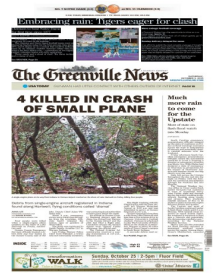


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Clemson to host Notre Dame
for first time since 1977

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CLEMSON — Just call it the perfect storm, a convergence 38 years in the making.

The Clemson and Notre Dame football teams meet at Memorial Stadium today for the first and only time since 1977, and it shapes up as a contest that could be defined more by an ominous weather forecast rather than by what it has been billed to be — a showdown of two highly ranked, unbeaten teams with lofty aspirations.

Three yards and a cloud of dust? Try three inches and a clump of mud.

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Never mind attempting to gain traction on the 30-yard line. Given the anticipated conditions, simply navigating “The Hill” without incident prior to kickoff may prove challenge enough for the Tigers.

Fans of both teams might be best-served by simply embracing the rain, much like former Clemson standout Jeff Bostic, who twice played against Notre Dame and enjoyed a lengthy career as a member of the Washington Redskins’ “Hogs,” the franchise’s famed offensive line of the 1980s and early 1990s.

“When you’re a hog, this is great weather,” Bostic said.

But what if you’re something more akin to a barnyard-raiding fox?

“It’s a disadvantage for Clemson,” Bostic said. “It makes the Notre Dame guys as fast as Clemson’s guys.”

Speed could indeed take a back seat in this one, and success most certainly will favor the team that’s best able to shrug off the weather conditions and muster the most momentum in the mud and muck.

While Bostic will be on hand to watch the proceedings, Gov. Nikki Haley — herself a Clemson alum — may not be so bold.

“It is best if you stay home, stay safe,” Haley advised during a Friday afternoon press conference. “The game is on TV.”

Then, after a brief pause, she donned her Clemson cap.

“If you do go, you need to plan for a lot of standing traffic and a lot of rain and a lot of

More college football coverage

» Clemson’s Watson has a big opportunity to shine on a national stage. **Sports, 1C.**

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Sunday delivery delayed for some

In an effort to publish the most complete coverage of tonight’s primetime football game between Clemson and Notre Dame, we will be going to press with a late edition of The Greenville News. As a result, home delivery of the Sunday morning newspaper may be slightly delayed for a portion of our subscribers.

mud,” she said.

Despite being ranked lower in the most recent polls — Clemson is 11th, Notre Dame seventh in the Amway Coaches Poll — oddsmakers have made the Tigers a 1½-2-point favorite in the nationally televised game (ABC).

And although likely waterlogged, the pregame party promises to be a daylong affair. ESPN’s SportsCenter begins televising live from Clemson’s Bowman Field at 7 a.m., followed by College GameDay at 9 a.m. and myriad other activities leading up to the 8:22 kickoff.

Although it’s not an Atlantic Coast Conference game, tonight’s game falls into the “special” category — the type of game for which one clears the schedule. Hey, even co-offensive coordinator Jeff Scott’s unborn child got the memo, blessing Jeff and his wife, Sara, by arriving last Thursday during the Tigers’ bye week rather than on today’s projected due date.

“Savannah cooperated just like a good coaches’ daughter is supposed to,” said new grandfather Brad Scott with a chuckle.

Now if Notre Dame will just cooperate.

“I hope they don’t bring Joe Montana with ‘em,” Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

He’s not alone. The last time the Fighting Irish paid a visit to Death Valley, the Tigers couldn’t prevent defensive end Ross Browner from taking up residence in their backfield nor a young quarterback by the name of Montana

from snatching victory from the jaws of defeat.

Clemson led 17-7 in the fourth quarter before Montana directed two late scoring drives to produce a 21-17 victory.

Even though the Tigers lost that day, the

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game helped lay the groundwork for a rebirth of Clemson football. That '77 team went to a bowl — the program's first in 18 years — and posted an 11-1 record the next season.

Two years later, the Tigers won the national championship.

"I think it was a landmark game in Clemson history, a linchpin for turning Clemson's fortunes around," Bostic said. "We knew we belonged, even though we lost. It helped change the expectations as to what Clemson fans could look forward to."

Nearly 40 years later, expectations remain high in Tigertown, fueled most recently by four consecutive 10-win seasons and the promise of a fifth.

Swinney chuckled Tuesday when asked about the significance of tonight's game.

