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## Clips - Thursday, February 14, 2013

### Governor Nikki Haley News

**Charleston Regional Business Journal:** Van outfitter opens doors in North Charleston  
<http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/46754-van-outfitter-opens-doors-in-north-charleston>  
Andy Owens

Morgan Olson, a company that outfits and customizes step-in vans for companies such as FedEx, gave S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley a tour this morning as the plant officially opened in North Charleston. The company announced in August it was coming to the Palmetto Commerce Park to be near the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vans assembly plant, bringing a \$1 million investment and about 120 jobs.

**Note:** Haley told Morgan Olson President and COO Mike Ownbey that he would look back on this day a year from now as one of the best moves the company has made. She made the promise she often does for company's bringing jobs to South Carolina that she would work to solve any problems the company had, including fighting to keep out unions.

**Post and Courier:** Teach for America to more than double its number of teachers in struggling Charleston County schools

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219562/1005/teach-for-america-to-more-than-double-its-number-of-teachers-in-struggling-charleston-county-schools>

Diette Courrage Casey

Burke High School teacher Abigail Lepsch guided her students through a math word problem that involved calculating a 10 percent discount on a \$45 coat. When Lepsch asked one student whether she should add or subtract to figure out sales tax, the student shot back, "Did you hear me say I don't know?" Lepsch asked the question in a different way but didn't get an answer, and she moved on to another student.

**Note:** Gov. Haley included additional funding of the Teach for America program in her executive budget.

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### South Carolina News

**Greenville News:** Harvell cartoon: Budget and Control Board dinosaur  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130214/OPINION02/302140007/1008/OPINION>

**The State:** Enthusiasm, anxiety in SC greet minimum wage hike plan  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/14/2632317/enthusiasm-anxiety-in-sc-greet.html>  
Tim Flach

Midlands fast-food servers and janitors are among 42,000 South Carolina employees who would earn an extra \$70 per week before taxes if the minimum wage increase touted by President Obama happens. But the raise, to \$9 per hour from the current \$7.25, likely would mean higher prices and fewer jobs as companies struggle to absorb it on top of the cost of new federal requirements for employee medical care, some Midlands business owners say.

**Associated Press:** Bill would allow guns to be carried in restaurants  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Pk3gMstO](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Pk3gMstO)  
Seanna Adcox

Senators advanced Wednesday a bill intended to let people with concealed weapon permits carry their gun into restaurants while cautioning gun rights advocates not to do "something stupid." The bill allows permit holders to carry their concealed weapon into places that serve alcohol, unless the business has posted signs against it. The measure will be on next week's agenda of the full Judiciary Committee.

**The State:** Senate panel endorses right to own assault weapons in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/14/2632514/senate-panel-endorses-right-to.html#.URziY2fFzdU>

Adam Beam

Congratulations, you are a member of South Carolina's "unorganized militia." Now that you know that, state Sen. Tom Corbin, R-Greenville, wants to make sure you have access to guns in case the governor ever calls on you to defend the state. Corbin has proposed a new state law — unanimously approved Wednesday by a Senate subcommittee — that would guarantee all members of the unorganized militia "shall have the right, at his own expense, to acquire, possess, keep, and bear all firearms that could be legally acquired or possessed by a citizen of South Carolina as of December 31, 2012."

**The State:** Senate panel votes to allow guns in SC restaurants, bars

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/14/2631614/sc-senate-proposal-to-allow-guns.html#.URziZ2fFzdU>

Jamie Self

Twenty years ago, Columbia resident Patten Watson was eating at a restaurant with his wife when three gunmen stormed in and robbed the patrons. The gunmen did not look like they knew how to handle their weapons, Watson said. But all of his firearms were in his truck at home, ready to go hunting the next day.

