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### South Carolina News

**The Herald:** Hartmann to invest \$18M, add 75 jobs with expansion at TechPark  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2773098/hartmann-to-invest-18m-add-75.html>  
Don Worthington

Hartmann USA is expanding its Rock Hill operations, investing \$18 million in manufacturing equipment and hiring as many as 75 new workers. Hartmann, which produces a range of products to treat wounds and manage incontinence, has had a distribution center at TechPark off Dave Lyle Boulevard for about 20 years.

**Associated Press:** SC Senate likely to be on the budget next week too  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uB5uCaAW](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uB5uCaAW)  
The budget debate in the South Carolina Senate is almost certain to stretch into a second week. Senators made little headway Wednesday in arguing proposed changes to a \$6.3 billion spending plan for state taxes in 2013-14. Debate will resume Thursday.

**Post and Courier:** State budget plan would allow ads on school activity buses  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130516/PC16/130519417/1177/state-budget-plan-would-allow-ads-on-school-activity-buses>

Diane Knich  
South Carolina school districts may be able to bring in extra money next year selling advertisements on activity buses. Critics of the plan are concerned about how being bombarded with ads would affect students. But leaders in the Charleston County and Dorchester District 2 schools said they would carefully consider the fundraising option if it became available to them.

**Associated Press:** SC House passes bill overhauling state government  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=E1lIMorq](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=E1lIMorq)  
The House has again approved a government restructuring bill that transfers many bureaucratic duties to the governor's office. The reform plan approved 91-23 Wednesday would eliminate the powerful but little-understood Budget and Control Board and transfer its employees to other existing and newly created agencies.

**The State:** SC lawmakers grapple over control of state purchasing  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2773131/sc-lawmakers-grapple-over-control.html>  
ADAM BEAM

The state House of Representatives passed a bill Wednesday that would reorganize state government. It is the fifth time in five years the House has passed a government restructuring bill. But the bill never has made it to the governor's desk.

**The State:** SC high school graduation exit exam could be history  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2773149/sc-high-school-graduation-exit.html>  
JAMIE SELF

Exit exam scores at Darlington High School are rolling in this week, said principal Greg Harrison, bringing difficult news to some seniors. "Breaking that news to them – that they didn't pass it and they aren't going to walk (at graduation) – it's an emotional time," Harrison said.

**Associated Press:** House panel agrees to send online taxes to roads  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wePgWMql](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wePgWMql)  
A House panel wants to use the sales tax people in South Carolina pay for Internet purchases to help fix the state's roads and bridges. A subcommittee passed a bill Wednesday that would direct money used to pay

the state sales tax to road crews. The proposal now goes to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Associated Press:** SC lawmakers debate taxing electronic cigarettes

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

JEFFREY COLLINS

A bill that would allow South Carolina to tax electronic cigarettes passed a House panel Wednesday, but supporters acknowledge it has little chance of becoming law this year. Instead, a subcommittee sent the proposal on to the House Ways and Means Committee to start debate on how to handle the new technology.

**Greenville News:** Tax writers chasing smokers, even fake ones

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130516/NEWS/305160008/Tax-writers-chasing-smokers-even-fake-ones>

Tim Smith

Like many other businessmen across the country, Jason Hagan of Greer thought the idea of starting a shop that would sell electronic cigarettes was a good idea. So he plowed his life savings into the Vapor Room Cafe and opened its doors last month.

**Associated Press:** Legislator's dad elected to board after protest

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GI0WQeJm](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GI0WQeJm)

SEANNA ADCOX

The Legislature elected a House member's father to the Medical University of South Carolina board Wednesday after he agreed to pay higher property taxes at his beach home. Senators had threatened to walk out of a joint session of the General Assembly rather than participate in electing Dr. Murrell Smith, who has lived and delivered babies in Sumter for more than three decades. The father of Rep. Murrell Smith Jr. was the lone candidate remaining for the board seat representing the 5th Congressional District.

**The State:** Sumter doctor wins controversial seat on MUSC board

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2773140/sumter-doctor-wins-controversial.html>

ANDREW SHAIN

The father of a state lawmaker won a seat on the Medical University of South Carolina board Wednesday but only after some S.C. senators threatened to walk out in protest. State Sen. Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg, who threatened the protest, called Dr. Murrell Smith Sr., the candidate for MUSC's board, a "tax evader" for applying for the lower tax rate available for primary residences for an Isle of Palms home, rather than a home in Sumter, where Smith lives and practices obstetrics.

