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Governor Nikki Haley News

The State: Governor, mayor expected today at annual prayer breakfast

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2684322/governor-mayor-expected-today.html>

Carolyn Click

About 450 people, including Gov. Nikki Haley and Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, are expected at this morning's 53rd annual S.C. State Prayer Breakfast. The 7:30 a.m. event at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel, 2100 Bush River Road, is similar to the National Prayer Breakfast. It draws Christians from across the Midlands to pray for national, state and local leaders. This year's keynote speaker is Tom Hutchinson III, a senior executive in the hospitality and financial services industry. Oran P. Smith, director of Palmetto Family Council, will serve as master of ceremonies. Bob Crutchfield, one of the organizers with the S.C. Prayer Fellowship, said a few tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$20.

Associated Press: Haley scheduled to meet with SC State trustees

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bcl8ZPeS

Staff Report

Gov. Nikki Haley is scheduled to meet later this week with trustees from South Carolina State University. Friday's meeting will be at the Statehouse complex.

Note: Haley spokesman Rob Godfrey says the governor wants to talk to trustees about how she can help the historically black university. South Carolina State University is facing budget problems as enrollment at the school in Orangeburg declines. Former trustee Jonathan Pinson is facing federal kickback charges after authorities say he took money and gifts to push through a land sale.

The State: Gov. Haley to meet with SC State trustees

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2684039/gov-haley-to-meet-with-sc-state.html>

Andy Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley will meet Friday with trustees from S.C. State University, which is struggling with budget deficits and corruption charges, her office said Tuesday. The meeting in Columbia is the first time Haley has met with a college's board of trustees. "Higher education is more important than ever in our state, and South Carolina State University is more important than ever to the governor's economic development efforts regionally and statewide," Haley spokesman Rob Godfrey said "When she sees a school with challenges, her job is to figure out how she can help -- and that's what Friday's meeting is about."

Post and Courier: Add adjutant general to governor's Cabinet (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC1002/130329967/1021/add-adjutant-general-to-governor-x2019-s-cabinet>

Editorial

South Carolina is the only state in the nation to elect its adjutant general, a situation that should be rectified this year. The House of Representatives might vote as early as today on a proposal to have the position appointed by the governor. It should give the measure its wholehearted support. The proposal, sponsored by House Speaker Bobby Harrell and supported by Adjutant General Robert Livingston, would go a long way to assure that the head of South Carolina's National Guard always meets certain professional standards.

Associated Press: SC high court taking up Haley ethics appeal

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=o4RpF4xJ

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's highest court is considering the appeal of a Republican activist whose ethics complaints against Gov. Nikki Haley have

wound through the state's legislative and judicial systems but so far have been found to be without merit. On Wednesday, the state Supreme Court plans to hear the case of John Rainey, a longtime GOP activist who sued Haley in 2011. Rainey said that Haley, while a GOP House member representing Lexington, had done improper lobbying while also working as a hospital fundraiser and in business development for a highway engineering firm.

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SC-1 Primary Coverage

Associated Press: Sanford advances in SC race, Colbert's sister wins

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8RognuHw

Bruce Smith

Mark Sanford says he believes in "a God of second chances," and now the former South Carolina governor has taken the first step toward reviving a political career that was derailed by an extramarital affair. Elizabeth Colbert Busch, the sister of political satirist Stephen Colbert, always dreamed of a career in politics - and now she has a chance to realize that dream.

USA Today: Sanford, Colbert sister advance in Congress race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/NEWS/303200022/Sanford-Colbert-sister-advance-Congress-race>

Catalina Camia

Disgraced ex-governor Mark Sanford cleared the first hurdle of his political comeback bid on Tuesday night, earning a spot in a runoff for the GOP nomination in his former congressional district. The winner of the April 2 GOP runoff will face Democrat Elizabeth Colbert Busch, a political novice with a famous last name. She is the older sister of comedian Stephen Colbert and the director of business development at an old naval shipyard.

