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## Car slams into four children

Police seek driver who left the scene

BY DAVE MUNDAY  
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Police are looking for a driver who hit four children in a Berkeley County neighborhood, then took off and left them lying in the street.

The incident took place about 11:30 p.m. Saturday in the Sangre neighborhood off U.S. Highway 17, east of Summerville.

The four children were sitting on a

curb outside James Vawter's house at 151 Paddock Way talking and surfing the Internet, he said Sunday night.

Two girls were 8, a boy was about 11 and another girl was 13 or 14, he and other neighbors said.

A car that witnesses described as a silver Ford Taurus came around a sharp curve too fast, lost control, corrected, slammed into the children and kept going, the neighbors said. "You can't see around this corner," Vawter said. "It's

To help

Anyone with information is asked to call the Highway Patrol at 953-6010 or 953-6032.

just a really bad situation."

Neighbors poured out of their houses to comfort the children.

"We just started praying," Vawter said. "It was a horrifying event."

All the children were taken to Medical University Hospital, one by helicopter. There was no word on their conditions Sunday.

Madison Vawter, a ninth-grader and daughter of James Vawter, said she heard the thump from inside the house and ran outside.

"The first thing I saw was Evan (the boy) lying on the ground," she said. "Then I looked, and there were children all the way down."

She said the oldest girl was hurt the worst.

Vawter said he has been worried about the sharp curve. The street has no sidewalks.

Reach Dave Munday at 937-5553.

## A growing thirst

Water Missions International moves to a bigger space in N. Charleston as its mission expands



Jay Cook (left), director of operations for Water Missions International, along with volunteers Jerry Larimer and John M. Barnwell, work on organizing the group's new headquarters Friday at the former Charleston Naval Base in North Charleston.

BY BRENDA RINDGE  
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Since its founding in 1998, Water Missions International has traveled all over the globe.

Now the nonprofit agency is traveling from West Ashley to North Charleston.

Water Missions, which provides sustainable safe water to people in developing countries and those hit by disasters, is moving its headquarters today to a new location near Virginia Avenue on the Old

Navy Base.

"Water Missions International really shows what kind of world we live in," said North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey. "It's an agency that cares about people. It doesn't care who the people are, but it cares about making their life better when tragedy strikes."

"We couldn't be more proud that it's become part of North Charleston."

The site is more than four times the size of the former location, which was behind Seacoast

Church's Savannah Highway campus.

"We needed to move because we had really outgrown that space," said board Chairwoman Molly Greene. "But the (old) location was so wonderful that we just were dragging our feet, and then finally Seacoast said, 'Look, our youth group is growing and we really need the space.' So we worked together for a drop-dead date for getting out of there."

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## Taxes paid for luxury hotel

Lawmakers' event cost state over \$10K

BY STEPHEN LARGEN  
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COLUMBIA — Taxpayers spent more than \$10,000 for a dozen state representatives to stay at a \$500-a-night luxury Charleston hotel during a national conference last year that included "sumptuous food, lively music and unforgettable historic tours."

Three of those lawmakers who attended the conference at the posh Charleston Place hotel have homes a few miles away. Their lodging, along with the gifts they received, have caught the attention of state government watchdog groups who question the gifts and whether the state spending was prudent.

The disbursement was uncovered by The Post and Courier during an analysis of state spending on legislators.

The information, which encompassed the recently concluded 2012 fiscal year, was provided by the S.C. Comptroller General's Office in response to an S.C. Freedom of Information Act request.

The group that attended the National Speakers Conference at Charleston Place in September 2011 included three lawmakers from the Charleston area: House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston; Rep. David Mack, D-North Charleston; and Rep. Chip



READ MORE

See the list of state spending on rooms at the Charleston Place hotel at postandcourier.com.

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## Will court find voter ID law fair to S.C. blacks?

BY JAMES ROSEN  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A federal trial opening today will examine the legality of South Carolina's new voter ID law and also put on display the state's history of racial discrimination.

The question: Has that history of racially charged politics faded into irrelevance? Or is the state still stacking the deck against black residents?

Dozens of S.C. legislators, officials, professors and interest group leaders will testify for five days under questioning by attorneys from a Washington law firm representing South Carolina

and by civil rights lawyers with the Justice Department.

Among the legislators testifying will be the voter ID bill's chief sponsors, Republican state Reps. Alan Clements of Myrtle Beach and Chip Campen of Charleston, and a leading opponent, Democratic state Sen. John Scott of Columbia.

