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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** SC Gov. Haley wants students to be able to use lottery aid for summer classes

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/09/2970877/sc-gov-haley-wants-students-to.html>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley has asked college regulators to look at allowing S.C. students to use \$300 million in state lottery scholarships as financial aid for summer classes. The University of South Carolina, the state's largest college, expanded its summer session this year to become a third full semester. Other state schools are weighing specialized summer offerings. An extra semester allows students to graduate sooner, and take internships during the fall and spring semesters, USC officials said. While scholarship amounts won't increase, the state would need to give the lottery program more money at first to accommodate students wanting to use financial aid over a consecutive three semesters.

**Note:** "Our colleges and universities will have to adapt to rising health-care and construction costs by changing the way they do business," Haley wrote. "Similarly, we at the state level have an obligation to respond to these forces by creating an environment in which our institutions have the ability to tailor their offerings."

**Aiken Standard:** Tire company eyes South Carolina for plant location

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130910/AIK0101/130909419/1007/AIK0101/tire-company-eyes-south-carolina-for-plant-location>

Amy Banton

A South Korean tire company is eyeing South Carolina as a possible location for its first U.S. plant, and though it's unknown if Aiken would be an option, it's good news for the Palmetto State, according to the area Economic Development Partnership. According to Reuters, Hankook Tire Co. is considering South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia as locations for a new plant. The company's chief executive Cho Hyun-Shick said earlier this month they hope to make a final decision by the end of 2013. According to its website, Hankook distributes tires for passenger vehicles, light trucks and SUVs, as well as medium truck and bus tires in the United States.

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**Times and Democrat:** Site consultants rank S.C. among top states for doing business

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/state-and-regional/site-consultants-rank-s-c-among-top-states-for-doing/article\\_0ae38ba6-19cd-11e3-9239-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/state-and-regional/site-consultants-rank-s-c-among-top-states-for-doing/article_0ae38ba6-19cd-11e3-9239-0019bb2963f4.html)

Al Somervell

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**Greenville News:** S.C. ranked second in business site selection

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013309090065>

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**Associated Press:** Haley, commerce team plan week of meetings highlighting SC as an automaker's destination

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/09/09/2675246/hybrids-small-suvs-sense-of-relief.html#storylink=cpy>

David McHugh and Sarah DiLorenzo

Germany -- The world's automakers are showing off their shiniest, most advanced vehicles at the Frankfurt Auto Show, which opens this week. Among the 70 world premieres are a notable number of new cars powered either by batteries or hybrid gas-electric systems. There are also outlandish concept cars that flaunt technology and design but aren't intended for sale. It's all spread over 230,000 square meters -- about 32 soccer fields -- at the sprawling Frankfurt Messe exhibition center. The show, held every other year, attracted 928,000 visitors back in 2011. Gov. Nikki Haley, S.C. Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt and four Commerce Department staff members were to fly out Monday to attend the 65th annual International Motor Show in Frankfurt, returning Friday.

**WCSC (Video):** Gov. Haley speaks against Affordable Care Act, SC prepares for key deadline

<http://www.live5news.com/story/23383315/gov-haley-speaks-against-affordable-care-act-sc-prepares-for-key-deadline>

Corey Davis

The clock is ticking for the Affordable Care Act, which goes into effect next year. Governor Nikki Haley doesn't support all of President Obama's plans for reform, but the state of South Carolina still has to go along with it. The next phase of the Affordable Care Act goes into effect October 1st. It will feature what is called an exchange. An open marketplace where you, whether you have insurance or not, will be able to enroll in a health insurance plan or simply take a look at other options.

**Note:** Governor Nikki Haley said, "I don't think any state or any governor knows exactly what we are walking into. What I do know for South Carolina is it's going to be people and families first. It's going to be at the pace of South Carolina, not at the pace of Washington DC."

**Note:** "It is not just are you going to do a state exchange or not, are you going to expand Medicaid or not. It's what are you going to do to get people healthy," said Haley, "We're focusing on the hospitals, we're focusing on the emergency rooms, we're focusing on making sure that they get major providers that can actually provide them health care instead of showing up in the emergency room."