Post and Courier: Mark Sanford tops GOP primary voting, headed to runoff

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC16/130329950/1005/mark-sanford-tops-gop-primary-voting-headed-to-runoff>

Robert Behre and Tony Bartelme

Three years ago, Mark Sanford was the "disgraced governor," the butt of late-night comedians who joked about his torrid affair with an Argentinian journalist and bogus hike on the Appalachian trail. On Tuesday, voters in the GOP primary for the 1st Congressional District sent him into a runoff, almost certainly against Curtis Bostic, a former member of Charleston County Council who finished a distant second in a crowded field.

Post and Courier: Colbert Busch's challenge: Break GOP lock on 1st District

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC16/130329954/1005/colbert-busch-x2019-s-challenge-break-gop-lock-on-1st-district>

Bo Petersen

The workers at the victory party were jubilant as Elizabeth Colbert Busch arrived. As she spoke, they grew watchful. They were looking for magic. Colbert Busch easily defeated perennial candidate Ben Frasier on Tuesday in the Democratic primary for the 1st District congressional seat.

Post and Courier: And then there were three (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC1002/130329966/1021/and-then-there-were-three>
Editorial

A 24-point election margin sounds like a landslide. But in a primary that requires a majority winner, a candidate who finishes first with 50 percent of the vote or less merely advances — along with the runner-up — to a runoff. So supporters of both the top two finishers in Tuesday's 1st Congressional District primary shouldn't assume that Mark Sanford's 37-13 percent "victory" over Curtis Bostic makes this "Comeback Kid" a shoo-in for the GOP nomination when voters return to the polls on April 2. (State Sen. Larry Grooms finished a close third.)

Associated Press: Sanford advances to GOP runoff in House race in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=716Zafko

Bruce Smith

Former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford advanced Tuesday to a runoff in the Republican contest for an

open congressional seat, taking a step toward reviving a political career that was derailed by an extramarital affair while he was governor. "Are you ready to change things in Washington?" Sanford, flanked by his four sons, asked a boisterous crowd at a restaurant in Charleston's historic district. "I'm incredibly humbled by the outpouring of support we have seen tonight."

Associated Press: Sanford advances to GOP runoff in House race in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=K4RvVsjh

Bruce Smith

Former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford has advanced to a runoff in the Republican contest for an open congressional seat along the state's south coast. Meanwhile, the sister of comedian Stephen Colbert (kohl-BEHR') has won the Democratic primary for the seat. Elizabeth Colbert Busch on Tuesday handily defeated perennial candidate Ben Frasier and will face the winner of the crowded GOP primary in the May 7 general election.

Post and Courier: Sex scandal didn't hurt Mark Sanford like some thought it would

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC16/130329956/1005/sex-scandal-didn-x2019-t-hurt-mark-sanford-like-some-thought-it-would>

Gibbs Knotts and Jordan Ragusa

Former Gov. Mark Sanford took an important step in his political comeback Tuesday, winning nearly 37 percent of the Republican primary vote in the 16-candidate race. While this strong showing has captured the attention of the national media and has critics scratching their heads, a closer look shows that we shouldn't be particularly surprised by the results.

Post and Courier: Some confused by new district lines

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC16/130329955/1005/some-confused-by-new-district-lines>

Robert Behre

Theron and Humbelina Shiver of North Charleston vote in almost every election and were puzzled why their precinct and polling place weren't listed in Tuesday's newspaper. Only later did they learn why: Their Evanston Estates home off Dorchester Road is now in the 6th Congressional District.

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South Carolina News

Post and Courier: South Carolina Ports Authority asking \$22.5M for former Beaufort County terminal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC05/130329973/1010/south-carolina-ports-authority-asking-225m-for-former-beaufort-county-terminal>

John McDermott

The State Ports Authority's long-shuttered marine terminal in Beaufort County is back on the market at a higher price, after several previous attempts to sell the site fell through. A real estate firm working with the Charleston-based maritime agency said Tuesday that it has launched a new website to drum up interest in the former Port of Port Royal.

Post and Courier: Senate committee advances cybersecurity bill that includes tax deductions

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC16/130329971/1005/senate-committee-advances-cybersecurity-bill-that-includes-tax-deductions>

Stephen Largen

A panel of state senators advanced a wide-ranging cybersecurity bill Tuesday that would extend state-funded credit monitoring for S.C. taxpayers for 10 years. The proposal follows last year's massive breach of the state's tax collection agency, the S.C. Department of Revenue.