**Associated Press:** Bill tweaks law on SC's 'unorganized militia'

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=r9K3uUde](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=r9K3uUde)

Seanna Adcox

A Senate panel advanced a bill designed to ensure that South Carolinians can hold on to their weapons regardless of what Congress does. A 3-0 vote Wednesday sent the bill to full committee. On the surface, the measure tweaks an obscure state law regarding the state's "unorganized militia" - to which all "able-bodied" South Carolinians over age 17 belong.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Senate panel passes bill allowing 'unorganized militia' to keep guns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130213/PC16/130219619/1177/sc-senate-panel-passes-bill-allowing-x2018-unorganized-militia-x2019-to-keep-guns>

Stephen Largen

A state Senate panel today unanimously cleared a bill that would allow South Carolinians to keep legally-acquired firearms and ammunition regardless of any gun-control steps the U.S. Congress might take. The bill by Sen. Tom Corbin, R-Travelers Rest, provides for the firearms for the state's "unorganized militia," which is mentioned in a section of state law dating back to 1881 that deals with the composition of the state militia. Corbin proposes that any able-bodied citizen over 17 years old who can legally purchase a firearm be included in the unorganized militia.

**The State:** Waste corporations win victory at SC State House

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/13/2632106/waste-corporations-win-victory.html>

Sammy Fretwell

National garbage corporations won a victory Wednesday against county waste management laws that they claim are preventing their ability to compete for the lucrative trash market in parts of South Carolina. Seventy-five to 80 percent of the household garbage in the state already goes to private landfills, but critics said a bill approved in a Senate subcommittee would allow the industry an even greater share of the market.

**The State:** Attorney will recommend longer poll hours for Richland County

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/12/2630728/attorney-will-recommend-longer.html#.URznImfFzdV>

John Monk

Columbia attorney Steve Hamm said he will recommend to the General Assembly that it extend the hours at the polls on election day, so they are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Hamm said many of Richland County's election woes in the Nov. 6 general election, which was plagued by massive shortages of working voting machines, could have been alleviated at many of the county's 124 precincts by longer voting hours.

**The State:** Fort Jackson's hero dog dies of cancer

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/14/2632476/fort-jacksons-hero-dog-dies-of.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Gabe, the IED-sniffing dog who conducted 170 combat patrols in Iraq, died of cancer on Wednesday. Gabe, a weapons sniffing dog at Fort Jackson and the 2012 American Humane Association's Hero Dog of the Year, died Wednesday in Columbia — just four months after winning the title. Sgt. 1st Class Charles "Chuck" Shuck said the 10-year-old lab mix died of hemangiosarcoma, which is cancer of the liver and spleen in dogs.

**The State:** Urban combat training at Fort Jackson (Photo Gallery, Video)

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/13/2632050/photos-urban-combat-training-at.html>

Staff Report

Fort Jackson commander Brig. Gen. Bryan T. Roberts hosted Media Day at the Army's largest basic training facility on Monday. Reporters and photographers were shown several different training exercises from firing machine guns at a weapons range to clearing buildings and rescuing hostages. Fort Jackson trains about 75,000 soldiers each year. Two hundred and twenty soldiers from 3rd Battalion 60th Infantry Regiment took part in an exercise at Fort Jackson's Urban Assault Course.

**Greenville News:** Schools need to keep improving (Opinion)

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130214/OPINION/302140006/Schools-need-keep-improving>  
Editorial

South Carolina public schools continue to fall short of goals that were set to ensure that by 2020 they will be adequately preparing our children to be successful in the increasingly competitive global economy. A report out earlier this month highlighted the shortcomings while also pointing out that some incremental progress is being made. The pace of progress, however, needs to be accelerated to meet the 2020 goals that were established by the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. That requires a continued commitment from public- and private-sector state leaders to emphasize improving education, and it's going to require lawmakers to ensure that public schools are adequately funded and that school reforms focus on improving public schools throughout the state, but especially in our poorest counties.

**Associated Press:** Healthy food, activity part of SC daycare program

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nQOGOX9z](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nQOGOX9z)

Meg Kinnard

Encouraging young children to be active and eat healthy foods are parts of a new initiative for South Carolina's daycare centers. Department of Social Services director Lillian Koller said Wednesday that she hopes the ABC Grow Healthy program will help instill good habits in children before they reach school age.

**Greenville News:** Whistleblower urges tougher Jocassee dam security

NRC engineer says dam should have same security as reactors; Duke says it's safe

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130214/NEWS07/302140009/Whistleblower-urges-tougher-Jocassee-dam-security>

Eric Connor

As majestic a wonder as Lake Jocassee is, the dam that holds its emerald waters at bay is a marvel itself, a testament to humanity's power over its natural environment.

Looking down from its 385-foot-high peak, it's difficult to imagine how this massive structure could fail — an unlikely event, but one that scientists say could cripple the Oconee Nuclear Station downstream and alter life in the Southeast for at least a generation.