"They're Notre Dame — are you kidding me?" Swinney said. "They're the winningest program in the history of college football. Four Horsemen and Knute Rockne and 'win one for the Gipper,' and all that stuff, that's what I grew up on."

"Hopefully 50 years from now some other old boy will be standing up here at the podium...and it will be a whole new crew of media, and hopefully they'll be asking that other

coach what it's like to play a storied program like Clemson."

In time, perhaps such a scenario will unfold. But in the meantime, the Tigers will settle for a victory Saturday night.

"Anytime a school plays Notre Dame — whether it's 1977, 1947 or Saturday — it's special," Bostic said. "Because that's a legendary program and it always will be."

GAMEDAY GUIDE

» **7-9 a.m.** — ESPN Sports-Center Live (Bowman Field)

» **8-10 a.m.** — CNN Headline News TUMS Ultimate Tailgate Cook-Off (Motor Pool Road, just behind Military Memorial Park)

» **9-noon** — ESPN College GameDay (Bowman Field)

» **Noon-3 p.m.** — ESPN Gameday Radio (Bowman Field)

» **Noon-8 p.m.** — S.C. Football Hall of Fame Mobile

Museum and Fan Experience (FanFest area near Doug Kingsmore Stadium) with Madden 16 celebrity gamer Roderick "Hot Rod" McDowell, 2-4 p.m.; and former coach Danny Ford meeting and taking photos with fans from 4-6 p.m.

» **4-6:30 p.m.** — Take your photo with the CFB Playoff National Championship Trophy (Behind Chapman Grandstands at Doug Kingsmore Stadium)

» **5-7 p.m.** — Tiger Tailgate Show (Behind Chapman Grandstands at Doug Kingsmore Stadium), with former Clemson greets Michael Dean Perry and Woodrow Dantzler signing autographs from 5:30-7 p.m.

Note: Bowman Field opens at 6 a.m.



Gov. Nikki Haley advises students who choose to go to the game to have a plan for traffic, rain, and mud.

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Clemson student Natalie Polk poses for a photo with the ESPN Gameday sign she made on Bowman Field on Friday.

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Joaquin is now a major hurricane at a category 4

Horry, Georgetown counties now at OPGON 4

Impacts of Joaquin still uncertain, but large amounts of rainfall predicted

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Emergency preparedness officials in Horry and Georgetown counties moved into OPGON 4 levels Thursday to gear up for possible flooding from Hurricane Joaquin, now a category 4 storm, and the additional rain from a low pressure system in the Gulf of Mexico.

Coastal counties should expect heavy rain through the week until a lull on Saturday, but the rain will start back up Sunday until possibly early Tuesday, said Mike Caropolo, meteorologist

with The National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C.

Emergency management officials urge residents to be prepared as the storm passes Carolina coastal areas.

"The biggest threats to our area are the potential for flash floods and dangerous maritime conditions. All low-lying areas, areas prone to flooding, and communities along the Waccamaw River should use extra

caution and prepare for potential flooding," Horry County spokeswoman Lisa Bourcier said.

S.C. Governor Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency around 6:30 p.m. Thursday, which enables agencies to "better coordinate resources jointly and respond to requests for state assistance from county emergency managers," according to a release.

The Grand Strand will see gusty winds Saturday and Sunday and up to 10 to 15 inches of rain possible from Thursday through the weekend, Caropolo said.

With all the recent rainfall, flooding is likely, he said.

"Roadways, flooding and any small creeks that flow near the roadways are going to become a problem for us," Caropolo said Thursday night.

Steven Pfaff, with The National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C., said that the combination of saturated ground and

high winds could lead to downed trees and possible power outages.

Hurricane Joaquin strengthened to a category 4 hurricane as of 2 p.m. Thursday, making it a major storm as warm waters near

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Hurricane supply kit suggestions

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- Non-perishable food
- Drinking water (two gallons per person per day)
- Flashlights with extra batteries and bulbs
- First aid kit
- Non-electrical can opener
- Necessary medications and prescriptions
- Needed supplies for any children
- Needed supplies for any pets
- Important documents (insurance policies, photo ID, tax records, bank information, etc.)
- Toiletries and other personal hygiene items
- Cash and credit cards
- Weather radio with extra batteries

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the Bahamas created favorable conditions while the system churned and picked up force, weather authorities said.

Pfaff said the hurricane could be a “maritime mess” for northeast South Carolina and southeast North Carolina, depending on the track the storm takes.