The State: SC Senate kills tax hike for high-income South Carolinians

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2683763/sc-senate-votes-to-avoid-tax-increase.html>

Adam Beam

South Carolina's highest income residents will not pay more in state income taxes. The state Senate voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to not conform a portion of South Carolina's tax code with the federal tax code. Making the two codes agree would have resulted in a \$200 tax increase, on average, for the state's wealthiest residents.

Associated Press: Bill to allow open carrying of guns to be debated
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2Y40o9ul

Jeffrey Collins

A Senate panel will discuss a bill that would do away with concealed weapons permits in South Carolina. The open carry bill scheduled for discussion Wednesday would let anyone legally allowed to own a weapon to carry it in public.

Associated Press: Bill lets homeowners rent, still pay lower rate
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tLIgbgnN

Staff Report

South Carolina homeowners could rent out their homes for up to 100 days and still pay the lower, owner-occupied property tax rate under a measure advancing to the Senate floor. Republican Sen. Raymond Cleary says the bill advanced Tuesday will help coastal homeowners facing high insurance bills. Cleary says homeowners are moving in with relatives and renting their homes over summer months to earn extra income to pay bills.

The State: SC Senate takes crack at solar-friendly law
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2684321/sc-senate-takes-crack-at-solar.html>

Sammy Fretwell

A new plan surfaced Tuesday to make solar energy more affordable for homeowners, churches and schools looking to save money on costly power bills. State Sen. Greg Gregory, R-Lancaster, introduced a bill making it easier for solar energy companies to locate in South Carolina and offer lower-cost panels. South Carolina law now discourages solar companies from locating here.

Post and Courier: Proposed bill would help even out competition among health insurers
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC16/130329968/1005/proposed-bill-would-help-even-out-competition-among-health-insurers>

Lauren Sausser

South Carolinians covered by companies other than Blue Cross Blue Shield could see lower health insurance premiums if a proposed bill is signed into state law. Senate Bill 145 is attempting to even the playing field among competing companies in a state that is dominated by one health insurer.

Associated Press: SC House votes to keep prep sports league intact
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DYLpVqef

Seanna Adcox

The House approved an amended measure on Tuesday allowing the High School League to continue overseeing middle and high school sports in South Carolina. Legislators voted 105-1 to put into state law changes the league made to its own rules at its convention in Charleston earlier this month. It appears the 99-year-old league saved itself from extinction.

Greenville News: House bill supports High School League
Changes have been sparked by Goose Creek case
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/SPORTS/303200017/House-bill-supports-High-School-League>

Bob Castello

The state House of Representatives approved an amended measure Tuesday that allows the South Carolina High School League to remain as the presiding body over middle and high school sports. According to the House journal, legislators voted 105-1 to put into state law changes the High School League made to its rules at its convention in Charleston this month. Those changes apparently satisfied members of the House who sought to dissolve the SCHSL.

The State: SC senate bill would protect credit 10 years
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2684012/sc-hacking-bill-heads-to-senate.html>

Andy Shain

A bill, approved Tuesday by a powerful state Senate committee, would offer credit-fraud protection for 10 years to S.C. taxpayers and others after hackers stole information belonging to 6.4 million consumers, children and businesses from the S.C. Department of Revenue last fall. The bill now goes to the full Senate. Resolving the hacking incident and preventing future cyber-attacks could cost the state "hundreds of millions" in the future, warned Senate Finance Committee chairman Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence.

Associated Press: SC Senate committee advances cyber-security bill
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DWiGVwjq

Staff Report

A South Carolina Senate committee has advanced a measure that creates more oversight of public agency computer systems following the massive breach of the state's tax collection agency. The bill that received unanimous approval Tuesday centralizes responsibility of cyber-security and helps residents exposed by last fall's hacking into tax filings.

Associated Press: SC committee passes measures to legalize raffles
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=mqJxFvIP

Staff Report

A House committee has approved measures aimed at legalizing raffles in South Carolina. The Judiciary committee voted unanimously Monday on measures enabling nonprofits to hold a limited number of raffles yearly. One measure would ask voters on 2014 ballots whether the constitution should be changed to allow raffles. The other outlines how a legal raffle could be run and regulated.

