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Tropical Storm Hermine News:

The Weather Channel: 1 Reportedly Missing in South Carolina as Hermine Treks Up Atlantic Coast
<https://weather.com/news/news/hermine-georgia-south-carolina-north-carolina>

Ada Carr

In Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, officials are still searching for a surfer who went missing Friday after being knocked down by a wave. Friday emergency crews responded to reports of a surfer who was knocked down by a wave in Murrells Inlet and has yet to resurface, WMBF News reports. The surfer went missing at 1690 N. Waccamaw Drive shortly before 5 p.m. Parts of South Carolina, especially the Lowcountry, experienced heavy rainfall and strong winds associated with Hermine, leaving thousands without power Friday. But Emergency Management Division spokesman Derrec Becker told the AP that there was no major damage reported, and a state of emergency was not declared by Gov. Nikki Haley. More than 30,000 were without power Friday, according to multiple energy companies. For a complete list of road closures, check the WCSC-TV website.

Associated Press : After slamming Florida, Hermine threatens East Coast

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f52a0ca05bd140678422ac9bd7dc6a0c>

Jason Dearen

The first hurricane to hit Florida in more than a decade wiped away beachside buildings and toppled trees onto homes Friday before plowing inland on a path that could send it rolling up the densely populated East Coast with heavy rain, high winds and flooding. Hermine (her-MEEN) quickly weakened to a tropical storm and was spinning inland along the North Carolina coast late Friday. But the National Hurricane Center predicted it would regain hurricane strength late in the weekend after emerging over the Atlantic Ocean. The system could then lash coastal areas as far north as Connecticut and Rhode Island through Labor Day. "Anyone along the U.S. East Coast needs to be paying close attention this weekend," said Dennis Feltgen, a spokesman for the National Hurricane Center. In Florida, Hermine's main impact came in the form of power outages and damage from storm surges. A homeless man south of Gainesville died when a tree fell on him, Gov. Rick Scott said.

Associated Press : 21,000 remain without power as Hermine leaves South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bCwRNX4k

SC State Wire

Tropical Storm Hermine has left power outages and downed trees in South Carolina, but little damage. About 21,000 customers remained without power Saturday morning, well after the storm moved out of the state. About half the outages are along the coast, while the other half are in inland counties like Dillon, Florence, Lee and Sumter. Hermine brought wind gusts of up to 60 mph along the coast Friday with winds gusting to 50 mph inland. Widespread areas east of Columbia received at least 4 inches of rain, with up to 10 inches of precipitation reported around Myrtle Beach. No major flooding was reported, and the storm caused no deaths or serious injuries. Hermine left behind beautiful weather. Lows across the state made a rare summer dip below 70 degrees.

The State: Tropical storm soaks South Carolina, then marches away

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article99514522.html>

Staff

The remnants of Hurricane Hermine battered South Carolina with drenching rains and high winds Friday, flooding streets, pounding beaches and leaving thousands without power as the tropical weather system moved up the East Coast from the Gulf of Mexico. But with clearing skies forecast today, state emergency officials said South Carolina appears to have avoided major widespread damage from the storm. Many of the reports of damage centered on downed trees and power lines. More than 50,000 power outages were reported statewide Friday night. Flooding occurred in parts of eastern South Carolina and in Columbia, mostly in hot spots that typically flood during heavy rains. In Columbia, more than five inches of rain fell from 8 p.m. Thursday to 8 p.m. Friday, causing some creeks to rise and begin to spill their banks. Richland County reported that Eastover received about seven inches of rain.

Post and Courier: After Hermine, thousands in the Charleston area still without power

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160903/160909769/after-hermine-thousands-in-the-charleston-area-still-without-power>

Thousands of people in the Charleston area still did not have power Saturday morning after Tropical Storm Hermine's mighty winds blew out transformers and knocked over trees in the tri-county area. An outage map from South Carolina Electric and Gas company showed 1,550 customers in Charleston County were without power shortly before 8 a.m. Saturday. The outages Saturday morning were not as great in neighboring Berkeley and Dorchester counties. The outage map showed 32 customers in Berkeley County did not have power, while 360 customers did not have power in Dorchester County. The utility recorded 6,253 customers without power statewide Saturday morning.

