



Mayor Allen Joines speaks to members of the media during a press conference on Thursday, October 1. Joines said he was delighted to be the host city of the 72nd Annual NAACP State Convention.

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convention include; Joy Reid, political correspondent for MSNBC, Ari Berman, writer for The Nation magazine, and U.S. Rep. Alma Adams (12th District of N.C.).

The convention will feature the ninth annual Romallus O. Murphy program, which offers continuing education credits in law. The topics for the program, which will be on Friday, include looking at voting rights, Confederate flag, Black Lives Matter and the death penalty.

According to Laws, Barber's State of the State address is always a must see event. The speech is similar to the State of the Union address given by the president of the United States.

"If you plan to attend the State of the State address, you should plan to get there early," smiled Laws. "It is always one of

our more crowded events." According to a schedule of the convention, attorney Lani Guinier of Harvard Law School will speak at the Freedom Fund Awards. Guinier is probably best known as President Bill Clinton's nominee for assistant attorney general for Civil Rights in April 1993. Clinton withdrew the nomination after controversy about her writings surfaced.

Issac Howard, president of the Winston-Salem NAACP Branch, said, "The local branch is proud to be the host of this years convention. The members have been busy preparing for our brothers and sisters from across the state."

For a complete schedule of events and more information on the 72nd Annual NAACP State Convention visit www.naacpnc.org



Michelle Laws, executive director of the state NAACP reads a list of activities that will be happening during the 72nd Annual NAACP State Convention.

'Fire hose' of moisture slams South Carolina

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — People across South Carolina got an object lesson Monday in how you can dodge a hurricane and still get hammered.

Authorities struggled to get water to communities swamped by it, and with waterlogged dams overflowing, bridges collapsing, hundreds of roads inundated and floodwaters rolling down to the coast, the state was anything but done with this disaster.

"This is a Hugo-level event," said Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston, head of the South Carolina National Guard, referring to the September 1989 hurricane that devastated Charleston. "We didn't see this level of erosion in Hugo. ... This water doesn't fool around."

Much-feared Hurricane Joaquin missed the East Coast, but fueled what experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration called a "fire hose" of tropical moisture that aimed directly at the state. A solid week of rainfall has killed at least 10 people in South Carolina and two in North Carolina, and sent about 1,000 to shelters. About 40,000 have been left without drinkable water.

One of the latest to die was McArthur Woods, 56, who drove around a barricade and drowned Sunday night. His passenger managed to climb on top of the sedan, which stalled in the rushing water. A firefighter rescued her after someone heard her screams.

"She came out the window. How she got on top of the car and stayed there like she did with that water — there's a good Lord," Kershaw County Coroner David West said.

By Monday, the heaviest rains had moved into the mid-Atlantic states. Along the Jersey Shore, some beaches devastated by Superstorm Sandy three years ago lost most of their sand to the wind, rain and high surf.

South Carolina authorities mostly switched Monday from search and rescue into "assessment and recovery mode," but Gov. Nikki Haley warned citizens to remain careful as a "wave" of water swelled downstream and dams had to be opened to prevent catastrophic failures above low-lying neighborhoods near the capital.

"South Carolina has gone through a storm of historic proportions," Haley said. "Just because the rain stops, does not mean that we are out of the

woods."

Indeed, shortly after the governor's news conference, two dams in two separate towns east of downtown Columbia burst on Monday afternoon, forcing the evacuation of some neighborhoods.

James Shirer, who lives in the area, saw one of the dams, in the town of Forest Acres, fail and a 22-acre lake drain in 10 to 15 minutes.


"It just poured out," Shirer said.

The 16.6 inches of rain that fell at Gills Creek near downtown Columbia on Sunday made for one of the rainiest days recorded at a U.S. weather station in

more than 16 years.

An Associated Press reporter surveying the scene by helicopter saw the entire eastern side of the capital city awash in floodwater. Neither trailer parks nor upscale neighborhoods were spared: One mansion's swimming pool was filled with a yellowish broth.