**Fox 23 (Oklahoma):** South Carolina governor comments on Baby Veronica

<http://www.fox23.com/news/local/story/South-Carolina-governor-comments-on-Baby-Veronica/LGV-ZGfJd06u5r7GEPujPA.csp>

The custody battle over Baby Veronica continues to drag on, as the girl turns 4 this weekend. Her biological father, Dusten Brown, continues to exhaust all possible appeals in Oklahoma courts, while the girl's adoptive parents, Matt and Melanie Capobianco, ask the court to enforce the finalized adoption that would allow them to take her back to South Carolina. On Monday, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley told reporters in Charleston she will continue to push for the courts to force Brown to hand Veronica over to the Capobiancos.

**Note:** "I will tell you I completely feel for all the of the parents involved, but at some point you have to take the emotion out, and look at what the court said, and that is that she should come back home to her parents in South Carolina. We're going to continue to work with the parents and with Gov. Fallin to make sure that happens," said Haley.

**Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**



**Greenville News:** Inland port's influence is growing

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130910/OPINION/309100007/Editorial-Inland-port-s-influence-growing>

Editorial

BMW has officially announced that it is moving to the new inland port in Greer an operation that exports auto parts to be assembled overseas and that had been located in Duncan. The automaker said that Syncreon, its logistic vendor, would use a 413,000-square-foot warehouse at the port to export the components to emerging markets in Russia, Thailand, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Egypt. The warehouse, being built by CenterPoint Properties of Oak Brook, Ill., could be expanded to 750,000 square feet, BMW also said in a recent Greenville News report. The company ships X3 vehicles and parts to six foreign markets, and will now ship X5 parts and components to the same markets, a spokesman said.

**Post and Courier:** A dire, and dubious, Big Bang Theory

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130910/PC16/130919992/1006/a-dire-and-dubious-big-bang-theory>

Frank Wooten

Graham, now in his second Senate term after four terms in the House, also has been a high-profile proponent of using America's military might. But Calhoun and Graham aren't the only war hawks South Carolinians have sent to Washington. Mendel Rivers, 1st District congressman from 1941 until his death in late 1970 (and House Armed Services Committee chairman for his last five years), proclaimed in 1965: "I will accept nothing but total and complete victory in Vietnam." Two years later, Strom Thurmond, a senator from 1954-2003, said military leaders told him that if President Lyndon Johnson would turn them loose, "the war in Vietnam could be won in six weeks and that Viet Cong guerillas could then be mopped up in six more months."

**The State:** If Law Doesn't Require Haley To Reimburse State For NC Trip, Law Needs Changing

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

Editorial

State law puts governors in a box when they run for re-election: They must be accompanied at all times by state-provided security, but they can't use state resources for campaigning. The usual solution is to reimburse the state for the cost of the security - an expense over which they have no control but, in the end, a small cost, compared to the benefits of being governor. And there can be a thin line between governing and campaigning. Is it campaigning or governing, for instance, when the governor attends a fundraiser for the House Republican Caucus, whose members determine the fate of her agenda? We're not so sure. Even so, we believe Gov. Nikki Haley's campaign and the State Ethics Commission are reading the law much too narrowly when they say the governor doesn't need to reimburse the state for traveling in a state-owned vehicle driven by a SLED agent to attend a political event in North Carolina for a group that supports N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory.

**Island Packet:** New plan for deputies should benefit schools

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/09/09/2675044/new-plan-for-deputies-should-benefit.html>

Editorial

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office continues to refine its approach to connecting deputies with the county's elementary schoolchildren, and it continues to be a fairly practical approach. The new plan, which began with the school year in August, aims to increase deputies' presence in the Beaufort County School District's nearly two dozen elementary schools by assigning one officer to each of the district's five clusters, which are organized around its high schools. The "community resource officers" will rotate among the different elementary schools in their zone every day with a two-fold purpose: to increase security and to help students become more comfortable with law enforcement officers.

**South Carolina News:****The State:** SC Tribe Applies To Open Casino In North Carolina

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=I6yLQimP](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=I6yLQimP)

The South Carolina-based Catawba Indian Nation is filing an application with federal officials to build a gambling casino in North Carolina that the tribe says will create thousands of new jobs. Catawba Chief Bill Harris said the tribe hopes the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs will move swiftly to approve the application. Harris says the casino and entertainment complex would be built on 16 acres along busy Interstate 85 just



across the state line in North Carolina. Officials in North Carolina's Cleveland County said they welcome the casino. The county is facing high unemployment. But the project is facing stiff opposition from North Carolina lawmakers. They promise to fight it – even though the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians already operates a bustling casino in the western part of the state.

