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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Greenville News:** S.C., Ga., to work on managing water resources

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130917/NEWS/309170093/S-C-Ga-work-managing-water-resources>

Nathaniel Cary

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal will meet Wednesday to discuss a variety of cross-state water issues at a meeting that's being hailed as the first water summit between the two states. The docket will include discussion about dredging the Savannah River for the expansion of the Savannah Port and the signing of a joint agreement between the states to begin a long-delayed comprehensive study of how the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages the basin.

**Associated Press:** SC's inland port to be operational next month

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

Bruce Smith

South Carolina's \$25 million inland port is set to open next month, a little later than expected because of this year's heavy rains, according to an update on three terminal projects given Tuesday to the board of the agency operating the state's ports. Jim Newsome, the president and CEO of the South Carolina State Ports Authority, said data tests will start Friday using the computers that will track shipments through the inland port providing a direct rail link between Greer, S.C., and the state's coast.

**Note:** He said the first redraft is expected in a few weeks and will then go to members of the General Assembly and Gov. Nikki Haley.

**The State (Update):** SC hacking victims asked to pay for monitoring that is free next year

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/16/2984082/new-experian-wont-bid-on-new-sc.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

The Experian call center is telling S.C. hacking victims that the state will not offer free credit-report monitoring next year -- and instead should pay to have their financial records protected after last year's massive data breach at the state Department of Revenue. "It's not going to be free anymore," an Experian representative said Tuesday in response to call from a hacking victim. "Because we were offering it at such a discount, we were told South Carolina is not going to do it at all." The state will continue to offer free monitoring and will award a new one-year contract Monday. The state could offer monitoring for at least five years.

**Note:** Lawmakers frequently discussed funding additional years of credit monitoring after the legislative session convened in January, and the state Budget and Control Board, headed by Gov. Nikki Haley, agreed in May to offer five years of monitoring.

### South Carolina News:

**Post and Courier:** Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner is in the air on its maiden test flight

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130917/PC05/130919407/1177/updated-boeing-787-9-dreamliner-is-in-the-air-on-its-maiden-test-flight>

John McDermot

Boeing Co. marked another milestone for its 787 program by is taking a longer version of the Dreamliner for its first spin today. The 787-9 took off from Paine Field in Everett, Wash., in overcast conditions around 2:05 p.m. eastern time for an estimated four to five-hour test flight around the Pacific Northwest. It's expected to land at Boeing Field to the south in Seattle. The stretch version can carry up to 290 passengers, or 40 more than the base model. The airplane maker plans to deliver the first jet to Air New Zealand in mid-2014. Boeing South Carolina makes the 787-9 rear fuselage sections, and it also integrates the mid-body

components. The company said its Dreamliner final assembly lines in Everett, Wash., and North Charleston are set up to build the longer planes.

**Post and Courier:** Adoptive parents, birth father in Veronica case again appear in Oklahoma appeals court  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130917/PC16/130919381/1177/adoptive-parents-birth-father-in-veronica-case-again-appear-in-oklahoma-appeals-court>

Andrew Knapp

The adoptive parents and the birth father of 4-year-old Veronica met again today at an Oklahoma appeals court, according to the Tulsa World newspaper. The newspaper reported that Matt and Melanie Capobianco of James Island and Dusten Brown of Nowata, Okla., were spotted at the downtown Tulsa courthouse where the Court of Civil Appeals meets. Exactly what is being discussed wasn't clear because the proceeding was not public. A gag order also prohibits attorneys from discussing it. It came after a six-hour hearing Monday at the same courthouse. The Capobiancos are fighting for the girl they cared for until she was 2.

**Greenville News (Video):** More people have health insurance, census reports

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130917/NEWS/309170037/More-people-health-insurance-census-reports>

Liv Osby

The U.S. Census Bureau reported today that more people had health insurance last year than in 2011, largely because of an increase in covered children and people on Medicare. The number of people with coverage grew to 263.2 million from 260.2 million in 2011, the Census report. The percentage also grew from 84.3 percent to 84.6 percent. But 48 million Americans are still without insurance. In South Carolina, 826,000 people - or 17.9 percent of the population - have no coverage, the Census reports.

**Post and Courier:** Report calls for better voting day protections for the disabled

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130917/PC16/130919401/1006/report-calls-for-better-voting-day-protections-for-the-disabled>

A new report says more needs to be done to ensure the rights of those with disabilities in getting polling-place access. The group, "Protection and Advocacy for People With Disabilities," looked at the recent special primary for the vacant state Senate District 42 seat in Charleston County. The group found various examples where the site layout was more troublesome for those with handicaps in terms of parking, access space, signage and curbside voting. For instance, one precinct was in a church building that had a troublesome layout.