**The State:** Court: Gambler can sue Columbia's Rockaways and Pizza Man for poker losses

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2772372/court-gambler-can-sue-columbias.html>

JOHN MONK

A gambler can go ahead with a lawsuit in which she seeks to recoup nearly \$700,000 in alleged losses from playing illegal video poker machines at popular Columbia eateries Pizza Man and Rockaways, the S.C. Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday. Specifically, the Court of Appeals upheld a circuit court judge's decision that under S.C. law, a gambler can sue a gambling establishment to recover losses.

**Associated Press:** Senior hunger target of auto maker, SC's McConnell

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=o00RXI07](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=o00RXI07)

South Carolina Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell, the state's future leaders and the Honda Motor Co. are targeting hunger among the state's senior citizens. During a Statehouse event scheduled for Thursday, an effort called SOS, or Sustain Our Seniors, is kicking off. South Carolina, according to Meals on Wheels, has the second highest level of senior hunger in the nation.

**Greenville News:** Senior hunger target of automaker, S.C.'s McConnell

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130516/NEWS/305160039/Senior-hunger-target-automaker-S-C-s-McConnell>

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**Post and Courier:** Charleston groups raise awareness, money to curb senior hunger

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130516/PC16/130519411/1165/charleston-groups-raise-awareness-money-to-curb-senior-hunger>

Lauren Sausser

For lunch on Wednesday, Michael Larnish, 75, ate spaghetti with meat sauce, squash, green beans and applesauce at Charleston Area Senior Citizens' downtown center. For breakfast, it was a Starbucks pastry. "How sweet that is!" he said. Larnish eats pastries from Starbucks every morning, actually, because they're donated each day to the Ansonborough House, a subsidized housing complex on Society Street where Larnish lives with 76 other low-income seniors.

**Associated Press:** SC, Ga. senators voice MOX support to White House

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8pTjxxUn](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8pTjxxUn)

MEG KINNARD

Republican senators from South Carolina and Georgia want the Obama administration to keep funding a program to turn weapons-grade plutonium into commercial nuclear reactor fuel. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott of South Carolina and Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson of Georgia wrote to President Obama this week that efforts to slow funding for the mixed-oxide fuel program could hurt both states' relationships with the federal government.

**Aiken Standard:** SRS awarded reprogrammed funds by Congress

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130516/AIK0101/130519645/1004/srs-awarded-reprogrammed-funds-by-congress>

Michael Ulmer

Federal funds requested by the Department of Energy for use at the Savannah River Site were approved by Congress on Wednesday, according to Congressman Joe Wilson, R-S.C., apparently alleviating concerns over the threat of furloughs at the facility. The funding request was geared toward softening the blow of sequestration, which resulted in budget shortfalls, a forced reduction in staffing and narrowing of the Site's scope of work.

**Politico:** Trey Gowdy wants to see IRS jail time

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/trey-gowdy-wants-to-see-irs-jail-time-91439.html?hp=I8>

ANDREA DRUSCH

Rep. Trey Gowdy says he wants a "full throated outrage" from the president over the recent controversy at the IRS. "We're not interested in retirements and forced ousters, we're interested in people going to jail," the South Carolina Republican told Fox News on Wednesday.

**Associated Press:** Ex-SC Gov. Sanford reclaims House seat in comeback

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

ANDREW MIGA

Republican Mark Sanford, the former South Carolina governor whose extramarital affair derailed his political career, returned to Congress on Wednesday with his Argentine "soul mate" at his side. "I do," Sanford said, taking his oath.

**Post and Courier:** Mark Sanford is sworn in today as 1st District Congressman

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130515/PC16/130519452/1006/mark-sanford-is-sworn-in-today-as-1st-district-congressman>

Robert Behre

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford took the oath of office today before a packed chamber in the House of Representatives. "I look forward to working with you on a whole host of issues," he said in brief remarks on the House floor, according to USA Today. Sanford also thanked the voters who elected him on May 7, calling them "a people who taught me a whole lot about love and humility ... about wisdom and grace."

