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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Times and Democrat: Haley: 'Team S.C. stepped up' during flooding

http://thetandd.com/community/haley-team-s-c-stepped-up-during-flooding/article_ec6a7b89-f550-5614-aec2-2a52422809fc.html

Hundreds of people filled the Orangeburg County YMCA gym Friday to receive disaster assistance as Gov. Nikki Haley joined state, federal and non-profit organizations in providing supplies and help. Officials handed out kits including toiletries, cleaning supplies and nonperishable food.

Note: "All that's about pulling people together, letting them know we're going to come to you, and we're going to do it as a strong South Carolina," she said.

Note: "If you were blessed, pay it forward and understand that there's people who've lost everything. If you've lost everything, understand that you've got a group of South Carolinians that have your back," Haley said.

Note: Haley says the state's emergency systems were prepared and performed well during the storm. "We pre-positioned. We knew that when it wasn't the hurricane, we still saw this front coming, so everybody was placed where they needed to be. Team South Carolina stepped up," Haley said.

Associated Press: AP Interview: Haley says SC to rebuild, though costs unknown

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6nMRDDfE

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 with The Associated Press the governor said she had prayed to keep the people of her state safe amid the destruction.

Note: "The idea the water was up that high was terrifying," the governor told The Associated Press on Wednesday in a 20-minute interview in her office, 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."

Note: "We're going to do the assessments. We're going to see what FEMA takes care of. We're going to see what the state needs to do after that. I'm not touching any of the reserve (funds) because we don't have to at this point and time. If that changes, we will deal with that," Haley said Wednesday.

Note: Haley, however, said her positions on her core issues have not changed. "We have gone through tragedies over this past year. But my philosophical ideas have not changed," Haley said. "Just my experiences have."

WLTX: Team SC Flood Recovery Event Coming to Manning

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/flood-recovery/2015/10/23/team-sc-flood-recovery-event-coming-manning/74460648/>

Governor Nikki Haley will host another of her Team South Carolina flood recovery events, this time in Clarendon County. The event takes place Monday at the Clarendon County Community Center, located at 7 Maple Street, Manning, SC 29102 (Behind the Weldon Auditorium in the old Manning High School Gym). It will be held from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Manning Live: State, federal officials and non-profits to join Haley and Team SC on Monday

<http://manninglive.com/2015/10/23/state-federal-officials-and-non-profits-to-join-haley-and-team-sc-on-monday/>

Robert Joseph Barker

Governor Nikki Haley will host a Team South Carolina flood relief event from noon to 4 p.m. Monday at the Clarendon County Community Center, the old high school gymnasium behind Weldon Auditorium. For those impacted by flooding in counties across the state, Team South Carolina events serve as one-stops where

residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses as South Carolina recovers.

WMBF: Gov. Haley to host Team South Carolina for Florence, Williamsburg counties

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/30330820/gov-haley-to-host-team-south-carolina-for-florence-williamsburg-counties>

Whitney Hill

Governor Nikki Haley will be in Kingstree on Monday, October 26, for the Team South Carolina event for Florence and Williamsburg counties that will be held at the Williamsburg Recreation Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., according to a news release from the South Carolina Governor's Office.

S.C. Flood Recovery News:

Associated Press: Residents impacted by floodwaters can get food assistance

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6Vz7UxY4

South Carolina residents who lost property or income due to this month's historic flooding are eligible for temporary food assistance. The state Department of Social Services announced Friday that people living in 20 counties affected by the disaster can apply for debit-like cards that can be used to buy food at grocery stores and other retailers.

The State: Police officers, families, driven from homes by Columbia flood

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article41244486.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

When Sgt. Chris Williams woke one night to find his power gone, he didn't know it was the beginning of the worst flood in Columbia's recent memory. "I went downstairs to see if it was just my house or all the neighborhood," he said. "When I went outside, some of the cats we were feeding, they ran off the deck, and it sounded like they were jumping in a swimming pool."

S.C. Political News:

The State: Marco Rubio says he would defend country, Constitution at West Columbia presidential forum

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article41261949.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio pitched himself as a defender of the U.S. Constitution and the country Friday night before a receptive crowd in West Columbia. S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson asked the Florida Republican and presidential hopeful more than a dozen questions, starting with how Rubio would pick Supreme Court justices – a concern that Wilson said drove him to host the forums.

Post and Courier: Chamber comes to Leon Stavrinakis' defense in Charleston mayor's race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151023/PC16/151029610>

Diane Knich, Schuyler Kropf

The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce went to bat for Leon Stavrinakis, the candidate it endorsed in the Charleston mayor's race, the same day another candidate released a TV ad questioning his record on road funding as a state representative. Ginny Deerin, founder of WINGS for Kids and Charleston Mayor Joe Riley's former campaign manager, launched the ad Friday.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: S.C. lawmakers consider ways to regulate proposed oil pipeline that would run through the state

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151023/PC1603/151029695>

Maya T. Prabhu

South Carolina lawmakers are placing hurdles for constructing pipelines in the state after learning of a proposal for a 360-mile oil pipeline from Belton to Jacksonville, Fla. The proposed Palmetto Pipeline would carry 150,000 barrels of refined petroleum products such as gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel and ethanol per day, according to Kinder Morgan, the Texas-based company that wants to construct the pipeline.