**Island Packet:** Sen. Lindsey Graham to fight to keep guns from mentally ill

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/02/13/2378989/sen-lindsey-graham-to-fight-to.html>

Gina Smith

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham said today he will propose legislation to prevent a repeat of last week's incident where a Lady's Island woman who once pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity passed a background check and purchased a gun that she used to fire at an administrator and a teacher at a Charleston school.

**Greenville News:** Sen. Graham calls for stricter enforcement of current gun laws

Stronger deterrent needed, lawmaker says

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130214/NEWS/302140010/Sen-Graham-calls-stricter-enforcement-current-gun-laws>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

Federal officials should be more aggressive in prosecuting people who try to buy guns but fail to pass a background check, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said Wednesday. It is a crime to lie about your criminal or mental health history when trying to purchase a gun. Last year, 80,000 people failed a background check while trying to buy a gun, but only 44 were prosecuted for the attempt.

**Post and Courier:** Ashley Hall incident shows 'broken system,' Sen. Lindsey Graham says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219557/1005/ashley-hall-incident-shows-x2018->

broken-system-x2019-sen-lindsey-graham-says

Andrew Knapp

When federal authorities said Alice Boland threatened to kill the president, she avoided a felony conviction because she claimed insanity — precisely the reason she managed to buy a gun seven years later. It's an irony that U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham pointed to Wednesday as a flaw in gun laws — it's an "outrage," he said — that allowed the 28-year-old from Beaufort to legally obtain a pistol and use it to threaten Ashley Hall school officials in downtown Charleston.

**McClatchy:** Clyburn not interested in Transportation post

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/14/2632309/clyburn-not-interested-in-transportation.html#.URzio2fFzdU>

James Rosen

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn rejected Wednesday the possibility of serving in President Barack Obama's Cabinet as transportation secretary, saying he wants instead to help Obama show that an African American can lead the nation. Clyburn was responding to a letter sent to Obama last week by U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge, chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, recommending the Columbia Democrat's nomination as U. S. Department of Transportation chief.

**Post and Courier:** 1st District Democratic candidates face off

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130213/PC16/130219605/1005/1st-district-democratic-candidates-face-off>

Robert Behre

Elizabeth Colbert-Busch and Ben Frasier faced off for the first time in the Charleston area tonight, as the Democratic 1st Congressional District candidates talked to a crowd of about 50 on James Island. Colbert-Busch, business development director at Clemson University's Restoration Institute, said she entered the race for the seat to give back to the community that supported her during her life's ups and downs.

**Post and Courier:** 2 rivals in 1st District clash over gun control

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219565/1005/2-rivals-in-1st-district-clash-over-gun-control>

Robert Behre

Elizabeth Colbert-Busch and Ben Frasier faced off for the first time in the Charleston area Wednesday night, and the two Democratic 1st Congressional District hopefuls disagreed on the urgency of gun control. Colbert-Busch noted the Sandy Hook tragedy almost repeated itself in Charleston recently as a mentally unstable woman attempted to fire a gun outside Ashley Hall. "Because she didn't know how to load the gun, we got lucky. Something has to happen," Colbert-Busch said.

**Post and Courier:** Turner says his background makes the difference

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219564/1005/turner-says-his-background-makes-the-difference>

Robert Behre

As Teddy Turner runs his first campaign, as one of 16 Republicans seeking the 1st Congressional District seat, he's more likely to talk about his experience in Moscow than in Washington. That's because Turner — son of the media icon and CNN founder Ted Turner — is emphasizing his mixed life experiences rather than his political experience. Which is none. But Turner's upbringing was not the soft, cushy one some might expect growing up in the household of a successful businessman.

**Post and Courier:** Ex-S.C. Gov. Sanford running (in part) on seniority

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130213/PC16/130219677/1005/ex-sc-gov-sanford-running-in-part-on-seniority>

Robert Behre

Mark Sanford ran for Congress the first time vowing not to serve more than three terms. As the former governor and three-term congressman attempts to get elected to the 1st Congressional District for a fourth time, he noted that, if elected, he would have more seniority than 60 percent of the current GOP caucus.