**Island Packet:** Sanford returns to Congress, says he'll focus on finances

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/16/2773102/sanford-a-member-of-congress-again.html>

GINA SMITH

The comeback is complete. Former Gov. Mark Sanford is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives again after being sworn into office Wednesday during a ceremony in the House chamber in Washington, D.C.

**Island Packet:** Mark Sanford sworn in -- a member of Congress again

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/05/15/2504427/mark-sanford-sworn-in-a-member.html>

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**ABC News:** Mark Sanford Sworn in to House

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2013/05/mark-sanford-sworn-into-house/>

John Parkinson

Mark Sanford, the former Republican governor of South Carolina who left office under the cloud of an extramarital affair more than two years ago only to mount a political comeback with a special election victory earlier this month, was sworn into the House of Representatives this evening, saying he was "simply humbled to be here." Sanford made headlines in 2009 after he skipped the country for Argentina to see his former mistress, now his fiancée, Maria Belen Chapur. The resulting furor prompted Sanford to resign as chairman of the Republican Governors Association, though he completed his term as governor in January 2011.

**The Hill:** Sanford thanks 'god of second chances' at House swearing-in ceremony

<http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/house/300041-sanford-sworn-in-thanks-god-of-second-chances>

Pete Kasperowicz

Newly-elected Rep. Mark Sanford (R-S.C.) was officially sworn into office Wednesday evening, and thanked the "god of second chances" for his re-election to Congress. "I stand here before each one of you more appreciative than I ever could have been for the honor of working with each one of you here in the United States Congress," Sanford said on the floor after being sworn in by Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio).

**Roll Call:** Sanford Unlikely to Get 2014 Primary Challenge

<http://atr.rollcall.com/sanford-unlikely-to-get-2014-primary-challenge/>

Abby Livingston

The consensus among state operatives and consultants is that if former governor can avoid any missteps, he will have a lock on the 1st District "If he votes right and is controversy-free, it'd be pretty hard to mount a challenge, assuming there nothing out of the ordinary occurs," said South Carolina GOP consultant Warren Tompkins.

**CNN:** Back to the future for Mark Sanford

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/05/15/back-to-the-future-for-mark-sanford/>

Paul Steinhauser and Deirdre Walsh

Mark Sanford is a member of Congress, again. The former Republican governor of South Carolina, whose political career was left for dead along the Appalachian Trail after an extramarital affair, was sworn in Wednesday to the House of Representatives.

**Post and Courier:** Seven reasons Sanford won (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130516/PC1002/130519446/1021/seven-reasons-sanford-won>

JOHN M. BURBAGE

The husband never told anyone other than his wife who got his vote. But this time it was different. The country was divided, the Armed Forces stretched thin, China paid tuitions for thousands of Chinese students to attend U.S. colleges and steal technology, the ice caps were melting, the traffic was always bad, and his wife's bill for a brief visit to the Roper emergency room was a thousand dollars because he had health insurance. Oops, sorry, the husband digresses.

**Associated Press:** Regulators: Minor tritium leak at SC nuclear plant

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=R0J0B5ue](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=R0J0B5ue)

JEFFREY COLLINS

Water with traces of a radioactive hydrogen isotope leaked at a nuclear power plant in South Carolina, but the level of tritium in the water is well below limits that would make it dangerous to drink, federal regulators said. The leak was reported Tuesday night at the Catawba Nuclear Station in York County in a fiberglass pipe that takes water from a turbine pump to a holding pond, where it is tested before it is released back into Lake Wylie, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said.

**Associated Press:** SC appeals court overturns child abuse conviction

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZA0C9rR2](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZA0C9rR2)

The South Carolina Court of Appeals has overturned the conviction and seven-year prison sentence for a former Clemson student in the death of his girlfriend's 16-month-old daughter. Richard Lewis was convicted in March 2011 of aiding and abetting homicide by child abuse. Prosecutors say he knew his girlfriend Ashley Hepburn shook her daughter so hard she died from her injuries in October 2009.