Pfaff said there are multiple storm track models out there now, but there are two models that are the most likely paths of the storm.

One of these models shows the storm taking a “left hook” toward the mid-Atlantic and Southeast Carolina coastline, which would bring high winds and flooding to the Grand Strand, Pfaff said.

Another likely model predicts

the storm will get kicked farther out to sea after it sweeps across the Bahamas. Pfaff said if that happens Carolina waters would still be rough with rip currents and some coastal flooding, but residents won’t see the same amount of intensity of inland flooding that the other model suggests.

However, Pfaff stressed that even if the storm moves far out to sea, the Grand Strand and parts of North Carolina coasts will still see very dangerous rough waters with rip currents, large swells, and record rainfall levels.

“It’s a fairly impressive storm,” Pfaff said. “It’s not going to take much for our area to see flooding issues.”

Caropolo said the storm seems to be trending east and may drop to a category 2 hurricane later this week.

Horry and Georgetown counties have gone on alert status preparing for the storm and talking with state emergency management, the National Weather Service, and other coastal communities that are closely watching the storm and reviewing all operational plans, officials said.

Pat Dowling, North Myrtle Beach city spokesman, said the North Myrtle Beach area is also preparing for the expected heavy rainfall.

“City personnel are aware of those areas in our city that tend to flood when large amounts of

rain falls within a short window of time, and public safety personnel are prepared to close those off and respond to any emergencies that might occur. Public works personnel are also prepared to step in to help where they can,” Dowling said in a release.

He said North Myrtle Beach officials have purchased and installed new filter membranes for its Main Street Ocean Outfall, and they have also eliminated mulch from their landscaping, which clogged up the membranes during a previous storm.

Residents are urged to be prepared for whatever the storm may bring and have an emergency plan in place.

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Flood Safety Tips from Horry County officials

- Stay informed
- Monitor local media outlets (including NOAA Weather Radio), internet, and social media for information and updates
- Get out of areas subject to flooding and get to higher ground. Move personal belongings that may flood.
- Obey warning and road closure signs
- Do not drive into flooded roads or around a barricade. Water may be deeper than it appears and can hide many hazards (i.e. ditches, sharp objects and debris, washed out roads, electrical wires, etc.). A vehicle caught in swiftly moving water can be swept away in a matter of seconds. Twelve-inches of water can float a car or small SUV and 18-inches of water can carry away large vehicles.
- Do not walk through flood waters. It only takes six-inches of moving water to knock you off your feet. Watch out for your pets and bring them inside.
- Don't go into any room if water covers the electrical outlets or if cords are submerged. Get out if you see sparks or hear buzzing, crackling, snapping or popping noises