Scott, who is black, will testify that he was excluded from final deliberations on the voter ID law as part of what he says was a broad plan by GOP legislators to suppress Democratic voters.

"Based on approximately 25 years of experience in the (S.C.) Senate and House of Representatives combined, I



South Carolina Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell (left) and House Speaker Bobby Harrell are among those expected to testify.

believe that the members of the General Assembly knew that minorities are overwhelmingly likely to vote Demo-

cratic," Scott said in advance written testimony. "I also believe that the members of the General Assembly expected the voter ID bill to lead to lower turnout among minority voters."

Clements and Campen didn't submit advance testimony. Campen declined to discuss the case.

After hearing the testimony, a panel of three judges — two appointed by former President George W. Bush, one by former President Bill Clinton — is expected to rule in early fall.

They must decide whether the law, enacted last year but blocked by the

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Ron Morris sizes up the Tigers.  
Josh Kendall ponders the mysteries  
of the Gamecock's preseason.

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# The State

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## OWENS FIELD PARK



Chris and Heather Schigel and their 3-year-old son, Preston, play Frisbee golf at Owens Field Park. Richland County Councilman Seth Rose got \$50,000 into the budget for trail improvements at Owens Field, an area frequented by dog walkers and disc golfers.

## A trail runs through it

Richland County devotes \$50,000  
to improve paths, drainage at Rosewood site

By DAWN HENSHAW  
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Richland County is working on a plan to improve trails through a wooded area in Rosewood where children play and couples walk shady footpaths.

The project at Owens Field Park, requested by neighborhood leaders, will formalize the system of well-worn trails and pay for signs identifying native plants and trees.

are one of the few quiet places around where people can walk and just let their thoughts wander.

He's noticed a couple of hawks there, heard the hoot of an owl and seen a number of birds that forage in the shrubs.

"I played there, my children played there and my grandchildren play down there," said Mayers, who was taking the family dog, King, for a walk late last week. "They go in and ride their bikes down there,

by the county and partly by the Richland School District 1, which has some athletics fields nearby. The city of Columbia leases and maintains parts of the park, too, so officials with all three entities will need to consult on managing drainage there, assistant city manager Allison Baker said.

Richland County Councilman Seth Rose got council to devote \$50,000 in neighborhood improvement money to the project, which will be managed by the county's Conservation Commission.

Rose said he was surprised at what he found when he met neigh-

## Isaac threatens on anniversary of Katrina

Gulf Coast braces as tropical storm  
builds up to hurricane status

By LIZETTE ALVAREZ  
The New York Times

**TAMPA, Fla.** — As Tropical Storm Isaac churned into the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday, South Florida managed to dodge the worst of it. But the fast-moving storm appeared poised to swell into a hurricane and hit land on Wednesday between the Florida Panhandle and New Orleans.

Much of the areas along

the Gulf Coast, including New Orleans, which was ravaged seven years ago to the week by Hurricane Katrina, received either tropical storm or hurricane warnings on Sunday and the governors of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama declared states of emergency in anticipation of Isaac.

The Florida Keys, which

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## GOP CONVENTION S.C. delegates unpack bags, hopes

26 delegates, 26  
alternates in Fla.

By GINA SMITH  
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Jim Jerow may be 79, but that has not slowed the longtime Republican from packing his bags and driving to Tampa to cast a vote for Mitt Romney at this week's Republican National Convention.

Jerow, a Pawleys Island resident and the chairman

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A breakdown of the S.C. delegation, other convention coverage and schedule, **Page A5**

of the Georgetown Republican Party, is one of 52 S.C. delegates and alternates taking part in the once-every-four-year event, which — after a one-day delay because Tropical Storm Isaac — now is scheduled to run

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## SOCIAL SECURITY POLL Most in U.S. favor tax hike to save system

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER and JENNIFER AGIESTA  
The Associated Press

Few issues directly touch as many people in the United States as does Social Security. In this last installment of a four-part series, The Associated Press examines public attitudes about how best to shore up Social Security's long-term finances.

**WASHINGTON** — Most Americans say go ahead and raise taxes if it will save Social Security benefits for future generations. And raise the retirement age, if you have to.

Both options are preferred.