**Associated Press:** SC state Rep. Ted Vick arrested again for DUI

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=i1TXhxsA](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=i1TXhxsA)

MEG KINNARD

A South Carolina state representative has been arrested on the Statehouse grounds and charged with driving under the influence, his second such charge in less than a year, but his lawyer said his client was not impaired. State Rep. Ted Vick, D-Chesterfield, was arrested at around 11 p.m. Tuesday by the Bureau of Protective Services, according to Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Sherri Iacobelli (YAK'-a-bel-ee).

**Associated Press:** Charleston attorney new SC Bar president

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=78twAHCE](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=78twAHCE)

Attorneys from across South Carolina are holding a meeting on Sullivans Island. The House of Delegates of the South Carolina Bar meets Thursday. Following the meeting, Charleston attorney Alice Paylor is being sworn in as the new president of the Bar. She will be sworn in by state Chief Justice Jean Toal.

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## Hyperlocal News

**Greenville News:** Local manufacturing job fairs aim to help employers, job seekers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130516/BUSINESS/305160007/Local-manufacturing-job-fairs-aim-help-employers-job-seekers>

Angelia Davis

When it comes to some types of manufacturing, Greenville Tech often finds it has more job requests from employers than students to fill the need. The college hopes to help Upstate companies meet their needs and get more people interested in acquiring the needed skills when it holds a Manufacturing Job and Training Fair on Tuesday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McAlister Square.

**Island Packet:** 'Idol' judges give all 3 rounds to Beaufort native

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130516/NEWS10/305160022/-Idol-judges-give-all-3-rounds-Beaufort-native>

Laura Oberle

On the finale of "American Idol" on Wednesday night, the judges gave all three rounds to Candice Glover. "That girl can plumb, flat out sing," judge Randy Jackson said after Glover's final performance of the night of Ben E. King's "I (Who Have Nothing)."

**Associated Press:** Richland County names new elections director

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WGga4V9E](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WGga4V9E)

The elections director in Orangeburg has been selected to take over elections in Richland County. Howard Jackson was chosen by the Board of Elections & Voter Registration on Wednesday to replace Lillian McBride, who resigned earlier this year.

**The State:** Richland elections office should pay its own legal fees (Opinion)

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/16/2773104/editorial-richland-elections-office.html>

Editorial

It didn't make sense for Richland County Council to pay legal fees resulting from the Nov. 6 election fiasco when they appeared to involve only attorneys' work to determine what caused the mess and to defend against lawsuits seeking to overturn results. It makes even less sense now that we have learned that the nearly \$153,000 price tag includes money to pay a lawyer who helped negotiate against the Elections and Voter Registration office — more accurately, county taxpayers — to secure a new county job for former director Lillian McBride. That is outrageous. Not only should County Council refuse to pay a dime, but

county officials should demand that Ms. McBride pay for her own personal legal counsel.

**Associated Press:** SC slave cabin dismantled for Smithsonian display

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=snyzl3Dk](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=snyzl3Dk)

BRUCE SMITH

As a cool sea breeze wafted across a 17th century South Carolina plantation that once grew prized sea island cotton, workers this week carefully disassembled, measured and numbered wooden planks from a dilapidated antebellum slave cabin. Once one of about two dozen on slave row at Point of Pines Plantation, the cabin will be shipped north where it will go on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture when it opens on Washington's National Mall in two years.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston bar owners being told to pick up more crowd responsibilities

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130516/PC16/130519410/1165/charleston-bar-owners-being-told-to-pick-up-more-crowd-responsibilities>

Schuyler Kropf

Charleston's late-night bars could soon pick up more of the cost and burden of policing rowdy crowds. An ordinance making its way through City Council would require bar operators to provide security, police sidewalks in front of their business and make sure their parking lots are cleared out 30 minutes after closing time.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston airport panel to take up proposed \$30.5 million budget today

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130516/PC05/130519434/1010/charleston-airport-panel-to-take-up-proposed-305-million-budget-today>

WARREN L. WISE

Charleston County Aviation Authority could see five new employees, 3 percent merit-based raises and life insurance benefits boosted to \$50,000 from \$10,000 if the airport board approves the proposed \$30.5 million spending plan for next year. The board meets at 10 a.m. today.