Greenville News: Legislators share concerns about GHS changes

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/health/2015/10/23/legislators-share-concerns-ghs-changes/74458062/>

Nathaniel Cary

Changing how the Greenville Health System is governed could have a major impact on patients and others served by GHS. But whether the impact of the proposed changes is beneficial depends on which side of the debate you're on. GHS leaders say consumers would get a health system that functions nimbly to meet their healthcare needs while making investments that strengthen the system's ability to advance research, add medical services and expand care to more local residents.

Greenville News: Refugee issue stirs strong emotions, despite no influx expected

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/23/refugee-issue-stirs-strong-emotions-despite-no-influx-expected/74079578/>

Ron Barnett

Members of the Pickens County Republican Party recently heard a chilling update on the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program at Liberty Auditorium. One of the forum speakers, Tara Servatius from WORD Radio, warned the crowd of about 40 that the refugee program is part of a conspiracy orchestrated by insiders in Washington that's designed to create a one-party political system and enlarge a populace dependent on big government.

Note: The speakers at the meeting placed the blame on Gov. Nikki Haley, who they said signed off on the federal government's request to allow refugees here.

Note: "Just as we cannot allow fear to erode America's place in the world as accepting of immigrants who chose to come legally and contribute as citizens, nor can we allow ineffective federal bureaucracies to put our citizens at risk," she wrote.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: Richland 1 right to make up lost school days; other districts should too

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/editorials/article40931646.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

THREE HEARTY cheers to the Richland District 1 school board, for refusing to cheat students out of the flooded-out class time they deserve. Other school districts that had to close as a result of the largest rainfall in the state's recorded history need to likewise provide their students with the 180 days of class time that state law promises them every year.

Post and Courier: Santee Cooper's solar eclipse

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151024/PC1002/151029593>

Editorial

Going solar has never been easier or more practical in South Carolina — unless you're a Santee Cooper customer. Last week, the Santee Cooper board approved a solar incentives package that offers some slight improvements over an initial proposal released over the summer. It's still not enough.

South Carolina News:

The State: Only 1 in 9 SC 11th graders 'ready' for success in college, scores say

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article41220753.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Only one in nine S.C. 11th graders is ready to tackle a college course load with success, according to the state's most recent test results, released Friday by the S.C. Department of Education. The remaining students — roughly 89 percent of last school year's juniors — were not prepared to perform well in college-level English, reading, math and science courses combined.

Associated Press: States reliant on fossil fuels sue over new clean air rules

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0rW0O5Wf

Michael Biesecker

States and industry groups dependent on fossil fuels filed court challenges Friday to President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Opponents of the plan filed a flurry of lawsuits at the U.S. Court of Appeals as the Environmental Protection Agency published its final version of the new regulations.

Associated Press: U of South Carolina holding free STEM fair for kids

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=n1xmJEEj

The University of South Carolina is offering a free opportunity for kids to start thinking scientifically. On Saturday, the USC Children's Center and the College of Education are inviting families to an annual Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Fair. The free event starts at 9 a.m. and runs through noon at the Children's Center on Wheat Street in Columbia.

Post and Courier: Catherine Templeton resigns from South Carolina ports authority after 5 weeks
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151023/PC05/151029723>

John McDermott

Catherine Templeton, the former S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control chief who joined the State Ports Authority last month, has abruptly left the Charleston-based maritime agency. Templeton resigned effective immediately as senior vice president of legal, external affairs and human resources, the SPA said Friday

Associated Press: Templeton resigns from position with SC Ports Authority
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4gEn2hbi

The former director of South Carolina's health agency is leaving her new position with the South Carolina Ports Authority. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/1KtADdu>) Catherine Templeton is resigning immediately from her post as senior vice president of legal, external affairs and human resources with the authority.

The State: Templeton leaving S.C. Ports Authority
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article41173737.html>
Cassie Cope

Catherine Templeton is leaving her position with the S.C. Ports Authority immediately, the agency announced Friday. Templeton decided that the position, senior vice president of legal, external affairs and human resources, does not meet her career goals, according to a statement from the agency. Templeton was at the agency just over a month. No successor was named.

National News:

Associated Press: GOP, Dems moving in opposite directions after a pivotal week
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=T7Jy5J4d

Steve Peoples, Lisa Lerer

After a pivotal week, the presidential race has become a tale of two parties on sharply different trajectories: Hillary Rodham Clinton has tightened her grip on the Democratic nomination while Republican concern is reaching new heights. Some officials are even considering what could turn into a GOP civil war to stop Donald Trump - with no fallback option.

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