trump has a chance to win over skeptical voters and defeat Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, who is leading in polls, "if he just stays focused." "Sometimes it seems that the campaign gets off track and when he gets on track, he seems to get traction," Wilson told The Post and Courier on Tuesday. "So I'd like him to stay focused on the issues and not engage things that aren't that important. If he can do that, he'll do fine." The timing of Trump's controversial comments about the Khan family might not hurt the campaign so much, said Wilson, a lieutenant colonel in the National Guard's Judge Advocate General Corps.

The State: Nonprofits give \$42,000, exiting SC private school-choice program

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94569777.html>

Jamie Self

As they close their doors, the privately run nonprofits that had been raising money for the state's private school-choice program have handed over \$42,000 in donations to a new state program. The private nonprofits had until Aug. 1 to cease operating and transfer any remaining donations to a new nonprofit set up by the state to provide private-school tuition grants to children with disabilities. Legislators moved to close the privately run nonprofits — and set up a state-run nonprofit — after hearing concerns that the private nonprofits were unfairly distributing grants. A state audit found that

one nonprofit was giving grants to students whose parents had donated to it, a violation of state law. As of early Tuesday, that new state-run nonprofit – Exceptional SC – had received more than \$4 million in donations. Taxpayers who donate to Exceptional SC qualify for a tax credit — worth the value of their contribution — that can lower what they owe in state taxes by up to 60 percent.

The State: State board OK's rules redefining role of police in SC schools

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94611607.html>

Jamie Self

The S.C. Board of Education gave an initial nod to new rules aimed at ensuring police officers working in schools only get involved in disciplinary matters when student behavior reaches criminal levels. "Our No. 1 priority is school safety and making sure that the environment there is conducive to learning and every child feels safe," state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman said Tuesday, before the Education Board unanimously agreed to give initial approval to the proposed rules. The changes, which must clear several additional hurdles before taking effect, come almost a year after a Richland County Sheriff's deputy forcibly removed a Spring Valley High School student from her desk and tossed her across the floor. Caught on video and posted online, the October incident exploded nationally, sparking a debate about the role of law enforcement in schools. The Education Board's proposed regulations are part of recommendations by a safe schools task force Spearman formed after the Spring Valley incident. A new regulation would define school resource officers and the role they play in the classroom.

Associated Press: After student tossed, S. Carolina eyes role of officers

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1yMLEXN8

Seanna Adcox

Ten months after video captured a South Carolina deputy pulling a teenager from her desk and tossing her across the floor, state officials have tentatively approved regulations limiting officers' involvement with student discipline. The state Board of Education also recommended new classifications for student misbehavior. Under the changes approved Tuesday, officers should not get involved until offenses become criminal, posing a "direct and serious threat" to safety, such as assault and gun possession. Last October, a Richland County deputy was called after a student refused to stop using her cellphone and wouldn't leave the classroom for a teacher or administrator. The deputy was fired after the video spread. The new rules put using a cellphone in class among the lowest-level offenses. Both regulations require another vote before going to legislators.

SC Agency News:

The State: Father of SC 'brain-eating amoeba' victim released from jail

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article94533927.html>

Jane Moon Dial

The father of a Lowcountry girl who died last week after contracting a "brain-eating amoeba" was released from jail, according to media reports. Jeff Collins, the father of 11-year-old Hannah Collins, left the Beaufort County Detention Center Monday after his family court judge decided to release him, according a report from WCSC. Collins was reportedly in jail for unpaid child support. WCSC reported he saw his daughter the day before she died wanted to help plan his daughter's funeral. Hannah Collins died Friday after being infected with an amoeba called *Nagleria fowleri* while swimming in the Edisto River in Charleston County July 24.

Post and Courier: As local jobs boom, new study finds growing gaps in Charleston's workforce
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809471/as-local-jobs-boom-new-study-finds-growing-gaps-in-charlestons-workforce>

Thad Moore

Looking for a job in the next few years? You could do worse than technology or manufacturing. Those sectors — still relatively small but quickly growing in prominence — are expected to keep driving much of the Charleston area's job growth over the next few years, predicted to grow their ranks by close to 20 percent by the end of the decade. But as workers with tech and manufacturing expertise come into greater demand, the Lowcountry is unlikely to be able to fill those jobs with home-grown talent. Those are the findings of a study released Tuesday by the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, which analyzed the region's changing economy and compared it against local workers' skills. The results largely reflect the findings of a study the chamber commissioned two years ago, but the gap between the number of jobs employers plan to add and the number of graduates trained to fill them appears to be getting wider. For example, manufacturers in the tri-county area are expected to need 863 people a year to work in assembly and fabrication, but in 2014, only 25 people got certificates to do that sort of work. That split has more than quadrupled in the last two years.