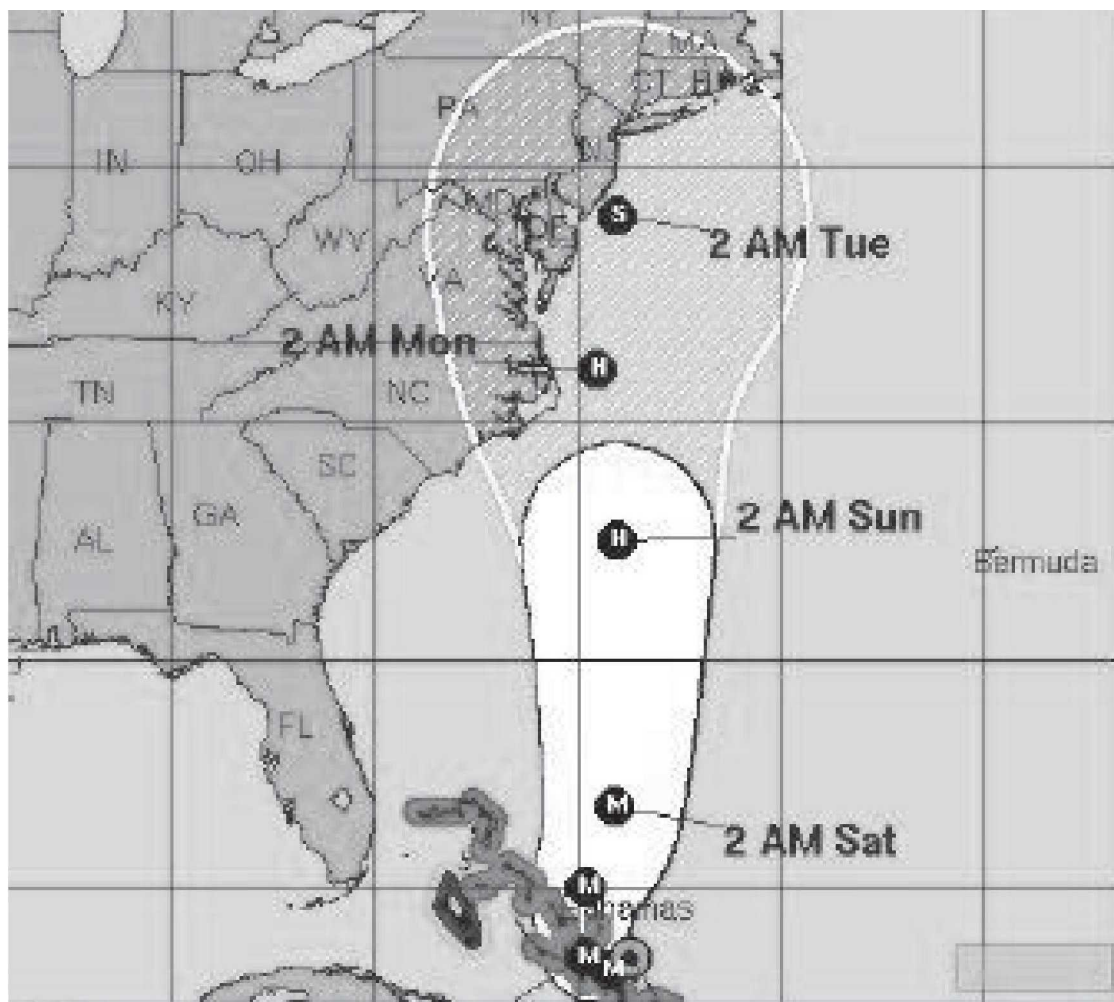
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Rain totals over the next few days are expected to reach double digits as Hurricane Joaquin heads north. Although the hurricane is not expected to make landfall along the Grand Strand, many are concerned with the heavy rain on the already saturated land. Here, people walk the beach in light rain Thursday at Springmaid Pier.

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- National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C.

The image above is not an impact cone, and only shows where the center is likely to progress based on average track errors, Meteorologist, Steve Pfaff said.

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Media, Haley ignore other influences on Roof

I read with interest the articles about Dylan Roof, who is charged with murdering nine innocent people in Charleston. I also read all the knee-jerk reactions by Gov. Nikki Haley and others blaming the Confederate flag for Roof's actions.

In *The Greenville News* article recently, it was shown that Roof was a big fan of violent rap music. His favorite song, which he sang repeatedly, was "Ice Cream Truck." This "song" describes drive-by shootings, head shots and "brains on the sidewalk." The article also stated that witnesses knew that Roof did a lot of experimentation with different drugs. However, I have read not one article about these influences on this person. Maybe Gov. Haley should look at all the facts instead of setting in motion a nationwide purge of everything related to the Confederacy.

Finally, we know that there continue to be many murders in the United States, especially in areas like Chicago and Baltimore. Victims include blacks and whites. Last time I checked, there didn't seem to be an abundance of Confederate flags in those areas. Of course, drugs, the breakup of families, ignorance, and the overall moral breakdown in our country will be ignored as the causes.

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alleged racial slur**

A police body camera video shows Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet used racial slurs during an August incident that resulted charges of misconduct in office. The charge stems from an incident in which Summerville police said Nisbet pulled a gun on a neighbor Aug. 25. Police said Nisbet said the neighbor, Leroy Fulton, had pulled a gun on a repossession worker. In the video Nisbet uses a racial slur to describe Fulton, who is black, and other derogatory terms for blacks. Nisbet said he had no comment. Misconduct in office carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Gov. Nikki Haley suspended Nisbet from office Thursday.— AP



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Ex-Im Bank creates opportunity

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As our nation and our state continue to reckon with the powerful questions raised this year about fairness and race in our society, we should not forget one of the most important components of true equality — economic opportunity for all. Many remember Dr. Martin Luther King's famous March on Washington as a campaign for civil and voting rights, but it was actually titled "A March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom." In an essay published just after his death, Dr. King elaborated "We call our demonstration a campaign for jobs and income because we feel that the economic question is the most crucial."

