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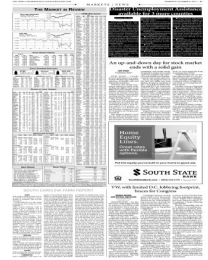
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## Disaster Unemployment Assistance available for 3 more counties

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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley and the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce announced Wednesday that three more counties, Berkeley, Clarendon and Sumter, have become eligible to receive Disaster Unemployment Assistance. Funds will be made available to assist people who became unemployed as a direct result of last weekend's storm and ensuing floods.

The other counties included are Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Williamsburg. Other counties may be added at a later date.

If you have questions re-

garding your eligibility, call 888-834-5890.

DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton said South Carolina workers may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits under the DUA program.

Workers or business owners meeting the following criteria may be eligible for benefits:

- Individuals who are unemployed due to the disaster, and do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits.

- Self-employed individuals and small business owners who lost income due to the disaster.

- Individuals who were prevented from working due to an injury caused by the disaster.

- Individuals who have become the major supplier of household income due to the disaster-related death or injury of the previous major supplier of household income.

- Individuals who are unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster.

- Individuals who were to commence employment or self-employment but were prevented by the disaster.

Applicants can file immediately. Check [www.dew.sc.gov](http://www.dew.sc.gov) for updates on this program. Applicants have 30 days to file a claim under the program. Last day to file will be Nov. 6.

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# Moving football game to LSU winning call

**T**he decision to play Saturday night's nationally televised football game at Clemson was not without controversy. Even as Gov. Nikki Haley was advising that an unprecedented weather event was unfolding in South Carolina and the best place for people was their homes, the nationally televised game went forward.

With the full impact of the massive rainstorm that hit the state not felt in the Upstate until late Saturday and on into Sunday, few are now discussing that game beyond the victory that Clemson scored over Notre Dame.

The situation is much different this weekend — not so much in Clemson where the game with Georgia Tech will go forward, but definitely in Columbia, where the noon game between South Carolina and LSU will not.

Though USC athletic officials stated on Tuesday that a decision would be announced within 36 hours, there seemed little doubt the game would be moved or canceled.

The Saturday game has been moved to LSU's home stadium in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in a decision announced Wednesday morning by USC President Harris Pastides.

"Yesterday, we made the extremely difficult decision to cancel classes for the week due to the stress 34,000 students would place on the region's recovering infrastructure, there is no doubt 85,000 fans would exact the same toll," Pastides said. "In the spirit of supporting our South Carolina community that is so supportive of Gamecock Nation, we have decided to move the game to Baton Rouge. The

stress on law enforcement and first responders is too great. Moreover, we've had many in the Carolina family directly impacted by the flooding."

Many people here, in Columbia and around the state are coping with a life-altering disaster. Pulling the necessary law officers, emergency officials and so many others involved with flood relief away from their primary mission would have been irresponsible.

And the danger would be very real. Bringing the 100,000-plus fans who would gather both inside and outside the stadium into Columbia would be a huge mistake. Major routes in the state continue to be closed or offer only limited access, and the struggle goes on with roads, bridges and dams being damaged or destroyed by the flooding.

The case could be made that playing the game in Columbia as normal would be a welcome sense of normalcy in abnormal times. And there is precedent.

South Carolina played a game at Williams-Brice two days after Hurricane Hugo made landfall north of Charleston in 1989, beating Georgia Tech on a day when much of the Midlands was still without electricity.

But the more immediate example, ironically, involves LSU. After Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans in 2005, the Tigers moved their scheduled home opener to Tempe, Ariz., because resources in Baton Rouge were needed to support relief efforts.

The same applies here now. Resources cannot be spared for Saturday's football game. Credit USC officials with a winning decision.

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# Helping hands being extended to so many

**T**he stories of rescues are coming in steadily as the great flood of 2015 continues to have major impact locally and around the state. The round-the-clock work of law officers, firefighters, emergency personnel, first-responders and so many volunteers has been unbelievable.

If ever it is understood what so few do to help so many, it is in times like these. And the work is nowhere near done.

As Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday, these people are on the front lines of ensuring safety, making decisions on everything from road closures to curfews in the best interest of all.

They all are owed a tremendous "thank you" for what they have done and will continue to do. Join us in telling them personally and via electronic communication – any way you can or choose.