NOTE: Those shortages fall against the backdrop of the Lowcountry's booming job growth and its already-tight labor market. The Charleston metro area's unemployment rate — 4.9 percent in June — is the lowest in the state, and the region's added more than 11,000 jobs in the last year, according to the state Department of Employment and Workforce.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Defense pushes to drop hate crime charges in church shooting
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=19MyfgCG

SC State Wire

Attorneys for a man charged with killing nine people at a South Carolina church are continuing their push to persuade a judge to dismiss charges in the case. Dylann Roof's attorneys say in court filings Monday that prosecutors must prove the shooting affected interstate commerce to charge him under federal hate crimes laws. And they say any connection between the June 2015 shooting in Charleston and interstate commerce is vague. Prosecutors contend the 22-year-old Roof used the internet to scope out Emanuel AME Church, drove on interstate highways to and from Charleston, and used a gun made outside South Carolina. The defense wants the charges dismissed and says other courts have struggled with how a crime substantially affects interstate commerce. Roof faces 33 federal counts in a November death penalty trial.

Associated Press: Newton, Panthers reflect on Charleston church shootings
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pyqkF5p2

Steve Reed

NFL Most Valuable Player Cam Newton and some of his Carolina Panthers teammates took a break from training camp to remember the victims of last year's Charleston church shootings. Newton, along with fellow co-captains Luke Kuechly, Thomas Davis, Ryan Kalil, Greg Olsen and Charles Johnson visited a local museum in Spartanburg, South Carolina on Monday night to view artist Dr. Leo Twiggs' paintings that honor the victims of the shootings and those who rallied behind the church and the victims' families in the aftermath of the tragedy. The series of nine paintings is called "Requiem for Mother Emanuel" after the church where nine people were killed on June 17, 2015. The paintings are currently on display at The Johnson Collection art gallery just minutes from where the Panthers are holding training camp.

Michael Slagger Case:

Post and Courier: 42,000 officers asked to join lawsuit after police group drops Michael Slager from legal coverage

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809463/42000-officers-asked-to-join-lawsuit-after-police-group-drops-michael-slager-from-legal-coverage>

Andrew Knapp

Police officers in South Carolina and eight other states could join a class-action lawsuit in hopes of getting back the money they spent to fend off allegations of misconduct. The suit filed last week in Charleston state court came after the Southern States Police Benevolent Association refused to pay an attorney to represent Michael Slager, the former North Charleston officer who shot Walter Scott to death last year. Slager, a group member who had signed up for its legal defense benefit, sued. But many others in law enforcement also grew unhappy over the association's decision not to cover Slager in the murder case, said one of his attorneys in the civil suit, Ronnie Richter. Richter and partner Eric Bland then filed the separate class action that seeks to add some of the other 42,000 officers in the association's coverage area. Lt. Donald Stanley of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office is named in the suit as lead plaintiff of the potential class. At issue is whether the association effectively became an insurer by offering the legal coverage. Both suits allege that the group skirted state insurance regulators by calling the offer a "member benefit" for those who pay \$23.50 in monthly dues.

SC After Police Shooting:

Associated Press: North Charleston police to hold public safety academy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809473/north-charleston-police-to-hold-public-safety-academy>

Gregory Yee

The North Charleston Police Department invites anyone who wants to learn about public safety to enroll in its upcoming Citizens Public Safety Academy. The 10-week course, now in its sixth year, runs from Sept. 6 to Nov. 14, police said. Participants will see what police officers, firefighters, code enforcement officers and building inspectors encounter daily. Some of the topics covered include emergency response, laws, arrests, search and seizure, use of force, firefighting, inspections and permits, police said. Space is limited to 20 people per session, police said. Applicants must live or work in North Charleston, be at least 18 years old and have no prior felony convictions.