There are many paths to improving opportunities for people of color and all our neighbors. When I started my business, Innovative Global Supply, six years ago, support from the multiple organizations such as the MBDA Business Center, the USC/Columbia Technology Incubator and the Department of Commerce and the U.S. Commercial Service were crucial to getting us off the ground. There are dozens of such programs helping entrepreneurs launch and grow, thereby helping us build an economy that truly reflects the diversity of our state.

But unfortunately right now one of the most important such programs is sitting on the bench, shut down due to Washington politics and unable to help our state's businesses grow and succeed. It is the U.S. Export-Import Bank, which offers financing and insurance

to help American businesses sell their products overseas.

Many are familiar with the Ex-Im Bank's importance to the overall economy. Last year it helped American businesses close nearly \$30 billion in sales abroad and supported 165,000 U.S. jobs. In South Carolina, Ex-Im has financed over \$4 billion in exports in the last five years. The Bank is a vital link in the America's manufacturing economy, supporting big ticket items like 787 Dreamliners built at Boeing's Charleston plant and smaller ones like the nutritional products we export at IGS. Overall, nearly 90 percent of its transactions benefit small and medium-sized businesses including mine.

Less well known, however is Ex-Im's especially vital role in growing and supporting women- and minority-owned businesses. Congress has actually mandated the Bank to help support and grow these businesses where possible. As a result, one in five Bank transactions now involve these users, helping diverse new entrepreneurs break into the export business. With over 95 percent of potential new customers located outside the United States, any business that can crack into exports is giving itself a crucial leg up.

Overall, Ex-Im has authorized more

GUEST COLUMN



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financing to help grow minority- and women-owned businesses since 2009 than it did over the previous 16 years combined — making it the fastest growing sector in the Bank's small business portfolio.

Why then did Congress allow the Bank's authority to lapse this summer without even taking an up or down vote on the issue? Unfortunately, a small but powerful group of Tea Party leaders have decided to kill the Bank to make some kind of anti-government statement. What sense does it make to shut down one of the most successful pro-jobs programs established by our govern-

ment? Nor does the Ex-Im Bank cost the taxpayers any money; it pays the costs of its operations out of fees and interest on its services and last year actually returned a \$675 million surplus to the national Treasury!

The Ex-Im Bank reauthorization is not a partisan issue. Gov. Nikki Haley and President Barack Obama support it, as do both of our state's Republican senators and a bipartisan majority of our representatives in the House.

Congress must renew the charter of the Ex-Im Bank so it can carry on its vital mission growing business and helping equalize opportunity in our state.

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House panel looking into whether state funds used

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COLUMBIA — About 222 South Carolina women received abortions paid for by Medicaid over the past five years, though none of those occurred at Planned Parenthood's Columbia clinic, a state official says.

three-hour hearing Wednesday by a state House oversight committee examining whether Planned Parenthood or other abortion providers receive state funds.

five years, the panel was told, but "primarily" for contraceptive services, not abortion.

Christina Soura, director of the state

Planned Parenthood has received almost \$300,000 in Medicaid money over

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Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees Medicaid in the state, told lawmakers that his agency is looking at two payments that recently came in that could be for abortions at the Planned Parenthood facility, but officials are not yet sure.

Sarah Eldred, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood, said no state or federal money is provided to the organization for South Carolina services beyond Medicaid reimbursement, which she said is for family planning services.

She said Planned Parenthood was pleased with the way the hearing went Wednesday.

Rep. Bill Taylor, an Aiken Republican, said during the hearing that the panel was not on a witch hunt against any abortion provider.

"I'm just seeking in-

formation so that we can assess how taxpayers' money is being spent," he said.

Rep. James Smith, a Columbia Democrat on the panel, said while it is important for citizens to know how public money is spent, he hopes citizens also will look at how much is being spent by the committee in pursuit of the abortion issue.

"I hope they'll look at the work of this committee," he said, "and see what we've turned up and wonder how much money is being spent on this pursuit to identify, well, a whole lot of not much."

Wednesday's hearing came in the wake of moves by GOP leaders to sever funding for Planned Parenthood nationwide as a result of an undercover video by abortion opponents in which Planned Parenthood officials discussed tissue donation for medical research.

ical research.