**Associated Press:** SC port truck replacement program gets more funds

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9tmzfgwQ](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9tmzfgwQ)

Staff Report

The South Carolina State Ports Authority is getting a \$145,000 federal grant to help get older polluting trucks serving the port off the road. Ports CEO Jim Newsome and others are scheduled to discuss the program

during a news briefing on Thursday at the port in Charleston.

**Greenville News:** Michelin, BMW team up for racing

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130214/BUSINESS/302140015/Michelin-BMW-team-up-racing>  
Woody White

Michelin and BMW Motorsport say they will compete together in both the American Le Mans Series and the Nurburgring 24 Hours this year. BMW's two Z4 GTE entries will run Michelin tires from the company's "Ultimate" endurance racing range. The Team BMW RLL cars are owned by Bobby Rahal, David Letterman and Mike Lanigan.

**Greenville News:** Greenville Hospital System partners with CVS clinics

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130213/NEWS/302130063/Greenville-Hospital-System-partners-CVS-clinics>

Liv Osby

Greenville Hospital System doctors will serve as medical directors for the 11 CVS MinuteClinics in the Upstate through an affiliation expected to be announced Thursday, GreenvilleOnline.com has learned. Under the arrangement, GHS physicians will oversee the nurse practitioners who serve as health care providers at the clinics, which offer flu shots, exams and prescriptions for upper respiratory infections and other minor conditions.

**Post and Courier:** Why not tell the public? (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC1002/130219599/1021/why-not-tell-the-public>  
Editorial

A new Charleston County school program aimed at helping four struggling elementary schools achieve what Superintendent Nancy McGinley calls "a whole new level of excellence" deserved a better send-off than it got last week. At least the public deserved better.

**Associated Press:** Sandra Day O'Connor to speak at law school in SC

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

Staff Report

A former U.S. Supreme Court justice is speaking in Charleston this spring. Sandra Day O'Connor will offer keynote remarks April 15 at a symposium at the Charleston School of Law. The topic will be separation of church and state.

**Post and Courier:** Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to speak at Charleston School of Law

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219569/1005/retired-supreme-court-justice-sandra-day-o-x2019-connor-to-speak-at-charleston-school-of-law>

Diane Knich

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will speak at a Charleston School of Law symposium on the separation between church and state. The daylong event on April 15 is open to the public for an admission fee of \$25. O'Connor will speak at 3:30 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Charleston Law Review and the Riley Institute at Furman University.

**Associated Press:** SC Supreme Court overturns death sentence

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sLQoINr9](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sLQoINr9)

Meg Kinnard

An inmate on South Carolina's death row for more than two years is set to get a new trial after a state Supreme Court ruling that a judge should have let the man testify in his own defense. In its unanimous decision Wednesday, the state Supreme Court wrote that, even if defense attorneys thought their client's testimony might harm their case, a trial judge should have allowed Raymondeze Rivera, 34, to speak on his own behalf.

**Greenville News:** S.C. Supreme Court overturns 2010 death sentence

Justices: Judge should have let man testify

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130214/NEWS06/302140011/S-C-Supreme-Court-overturns-2010-death-sentence>

David Dykes and E. Richard Walton

The South Carolina Supreme Court on Wednesday reversed a 2010 murder conviction and death sentence

for the killing of a 28-year-old Anderson woman and remanded the case for a new trial. In their unanimous decision, justices wrote that the trial judge erred by refusing to allow Raymondeze Rivera, 34, to testify on his own behalf, court records show.

**Associated Press:** Former SC municipal judge gets 2 years in prison

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=J8airusv](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=J8airusv)

Staff Report

A former municipal judge in the Pickens County town of Central has been sentenced to two years in prison for filing false income tax returns. Forty-eight-year-old Janet H. Reese was also ordered to pay \$472,000 in restitution. U. S. Attorney Bill Nettles says Reese pleaded guilty in September.

**Associated Press:** Parole again denied for ex-HomeGold exec Sheppard

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7nS0z8eM](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7nS0z8eM)

Staff Report

Former HomeGold executive Ronnie Sheppard will not be released from prison early. Parole board spokesman Pete O'Boyle says the panel turned down the request Wednesday. It was the second time Sheppard had sought permission to leave prison early. He is serving a 20-year sentence for securities fraud, conspiracy and obtaining property under false pretenses for his role in the 2003 collapse of HomeGold and its subsidiary Carolina Investors.