**Greenville News:** Testimony to reveal NRC's plan for Yucca Mountain spending

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130910/NEWS/309100025/Testimony-reveal-NRC-s-plan-Yucca-Mountain-spending>

Eric Connor

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's chairwoman is set to testify before Congress this morning following an appeals court decision demanding that the agency re-start its review of the Yucca Mountain project to dispose of the nation's nuclear waste. Chairwoman Allison Macfarlane will tell the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce where the NRC stands on its plan to spend a limited amount of remaining money, according to the House's document database. Macfarlane's comments follow the NRC's recent order soliciting parties involved in a lawsuit against them to offer suggestions on how the money should be spent. Nuclear regulators argue that the demand by the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that the agency spend \$11.1 million to revive the Yucca Mountain project is a waste of taxpayer money.

**Associated Press:** Catawbas file application for NC casino project

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/09/2970165/catawbas-file-application-for.html>

Mitch Weiss

The Catawba Indian Nation is filing an application with federal officials to buy North Carolina land for a planned gambling casino that the tribe says would create thousands of new jobs. Catawba Chief Bill Harris said the South Carolina-based tribe hopes the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs will move swiftly to approve the application, which asks the agency to put 16 acres near King Mountain, N.C. into trust for the tribe. It would be the first step in a long process to build a casino along Interstate 85, just across the border from South Carolina in North Carolina. The 2,800-member tribe already has land in trust in York County, S.C. "The Catawba Nation has a deep and rich history in both North and South Carolina dating back well before the American Revolutionary War," Harris said.

**The State:** SLED Celebrates Being Accredited Again

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9Jy3dVMX](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9Jy3dVMX)

John Monk

SLED achieved a milestone Monday when a national law enforcement standards group certified it as "accredited." "Thank you to you employees for what you have done, or we wouldn't be here," South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel told the nearly 200 employees assembled outside the agency's helicopter hangars on Broad River Road during a brief ceremony. Of 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the nation, only about 1,000 meet a standard of excellence that qualifies them for national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Louis Dekmar, CALEA president, told the crowd

**Florence Morning News:** Location identified for university health sciences center downtown

[http://www.scnw.com/news/article\\_677ce534-19c7-11e3-aa11-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/article_677ce534-19c7-11e3-aa11-0019bb30f31a.html)

Lindsay S. Buchanan

Negotiations will proceed to acquire and clear downtown property for the new Francis Marion University health sciences center, the Florence City Council decided Monday. Councilman Ed Robinson cast the only no vote at the council's regular monthly meeting. If the city is able to obtain the property as it expects, the prime location on the southwest corner of Irby and West Evans streets ensures that the new medical facility will become the next vital step in the downtown's fast-moving redevelopment. The center is expected to open in 2016. Robinson has opposed the medical facility ever since the council voted earlier this year to allocate \$3 million of the upcoming local option sales tax revenues to its construction, and he voiced his concern again Monday over how much more obtaining the property would cost the city above the original cost.

**Associated Press:** Shippers, shipping lines discuss world shipping

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2LuiEgLu](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2LuiEgLu)

Changes in world shipping brought about by larger container ships and the widening of the Panama Canal are on the agenda of a trade conference on the South Carolina coast. The South Carolina International



Trade Conference is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a meeting on the Isle of Palms on Tuesday. The conference brings together maritime interests and business leaders from across the state. This year, the conference brings together representatives of some of the world's largest shipping lines and their customers to discuss changes in international shipping. The panels on Tuesday include representatives of the Maersk and CMA-CGM shipping lines as well as executives who handle imports for Family Dollar and Lowes. Participants will also hear from a representative of the Panama Canal Authority.

**The State:** USC up slightly, Clemson is 21st in new college ranking

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/10/2970801/usc-up-slightly-clemson-is-21st.html#storylink=cpy>

Andy Shain

The University of South Carolina's ranking rose slightly nationally, while Clemson University reached a new high mark among public schools in U.S. News & World Report's latest annual college report. USC placed 112nd among all schools nationally – public and private – up three spots in 2012, according to the rankings, released Tuesday. The school ranked 111st in 2011. The state's largest college ranked 55th among national public universities for a second year. After six years among the Top 25 national public universities, Clemson reached 21st this year. The state's second-largest college ranked 62nd among all schools, up six spots from a year ago.