Abortion opponents have argued the videos are evidence the organization is improperly selling fetal parts from abortions for research. Planned Parenthood has flatly denied that allegation, saying a handful of clinics across the country offer a voluntary tissue donation service for women who would like to assist medical research, but no tissue is sold. None of those facilities are in South Carolina, they say.

Soura also discussed the conditions under which the state can terminate a Medicaid provider, saying it must be for cause, such as for fraud.

He said Medicaid funds, a mixture of mostly federal money and state funds, can be spent on abortions if the mother's life is at risk, or a woman is the victim of rape or incest. He said reviews are done of payments to ensure the

money is being spent appropriately.

Over a five-year period, he said, Medicaid

paid \$437,361 for abortion services for 222 women in the state; 56 of those were in the fiscal year ending June 30, but more invoices could still come in that could change that number.

While none of the 222 were for Planned Parenthood, he said, his staff is examining two payments to the organization, one for \$78, which could be for abortion services but also could be coding errors.

The committee asked him to find out and relay the information in two weeks. The panel also wants to know the breakdown of women receiving abortions for incest, rape and in cases where the mother's life is at risk.

Lawmakers also requested a breakdown of abortion recipients by age and geographic lo-

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cation.

After the state Department of Social Services director told the panel her agency does not make any payments to an abortion provider, the panel asked her to find out how many requests for abortion are made by minors in the agency's care in situations where a parent has not approved of the procedure. Such situations can occur, she said, if for instance, a minor has been the victim of incest.

The panel also heard from officials with the

Legislative Audit Council, the watchdog arm of the Legislature, about its May report that found problems with inspections of abortion providers by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control.

The audit questioned the thoroughness of DHEC inspections and found almost 500 abortions over five years had not been reported to the state as required by law.

DHEC officials, in a response included with

the audit, took issue with some of the findings, but the agency's new director said the department was interested in improving.

"We hear you," Catherine Heigel, DHEC's director, said. "We're listening. Where we can do better, we will."

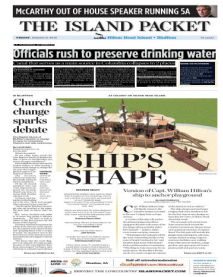
GOP Gov. Nikki Haley ordered inspections by DHEC of South Carolina's three abortion clinics in August, which found dozens of violations and resulted in orders of suspension for the Greenville Women's Clinic and Planned Par-

enthood's Columbia Clinic.

The suspension order was lifted last week for the Greenville Women's Clinic after it paid a fine and submitted a plan of correction. The order for the Columbia facility was stayed after Planned Parenthood submitted a plan of correction, paid a fine and also asked the DHEC board to review the matter.

Haley also has said the State Law Enforcement Division has been asked to look at what inspectors found.

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Officials rush to preserve drinking water

Canal that serves as a main source in Columbia collapses in 2 places

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's capital city had too much water. Now, officials are racing to make sure it has enough.

A canal that serves as the main source of drinking water for about half of the Columbia water system's 375,000 customers collapsed in two places following historic rainfall and flooding over the weekend, sending contractors scrambling to build a rock dam to plug the holes while National Guard helicopters dropped giant sandbags in the rushing water.

Water from the canal normally

flows directly into the reservoir at the city's water treatment plant. But with the water level falling because of the levee breach, workers were forced to place orange pumps on the banks of the canal to pump water directly into the reservoir. And if that wasn't enough, the city had plans to pump water directly from the nearby Broad River.

Officials sought to beat back rampant rumors of an imminent water shortage.

"The system is running, and it is running strong," Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin told reporters.

Meanwhile, Gov. Nikki Haley issued a terse warning to thousands of people in low-lying areas near

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MORE ON FLOODING

- Road closures from flooding have out-of-towners concerned about getting to Bluffton festival. **3A**
- For how and where to donate, go to **9A**.
- To keep up with the forecast, go to our website at bit.ly/bc-weather.

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the coast to "strongly consider evacuating" before a mass of water rumbling toward the ocean floods some places for up to two more weeks. Any mandatory evacuations would be ordered by local officials.

She asked people watching on television to call relatives who may have a false sense of security after surviving hurricanes, calling the second round of expected flooding "a different kind of bad." She said the standing water could last up to 12 days.

"We have thousands of people that won't move. And we need to get them to move," she said. "They don't need to be sitting in flooded areas for 12 days."