Island Packet: Hermine's lingering toll: More than 2,500 in the dark, 3 families displaced

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article99473352.html#storylink=cpy>

Staff

A Saturday morning update to this story can be found [here](#). Tropical Storm Hermine struck the Lowcountry a wet but glancing blow Friday, leaving hundreds of trees down and thousands of residents without power. At least three families in Beaufort County were displaced from their homes due to damage from the storm, including two families on Hilton Head, Beaufort County Emergency Management Director Lt. Col. Neil Baxley said. The families were placed in temporary housing by the Red Cross. "They'll be out of their houses for a while," said Baxley. And Hermine left thousands of residents in the dark, as powerlines went down across the Lowcountry. More than 15,000 customers were without power in Beaufort County alone at the height of the storm, power companies reported. There were still more than 5,600 outages for SCE&G customers in Beaufort County as of Friday evening, including more than 1,000 in Bluffton.

Sun News: Hermine brings flooding, power outages

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article99501557.html>

Chloe Johnson

As Tropical Storm Hermine moved from Georgia to northeastern South Carolina on Friday, the Grand Strand area was pummeled with rain and spots of flooding. A warning for rip currents persists Saturday morning and the rain is expected to clear up, according to the National Weather Service. Several areas close to the shore in Myrtle Beach were covered with flood waters, including spots along North Oak Street, King's Highway and Ocean Boulevard. Holmestown Road, Farrow Parkway

and southern areas of U.S. 17 also saw significant flooding. Floods sent multiple vehicles off roadways or caught cars in their flow, county Fire Rescue spokesman Brian VanAernem said. One car went off the roadway and into a pond at U.S. 17 and the exit for International Drive. The driver of that vehicle was later located at a local motel. Another vehicle was caught in flood waters at 12125 U. S. 17, in Pawley's Island.

Post and Courier: Hermine leaves little damage as it moves out of Charleston area, sets rainfall record in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160902/160909895/hermine-leaves-little-damage-as-it-moves-out-of-charleston-area-sets-rainfall-record-in-north-charleston>

Bo Petersen and Gregory Yen and Prentiss Findlay

Tropical Storm Hermine moved through the Charleston area Friday leaving behind power outages and minor flooding on some streets, but minimal damage. The storm was a category 1 hurricane when it made landfall in Florida. It battered the state's Gulf Coast, weakened to a tropical storm and lashed southern Georgia as it made its way to South Carolina. All in all, however, Hermine seems to have spared the Lowcountry any widespread, significant damage. By late Friday night the storm had moved to a position 30 miles west southwest of Wilmington, N.C., according to the National Hurricane Center. Maximum sustained winds of 50 mph were recorded. The storm was moving northeast at 22 mph, the Hurricane Center said. A tropical storm warning was discontinued for areas south of Edisto Beach, S.C.

Aiken Standard: Hermine makes a mess in Aiken County

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160902/160909870/hermine-makes-a-mess-in-aiken-county>

Dede Biles

Hermine made a mess in Aiken County as she approached and began passing through South Carolina at tropical storm strength Friday. After roaring into Florida from the Gulf of Mexico as a Category 1 hurricane, Hermine weakened, but rainfall and gusting winds were widespread locally. The problems caused by Hermine included falling trees, downed power lines and traffic accidents. Water also covered some roads. But no devastating damage had been reported as of mid-afternoon. "It's been a nuisance – maybe just a step above that – but it's certainly not catastrophic based on the effects that we have seen so far," said Bruce Cherry, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Columbia. Aiken County was under a flash flood warning that was scheduled to last until 6 p.m. and a high wind warning that was scheduled to continue until 2 a.m. today (Saturday).