Amid the efforts of so many comes a story of a simple act of kindness that embodies the spirit of helping. It was shared by Debbie Roland of the Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center.

To the museum friends' Facebook page, Roland posted a photo that is getting views and comments from many. Shown is South Carolina Department of Natural Resources officer Justin Whetstone of Calhoun County holding a small rabbit.

The story behind the photo is, as Roland says, "a bright spot in the midst of so much destruction."

Whetstone and DNR officer Brett Irvin of Orangeburg County have been rescuing people in Lexington County and wherever the need arises as flooding reaches unprecedented levels. While getting people to safety, Whetstone also made another rescue.

In Whetstone's words, "This little guy was swimming frantically and climbed up on a porch where I scooped him up. He spent the next three hours recovering right there in the pouch of my waders. I was able to release him in a high, dry, wooded area and

watched him hop off. Kinda cool."

Indeed. As Roland said, "He is a DNR employee rescuing souls" who found time amid search and rescue for an act of kindness for another of God's creatures.

Serving and protecting is a legacy for Whetstone, who is the fourth generation of law officers in his family. His great-grandfather Earl D. "Slim" Whetstone was Calhoun County sheriff from 1947-52, his grandfather David Earl Whetstone was sheriff from 1989-90 and his father, Greg Whetstone, served as sheriff in 1990 and retired as a longtime officer with the State Law Enforcement Division.

"Our own Justin Whetstone. SCDNR. Thank you for your service," Roland wrote.

And for simple act of kindness that embodies the spirit of what he and so many others are doing here and across the state.

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Justin Whetstone with the rescued rabbit in this photo from Facebook.





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# South Carolina cleans up, but worries remain amid floods

JAY REEVES AND EMERY P. DALESIO

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The family of Miss South Carolina 1954 found her flood-soaked pageant scrapbook on a dining room floor littered with dead fish on Tuesday, as the first sunny day in nearly two weeks provided a chance to clean up from historic floods.

"I would hate for her to see it like this. She would be crushed," said Polly Sim, who moved her 80-year-old mother into a nursing home just before the rainstorm turned much of the state into a disaster area.

Owners of inundated homes were keeping close watch on swollen waterways as they pried open swollen doors and tore out soaked carpets. So far, at least 17 people have died in the floods in the Carolinas, some of them drowning after trying to drive through high water.

Sim's mother, known as Polly Rankin Suber when she competed in the Miss America contest, had lived since 1972 in the unit, where more than 3 feet of muddy water toppled her washing machine and turned the wall-board to mush.

"There's no way it will be what it was," said Sim. "My mom was so eccentric, had her own funky style of decorating, there's no way anyone could duplicate that. Never."

Tuesday was the first dry day since Sept. 24 in South Carolina's state capital, where a midnight-to-6 a.m. curfew was in effect. But officials warned that new evacuations could come as the huge mass of water flows

toward the sea, threatening dams and displacing residents along the way.

Of particular concern was the Lowcountry, where the Santee, Edisto and other rivers make their way to the sea. Gov. Nikki Haley warned that several rivers were rising and had yet to reach their peaks.

"God smiled on South Carolina because the sun is out. That is a good sign, but ... we still have to be cautious," Haley said Tuesday after taking an aerial tour. "What I saw was disturbing."

"We are going to be extremely careful. We are watching this minute by minute," she said.

Georgetown, one of America's oldest cities, sits on the coast at the confluence of four rivers. The historic downtown flooded over the weekend, and its ordeal wasn't over yet.

"It was coming in through the kitchen wall, through the bathroom walls, through the bedroom walls, through the living room walls. It was up over the sandbags that we put over the door. And, it just kept rising," Tom Doran said, bracing himself for the next wave. "If I see a hoard of locusts then I'm taking off."

In Effingham, east of Columbia, the Lynches River was at nearly 20 feet on Tuesday — five feet above flood stage. Kip Jones paddled a kayak to check on a home he rents out there, and discovered that the family lost pretty much everything they had, with almost 8 feet of standing water in the bedrooms.

"Their stuff is floating all in the house," Jones said. "Once the water comes in the house you get bacteria and you get mold."