**Greenville News:** Former HomeGold CEO Sheppard again denied parole

Former investors support keeping ex-CEO jailed

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130214/NEWS06/302140008/Formal-HomeGold-CEO-Sheppard-again-denied-parole>

Tim Smith

Former HomeGold chief executive Ronald Sheppard will have to wait another year in prison before requesting parole after state Attorney General Alan Wilson and eight investors who lost money in the failed Carolina Investors argued against his release. A three-member parole panel voted unanimously Wednesday to reject Sheppard's parole bid based on the nature and seriousness of his crime after hearing from those in support of his release, opponents and Sheppard himself.

**Associated Press:** Rapper DMX arrested for not having license in SC

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=H91YTvQD](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=H91YTvQD)

Staff Report

The rapper known as DMX has been arrested in South Carolina for driving without a license. Authorities say the 42-year-old, whose real name is Earl Simmons, was arrested at 1 a.m. Wednesday after an officer saw him at a Greer gas station. Simmons already faced several charges of driving without a license, so deputies say an officer pulled him over after watching Simmons leave a gas station, get into a car and drive away.

**Associated Press:** Tuskegee Airman dies in Mass.

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ErFeQ5so](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ErFeQ5so)

Staff Report

Luther McIlwain, a navigator with the famed Tuskegee Airmen who broke military racial barriers during World War II, a retired New York City police officer, and a civil rights advocate in Massachusetts, has died. He was 91. The Charles Dewhirst funeral home in Methuen says McIlwain died Friday.

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## Hyperlocal News

**Post and Courier:** Supreme Court issues suspension to Charleston attorney for conduct in drunken Utah traffic stop

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219563/1005/supreme-court-issues-suspension-to-charleston-attorney-for-conduct-in-drunken-utah-traffic-stop>

Glenn Smith

The state Supreme Court Wednesday handed Charleston attorney Michael DuPree a nine-month suspension, saying he showed "complete disrespect for law enforcement" during a drunken Utah traffic stop in which he bit a state trooper. The high court made the suspension retroactive to April 18 of last year, when DuPree was first sidelined while court officials investigated the complaint.



**Post and Courier:** Accusations of child mistreatment in Summerville, Goose Creek, Dorchester District 2  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219558/1005/accusations-of-child-mistreatment-in-summerville-goose-creek-dorchester-district-2>

Brenda Rindge

Duct tape over the mouth of one child. Another with her head held back, being forced to swallow food. A third disciplined with a belt. Yet another struck by a bus driver. Upset 4-year-olds made to sit on the floor in a dark, locked bathroom. These were the accusations launched this week against a Summerville teacher, a Goose Creek day care worker and a Dorchester District 2 bus driver in three separate incidents.

**Post and Courier:** Movers glad to be OK after train knocks truck off tracks in North Charleston  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219589/1005/movers-glad-to-be-ok-after-train-knocks-truck-off-tracks-in-north-charleston>

Dave Munday

Not many people get hit by a train and walk around talking about it. Rico Breland of North Charleston is one of those people. Breland, a mover, was hauling some furniture shortly before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday when he got stuck on the railroad tracks on Ashley Phosphate Road. As the signal lights flashed that a train was coming, he was boxed in by cars in front and back.

**The State:** Eastover woman was unsung heroine of civil rights era  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/14/2632262/eastover-woman-was-unsung-heroine.html#.URzikmfFzdU>  
Mindy Lucas

More than a year before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus, a young black woman from Eastover took a similar stand in Columbia. Sarah Mae Flemming was just 20 years old when she took a seat June 22, 1954, in what was deemed the "whites-only" section of a segregated city bus operated by South Carolina Electric and Gas.

**Post and Courier:** Time for a vote on mayor's role (Opinion)  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219570/1005/balog-column-time-for-a-vote-on-mayors-role>

Melanie Balog

It's time to put it to a vote, Summerville. As Bo Petersen reported, Town Council wants to know if it's legal to pay Mayor Bill Collins \$50,000 a year in addition to his mayor's salary of \$15,000 for work he's done as acting town administrator. They're asking the town attorney for guidance on the legality of a possible contract with the mayor for assuming certain town administrator duties. When he did that, by the way, it was touted as a cost-saving measure. (Technically it still is, since \$50,000 is only about one-third of the administrator's salary.)