Morning News : Hermine leaves sunny skies, power outages in its wake

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_14a12b92-71d3-11e6-844f-13c76109d913.html

With Tropical Storm Hermine blew through overnight Friday into Saturday and left sunny skies and scattered power outages across the Pee Dee. Anticipating the situation with the water-soaked ground and high winds, Duke Energy sent additional crews to Florence ahead of the storm to be prepared to help with restoration, according to a company release. One of the businesses hit by the outages was the Morning News, which lost power at its press plant on Otis Way in Florence. Today's edition was printed early Saturday morning at another facility in the area and subscribers who do not receive their Saturday paper today will get it with the delivery of their Sunday edition. Full access to all content today on scnow.com will be free and unlimited to everyone. The storm also pushed several Pee Dee rivers up and out of their banks, though dry weather ahead of the storm helped some there.

SC Political News:

McClatchy DC: SC Hispanics fear Trump has put a bull's-eye on their backs

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article99643587.html#storylink=cpy>

Vera Bergengruen

The presidential campaign has changed South Carolina Hispanics' lives – regardless of their immigration status. In interviews this past week with 25 Hispanics in South Carolina, some of them registered voters and some of them in the U.S. illegally, they expressed fear that the immigration rhetoric of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has put a bull's-eye on their backs and imperiled their futures. "It doesn't matter if Trump doesn't win. The damage has already been done," said Ilia Rivera of Greenville, South Carolina, who chairs the Hispanic Caucus of the state's Democratic Party. "He replanted that seed of racial discrimination in some South Carolinians here that after years of working together in the community was so close to being gone." Those eligible to vote – 34 percent of South Carolina's Hispanic population of 258,000 – have been apathetic about registering, said Wilfredo Leon of Greenville, who started South Carolina's first Spanish-language newspaper in 1996. Trump's campaign has changed that.

Associated Press: SC GOP chair: Clinton emails 'reckless,' show 'bad judgment'

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

Meg Kinnard

The FBI's recent release of documents related to its investigation into Hillary Clinton's private email server shows the Democratic nominee isn't fit to be president, South Carolina's Republican Party chairman said Friday. "Hillary Clinton's private email server was a reckless attempt to avoid accountability," Matt Moore told The Associated Press on Friday. "Her using 13 different devices in four years shows it was never about convenience." In a rare step, the FBI on Friday published scores of pages summarizing interviews with Clinton and her top aides during the bureau's recently closed criminal investigation into her use of a private email server at her home. Telling the FBI she never sought or asked permission to use a private server or email address during her tenure as the nation's top diplomat, which violated federal records keeping policies, Clinton relied on the judgments of her staff and others not to illegally send emails containing classified information to her private email server, and told FBI investigators she was unclear about a classification marking on official government documents.

Post and Courier: Democrats chide SCETV decision not to air debates this year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160902/160909866/democrats-chide-scetv-decision-not-to-air-debates-this-year>

Schuyler Kropf

South Carolina Democrats are blasting the decision by S.C. Education Television not to broadcast any political debates this year, saying the public network is cutting off the voice of a rising minority party that's getting stronger. "It is regrettable that SCETV has apparently decided to focus on political punditry rather than informing the public about the choices facing voters this November," the party said in a statement Friday. "What's more, their political punditry is woefully off the mark." The statewide network often has organized and aired the only televised debates between congressional and statewide candidates seeking office in South Carolina. The Democrats said SCETV apparently decided November's congressional match-ups between Republicans and Democrats are not "highly competitive."

Associated Press: S Carolina wants audits of board spending at Clemson, USC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nL2gc022

Sean Adcox

Audits have been ordered for South Carolina's three research universities after revelations that their trustees spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on luxury hotels, expensive dinners and travel to football games. The South Carolina's Commission on Higher Education's director, Gary Glenn, said the state inspector general was being asked Friday to review "alleged excessive spending" by the boards overseeing Clemson, the University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina. The commission voted unanimously Thursday to request the audits after a report by The Post and Courier of Charleston that MUSC board members were reimbursed \$560,000 over five years for spending on luxury hotels, dining and alcohol while in Charleston for meetings. While the article focused on MUSC's board, the newspaper reported finding that Clemson's governing board spent more - \$750,000 since 2011 - and that trustees of USC, the state's largest university, spent less than \$400,000 in that time frame. Clemson and USC boards each spent more than \$100,000 on football travel.