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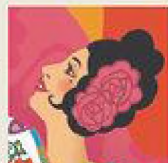
## YOUR WEEK

### Bull Street history

An exhibit opening Saturday at the S.C. State Museum, "Bull Street: Life Behind the Wall" looks at the history of the Columbia institution that housed mentally disabled patients. A related exhibit examines artifacts left in state psychiatric hospitals. 301 Gervais St.; (803) 698-4921 or [www.scmuseum.org](http://www.scmuseum.org)

### Latin Festival, parade —

The Main Street Latin Festival, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday, features food, dancing and entertainment on the 1400 block of Main







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## RAIN COMING FROM ISAAC

Not much damage  
expected in Upstate

By Eric Connor  
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Tropical Storm Isaac is expected to make an imprint on the Upstate as it continues its path across the Gulf of Mexico — but just how much of one is far from certain.

For now, weather experts here say the Upstate shouldn't be bracing for ruinous conditions.

However, the Upstate could get a lot of what it needs — perhaps up to 4 inches of rain based on the most-recent predictions of how Isaac will make landfall, said Pat Tanner, a hydrologist for the National Weather Service in Greer.

"It's going to be over a long period of time," Tanner said, noting that flooding wouldn't be a major issue because whatever rain that would come from the storm would be spread out over a couple of days. "It's going to be a prolonged, steady rain."

The rain would likely begin late Tuesday or early Wednesday and carry through until Friday, Tanner said, with flooding issues seen in isolated pockets of thunderstorms along with winds that could gust between 30 to 35 mph.

A high-pressure weather system over South Carolina is expected to push Isaac's track somewhere between the Florida panhandle, Alabama and Mississippi and possibly as far west as Louisiana, Tanner said.

To what level Isaac could become a hurricane as it passes over the warm Gulf waters that feed storms is still a matter of conjecture depending on varying computer models.

The National Hurricane Center said Isaac could be a Category 2 storm (sustained winds between 96 to 110 mph) by the time it makes landfall somewhere along the northern Gulf Coast.

The storm should strengthen into a hurricane "in a day or two," the center said.

The rain expected to come has the potential to put a dent in the long drought that has lingered over the Upstate region, said Dennis Chastain, a member of South Carolina's Drought Response Committee.

"It would certainly make a difference," Chastain said.

The type of rain that forecasters

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### ELECTION 2012



T-shirts and other merchandise are displayed at the site of the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., on Sunday. Because of Tropical Storm Isaac, most convention activities are being postponed until Tuesday. AP

## ROMNEY SLAMS OBAMA TACTICS

Akin controversy  
lingers as storm  
delays convention

By Brian Bakst  
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Mitt Romney accused President Barack Obama's campaign of trying to link him to Rep. Todd Akin's statements about rape and abortion, calling that a sad new low in the bitter election race while conceding that controversy over the remarks is hurting the Republican Party.

Romney's comments were broadcast Sunday as Republicans poured into Florida prepared to cram four days of nominating convention events into three because of the threat caused by Tropical Storm Isaac.

He and his fellow Republicans sought to reach out to female voters and Hispanics — two voting blocs that polls show favor Obama. Top Repu-

### WHAT'S NEXT FOR OBAMA

Barack Obama was due to travel this week to college towns in Iowa, Colorado and Virginia to court young voters. The president's nomination for a second term is to come next week in Charlotte, N.C.

### GOP CONVENTION WILL HONOR SPACE PIONEER

The Republican Party planned to break from the political speeches to honor astronaut Neil Armstrong with a video tribute at its convention. Armstrong died Saturday.

cans said it was crucial that the party broaden its appeal for the November election and for longer-term political viability.

Akin's remarks dogged the GOP as delegates and party officials nervously eyed overcast skies for the impending storm.

Republicans scrambled to reconfigure their schedule, postponing the

bulk of events that had been scheduled for Monday's opening.

### Distancing Romney from Akin

Akin is the GOP Missouri Senate candidate who said women's bodies have ways of avoiding pregnancy from a "legitimate" rape. Romney and other GOP leaders have criticized those statements and urged Akin to drop out of the Senate race against Democratic incumbent Claire McCaskill. Akin has ignored those calls.

Asked in an interview, recorded earlier, on "Fox News Sunday" about what the questioner said were Obama campaign efforts to link Akin's remarks to Romney and other Republicans, Romney said: "It really is sad, isn't it, with all the issues that America faces for the Obama campaign to continue to stoop to such a low level."

Romney said the controversy over Akin "hurts our party and, I think, is damaging to women."