**Anderson Independent:** Gasoline prices steady as oil producers await Syria decision

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/sep/09/gasoline-prices-steady-as-oil-producers-await/>

Abe Hardesty

In a typical September, the U.S. demand for gasoline falls like yellow leaves, pulling down prices almost as predictably. And when refineries begin making the annual switch to less-expensive winter-blend gasoline Sept. 15, prices quietly tumble a bit more — usually to the lowest levels of the year. That has been the case in four of the previous five Septembers, when the price of regular unleaded gas has fallen an average of eight cents a gallon. This September is far less predictable, according to fuel analysts. With tensions in the Middle East at precarious levels, some experts fear an increase in gas prices, which now stand near all-time highs for the date. The national average in early September (\$3.60 a gallon) was the fourth-highest on record for a Labor Day weekend, and the average price over the course of the summer (\$3.58) was the third-highest on record.

**Post and Courier:** A changing wind: Southeastern Coastal Wind Coalition meets on emerging wind power prospects

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130910/PC16/130919990/1006/southeastern-coastal-wind-coalition-holds-conference-amid-changing-prospects>

Bo Petersen

That stir in the air this week is coming from a little engine that just might could. The second Southeastern Coastal Wind Conference will take place in Charleston on Wednesday and Thursday, a coalition of wind-power proponents who organized last year to help move the industry forward by working on a regional level from Virginia to Florida. They are expected to bring a high level of energy with them, excusing the pun from Brian O'Hara, the coalition president.

**Associated Press:** Tropical Storm Humberto strengthening in Atlantic

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/09/09/3697616/tropical-storm-humberto-forms.html>

A strengthening Tropical Storm Humberto is moving west across the Atlantic, southwest of the Cape Verde Islands, and could become a hurricane on Tuesday. The storm's maximum sustained winds reached 60 mph (97 kph) on Monday night. The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami says Humberto could become a hurricane sometime Tuesday. The storm is centered about 120 miles (193 kilometers) southwest of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands and is moving further away from that area. A tropical storm warning has been discontinued for the southern Cape Verde Islands. No coastal watches or warnings are currently in effect.

## Local News:

**Greenville News:** Local Republicans pick unity candidate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130910/NEWS03/309100016/Local-Republicans-pick-unity-candidate>

Rudolph Bell

Local Republicans are set to decide tonight which of two local attorneys should be the new chairman of the



Greenville County Republican Party — Chad Groover or Samuel Harms. The election became necessary after former chairwoman Betty Poe resigned suddenly in June, not long after winning a second term. The county party's executive committee is scheduled to decide the question during a 7 p.m. meeting at the Academy of the Arts, 80 School Street, Taylors. Competing camps have already been taking pot shots at each other on the Web. Critics pounced when Nate Leupp, the county party's first vice chair and acting chairman, took the unusual step of endorsing Groover in an article posted on the Greenville Post Web site.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Program teaches Fort Mill students the power of kindness

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/09/09/5191644/program-teaches-middle-school.html#storylink=cpy>

Rachel Southmayd

Anyone who has ever sat with a group of middle school students would probably say it's difficult to get them all to sit still and listen quietly. But on Monday morning, at Fort Mill Middle School, a gym full of students didn't make a peep for more than an hour — other than the sound of occasional sniffing from tears. The students were listening to Michael Dorsey, a speaker with "Rachel's Challenge," a program based in Littleton, Colo., designed to "spread the chain reaction of kindness and compassion that Rachel dreamed of," according to Dorsey. The Rachel he's referring to is Rachel Joy Scott, who was the first victim of the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999. Since Rachel Scott's violent death at age 17, her family has made it their mission to spread Rachel's commitment to acceptance and love of all people around the world.