Post and Courier : Commission on Higher Education calls to investigate MUSC Board spending
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160902/160909893/commission-on-higher-education-calls-to-investigate-musc-board-spending>

Doug Pardue and Lauren Sausser

The agency that oversees higher education in South Carolina has voted unanimously to investigate the spending habits of the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Trustees after The Post and Courier reported the group racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of hotel, dining and liquor bills in five years. The Commission on Higher Education also called on the state's inspector general to audit the spending practices of the governing boards of the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. Those boards combined spent more than \$1 million during the same time frame. The commission's decision Thursday was made less than a week after The Post and Courier published an investigation about the MUSC Board's lavish expenses. The newspaper found board members regularly stay at luxury hotels when they visit Charleston for meetings, eat at the city's finest restaurants and order pricey bottles of wine.

Greenville News : Legislators file suit to stop GHS restructuring

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/02/legislators-file-suit-stop-ghs-restructuring/89726262/>

Liv Osby

Members of the Greenville County legislative delegation filed a lawsuit Friday to challenge Greenville Health System's authority to pursue its restructuring plans. "Act 432 specifically prohibits what they're doing," said Rep. Mike Burns, referencing the state law that established GHS in 1947. "It doesn't say you can lease your authority to a private group." GHS said it had not yet been served with the lawsuit. "We cannot comment on it until we have had the opportunity to review it," said Sandy Dees, GHS spokeswoman in an emailed statement. GHS wants to change its governance structure so that it can remain a public nonprofit as part of a larger private, nonprofit multi-regional health system. Under that plan, GHS would lease its assets to an Upstate Affiliate Organization, which would operate existing GHS hospitals and facilities, and a Strategic Coordinating Organization would make decisions about the direction of the system. The new governance model has been criticized by some members of the delegation, who say the plan would take public assets out of public oversight since GHS trustees, who are approved by the delegation, would no longer be responsible for strategic decisions.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press : Charleston shooting hearing continues later this month

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

SC State Wire

A closed hearing on suppressing evidence in Dylann Roof's trial in the Charleston church shootings resumes later this month. The 22-year-old Roof faces hate crimes and other federal charges in the June 2015 shootings at Emanuel AME Church in which nine parishioners were killed. His defense attorneys want some evidence kept out of his November trial and a closed hearing was held Thursday. A notice filed by the court on Friday says that hearing will resume Sept. 20. Earlier this week, U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel overruled objections from media attorneys opposed to closing the hearing. The judge said opening it could compromise Roof's right to a fair trial, calling it a rare case where that right outweighs the public's right to know what's happening in court.

Post and Courier: Closed evidence hearing in Emanuel AME Church shooting to stretch into 2nd day

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160902/160909884/closed-evidence-hearing-in-emanuel-ame-church-shooting-to-stretch-into-2nd-day>

Andrew Knapp

A federal hearing on evidence in the Emanuel AME Church killings will stretch into a second day, a court document says. Opposing attorneys in Dylann Roof's death penalty case discussed at the start of proceeding Thursday whether certain information should be suppressed, or excluded, from his Nov. 7 trial, the document stated. Witnesses testified and exhibits were presented during the hearing in downtown Charleston. But the attorneys did not finish discussing the issue. They will meet a second time at 9 a.m. Sept. 20. All such suppression proceedings are closed to the public because U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel thought the disclosure of the evidence before trial could prejudice prospective jurors, jeopardizing Roof's right to a fair trial. Two news organizations, The Post and Courier and WCBF-TV, unsuccessfully opposed the judge's measure.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: Increased scrutiny by CHE includes MUSC

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160903/160909804/increased-scrutiny-by-che-includes-musc>