## Local News:

**The State:** Group launches effort against strong mayor petition

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/17/2985679/group-launches-effort-against.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

A fledgling "dinner table" group of Columbians on Tuesday called on City Council to delay a strong-mayor referendum until Dec. 3. The group that grew to about 40 people at an afternoon news conference said the choice of a mayor at the Nov. 5 election should be separated from the decision over possibly changing Columbia's long-time strong-manager form. Duvall said the bipartisan group does not want a change in form of government to become a referendum on Mayor Steve Benjamin, who is seeking a second term. The group argues that there are too many unanswered questions about the powers or restraints of power on a strong mayor.

**Island Packet:** School board to discuss proposals for Lady's Island Elementary and Bluffton schools

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/09/17/2689087/school-board-to-discuss-proposals.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Bowman

Two proposals that could change grade configurations or add schools to the district will be discussed at tonight's Beaufort County Board of Education meeting. At the meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. in the Bluffton library, the board will hear more detailed information and have the opportunity to ask questions two proposals: one to move fifth-grade classes back to Lady's Island Elementary School, and the other to build two new schools in Bluffton.

**The State:** Sheriff Lott to discuss deputy-involved shooting

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/17/2985526/sheriff-lott-to-discuss-deputy.html#storylink=cpy>

Chris Winston

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott will hold an afternoon press conference to discuss Monday's night chase that ended in a suspect being shot and killed by a deputy. The details remained scarce on Tuesday morning. Sgt. Curtis Wilson on Monday night a deputy attempted to pull over a vehicle driving with a license plate that did not match the vehicle. The suspect sped away until he reached the intersection of Faraway Drive and East Boundary Road in northeast Richland County. There, he jumped from his vehicle and opened fire on deputies. One of those deputies returned fire, killing the suspect. The suspect has not been identified.

**Greenville News:** Riverbanks Zoo director receives national honor

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130917/NEWS10/309170048/Riverbanks-Zoo-director-receives-national-honor>

The president and CEO of Riverbanks Zoo of Columbia has been named the 2013 recipient of the R. Marlin Perkins Award for Professional Excellence by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Established in 1978, the Marlin Perkins Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a zoo professional by the AZA. Only one recipient may be honored in any given year. Only 20 winners have been recognized in the last 35 years, according to the zoo. Satch Krantz, Riverbanks' president and CEO, began work at the zoo in 1973 as curator of mammals, according to the zoo. He was promoted to executive director in 1976, making him the longest serving zoo director in the nation.

**Associated Press:** Lawsuit Accuses Grand Strand Golf Courses Of Violating Labor Laws

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

David Wren

Real estate developer Burroughs & Chapin Co. Inc. and National Golf Management LLC, which owns or manages nearly one-third of the Grand Strand's golf courses, are facing allegations that they violated federal labor laws by failing to pay employees minimum wage and overtime pay, according to a collective-action lawsuit filed in federal court in Florence. Alan Dutil, who worked as a bag drop attendant at one of the companies' golf courses beginning in May 2011, says he was forced to work for \$5.80 per hour -- less than the \$7.25 federal minimum wage -- and was refused overtime even though he regularly worked 50 or more hours per week, according to the complaint. The lawsuit seeks to include all of the companies' golf course employees in Horry and Georgetown counties and in Brunswick County, N.C., who allegedly were underpaid by allowing them to opt in to the legal action.

**National News:**

**Associated Press:** Federal gun laws didn't block Navy Yard shooter

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/09/17/3714521/shooting-reignites-gun-talk-but.html#storylink=cpy>

Alicia A. Caldwell

The gunman in the mass shootings at the Washington Navy Yard, Aaron Alexis, had a history of violent outbursts, was at least twice accused of firing guns in anger and was in the early stages of treatment for serious mental problems, according to court records and U.S. law enforcement officials. But Alexis apparently managed to exploit seams in the nation's patchwork of complicated gun laws designed to keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous people to buy a weapon. He was able to buy a shotgun in Virginia with out-of-state identification, even though that would have prevented him from buying a handgun. It is illegal for gun dealers to sell handguns to such out-of-state buyers, but the Firearms Owners' Protection Act, passed by Congress in 1986, opened up interstate sales for shotguns and rifles.

**Associated Press:** Obama seeks congress' support for Syria plan

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Bradley Klapper and Donna Cassata

y that the United States will closely monitor every step of the plan for eliminating Syria's chemical weapons while maintaining a credible military threat against Bashar Assad's government. Meeting behind closed doors, Kerry briefed members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the chemical weapons strategy he negotiated with Russia last week in Geneva. One of Kerry's deputies, Wendy Sherman, spoke by telephone with House Foreign Affairs Committee members.

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