**The State:** Eight Forums Planned To Boost Columbia Voter Education, Turnout

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

Clif LeBlanc

The League of Women Voters is holding eight forums starting Wednesday across Columbia to increase voter turnout and educate voters about the capital city's first fall election. The forums are scheduled on four successive Wednesdays, and two will be held in each of Columbia's four City Council districts, said Martha Roblee, president of the league's Columbia Area chapter. The non-partisan league also is seeking sites for two forums to explain state laws on the forms of municipal government in South Carolina, Roblee said just before an election kickoff event Monday outside City Hall. Locations that can accommodate large groups and the times of those forums have yet to be decided, she said.

**Times and Democrat:** Orangeburg voters to pick councilman, mayor today

[http://thetandd.com/news/local/orangeburg-voters-to-pick-councilman-mayor-today/article\\_6b8025ec-19c7-11e3-bf2e-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/orangeburg-voters-to-pick-councilman-mayor-today/article_6b8025ec-19c7-11e3-bf2e-0019bb2963f4.html)

Dionne Gleaton

While voter turnout in municipal elections has traditionally been low, the head of Orangeburg County's election office says today's race may be different. Voters in the City of Orangeburg will go to the polls today to pick a mayor and city councilman. "We're expecting an increase from 2009. I think anytime you have somebody that has an opponent, it hypes the process. A lot of times, we don't have anybody to run against a council person or the mayor, but I think it should be an interesting race," said Aurora Smalls, the county's executive director of Voter Registration and Elections. Michael C. Butler is running for mayor against incumbent Paul A. Miller Jr., who has been mayor since June 2001. In addition, Zipporah Sumpter has been campaigning as write-in candidate.

**The State:** Lexington Co. Adds Lee Co. Economic Developer

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

Randy Burns

Jeff Burgess has left Lee County to accept a position with the Lexington County Economic Development Department. After serving 10 years as the executive director of the Lee County Economic Alliance, he worked his last day in Lee County on Friday and began a new job as project manager in Lexington County on Monday. Burgess said he feels good about the potential for economic growth in Lee County. "The (county) council and administrator have been awesome to work with," he said. "I think we've accomplished a lot, but there's still so much more to do. You can never leave a position knowing you've done everything that needs to be done. ... We had some success stories. Did we want more? I think we were well on our way had the economy not turned sour.

**Florence Morning News:** New Start SMART initiative will change face of early education

[http://www.scnow.com/news/article\\_15a08fa0-19c6-11e3-947a-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/article_15a08fa0-19c6-11e3-947a-0019bb30f31a.html)

Ellen Meder



The School Foundation and Florence School District 1 announced a new early childhood education public awareness campaign on Monday at a meeting held at the R.N. Beck Early Childhood Center. Start SMART is an initiative featuring a combination of resources for families and educators to make sure that all children in the Florence area are developmentally ready for school by the time they are five and entering kindergarten. Debbie Hyler, the deputy director of The School Foundation, a non-profit fundraising organization that supports Florence 1, said at the announcement that the initiative is about investing money in children early on and that doing so will have ripple effects through the region in education and economy.

**Anderson Independent:** Williamston officials working to land a major project

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/sep/09/williamston-officials-working-to-land-a-major/>

Mike Ellis

Williamston Town Council members are working with Anderson County economic development officials to land a major project. The council members have not identified the potential company by name but they have confirmed that two plots of land, totaling about 28 acres, are being eyed by developers. The two plots, 17.4 acres and 10.8 acres, are both near S.C. 20 and Roberts Boulevard, near the Burger King. A unanimous vote Monday made final the annexation of the two plots into the town limits. Council members and town staff met behind closed doors for about 10 minutes with interim Anderson County administrator Rusty Burns and Anderson County economic development director Burriss Nelson.

**Post and Courier:** Charter school's use of former Schroder Middle building in Hollywood stirs debate, anger among some

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130909/PC16/130909394/1389/charter-school-x2019-s-use-of-former-schroder-middle-building-in-hollywood-stirs-debate-anger-among-some>

Diettte Courrage Casey

The politics and controversy that often come with the charter school territory were distractions Lowcountry Leadership Charter School organizers took deliberate steps to avoid. Factors outside of their control thrust the new charter school into heated community debate on Monday night when it appeared before the Charleston County School Board. The charter school wanted to temporarily use the former Schroder Middle School building in District 23 (Hollywood) while construction on its permanent facility is finished, but some residents and parents in the community fought that request. They said the charter school would further segregate the community, endanger students by increasing traffic, and hurt existing public schools by taking away students and funds.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Anthony, Candidate For Schools' Chief, Would Fight Vouchers