Post and Courier: Civil rights groups to host 'school-to-prison pipeline' townhall Thursday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809461/civil-rights-groups-to-host-school-to-prison-pipeline-townhall-thursday>

Deanna Pan

Several civil rights organizations will host a press conference and community town hall this week to address school-to-prison pipeline issues in Charleston County, including racial disparities in "disturbing schools" arrests recently highlighted by The Post and Courier. Leaders from the North Charleston branch of the NAACP, American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina, and Community Resource Center will announce the town hall at 11 a.m. Wednesday in front of the Charleston County School District headquarters. The two-hour-long town hall will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening at the International Longshoremen Association Building at 1142 Morrison Drive. Community members are invited to share testimony and offer solutions.

LGBT Laws:

Post and Courier: Charleston Pride Parade to close King Street, Broad Street downtown Saturday morning

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809470/charleston-pride-parade-to-close-king-street-broad-street-downtown-saturday-morning>

Gregory Yee

Police will close King Street between Ann Street and Broad Street, and Broad Street between King Street and Ashley Avenue to traffic from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday for the Charleston Pride Parade. The parade kicks off the final day of Charleston Pride Week. A festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Prism Party at 9 p.m. will close out Saturday's events. Weekday events include a comedy night, happy hour and celebrity drag show, as well as other activities.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions CEO Carol Johnson to retire; Stuart MacVean named successor

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160809/160809547/savannah-river-nuclear-solutions-ceo-carol-johnson-to-retire-stuart-macvean-named-successor->

Thomas Gardiner

Carol Johnson's tenure as president and CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions will soon come to an end, leaving Stuart MacVean her successor. Johnson took the reigns of SRNS in June 2014, saying she put retirement plans on hold for the position - plans she expects to return to. In an email letter sent to SRNS employees on Aug. 9, Johnson said, "The time has come for me to return to the retirement and personal plans that were placed on hold when I was given the opportunity to serve as your President & CEO. An honor I couldn't decline." According to the letter, the transition becomes final in September when MacVean takes charge. MacVean will be the fifth leader of the organization since 2008. Since winning the contract for management and operations out at the Savannah River Site from the U.S. Department of Energy in 2008, SRNS has kept individuals in the CEO position on average less than two years.

Opinion/Editorial:

Aiken Standard: Editorial: Solutions needed in MOX funding debate

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160808/AIK0201/160809563>

Editorial

It's a shame more people weren't on hand Thursday to hear an important legislative update from U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina. But for the approximately 30 people attending the town hall organized by the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, the affable senator from the Lowcountry delivered a lot of important news. Scott addressed a wide variety of topics, including roads, education and issues affecting small-business owners. But the bulk of Scott's visit centered on the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, or MOX, at the Savannah River Site. Scott echoed the sentiments of most Republican lawmakers that the approximately \$7.7 billion project must move forward. "One of the economic engines of the area, certainly without any question, is the Savannah River Site," Scott said. Alternatives to MOX include, but are not limited to, downblending, shipping waste out of state or glassification.

Local News:

The State: Mom of ISIS suspect says he's a 'patriotic' child persecuted for being Muslim

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article94583647.html>

Michael Gordon and Mark Washburn

A Charlotte man accused of recruiting domestic terrorists for a radical Islamic group will remain jailed until his transfer to face charges in Cleveland, Ohio. During his detention hearing Tuesday in a federal courtroom in Charlotte, Erick Jamal Hendricks wept as his attorney attempted to poke holes in the prosecutor's allegations that 35-year-old Arkansas native recruited for the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL. Afterward, his mother described him as a "patriotic" citizen facing trumped-up charges because he is a converted Muslim. Charlotte attorney Andy Culler urged U.S. Magistrate Judge David Cayer to release Hendricks pending his next court appearance in Ohio, where the government said Hendricks' online recruitment of potential ISIS converts took place. Culler, though, argued for 35 minutes that the government lacked probable cause for the case, and that an FBI affidavit cited by federal prosecutors as grounds for Hendricks' continued confinement lacked facts and was based on statements from paid informants, some of them with criminal records.

The State: Man who died after shooting himself, being shot by deputy had PTSD

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article94561527.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The man who died after an hours long standoff with Richland County deputies Monday was a military veteran suffering from PTSD, the sheriff said Tuesday. Sheriff Leon Lott said deputies knew the man who shot himself and then was shot by a deputy on Washington Lever Road in Little Mountain. "It's just a sad situation," Lott said. The man's wife was the one who called law enforcement, Lott said. Deputies were able to get her out of the house before the shooting. There were several firearms in the house when the shooting occurred, Lott said.