Post and Courier: Labor union plans protest against sequestration near VA hospital
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC16/130329944/1005/labor-union-plans-protest-against-sequestration-near-va-hospital>

Lauren Sausser

The AFL-CIO of South Carolina is organizing a protest in front of the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center on Wednesday afternoon to protest federal sequestration cuts and how those cuts may affect veterans in South Carolina. A spokeswoman for the VA told The Post and Courier before the sequestration deadline on March 1 that the VA will not be affected by the cuts.

The State: Adjutant general leading charge for reform (Opinion)
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/20/2684206/scoppe-adjutant-general-leading.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

South Carolina's antebellum system of selecting our military leadership worked well for Bob Livingston. He rose steadily through the ranks to major general, led an 1,800-strong combat brigade in a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan in 2007, held key leadership posts with Central Command and at the Pentagon, and when he decided in 2010 that he wanted to be adjutant general, well, he became adjutant general. Without a fight. I'm told there was a lot of behind-the-scenes work, that then-Adjutant General Stan Spears had planned to run again, and that may be true, but the fact is that when Gen. Livingston filed for the only publicly elected military post in the free world, no one filed to run against him. Not another Republican. Not a Democrat. No one. So the job is his, and likely will be for as long as he wants it.

Greenville News: Keep immigration dialogue positive (Opinion)
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/opinion/303200006/keep-immigration-dialogue-positive>
Editorial

Fiery rhetoric over immigration reform once again is taking center stage, especially here in South Carolina, as talk in Washington and around the country again is focusing on finding a way to fix a broken immigration system. South Carolina is front and center in the debate because Sen. Lindsey Graham has been an outspoken voice in the debate for immigration reform, and Rep. Trey Gowdy chairs an important House immigration subcommittee. Graham has long been a rational voice in the immigration debate. It is unfortunate to hear advertisements targeting Graham, who is up for re-election in 2014, using the word "amnesty" in a decidedly pejorative sense.

Post and Courier: Sen. Lindsey Graham thanks those who made sacrifices in Iraq war
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC16/130329945/1005/sen-lindsey-graham-thanks-those-who-made-sacrifices-in-iraq-war>

Staff Report

Today marks the 10th anniversary of the war in Iraq. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., had a special page on his website with a letter posted regarding the anniversary. "From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your dedicated service to our country," Graham stated.

Greenville News: Duncan looks into technology costs at border
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/NEWS/303200012/Duncan-looks-into-technology-costs->

border

Mary Orndorff Troyan

Several expensive technology upgrades for federal agencies involved in border security are behind schedule and are impairing customs and immigration work, according to internal audits highlighted at a congressional hearing Tuesday. For example, some border patrol employees are still having trouble seamlessly sharing data with other federal, state and local law enforcement officials, said Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-Laurens.

Post and Courier: Congress quiet on Dreamliner woes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130320/PC05/130329981/1010/congress-quiet-on-dreamliner-woes>

Joan Lowy

As Boeing, its airline customers and federal safety regulators struggled over the past two months to solve problems with the new 787 Dreamliner's fire-plagued batteries, one player has been strangely silent: Congress. Despite the plane's grounding and the safety issues raised by its cutting-edge technology, there have been no congressional hearings or news conferences focusing on the problems, and little commentary from lawmakers who normally pounce at the first sign of trouble

Greenville News: Envision SC: Humphreys places value on the arts

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/news09/303200007/envision-sc-humphreys-places-value-arts>

Making your voice heard

Josephine Humphreys loves this place. South Carolina, especially Charleston, has served as the backdrop for three of her four novels and she credits it for providing the inspiration that has propelled her to local and national acclaim. She is a native Charlestonian and though she has traveled the world, admits that she could never see herself straying too far from the salty, warm air and delightful town folk of her beloved city. She believes in the beauty and charm of her native state and aspires for it to achieve the artistic pinnacles she knows South Carolina is capable of reaching.

USA Today: Habits, not hospitals, affect counties' health rankings

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/NEWS/303200026/Habits-not-hospitals-affect-counties-health-rankings>

Kelly Kennedy

Residents of the nation's least healthy counties die at twice the rate of those living in their states' healthiest counties, despite a major improvement in the rate of premature deaths, according to a national survey of county health statistics released Wednesday. The full implementation next year of the 2010 health care law could improve health statistics overall, experts say, but real change in health statistics can come only if Americans start eating better and exercising more.