Editorial

The S.C. Commission of Higher Education has an important — and long overdue — message for the state: It will no longer approve unjustified spending by state colleges and universities. Its meeting Thursday illustrated that commitment. Members voted unanimously to ask the S.C. inspector general to audit spending by trustees at the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. Last Sunday's Post and Courier reported on expensive dinners and lodging for MUSC trustees in Charleston to attend board meetings, despite the panel having received warnings from auditors. Since 2011, the 16-member MUSC board spent nearly \$600,000. The CHE is reserving judgment until it knows the facts. If those facts demonstrate too much spending, the commission will decide on a course of action at MUSC. But if those facts do not present a problem, the commission wants to clear the air for the people of South Carolina. Unfortunately, as commissioner Hood Temple said, "All universities' boards of trustees are poisoned" by allegations about the MUSC board.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Census data: S.C. gaining new businesses, more diverse entrepreneurs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160902/160909784/census-data-sc-gaining-new-businesses-more-diverse-entrepreneurs>

Thad Moore

South Carolina is adding new companies at a healthy clip, new federal data show, suggesting that the state's entrepreneurs feel confident enough to strike out on their own. Nearly 1 in 12 South Carolina companies didn't exist even a few years ago, according to a first-of-its-kind survey conducted by the Census Bureau, and the Palmetto State's entrepreneurs represent an increasingly diverse cross-section. The data offer important insights into the state's economy: While the new businesses account for only a small portion of the jobs and money flowing through the state, they hint at the vitality of the state's economy. The more opportunity people see around them, the more likely they are to set out on their own ventures. And by that measure, South Carolina is holding its own. About 8 percent of firms in the Palmetto State hadn't yet celebrated their second birthday when the Census Bureau conducted its first-ever Survey of Entrepreneurs in 2014, slightly less than the national rate of roughly 9 percent. That was good enough for No. 22 in the country, behind bigger states like California and New York and the West's then-booming oil patch.

Post and Courier : Next bad drought could cripple state, region

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160903/160909835/next-bad-drought-could-cripple-state-region>

Bo Petersen

Thirsty? The Southeast is. And the pelting from Tropical Storm Hermine won't make much difference. The storm arrived with all of South Carolina and much of the region in drought or under the threat of drought, less than a year after record flooding rains fell in this state. The specter of drought has plagued the state for nearly two decades, including two severe episodes at the turn of the century and then in 2007-2008. The next severe drought could easily be worse, regional hydrologists say, as warming climate evaporates more of the surface water and brings longer, more severe swings of rainy and dry periods. All that while more people and more industries dip into the shrinking supply. And next time might come sooner than you think. That's why officials and researchers in South Carolina are scrambling to quantify just how much water comes through the state at any given time, who uses it and how important is that use: Sooner or later, a serious enough drought will force officials to prioritize who gets how much at a time. An update on the multi-agency S.C. Surface Water Availability Assessment will be given at the S.C. Water Resources Conference in Columbia in October.

Local News:

Associated Press: APNewsBreak: Gay police chief didn't follow town policy

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MnPegNw7

Jeffrey Collins

The openly gay police chief of a small South Carolina town was suspended for failing to inform supervisors of a sexual harassment claim, revealing an officer's salary at a public meeting and failing to file vehicle reports. The town of Latta released Crystal Moore's disciplinary records Friday to The Associated Press after a Freedom of Information Act request. The town suspended Moore for five days this month. In response to the reprimands, Moore promised to follow town policy. The documents also show Moore checked another employee's disciplinary records without permission. She says she was trying to help a new employee. Latta's mayor fired Moore in 2014 saying he would rather have a drunk watch his grandchildren than a gay person. He was stripped of his power, and Moore was rehired.

Post and Courier : Law enforcement, Goose Creek nonprofit work together to address underage drinking, smoking

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160902/160909817/law-enforcement-goose-creek-nonprofit-work-together-to-address-underage-drinking-smoking>

Melissa Boughton

Local law enforcement agencies have been working for years with the Ernest E. Kennedy Center in Goose Creek to tackle underage drinking and smoking, and it's working. When Alcohol Enforcement Teams were established across South Carolina in 2007, 30 percent of Berkeley and Charleston county businesses were selling booze and cigarettes to underage buyers. That number dropped last year to 10 percent in Berkeley County and 15 percent in Charleston County, according to the center — a nonprofit that is designated as a county substance abuse authority by the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. "What we constantly see is that alcohol is the most widely used substance among youth in the state, and it's an issue that we've been able to successfully work together on," said Wehme Hutto, director of prevention and community services.