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=I4PKdb6r](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=I4PKdb6r)

Lynne P. Shackelford

Mike Anthony became so popular in Union after successfully coaching three teams to state championships that he says he only invested \$800 for a few campaign signs to win his first run for state office. Anthony, who has been a state representative for Union County since 2002, is running for state superintendent of education - a battle he already knows will be hard fought. Anthony, a Democrat from Union, spoke to the Spartanburg County Democratic Party during a lunch meeting Monday and explained the differences he sees between him and Mick Zais, a Republican and the current superintendent of education.

**Post and Courier:** Palmetto Commerce site for Charleston County recycling center advances

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130909/PC16/130909365/1006/palmetto-commerce-site-for-charleston-county-recycling-center-advances>

David Slade

Charleston County's plan to process recyclable materials at a new facility along Palmetto Commerce Parkway in North Charleston moved ahead Monday despite some concern about the site's proximity to neighborhoods. "We've been searching for property for quite awhile," Robert Lawing, an environmental engineer representing Charleston County, told the city planning commissioners. "Our existing facility in downtown Charleston is at capacity." The issue before the Planning Commission was a request to rezone an 18-acre tract along the parkway for heavy industrial use, a classification called "M2" that would allow the recycling center project, or other types of heavy industry. "I'm very concerned about M2 zoning so close to residential areas," said commission chair Sue Thigpen. "If it's M2, anything goes."

**Associated Press:** Columbia hosting conference on green businesses

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pLXB8uls](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pLXB8uls)

A professor at the University of South Carolina and a meteorologist are speaking this week at a conference



on sustainability. Andrew Spicer is an associate professor of international business at the university's business school. He is set to give a keynote address on Wal-Mart's sustainability strategies at the Green is Good for Business Conference on Tuesday at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. WLTX-TV meteorologist Jim Gandy is also speaking at the meeting. Organizers say he is talking about "The Business of Climate Change." This is the seventh year the conference has taken place. It's supposed to show how businesses can become more sustainable and save or make money at the same time.

**Island Packet:** Beaufort County bans texting behind the wheel

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/09/09/2674542/beaufort-county-council-to-vote.html>

Zach Murdock

Drivers in Beaufort County are no longer allowed to text while behind the wheel. The Beaufort County Council unanimously approved Monday a ban on a practice that safety advocates say distracts drivers and leads to deadly accidents. The council has overwhelmingly endorsed the ban at previous meetings, and the proposal brought forth little discussion or public comment. "I don't think we've ever passed an ordinance with less debate than this one," Councilman Rick Caporale said. The county joins the city of Beaufort and Town of Hilton Head Island in approving a ban on texting while driving. The county's ban covers unincorporated areas and will be enforced by the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

## **National News:**

**Associated Press:** Patient's bill soars as health law program falters

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/09/09/5190238/patients-bill-soars-as-health.html>

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Coping with advanced cancer, Bev Veals was in the hospital for chemo this summer when she got a call that her health plan was shutting down. Then, the substitute insurance she was offered wanted her to pay up to \$3,125, on top of premiums. It sounds like one of those insurance horror stories President Barack Obama told to sell his health overhaul to Congress, but Veals wasn't in the clutches of a profit-driven company. Instead, she's covered by Obama's law — one of about 100,000 people with serious medical issues in a financially troubled government program. Raw political divisions over health care have clouded chances of a fix for the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan, leaving families like Veals and her husband Scott to juggle the consequences. That's not a good omen for solving other problems that could surface with "Obamacare."

**Washington Post:** Obama administration's message on Syria is muddled

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Speaking Monday in London, Secretary of State John F. Kerry said that a U.S. military strike on Syria would constitute an "unbelievably small, limited kind of effort." Later at the White House, President Obama insisted that any such action would be significant. "The U.S. does not do pinpricks," he told an NBC News interviewer. "Our military is the greatest the world has ever known." The dueling statements underscored the administration's muddled message on Syria. The confusion has complicated Obama's effort to persuade a reluctant Congress and American public to support a strike against the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for its alleged use of chemical weapons to kill more than 1,400 civilians outside Damascus last month.

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