**Post and Courier:** No vote on TIF, no problem (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130516/PC1002/130519442/1021/no-vote-on-tif-no-problem>  
Editorial

Anyone concerned that the rejection of a taxpayer-funded incentive for Kiawah River Plantation might threaten its development can now breathe easy. A spokesman for The Beach Company says development plans will go forward, despite Charleston County Council's recent unanimous decision to deny tax increment financing (TIF) for the project.

**Sun News:** XCON back in Myrtle Beach and better than ever

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2772331/xcon-back-in-myrtle-beach-and.html>

KYLE DRAPEAU

The comic book convention: where fans of all different kinds of comic books, television shows and movies can come together under a common banner. It's a place where dressing up as your favorite fictional character on a day not known as Halloween is accepted based solely on your love of the source material. People get the chance to meet the men and women who create their heroes, picking their brains for information they'd otherwise not attain. XCON VI is one such attraction, and it's come to Myrtle Beach.

**The State:** Columbia, SC home sales continue climb in April

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2772215/columbia-sc-home-sales-continue.html>

Home sales in the Columbia area and throughout South Carolina continued to rebound in April as buyers took advantage of historically low interest rates. Sales in the Columbia area last month rose 16 percent to 751, compared to the same month last year, according to a report Wednesday morning from the S.C. Realtors trade group. The median price for homes that sold in the area in April climbed .7 percent to \$141,000, compared to April 2012.

**The State:** The price of gas in the Midlands, statewide, May 16

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2773068/the-price-of-gas-in-the-midlands.html>

South Carolina gas prices have stabilized after dropping for months. Here's the average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline.

**The State:** Law permits strong mayor for Columbia, if voters OK change



<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2773338/law-permits-strong-mayor-for-colum.html>

CLIF LeBLANC

If city voters agree this fall to convert Columbia's part-time mayor into a full-time boss of city government, the historic power shift would be effective immediately, experts in municipal law say. Opinions are divided, however, on the separate issue of whether the new mayor could get a big raise as soon as the job description changes from a \$17,500 per year, part-time position.

**Greenville News:** Atlantic Beach misses settlement payment

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130516/NEWS10/305160021/Atlantic-Beach-misses-settlement-payment>

Amanda Kelley

A missed payment by Atlantic Beach in a settlement agreement prompted a Myrtle Beach lawyer to file motions Wednesday that could lead to a contempt finding against the town and put someone else in charge of its finances. The town was slated to appear before a judge Thursday, said Charles Jordan, with Thomas and Brittain P.A. -- the firm representing Councilwoman Carolyn Cole and the Tyson Beach Group -- but the hearing is being rescheduled. In addition to filing a motion for contempt, Jordan filed a motion to appoint the S.C. Municipal Association as a receiver to manage Atlantic Beach's finances.

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## National News

**Associated Press:** No Jackpot Winner

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tzD2ab0l](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tzD2ab0l)

None of the tickets sold for the Powerball game Wednesday evening matched all six numbers drawn, which were: 02-11-26-34-41 Powerball: 32 (two, eleven, twenty-six, thirty-four, forty-one; Powerball: thirty-two) Players matching all five numbers and the Powerball would have won or shared the \$350 million jackpot. The prize goes to an estimated \$475 million for Saturday.

**Associated Press:** No Powerball winner; jackpot soars to \$475 million

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130516/NEWS/305160034/No-Powerball-winner-jackpot-soars-475-million>

BARBARA RODRIGUEZ

So you didn't win Wednesday's \$360 million Powerball jackpot? Make that you and everyone else. A message early Thursday on the multistate lottery's website said the jackpot has soared to \$475 million after none of the ticket sold matched all the winning numbers in Wednesday night's drawing: 2, 11, 26, 34, 41 and a Powerball of 32.

**National Journal:** Immigration Will Soon be the Biggest Population Driver—For the First Time Since 1850

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/congress/immigration-will-soon-be-the-biggest-population-driver-for-the-first-time-since-1850-20130515>

Niraj Chokshi

Some time in roughly the next 15 to 25 years, immigration will become the primary driver of U.S. population growth, overtaking "natural" increases for the first time in nearly 200 years. That estimate, from the Census Bureau, is driven largely by the fact that fertility rates in the U.S. are falling and baby boomers are aging. It would be the first time immigration overtook so-called "natural" increases in the population since the Census started keeping such records in 1850. And, depending on its size, the immigration wave may offset some of the effects of boomers dying off.