Sun News: Horry County has a new police chief

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article94565462.html>

Horry County has a new police chief, or at least it will beginning Sept. 26. It was announced Tuesday that Joseph Hill, formerly of the Fairfax County Police Department in Fairfax, Va., will be the new Chief of Police for Horry County and will begin working in September. Hill was a 28-year member of the Fairfax County Police Department, working his way up from patrol officer to the rank of major. He assisted in the supervision of a \$184 million budget and 1,377 officers and a civilian staff of more than 200 employees. "Horry County is extremely fortunate to have Joe join our team as he comes with a wealth of experience, is a strong and respected leader, and has a passion for community engagement and community problem solving to reduce crime and the fear of crime," said Horry County Administrator Chris Eldridge. Hill was one of four finalists from four states to be considered for the position.

Post and Courier: Mount Pleasant police purchase drone

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809474/mount-pleasant-police-purchase-drone->

Angie Jackson

The Mount Pleasant Police Department has purchased a drone that will give officers an aerial perspective in situations such as searches for missing people, disaster response and serious traffic crashes. Summerville-based company SkyView Aerial Solutions trained six officers to use the DJI Inspire drone, which the department bought for \$3,362 with funds from the Federal Asset Forfeiture program. Police have received clearance from the Federal Aviation Authority to begin operating the

unmanned aircraft. The department expects the drone will be helpful when searching for missing people or barricaded suspects. Inspector Chip Googe said it will also give police more security options during special events such as the Cooper River Bridge Run and Children's Day Festival.

Post and Courier: Delta cancels 4 flights out of Charleston Tuesday; 7 other departures delayed
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809476/delta-cancels-4-flights-out-of-charleston-tuesday-7-other-departures-delayed>

Angie Jackson

Delta Air Lines canceled four flights from Charleston Tuesday as the airline struggled to rebound from a power outage Monday that affected passengers globally. Charleston International's biggest carrier also delayed at least seven other departures at the state's busiest terminal. At least eight arrivals weren't on time, according to the airport's website. To unclog the ripple effect of canceled and delayed flights, Delta sent reservations personnel from its corporate headquarters in Atlanta to help customer service agents process passengers at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest hub. Passengers in Charleston were encouraged to check with Delta before arriving at the terminal. The airport also reminded passengers to give themselves extra time when checking in, as it typically takes an airline a day or so to recover from such a snag in operations. Delta canceled 530 flights by mid-afternoon Tuesday as it worked "to reset the operation and get crews, aircraft and other operational elements in place to take care of customers," the company said in a statement.

Post and Courier: Charleston County Council to discuss separate I-526 referendum tonight
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809468/charleston-county-council-to-discuss-separate-i-526-referendum-tonight>

Abigail Darlington

When Charleston County Council meets at 5 p.m. this afternoon to take its final vote on the half-cent sales tax referendum, it also will discuss whether to ask voters on Nov. 8 if they support completing Interstate 526. The half-cent sales tax plan is intended to raise \$2.1 billion for road improvements, public transit and greenbelt projects. The 526 question would be a separate referendum from that. A previous version of the half-cent plan included the completion of Interstate 526, but it was taken off when council met for the first time to discuss it. Since then, the council's nine members have disagreed on whether the tax referendum should include any mention of I-526, particularly after the State Infrastructure Bank board agreed to unravel its role in the project. At past meetings, some council members proposed a straight advisory question on whether voters wanted the highway finished, but those measures failed.

Post and Courier: Edisto erosion creates sand cliffs, new demand for renourishment
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809472/edisto-erosion-creates-sand-cliffs-new-demand-for-renourishment>

Prentiss Findlay

Erosion has created a potentially dangerous situation for beachgoers and threatened some real estate, prompting town officials to accelerate plans for a \$12 million project to pump sand onto the shoreline. "In some places we have seven-foot drop-offs to the beach," Mayor Jane Darby said. "The danger is that somebody is not going to use a public access, which we try our best to keep pedestrian-friendly, but they are going to walk under a house and literally walk off" a sand cliff, she said. The drop-offs, called scarps, are the result of the town putting up sand fencing and planting vegetation to slow erosion, she said. "We have three-to-seven-foot scarps. One of our beach accesses that we are looking at we realize is just a danger," she said. The town has put up signs to warn of the scarps, which extend for 12 blocks. The seven-foot scarps run for about two blocks. The

sand cliffs haven't affected tourism, Darby said.