In downtown Columbia, about 200 workers rushed to fix a breach in a canal that is threatening the city's water supply to its 375,000 customers. The city's main intake valve is in the canal, and the water level was steadily dropping, Columbia Utilities Director Joey Jaco said.

Crews planned to work into Wednesday morning, sinking a barge and piling bags of rocks and sand on top to try and block the hole in the canal, Jaco said.

If the water gets below the intake valve, there is less than a day's supply in a reservoir.

"We need to make sure we get this dam constructed very soon to make sure we stay above a minimal level," Jaco said.

Haley said it was too soon to estimate the damage, which could be "any amount of dollars." The Republican governor quickly got a federal disaster declaration from President Barack Obama, freeing up money and resources. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican presidential candidate, promised not "to ask for a penny more than we need" and criticized other lawmakers for seeking financing for unrelated projects in disaster bills.

Water distribution was a challenge. In the region around Columbia, as many as 40,000 homes lacked

drinking water, and Mayor Steve Benjamin said 375,000 water customers will likely have to boil their water before drinking or cooking for "quite some time."

The power grid was returning to normal after nearly 30,000 customers lost electricity. Roads and bridges were taking longer to restore: Some 200 engineers were inspecting about 470 spots that remained closed Tuesday, including a 75-mile stretch of Interstate 95.

Some drivers had a hard time accepting the long detours around standing water. In Turbeville, Police Lt. Philip Wilkes stood at a traffic stop, telling motorists where they could go to avoid flooded roads and dangerous bridges.

"Some people take it pretty good," Wilkes said. "Then you've got some of them, they just won't take no for an answer. We can't part the waters."

South Carolina was soaked by what experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration called a "fire hose" of tropical moisture spun off by Hurricane Joaquin, which mostly missed the East Coast.

Authorities have made hundreds of water rescues since then, lifting people and animals to safety. About 800 people were in two-dozen shelters, but the governor expects that number to rise.

In Columbia, Ray Stilwell told a harrowing story of escaping his home along Gills Creek, where nearly

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17 inches fell in as many hours Sunday.

He was upstairs when his backdoor failed and water rushed in, and was nearly swept away as he tried to make it outside to higher ground. He survived by hanging on to a neighbor's gate, and then climbing atop a patio table.

"I'm so grateful. If you hear me complain, remind me that I'm lucky to be here," the 59-year-old school-

teacher said. "God allowed me to be here; Now I've just got to figure out what to do with the extra time I've been given."

Stilwell took a long look at the nearby creek, which was still raging and foamy but didn't seem to be rising. A worried neighbor called out, asking what was going on. "Just keep watching the water level right now," Stilwell responded.

The Black River reached

10 feet above flood stage in Kingstree, breaking a 1973 record by more than 3 feet, according to Town Manager Dan Wells, who found himself involved in a porcine rescue mission Tuesday.

After a wild hog fell into the rushing river and slammed into the town bridge, Wells and a colleague used a stun gun and captured the exhausted hog, trussed its legs with duct tape and pulled it into a

pickup truck to be released in a nearby forest.

"It wasn't on my list of things to do today, I can tell you that," said Wells.

*Dalesio reported from Effingham. Contributors include Associated Press writers Bruce Smith in Charleston; Alex Sanz in Georgetown; Susanne M. Schafer and Jeffrey Collins in Columbia; Meg Kinnard in Blythewood; and Seth Borenstein in Washington, D.C.*

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- Video: Gov. Nikki Haley and emergency officials update the statewide situation.
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# Historic S.C. floods: Heavy rain, hundreds rescued

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Hundreds were rescued from fast-moving floodwaters Sunday in South Carolina as days of driving rain hit a dangerous crescendo that buckled buildings and roads, closed a major East Coast interstate route and threatened the drinking water supply for the capital city.

The powerful rainstorm dumped more than a foot of rain overnight on Columbia, swamping hundreds of businesses and homes. Emergency workers waded into waist-deep water to help people trapped in cars, dozens of boats fanned out to rescue others in flooded neighborhoods and some were plucked from rooftops by helicopters. More door-to-door search operations are planned Monday.

With so much water, officials said it could take weeks or even months to assess every road and bridge that's been closed around the state. Several interstates around Columbia were closed, and so was a 75-mile stretch of Interstate 95 that is a key route connecting Miami to Washington, D.C. and New York.