**CNN:** White House releases Benghazi e-mails

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/15/politics/benghazi-emails/index.html>

Jake Tapper. Sherisse Pham and Kevin Liptak

The White House released more than 100 pages of e-mails on Wednesday in a bid to quell critics who say President Barack Obama and his aides played politics with national security following the deadly terror attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya. The e-mails detail the complex back and forth between the CIA, State Department, and the White House in developing unclassified talking points that were used to underpin a controversial and slow-to-evolve explanation of events last September 11.

**Post and Courier:** Too big for the boss to know? (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130516/PC1002/130519443/1021/too-big-for-the-boss-to-know>  
Editorial

Conservatives have long — and correctly — warned that the federal government is too big. Yet it keeps getting bigger. And President Barack Obama, certainly no conservative, has significantly increased the federal government's size despite loud objections from the right.

**McClatchy:** Senate considers: If no one's behind the wheel, who's driving?

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2773030/senate-considers-if-no-ones-behind.html>

Lindsay Wise

Cars that steer themselves through bumper-to-bumper traffic will hit the market by the end of this year, and self-parking vehicles aren't far behind. Fully autonomous models that don't need human drivers at all are less than a decade from dealerships. But laws lag behind the rise of the robo-car.

**New York Times:** Big Banks Get Break in Rules to Limit Risks

<http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2013/05/15/compromise-seen-on-derivatives-rule/>

BEN PROTESS

Under pressure from Wall Street lobbyists, federal regulators have agreed to soften a rule intended to rein in the banking industry's domination of a risky market. The changes to the rule, which will be announced on Thursday, could effectively empower a few big banks to continue controlling the derivatives market, a main culprit in the financial crisis.

**New York Times:** Is your state legislature more corrupt than mine? (Opinion)

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/15/2772771/collins-is-your-state-legislature.html>

Gail Collins

Let's talk about what makes a delinquent state legislature. I know it's been on your mind. The newest political trend in New York involves corrupt state legislators attempting to curry favor with federal prosecutors by wearing wires to work. Perhaps there have been worse fads. There was a time, not long ago, when assembly members could punch in early in the day, leave to play golf and still be recorded as voting "yes" on every single bill that hit the floor.

**Associated Press:** Pumped-up US oil production alters global market

*Report: Days of shortages over as new sources emerge*

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130516/BUSINESS/305160006/Pumped-up-US-oil-production-alters-global-market>

Jonathan Fahey

The surge in oil production in the U.S. and Canada and shrinking oil consumption in the developed world is transforming the global oil market. The threat of chronic oil shortages is all but gone, U.S. dependence on Middle Eastern oil will continue to dwindle, and oil will increasingly flow to the developing economies of Asia, according to a five-year outlook published Tuesday by the International Energy Agency.

**Associated Press:** Stocks climb as manufacturing softens

*Despite dismal news, markets step up*

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130516/BUSINESS/305160024/Stocks-climb-manufacturing-softens>

Matthew Craft

Investors nudged the stock market to all-time highs Wednesday despite a handful of disappointing economic reports. Google's stock topped \$900 for the first time after the company announced several upgrades to its Android software for smartphones, and Macy's rose after beatings Wall Street's profit estimates. Apple fell, holding back the Nasdaq composite index.

**Associated Press:** US wholesale prices fall 0.7 percent

*Declines in fuel, food costs come in April*

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130516/BUSINESS/305160005/US-wholesale-prices-fall-0-7-percent>

Christopher S. Rugaber

Sharp drops in fuel and food costs reduced a measure of U.S. wholesale prices in April by the most in three years. Outside those volatile categories, inflation stayed low. The producer price index, which measures price changes before they reach the consumer, fell a seasonally adjusted 0.7 percent in April from March,



the Labor Department said Wednesday. It was the second straight monthly decline and the steepest since February 2010.

**CNN:** Police arrest suspect in New Orleans Mother's Day shooting  
<http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/16/justice/louisiana-shooting/index.html>  
Lateef Mungin

New Orleans police said they arrested a suspect in the Mother's Day shooting that left 19 people wounded this week. In a post on its Facebook page, the police department identified the man taken into custody as Akein Scott, 19. It did not provide any more details on the arrest.

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