Associated Press: Man pleads guilty after muzzling dog with electrical tape

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ULIUh7N7

SC State Wire

A South Carolina man who wrapped electrical tape around the muzzle of a dog in an incident that attracted international attention has pleaded guilty to animal cruelty and faces up to five years in prison. Local news outlets report that 42-year-old William Leonard Dodson of North Charleston entered the plea to a felony count Monday in Charleston. He will be sentenced later. Dodson was charged after the dog, since renamed Caitlyn, was found in May 2015 with electrical tape around her muzzle. Prosecutors say Dodson complained the dog was barking too much. The chocolate Staffordshire mix, now 2 years old, lost part of her tongue and underwent several surgeries. Charleston Animal Society CEO Joe Elmore says Caitlyn now lives with a new family but continues to suffer from anxiety and stress.

Associated Press: Police probe report of animal cruelty at Charleston aquarium

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

SC State Wire

Police are investigating animal cruelty at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston after a report that a temporary worker shut off life-support systems for the aquarium's massive salt water tank. The Great Ocean Tank holds 385,000 gallons of water and is home to sharks and other creatures. Police tell local news outlets that alarms alerted aquarium staffers several times last month that the life-support system had been turned off. A police report says staffers found electrical breakers had been manually turned off and set up a camera and saw a temporary worker throwing the switches. The investigation is ongoing and no one has been charged. The worker was hired from a temporary staffing agency. Aquarium spokeswoman Kate Dittloff says no animals were injured.

Associated Press : New Voorhees president says increasing enrollment a priority

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=aIU9V1zT

SC State Wire

The new president of Voorhees College says increasing enrollment at the historically black college in Bamberg County is a top priority. The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg reports (<http://bit.ly/2aZ7uxN>) that Franklin Evans was officially introduced as the new president of the college in Denmark on Monday. The enrollment at the private college affiliated with the Episcopal Church is currently about 400 students and Evans wants to increase that to more than 700. The highest enrollment in college history was 700 students in 2010. During the past year Evans was interim president at South Carolina State University, helping the university surpass its enrollment goal. Evans says moving Voorhees forward will require a team that includes alumni, the church, public schools and businesses.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Clinton focuses on Zika in battleground state of Florida

<http://bigstory.ap.org/94c98845d6bb49beb22fdf6e6fb7f999>

Josh Lederman and Catherine Lucey

Hillary Clinton is turning to a major health issue in the battleground state of Florida with a visit Tuesday to a Miami neighborhood dealing with the first U.S. outbreak of the Zika virus. Clinton will call on Republican congressional leaders to summon lawmakers back to Washington from their summer recess and pass emergency funding for the Zika response. She wants immediate action to either pass stalled legislation or craft a new bipartisan compromise, according to aides briefed on her plans.

The Democratic presidential nominee will be urging the action as she tours the Borinquen Medical Center, a health clinic close to the Wynwood area where 16 non-travel related cases of Zika have been diagnosed. It's an issue that could affect votes in this crucial swing state where she has held a small advantage in recent polls. So far, Trump has not addressed the Zika response in depth, though he told a Florida television station last week that Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican, "really seems to have it under control in Florida."

McClatchy DC: Orlando shooter's father appears at Clinton rally

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article94558862.html>

Elizabeth Koh

The father of the Orlando gunman who killed 49 people at a gay nightclub in June attended a Hillary Clinton rally in Florida Monday, appearing behind the candidate as she talked about the economy and acknowledged the shooting his son committed. Seddique Mateen could be seen standing in the crowd behind Clinton, in a blue shirt and mustache, for nearly half an hour, WPTV first reported. He remained in the audience as Clinton noted the shooting at Pulse nightclub during her speech in Kissimmee, acknowledging "how many people, families, loved ones, and friends are still grieving. "Mateen, when asked by WPTV about her reference to the shooting, would only say he had "been cooperating with the federal government." But in another interview a few hours later, he added that he had already spoken "a lot about that." He told WPTV he wished his son had "joined the Army and fought ISIS — that would be much better," he said. The Clinton campaign told CNN after the event that it had not known about Mateen's appearance, and it was unclear who had seated Mateen visibly behind the candidate. "The rally was a 3,000-person, open-door event for the public," an aide told CNN. "This individual wasn't invited as a guest and the campaign was unaware of his attendance until after the event."