In Georgetown County:

near the swollen Black River, National Guardsmen made multiple runs in a military truck to pick up people whose homes had been cut off by submerged roads, sometimes driving through water several feet deep. Among its passengers were a woman and her three children, who were dropped off at a shelter in Georgetown.

Back in Columbia, city officials urged residents to conserve water. And when they do use it, they have to boil it at least one minute. Restaurants are offering bottled water and serving meals on paper plates to avoid washing dishes. And many people often make daily trips to their local grocery stores to

stock up on water.

"It's easy to conserve because you can't really use (the water)," said 26-year-old Laura Reinman, who was pushing a shopping cart with two gallon jugs of water at a Publix grocery store just across the street from the canal.

The city is like hundreds of others along the East Coast and in the Midwest that have been told to fix their aging infrastructure.

HOW, WHERE TO DONATE

More local groups are pitching in to help South Carolina residents affected by the severe flooding.

Since Monday, several organizations and companies have sponsored sup-

ply drives, seeking bottled water and other donations to send to disaster-stricken Charleston and Columbia.

The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette

will accept bottled water donations at the newspapers' building at 10 Buck Island Road during normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The bottled water will be trucked to Columbia nightly.

The town of Bluffton is hosting a water and paper supply drive until today at 1 p.m. The drive is seeking donated water and paper supplies such as paper towels and toilet paper, according to a town news release. Gallon jugs of water

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or larger are preferred, but bottled water will also be accepted.

Residents can drop off donated materials at these locations:

- Town Hall, 20 Bridge St.
- Bluffton Police Department, 101 Progressive St.
- The Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, 217 Goethe Road
- Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Office, 1 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Hilton Head Island
- Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors, 32

Office Park Road, Suite 124, Hilton Head Island

- Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association, 386 Spanish Wells Road, Suite C1, Hilton Head Island.

Taylor's Quality Landscape Supplies of Bluffton is also collecting water

donations to help residents in Columbia in coordination with the American Red Cross, according to post on the company's Facebook page. The company said Monday it was in the process of sending 80 pallets

of water to Columbia and was working on collecting more water to donate.

The company is accepting donations of water or money to purchase it at the store on 36 Cecil Reynolds Road. For more information, call 843-705-2600.

Brighton Builders of Bluffton will hold a collection from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Tuesday at their office, 49 Pennington Drive, Suite B. The company is collecting drinks, nonperishable food, cleaning supplies, bedding materials, new

clothing, and baby items such as food and diapers.

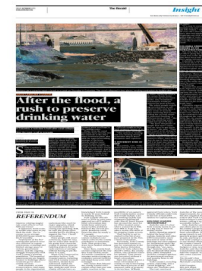
The company's owner, Ben Kennedy, will send a truck up to Columbia with supplies at the end of the week and a second truck next week if needed. For more information, call 843-837-1119.

Today, local band **Cranford Hollow** will hold a water drive at Skull Creek Boathouse on Hilton Head. Attendees to the free concert are asked to bring cases of water to the event,

which starts at 8 p.m. The band will be joined by a special guest, Ellowyn Kane, who recorded tracks on their newest album, St. Telluride.

Kroger on Hilton Head Island, at 42 Shelter Cove Lane in Shelter Cove Towne Centre, is serving as a drop-off location for water donations that will be trucked to Columbia today. The Greenery Retail Center at 960 William Hilton Parkway is also a drop-off location for water, paper towels and toilet paper.

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SOUTH CAROLINA FLOODING

After the flood, a rush to preserve drinking water

In Columbia, a rock dam is built after canal collapse

Near the coast, a call to evacuate

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA

South Carolina's capital city had too much water. Now, officials are racing to make sure it has enough.

A canal that serves as the main source of drinking water for about half of the Columbia water system's 375,000 customers collapsed in two places after historic rainfall and flooding over the weekend, sending contractors scrambling to build a rock dam to plug the holes while National Guard helicopters dropped giant sandbags in the rushing water.

Water from the canal normally flows directly into the reservoir at the city's water treatment plant. But with the water level falling because of the levee breach, workers were forced to place orange pumps on the banks of the canal to pump water directly into the reservoir. And if that wasn't enough, the city had plans to pump water directly from the nearby Broad River.

Officials sought to beat back rampant rumors of an

imminent water shortage.

"The system is running and it is running strong," Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin told reporters.