**Associated Press:** Sheriff: 73-year-old SC woman ran gambling house  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0NGjNWWV9](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0NGjNWWV9)

Staff Report

Richland County deputies say a 73-year-old woman was running a gambling operation from her Columbia home. Investigators said Wednesday that they went to Betty Graham's house after getting a tip. Deputies say they found seven video gambling machines, a gun, almost \$6,700 in cash and marijuana inside.

**The State:** Illegal gambling machines found in 73-year-old's home  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/13/2631772/illegal-gambling-machines-found.html#.URzjIWfFzdU>  
R. Darren Price

A 73-year-old was charged with operating a gambling house after Richland County Deputies found 7 illegal gaming devices inside her Southeast Columbia home Tuesday. Betty Graham is being held at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center pending a bond hearing. Deputies found the gambling machines, a .38-caliber revolver, marijuana and \$6,648 in cash inside a glass jar in her 7522 Stone Street home. The search was conducted after investigators got a Crime Stoppers tip about illegal gambling at the home, according to Richland County Sheriff's Department spokesman Curtis Wilson.

**Associated Press:** Myrtle Beach residents to appeal helicopter ruling  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9ToERLGA](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9ToERLGA)

Staff Report

Some Myrtle Beach residents say they will appeal a judge's decision allowing a company to continue to offer helicopter rides from their neighborhood. Circuit Judge Larry Hyman on Wednesday refused to reconsider

his ruling last month allowing Helicopter Adventures to continue operations. The company began offering helicopter tours along the Grand Strand in May.

**Post and Courier:** Sewage spill closes Sullivan's Island shellfishing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130214/PC16/130219588/1005/sewage-spill-closes-sullivan-x2019-s-island-shellfishing>

Prentiss Findlay

Recent heavy rains that doubled the flow into the wastewater treatment plant Wednesday caused a spill of 101,000 gallons of treated "suspended solids" that has temporarily closed shellfish harvesting from Ben Sawyer Bridge northeast to Conch Creek, officials said. The area affected by the wastewater effluent overflow is about a mile long. "Nothing has spilled out onto the ground. We exceeded our effluent level for suspended solids," said Greg Gress, general manager of the Water and Sewer Department.

**Associated Press:** Myrtle Beach marking 75th birthday with air show

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=mztiU6V3](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=mztiU6V3)

Staff Report

Myrtle Beach will celebrate its 75th birthday this summer with a bit more than a cake. Officials are making plans to have an air show along the shoreline including the Air Force Thunderbirds and other flying teams. The show is being planned for June 28 through June 30.

**Associated Press:** Author in SC to discuss humanity, animal treatment

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

Staff Report

The University of South Carolina-Upstate is hosting discussions on what humans can learn from the way we treat animals. Author Carol J. Adams is visiting the Spartanburg school on Thursday to give a lecture entitled "Veganism and the Care Tradition in Feminist Theory." A second lecture, "God-Talk, Compassion and the Sexual Politics of Meat," is scheduled for later in the day and is open to the public.

**The State:** City councilwoman's open house cancelled

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/13/2631858/city-councilwomans-open-house.html#.URzjGWfFzdU>

Staff Report

This month's Open House with Columbia city councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine has been cancelled. The meeting was slated for today at City Hall.

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**National News**

**Sun Sentinel:** Rubio's sip puts social media in frenzy + video

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/13/2632686/rubios-sip-puts-social-media-in.html#.URziymfFzdU>

William Gibson

"I am now the proud owner of the most famous bottle of water in American politics," Todd Harris, Marco Rubio's political adviser and spinmeister Tweeted in the early morning hours of Wednesday. It was the Rubio camp's spin on an avalanche of Tweets in response to the Republican senator's response to the State of the Union address, a partly successful attempt to laugh off the sip seen 'round the world.

**Associated Press:** American Airlines, US Airways to merge

[www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130214/BUSINESS/302140018/American-Airlines-US-Airways-merge](http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130214/BUSINESS/302140018/American-Airlines-US-Airways-merge)

David Koeing

American Airlines and US Airways agreed Wednesday to a merger that will create the world's biggest airline. The deal caps a turbulent period of bankruptcies and consolidation that leaves the U.S. airline industry dominated by four big carriers. The boards of American parent AMR Corp. and US Airways approved the deal late Wednesday, according to four people close to the situation.

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