National News:

Associated Press: Judge denies Blagojevich's bid to lighten 14-year sentence

<http://bigstory.ap.org/94d509ca9d40475c8b0e0a28a42f4a06>

Michael Tarm

A federal judge on Tuesday upheld Rod Blagojevich's 14-year prison sentence on corruption counts, setting aside pleas for leniency by the former Illinois governor's wife and daughters during his resentencing hearing. U.S. District Judge James Zagel said it's an "unfortunate reality" that Blagojevich's innocent family members are made to suffer the consequences. As the judge announced his decision, Blagojevich could be seen on screen bowing his head. In the courtroom, his two daughters sobbed, the younger one placing her head on her mother's shoulder. Blagojevich, known as Inmate No. 40892-424 since he went to prison in 2012, appeared on a courtroom video in prison-issued clothing, his once dark hair now white. He was eligible for resentencing after an appeals court threw out some convictions related to his alleged attempt to sell or trade an appointment to President Barack Obama's old Senate seat.

Associated Press: The Latest: Patti Blagojevich calls ruling 'unusually cruel'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1dd04c9b0d524c3ba9b612de3c6f6cab>

Former Illinois first lady Patti Blagojevich says she finds a federal judge's decision to uphold her husband's 14-year sentence "unusually cruel and heartless and unfair." Patti Blagojevich spoke to reporters at Chicago federal court Tuesday afternoon after the judge's resentencing of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich on corruption counts. Patti Blagojevich said she's "dumbfounded and flabbergasted" at U.S. District Judge James Zagel's "unwillingness to bestow even the smallest

amount of leniency or mercy or kindness." Blagojevich's attorneys requested a five-year sentence. She went on to praise the couple's daughters, 20-year-old Amy and 13-year-old Annie, for making statements in court in support of their father. Patti Blagojevich said though that despite what their daughters said "the judge clearly made up his mind before it even started."

Associated Press: Delta cancels more flights in wake of computer-system outage

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Travelers on Delta Air Lines endured hundreds more canceled and delayed flights on Tuesday as the carrier slogged through day two of its recovery from a global computer outage. By early afternoon, Delta said it had canceled about 530 flights as it moved planes and crews to "reset" its operation. Nearly 1,200 Delta flights had been delayed, according to tracking service FlightStats Inc. "We are still operating in recovery mode," said Dave Holtz, the airline's senior vice president of operations. Tuesday's disruptions followed about 1,000 cancellations and 2,800 delayed flights on Monday after a power outage at Delta's Atlanta headquarters tripped a meltdown of its booking, communications and other systems. The airline was back online after a few hours Monday, but the ripple effects could be felt a day later. More than 1,000 people spent the night at Narita Airport outside Tokyo because of the shutdown. While flights resumed in the morning, Delta spokeswoman Hiroko Okada said more delays were expected. Delta also extended a travel-waiver policy to help stranded passengers rearrange their travel plans. The airline posted a video apology by CEO Ed Bastian. And it offered refunds and \$200 in travel vouchers to people whose flights were canceled or delayed at least three hours.

World News:

Associated Press: Putin, Erdogan agree on steps to mend relations

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Irina Titova and Vladimir Isachenkov

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Tuesday after talks with Russia's President Vladimir Putin that the two nations can rebuild their damaged ties and make them even closer, promising to back major energy projects with Russia. Repeatedly calling Putin his "dear friend," Erdogan said Turkey is ready to implement a natural gas pipeline project proposed by Moscow and a deal for Russia to build Turkey's first nuclear power plant. Putin, in turn, said the flow of Russian tourists to Turkey, halted after the downing of a Russian jet by Turkey in November, will resume soon. He also promised to gradually lift an embargo on imports of Turkish agricultural products and other restrictions. Putin added that he and Erdogan would have a separate discussion on Syria later Tuesday involving top military and intelligence officials to search for common ground in the crisis, where Moscow and Ankara have backed the opposing sides.

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