"This is different than a hurricane because it is water, it is slow moving and it is sitting. We can't just move the water out," Gov. Nikki Haley said at a news conference.

She also warned it wasn't over yet as rain kept falling into the night around the Carolinas.

One death was reported in the area on Sunday, bringing weather-related deaths to seven since the storm began days earlier. The system drenching South Carolina was part of an unusual combination of weather conditions involving a slow-crawling low pressure system meteorologists called unusually deep for this time of year.

People were told to stay off roads and remain indoors until floodwaters recede, and an overnight curfew was issued for Columbia and across two surrounding counties. The capital city told all 375,000 of its water customers to boil water before drinking because of water line breaks and the threat of rising water to a treatment plant. Emergency officials said later Sunday that many in Columbia were without potable water because of wa-

ter main breaks and customers may have to go without drinking water for three or four days. Meanwhile, nearly 30,000 customers were without power at one point.

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"We're just trying to get to everyone," Jenkins said. "But there are places we just haven't gotten to."

Columbia Police Chief William Holbrook said door-to-door search and rescue operations by police, firefighters and other emergency responders would continue Monday. Anyone still needing to get to safety was urged to call 911 and military vehicles were being lined up to take people to safety.

"The operation will also include overall welfare checks," he said of Monday's "concentrated" operation, adding crews will mark the front doors of homes with a bright fluorescent orange 'X' once they have been searched.

One of the hardest hit ar-

eas in Columbia was near Gills Creek, where a weather station recorded more than 18 inches of rain — or more than a third of the city's average yearly rainfall — nearly all of it in 24 hours. The creek was 10 feet above flood stage, spilling floodwaters that almost reached the stoplights at a four-lane intersection.

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"She's very distressed right now," said Gorrin, 38. "She lost everything."

His aunt, who didn't appear to be injured, was heading with her nephew to his house in an unflooded area of Columbia, he said.

"I'm trying to find my way back home, and every road that we've taken is blocked or flooded," he said in a phone interview.

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A pickup truck rests against the side of Gills Creek near a bridge in Columbia on Monday. Days of torrential rains kept much of South Carolina and its capital gripped by floodwaters.

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The Congaree River, swollen by floodwaters, flows under the Gervais Street bridge in Columbia on Sunday. Hundreds were rescued from fast-moving floodwaters as days of driving rain hit a dangerous crescendo in the state.

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# Haley: SC will rebuild, but costs are unknown

**Political considerations are emerging after floods that ravaged the state earlier this month.**

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — As Gov. Nikki Haley seeks to rebuild her state after a history-making storm ravaged South Carolina earlier this month, she keeps returning to the memory of seeing raging floodwaters in the capital city.

In an interview, the governor said she had prayed to keep the people of her state safe amid the destruction.

"The idea the water was up that high was terrifying," the governor said Wednesday, recalling the sight of roaring floodwaters more than 25 feet above normal on the Congaree River, reaching almost to the top of a Columbia bridge. "My thought was — how many people couldn't get out."

Now, as the recovery from



**Haley**

the floods that drowned 12 South Carolinians continues, political considerations are emerging.

Chief will be how to pay for repairs. There have been no official damage estimates, but the floods will likely be the costliest disaster since Hurricane Hugo in 1989, which did \$13.5 billion of damage to the U.S. in inflation-adjusted dollars, most of it in South Carolina.

Haley says she can't know how it will be paid for until the damage estimate is in.

She insists she will keep her promise to repair everything that broke or washed away, but needs to know the bill and how much the Federal Emergency Management Agency will pay before figuring out how the state will find the money.

"We're going to do the as-

sessments. We're going to see what FEMA takes care of. We're going to see what the state needs to do after that," Haley said Wednesday.

Lawmakers have almost universally praised the governor for her handling of the floods. But some wonder if the infrastructure damage was made worse because roads and bridges aren't being maintained.

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter thinks the governor can extend the compassion she has for flood victims to the poor in South Carolina looking for health care. Under Haley, the state has refused to take federal money to expand Medicaid.

"I think the governor has shown tremendous leadership. I appreciate the fact she recognizes South Carolina can't do this alone and there is a role for the federal government to play," said Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg.



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