'A DIFFERENT KIND OF BAD'

Meanwhile, Gov. Nikki Haley issued a terse warning to thousands of people in low-lying areas near the coast to "strongly consider evacuating" before a mass

of water rumbling toward the ocean floods some places for up to two more weeks. Any mandatory evacuations would be ordered by local officials.

She asked people watching on television to call relatives who may have a false sense of security after surviving hurricanes, calling the second round of expected flooding "a different kind of bad." She said the standing water could last up to 12 days.

"We have thousands of people that won't move. And we need to get them to move," she said. "They don't need to be sitting in flooded areas for 12 days."

Back in Columbia, city

officials urged residents to conserve water. And when they do use it, they have to boil it at least one minute. Restaurants are offering bottled water and serving meals on paper plates to avoid washing dishes. And many people often make daily trips to their local grocery stores to stock up on water.

"It's easy to conserve because you can't really use (the water)," said 26-year-old Laura Reinman, who was pushing a shopping cart with two gallon jugs of water at a Publix grocery store just across the street from the canal.

COLUMBIA UNDER ORDERS TO FIX INFRASTRUCTURE

The city is like hundreds of others along the East Coast and in the Midwest that have been told to fix their aging infrastructure.

Columbia is under orders from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to fix its sewage treatment plant and sewer pipes to reduce overflows

that can contaminate waterways. Those orders include spending \$1 million on projects to reduce flooding along Gills Creek, one of the areas devastated by record rainfall and flooding.

And just last month, the state Supreme Court revived a lawsuit challenging how the city has paid for maintenance to its water and sewer systems, saying "simply put, the statutes do not allow these revenues to be treated as a slush fund."

Columbia separates its property tax collections, which are only imposed on city residents, from its water fees, which are paid by its customers who live throughout the region. In 1993, the city passed a resolution allowing it to pull money from the water fund to help balance the city's budget. According to the lawsuit, in the past three years, \$12 million has been transferred from utility customers to pay for non-utility projects, such as economic development and efforts to lure businesses to the city.

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Benjamin said the city has reduced the transfer over the past several years. This year, it was \$2.8 million to help pay for police, fire and 911 services.



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Workers use a crane to repair a break in a canal on Thursday in Columbia. The canal collapsed in two places, sending contractors to build a dam.

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Kevin Cox wades through floodwaters by his home on Woodland Drive in Kingstree, on Wednesday. Cox was removing food from the refrigerator at his home.



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Harold Ancrum checks on Canaan United Methodist Church near Summerville, where some caskets came out of the ground at the church cemetery because of the water.

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Flood hurts more than federal rules

Gov. Nikki Haley said on Sunday that, "We haven't seen this level of rain in the Lowcountry in a thousand years, that's how big this is." In one sense, Gov. Haley is right: This is big. But her statement about the weather is not true.

Regular, reliable weather observations in the



United States are barely 150 years old. There are no weather data that take us back to the year 1015. The term "1,000-year flood" refers to probabilities; it is a flood that has a 0.1 percent chance of occurring in any given year. Experts devote their professional lives to calculating those prob-

abilities, and insurance companies use them to determine their risk liability.

To put it in its simplest terms, Gov. Haley's statement about a 1,000-year level of rainfall bears no relationship to any recorded event. Rather, it is based on the same sort of predictive modeling that tells us global climate change is underway.

The 2014 National Climate Assessment describes how the number of annual extreme weather events has trended upward sharply since the 1960s. It also describes extreme rain-

fall events as increasing by 30 percent over the same period. "The risks from future floods are significant," it says, and coastal South Carolina should expect a 20 percent increase in rainfall by 2099. Sea levels will rise by nearly 4 feet.

The same statistical methods that describe 1,000-year events for insurance companies and governors also predict these catastrophic changes that probably lie just down the road for us.

In 2014, Gov. Haley opposed EPA regulations that would require South Carolina to cut in half by 2030 its carbon emissions — the pollutants thought to contribute most to climate change. "This is exactly what we don't need," she said. "This is exactly what hurts us."

The data tell us how much more frequently we should expect flooding events like what happened across the state this weekend. We will need to rethink what a 1,000-year flood means.

And as we survey the economic and human cost of what has happened, perhaps finally we will rethink exactly what it is that we need and just what hurts us.

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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, right, and Maj. Gen. Bob Livingston, head of the S.C. National Guard, view flood damage from a helicopter Tuesday. Despite an improving forecast, it will still take weeks for the state to return to normal after being pummeled by an historic rainstorm.