Associated Press: Study: Beaufort healthiest county in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qeMH3hir

Meg Kinnard

Beaufort County is the healthiest place in South Carolina, according to rankings released Wednesday, while the county with the state's highest jobless rate is rated as the unhealthiest place to live. The rankings by the University of Wisconsin cited Beaufort County's relatively low adult obesity rate of 21 percent, as well as an active adult population. Only 16 percent of residents in the coastal county are smokers, researchers said, compared with 21 percent across the state overall.

Greenville News: Greenville County among healthiest in S.C.

Greenville fifth, Pickens 11th in new research that ranks nation's counties

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/NEWS05/303200013/Greenville-County-among-healthiest-S-C->

Liv Osby

With its verdant parks and bike lanes, comparatively low unemployment rate and access to medical care, Greenville County is the fifth healthiest county in South Carolina, new research shows. Greenville came in behind Beaufort, York, Edgefield and Lexington counties in health outcomes, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute, which ranked county health rates nationwide.

Greenville News: Clemson names veteran GM executive to head CU-ICAR

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/BUSINESS/303200014/Clemson-names-veteran-GM-executive-head-CU-ICAR>

Woody White

Clemson University has appointed a veteran auto industry executive as head of its Greenville automotive research campus. The school said that Frederick M. Cartwright, who spent 30 years with General Motors, will serve as executive director of its International Center for Automotive Research effective April 1.

Associated Press: Chesterfield County sheriff indicted by grand jury

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eFOX2T1P

Jeffrey Collins

A fourth sheriff in less than three years is facing criminal charges in South Carolina. The State Grand Jury indicted Chesterfield County Sheriff Sam Parker late Tuesday on four counts of misconduct in office and two counts of furnishing contraband to inmates. Each charge is a misdemeanor, carrying up to 10 years in prison.

Associated Press: Sterling wants parole in Carolina Investors case

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=PnuDD5AD

Staff Report

The former chairman of Carolina Investors is seeking parole. Jack Sterling is scheduled to appear Wednesday before the South Carolina Parole and Pardons Board. The 75-year-old executive started serving his five-year sentence for securities fraud last April.

Greenville News: BMW anticipates flat profits for 2013

Company says global uncertainty a factor; expanded Greer plant called key to production

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/BUSINESS/303200010/BMW-anticipates-flat-profits-2013>

Woody White

BMW forecasts flat profit this year as market conditions weaken in Europe and the company invests to launch more than two dozen models in the next two years. Pretax profit for the German automaker rose 6 percent to 7.82 billion euros (\$10.1 billion) in 2012 on the back of a 12 percent hike in revenue to 76.8 billion euros, the company said last week.

Associated Press: 163 lose jobs after Hemingway call center closes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IQ6oME6H

Staff Report

Safe Auto Insurance has abruptly closed its call center in Williamsburg County, leaving more than 160 people without a job. Safe Auto Executive Vice President Mark LeMaster said it was a hard decision made after the company concluded it needed to reduce its workforce. The 163 employees were told at a meeting Tuesday morning.

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Hyperlocal News

The State: School holding classes despite loss of charter

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2684263/sc-political-briefs-school-holding.html>

Jamie Self

Students and teachers of Mary L. Dinkins Charter School in Sumter still are going to class despite the school losing its public school charter. "There are still students there, but they are not in a public school," said Clay Eaton, public relations director for the S.C. Charter School District. "It's an unusual situation to say the least. Parents continue to have the impression that this school is open, and it is not."

Associated Press: \$15K reward for threatening Laurens County letters

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

Staff Report

A \$15,000 reward has been offered to find the person who mailed threatening letters to Laurens County's two school districts. U.S. Postal Service officials showed the envelopes that contained the letters Tuesday. The addresses were handwritten, apparently by the same person, and postmarked from Greenville.