Associated Press : Deputy who tossed SC high school student won't be charged

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QMgyAp4b

Meg Kinnard

A South Carolina solicitor says a sheriff's deputy will face no charges for tossing a student across a classroom after she refused to put away her cellphone. Solicitor Dan Johnson announced Friday that he found no probable cause to charge Ben Fields. Fields was fired from the Richland County Sheriff's Department in October after students at Spring Valley High School recorded him flipping a girl to the floor and dragging her across a classroom. Authorities charged that girl as well as another who recorded Fields while denouncing his actions. Johnson says the charges of disturbing schools that both girls faced will also be dropped.

The State: No charges for 2 girls, officer in viral Spring Valley video incident

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article99603512.html>

Clif Leblanc

Neither the fired Richland County school resource officer nor the two Spring Valley High School students involved last fall in a classroom confrontation that went viral will be charged with crimes, the local prosecutors office said Friday. Former deputy Ben Fields, the student he tossed across a school room floor because she refused to turn over her mobile phone and the student whose cell phone video of the incident went viral will not be prosecuted, 5th Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson announced in releasing an 11-page summary of evidence gathered by the FBI and the State Law Enforcement Division. "(I)t is my legal opinion that under the relevant law, SRO Fields' conduct on October 26, 2015, does not warrant criminal charges," Johnson wrote.

Greenville News: Protesters question Clemson policy

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/09/02/protesters-question-clemson-policy/89773248/>

Mike Eads

About two dozen Clemson students turned out Friday to protest against university's rules governing outsider access to campus audiences. The protesters displayed homemade signs with the word "Prayer" on them and said community minister Robby Roberts should have the same privilege. Roberts, 37, spent nearly a week on campus displaying such a sign in Trustee Park, in front of the Fort Hill house. He was approached Aug. 26 by campus administrator Shawn Jones and told to take down the sign, per university rules that restrict outside groups to certain parts of the campus until the student affairs department grants clearance. Campus Reform, a conservative website that purports to expose liberal bias on college campuses, claimed this week that Roberts was ordered off the

campus, but Roberts said in an interview posted on YouTube that he merely turned his sign down and remained at his spot after Jones left.

Associated Press: Confederate flag shirt at jury duty sparks controversy

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=B2XT3EpO

Andrew Dys

In South Carolina, the Confederate flag that so many see as the worst symbol of racism and hate in American history, and apparently some still see as heritage, is never too far away. It flew above and next to South Carolina's Statehouse in Columbia for 54 years. That Rebel flag finally came down last year - to the applause of millions. It took the slaughter of nine black people in a Charleston church to prompt state leaders to move the flag off Statehouse grounds. But the flag came back this week - to court in York County. It came on a shirt, worn by a woman who was a prospective juror. She walked into the Moss Justice Center in York, after she was summoned for jury service, wearing a T-shirt with not just the Confederate flag on the front, but surrounded by a common saying among heritage not hate types: "If this flag offends you, you need a history lesson." The flag - offensive to so many millions, a reminder of racial hatred and a war waged to fight slavery, Jim Crow and segregation, co-opted by the KKK and other hate groups - is not illegal. And the Confederate flag is apparently not grounds for juror disqualification - even if it shouts from a woman's chest.

