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ATTN: Governor Nikki R. Haley

CUSTOMER'S ORDER NO.		DATE	
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NAME			
Rodrick D. Johnson			
ADDRESS			
447 Golden Jubilee Rd			
CITY, STATE, ZIP			
Gilbert, South Carolina 29054			
SOLD BY	CASH	CODD. CHARGE	ON ACCT.
		RECEIVED	4770
			6279
		MDSE. RETD.	PAID OUT
QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
1	\$4DM Aid, Applicant = \$38.3M = \$1.7M		
2	Under EOL estpop 131686/Aid + \$12.90949683		
3	contingency Hit-Rod CARE INC. Labor Union		
4	Agreement For set at \$26.00 = RJ500/CFD - 131690		
5	50317 secured by The Rodrick Johnson Company.		
6	*stock investment equity closed at \$15.12/RJ500/CFD		
7	+1.492949683 under EOL upto \$1882244 + minus		
8	\$100,000.00 DGA: IDC/\$88,244 + minus \$9965		
9	Under file # 0102010185 equal Applicant + Neg.		
10	\$10,755.28044462 under EOL est - \$1,416,319,860.		
11	63 Secured by TR \$1.58 homeless prevention credit +		
12	request = \$83,680,139.37 Federal under \$100M		
APPL extno/Rodrick Johnson 58041-516319,860.63			
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CATERPILLAR TO CLOSE NEWBERRY, RIDGEWAY PLANTS

Caterpillar is closing its plants in Newberry and Ridgeway as part of an "aggressive and significant" restructuring announced in September, according to a statement from the company.

In Newberry, an electric power generator set packaging facility will close, resulting in the loss of about 325 jobs. At Ridgeway, about 75 jobs will be lost with the closure of a generator set control panel assembly facility. Work at the two South Carolina plants will be consolidated into Caterpillar engine facilities in Texas, Indiana and Griffin, Georgia. The consolidation will begin this year and be finished within 18 months.

ALSO ...

● Duke Energy is making its sustainability goals more aggressive as it puts more emphasis on renewable energy. In its annual sustainability report, the utility company said it plans to own or purchase 8,000 megawatts of wind, solar and biomass capacity by 2020 - a 33 percent jump from its goal set in 2013 of 6,000 megawatts.

● The U.S. economy inched forward at the weakest pace in two years from January through March, as consumer spending growth slowed, business investment plunged and exports declined further. The gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic health, grew by a tiny 0.5 percent in the first quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

● A New York company that makes automatic fire sprinklers is expanding in South Carolina, investing \$23 million and creating 100 jobs. Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co. announced Thursday that it will be adding to its existing plant in Liberty in Pickens County. Reliable Automatic Sprinkler is headquartered in Elmsford, New York.

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Water still covered a large portion of a peanut crop at the Hutto family farm in Holly Hill in December.

Senate ORIGINAL passes \$40M aid bill for flood-devastated farmers

Associated Press

The Senate has approved a bill providing \$40 million to South Carolina farmers devastated by last fall's flooding.

Senators voted 33-3

Thursday on legislation allowing farmers in disaster-declared counties to apply for up to \$100,000 in grants covering up to 20 percent of crop losses. The amended bill returns to the House, which passed its version 95-6.

Agriculture officials say October's rains wiped out \$330 million worth of crops at harvest time. Farmers lost an additional \$45 million because they couldn't plant winter crops in bogs. Supporters say the bill aims to help

family farms survive until the next harvest. Gov. Nikki Haley has threatened to veto the bill, saying while she feels badly for farmers, she feels badly for small businesses too, and farmers shouldn't be treated differently.

How Amazon convinced you to pay up for shopping

BY MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Amazon is clearly entering its Prime. Meaning, of course, its \$100 annual membership program, now a decade old, which

has accomplished the remarkable feat of convincing millions of people to pay an annual fee for the privilege of, well, shopping.

Prime is now central to Amazon's strategy of dominating the world of commerce. What started

as a yearly fee for free two-day shipping now offers a sometimes bewildering array of perks, including household product subscriptions, one and two hour Prime Now delivery, streaming music and video, e-books, groceries (for an additional \$200 a year), photo storage and more.

"Prime has become an all-you-can-eat, physical-

digital hybrid," Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos wrote in his annual shareholder letter in April. He wants the service to be such a good deal that you'd be "irresponsible" not to sign up, he wrote.

Why the emphasis on Prime? Simply put, members of the loyalty program shop more frequently and spend more money, analysts say.