Greenville News: Reward offered in Laurens County threats case

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/NEWS06/303200008/Reward-offered-Laurens-County-threats-case>

E. Richard Walton

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service said Tuesday it is offering a \$15,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the investigation of threatening letters sent this month to schools in Laurens County and Presbyterian College. Clinton Police Chief Robin Morse, who received one of the letters, said there was a good chance that the reward may help find who is responsible.

The State: City of Columbia water, sewer rates to change

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2684527/city-of-columbia-water-sewer-rates.html>

John Monk

Columbia's water and sewer rates will get a major overhaul this spring, with most residential customers getting about a \$2 per month increase on their \$46 current average monthly bills, and some big water users getting a decrease. The new rates are planned to go into effect May 1 and last at least 14 months. Overall, most of the city's 142,000 water and sewer customers will get about an 8 percent increase in their monthly bill.

The State: Columbia's first Trader Joe's set to open Friday

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2684296/columbias-first-trader-joes-set.html>

Kristy Eppley Rupon

From its frozen pizzas handmade in Italy to its organic applesauce, Trader Joe's might strike customers as a high-end grocery store with price tags to match. But Columbia's first Trader Joe's, opening Friday at 4502 Forest Drive, aims for a laid-back atmosphere with a focus on fun. And those pizzas? Prices range from \$3.99 to \$4.99. The applesauce? \$1.99 per four-pack.

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National News

The State: Nuclear safety expert pushes to upgrade S.C. atomic plants

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/19/2684529/nuclear-safety-expert-pushes-to.html>

Sammy Fretwell

South Carolina's atomic power plants are potentially more vulnerable to disasters than a Japanese reactor involved in a rare radiation leak two years ago, a national nuclear safety advocate said this week during a visit to the Palmetto State. David Lochbaum, director of the nuclear safety project with the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the state's seven reactors are not now dangerous to the public -- but utilities need to make necessary upgrades so the plants can better withstand floods, earthquakes or fires.

Associated Press: Boeing wins major 737 jet order from Ryanair

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Hu1WqSVt

Scott Mayerowitz and Shaw Pogatchnik

There's finally some good news for Boeing: European discount airline Ryanair announced Tuesday it will buy 175 of the company's popular 737 jets, the largest order ever placed by a European carrier. Chicago-based Boeing Co. has struggled ever since its new 787 Dreamliner was grounded by regulators in January following problems with its electrical system. It also was dealt a major blow Monday in the race to win the single-aisle plane market when Indonesia's Lion Air signed a deal with rival Airbus for 234 A320s.

Associated Press: Va court: Do inmates have right to visitation?

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jtrO2aEZ

Larry O'Dell

A lawyer for a South Carolina inmate told a federal appeals court Tuesday that the prisoner's constitutional rights were violated when his visitation privileges were suspended for two years without proof that he had done anything wrong. Jerome Williams, an inmate at Evans Correctional Institution, claims the suspension violated his rights of association and due process, as well as the constitution's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

Bloomberg News: Young adults largely avoiding credit cards

Lack of credit history could prove a liability

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130320/BUSINESS/303200011/Young-adults-largely-avoiding-credit-cards>

Jeanna Smialek

Charlie Frohne never wanted a Visa or MasterCard, afraid of incurring debts he couldn't repay. As the 30-year-old searched for a Manhattan apartment, he found landlords treated his lack of a credit history as a liability. His experience highlights a growing reluctance among young adults to use plastic for everyday purchases. Thirty-nine percent of undergraduate students between the ages of 18 and 24 owned a credit card in 2012, down from 49 percent in 2010, a Sallie Mae and Ipsos Public Affairs survey found. And young adults who do have credit cards are carrying smaller balances: A median of \$1,600 in 2010 compared with \$2,500 in 2001 for under- 35 households, according to Federal Reserve data.

Associated Press: NRC orders nuclear sites to upgrade vents

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130320/BUSINESS/303200015/NRC-orders-nuclear-sites-upgrade-vents>

Matthew Daly

U.S. nuclear power plants must upgrade ventilation systems at 31 reactors with designs similar to those that melted down two years ago in Japan, under a Nuclear Regulatory Commission order that stops short of requiring filtered vents, as some safety advocates and NRC's staff had urged. The filters are required in Japan and much of Europe, but U.S. utilities say they are unnecessary and expensive.

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