Aiken Standard: Aiken, North Augusta work to protect bees when mosquito spraying for Zika

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160902/160909877/aiken-north-augusta-work-to-protect-bees-when-mosquito-spraying-for-zika>

Christina Cleveland

After the recent loss of bees in a South Carolina county due to mosquito spraying, Aiken County municipalities with mosquito programs said they implement measures to prevent harming bees when spraying. This week, Dorchester County apologized to local beekeepers after millions of the insects were unintentionally killed and the beekeepers were not notified of the spraying, The Post and Courier reported. The Charleston-based newspaper said it was the first time the county used aerial spraying, or spraying the mosquitoes from the air. The Cities of Aiken and North Augusta both have mosquito programs, with each city spraying late at night or early in the morning when bees are typically not out. "The bees are less (active) so they're usually inside their hives, so usually the spray does not bother them," said Robbie Hunt, supervisor I for the City of Aiken's Public Services Department.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Some Detroit blacks not rolling out welcome mat for Trump

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e5f29973e78f4a90b5185aae858f332b>

Corey Williams

Toni McIlwain believes that as a candidate for president, Donald Trump has a right to go anywhere he wants. But, she says, it takes a lot of nerve for him to visit Detroit. Many black people here, she says, are still stung by the Republican presidential nominee's visit to Michigan last month, when he went before a mostly white audience and declared, "You live in your poverty, your schools are no good, you have no jobs, 58 percent of your youth is unemployed." He asked, rhetorically, what blacks had to lose by voting for him instead of Democrat Hillary Clinton. "People picked up on" Trump saying "you're all just crap," said McIlwain, who for years ran a community center that offered education and drug prevention programs in one of Detroit's most distressed neighborhoods. "He generalized the total black community. How dare you talk to us like that and talk about us like that?" she said.

Associated Press: FBI publishes notes on Clinton's use of private email

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8f5f0fd1a5434d99ab43ea36464752b2>

Michael Biesecker and Eric Tucker

Hillary Clinton told the FBI she relied on her staff not to send emails containing classified information to the private email server she relied on as secretary of state, adding that she was unclear about a classification marking on official government documents. The revelation came Friday as the FBI, in a rare step, published scores of pages summarizing interviews with Clinton and her top aides from the recently closed criminal investigation into her use of a private email server in the basement her Chappaqua, New York, home. The Democratic presidential nominee told the FBI she never sought or asked permission to use a private server or email address during her tenure as the nation's top diplomat from 2009 to 2013. A prior review by the State Department's internal watchdog concluded the practice violated several policies for the safekeeping and preservation of federal records.

National News:

Associated Press : Democrats counting on Indiana as they eye Senate takeover

<http://bigstory.ap.org/88f4a05429664f2ebda937e6e48b5aa0>

Erica Werner

Republican Senate candidates around the country, from Wisconsin to Florida, are bracing for Donald Trump to lose their states, and they're looking for ways to win in spite of him. In Indiana, GOP Senate nominee Todd Young is facing a completely different, but arguably even more frustrating challenge. His opponent, former Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh, shocked Young and pretty much everyone else when he got into the race less than two months ago at the urging of Senate Democratic leaders. Bayh announced he'd changed his mind after retiring from Congress in a well-publicized burst of frustration six years ago, and wanted his old job back. Since then, Bayh has barely talked about Trump, who's expected to win Indiana. But then Bayh barely talks about Young either, or really much about politics at all.

World News:

Associated Press: China, US join climate deal; Obama hails work to save planet

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1b3b3319c1b146378753170c0f0230ce>

Kathleen Hennessey and Josh Lederman

Setting aside their cyber and maritime disputes, President Barack Obama and China's President Xi Jinping on Saturday sealed their nations' participation in last year's Paris climate change agreement. They hailed their new era of climate cooperation as the best chance for saving the planet. At a ceremony on the sidelines of a global economic summit, Obama and Xi, representing the world's two biggest carbon emitters, delivered a series of documents to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The papers certified the U.S. and China have taken the necessary steps to join the Paris accord that set nation-by-nation targets for cutting carbon emissions. "This is not a fight that any one country, no matter how powerful, can take alone," Obama said of the pact. "Some day we may see this as the moment that we finally decided to save our planet. Xi, speaking through a translator, said he hoped other countries would follow suit and advance new technologies to help them meet their targets. "When the old path no longer takes us far, we should turn to innovation," he said.

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