Some towns were entirely cut off. About 60 miles southeast of the capital, all four roads leading into the county seat of Manning were closed, isolating 4,000 people. Many smaller communities in Clarendon County are in a similar predicament, Sheriff Randy Garrett said.



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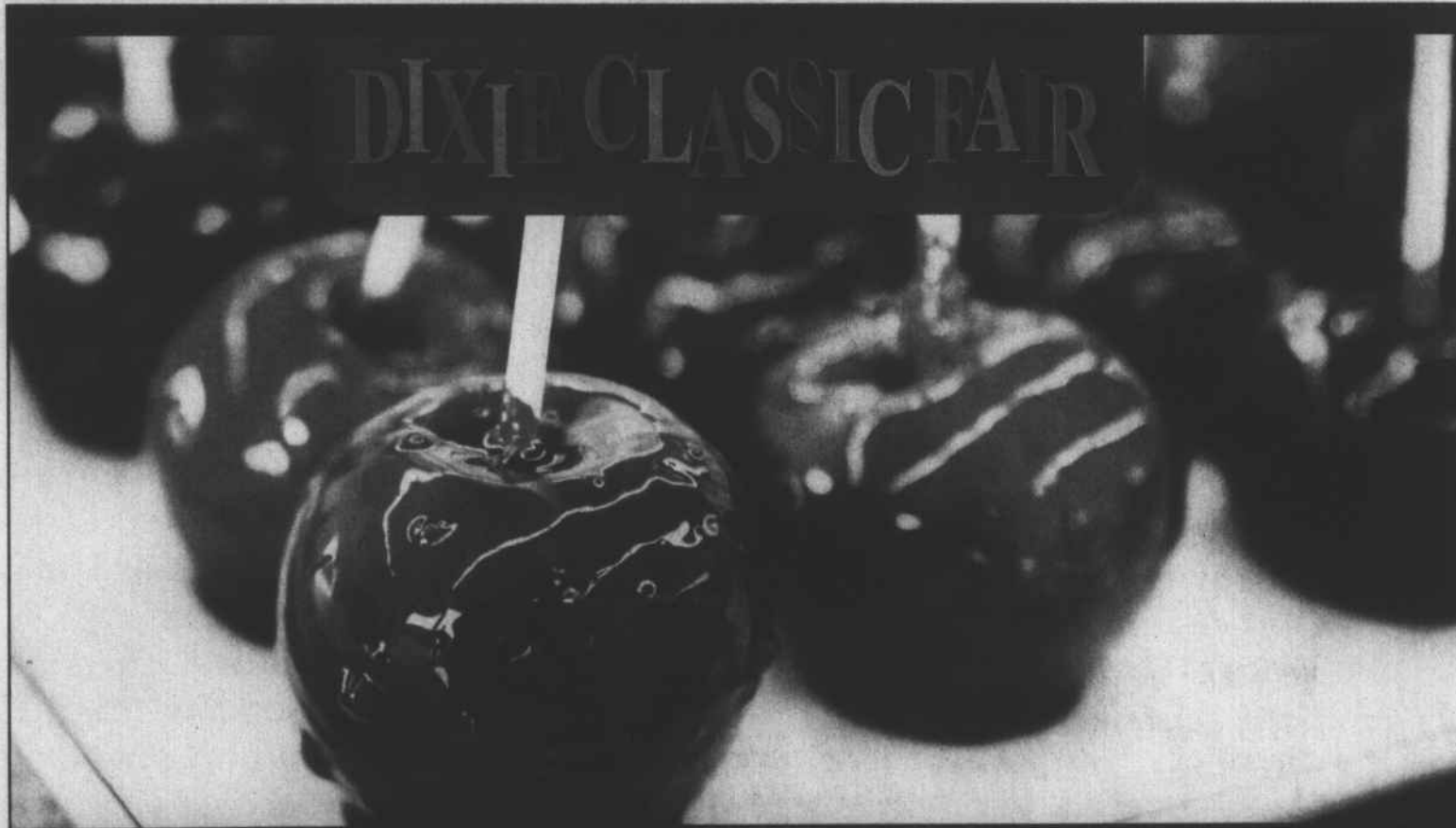
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