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## GOP gathers for convention as storm looms

Party has rescheduled most of the events postponed because of Tropical Storm Isaac

By **MARK Z. BARABAK**  
 and **MICHAEL A. MEMOLI**  
 Tribune Washington Bureau

TAMPA, Fla. — Greeted by rain and howling wind, Republicans gathered Sunday for a convention partly waylaid by Tropical Storm Isaac, which threatened to

swamp Tampa, Fla., and hijack precious days of attention from presidential hopeful Mitt Romney.

Having already canceled today's opening schedule, strategists for the unofficial GOP nominee said they managed to squeeze most speakers into the three

remaining days and would not alter the convention program as a result of the unfolding natural disaster — though that could change.

"There's a weather event. We all know that the weather event is there," Russ Schriefer, a top Romney strategist, said

Sunday night. He said the campaign would closely watch developments but, for now, "We're going to continue with our Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday schedule."

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### MORE INSIDE

■ Florida residents get ready for Tropical Storm Isaac. **4A**

■ Former Fla. Gov. Charlie Crist endorses President Barack Obama. **7A**

## Beaufort cotillion brings up proper ladies & gentlemen



SARAH WELLIVER • Staff photo

Keaton Mykdeb, 12, left, practices escorting Mills Black, 13, on Sunday afternoon during an introductory dance session by the Beaufort County Chapter of the National League of Junior Cotillions at The Arsenal on Craven Street in Beaufort.

### ON ST. HELENA ISLAND

## Missing woman's body found

Zenobia Simmons, who has been missing since Friday, was found in a creek near her home.

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The body of 46-year-old Zenobia Pauline Simmons, who was reported missing by relatives Friday, was recovered Sunday afternoon in a creek near her St. Helena Island home, a short distance from her family's dock.

Authorities had searched for her by land, air and sea, but a family friend is credited with finding her while out on his boat.

Isaiah Daise of St. Helena said he and others launched their boats at about 6:30 a.m. Sunday to search for Simmons. He and his search party are longtime friends of the family, having been raised and gone to school with Simmons.



Simmons

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### LOWCOUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

## Alliance plans move to Beaufort

The move from Okatie to a space in Beaufort's City Hall will help the group save about \$20,000 a year.

By **CASEY CONLEY**

## Group revives etiquette training for area children

By **ERIN MOODY**  
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**B**ecause manners will never go out of style, someone must teach them, according to Mary Kennerty. That's why she is bringing the junior cotillion back to the Beaufort area so elementary and middle school children learn how to behave properly.

"Beaufort is very old-fashioned, and people really want their children to have these manners and courtesies, and they see a need for

### MINDING THEIR MANNERS

The National League of Junior Cotillions' mission statement is "To act and learn to treat others with honor, dignity and respect for better relationships with family, friends and associates and to learn and practice ballroom dance."

According to the organization's website, children are taught:

• **Everyday manners**, such as introduc-



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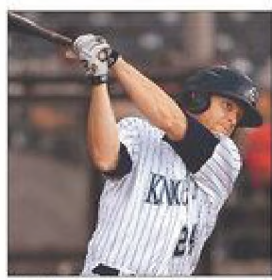
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## WEEK AHEAD



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### Today

**Volunteer training:** Agape Senior will host a volunteer training session from 1 to 4 p.m. today at 1317 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill. Volunteers are needed to help with hospice patients or assisted living and nursing home residents. For information, contact Kay G. Lee at 803-517-2021 or kaylee@agapese-nior.com.

### Tuesday

**Woman's Club fundraiser:** The Woman's Club of Rock Hill will have a multi-vendor event from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the clubhouse, 607 Alken Ave. Vendors include Scent-sy, Pampered Chef, Thirty-One Gifts, Willow House and others. Local crafts and light refreshments. Proceeds go to community outreach activities and the upkeep of the house and gardens.

### Wednesday

**Baseball:** The Charlotte Knights play host to the Syracuse Chiefs at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday at Knights Stadium in Fort Mill. Tickets: charlotteknights.com.

### Thursday

**Downtown music:** The Perfect Melancholies will entertain from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Old Town Market at the corner of East White Street and Dave Lyle Boulevard in downtown Rock Hill. Fresh vegetables, fruits, handcrafted items, entertainment and children's activities.

### Friday

**Second City:** The Second City comedy theater will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main St., Rock Hill. The performance includes scripted and improvisational elements. Audiences become part of the show and play along with the next generation of comic legends. Tickets are \$40 for Arts Council of York County members, \$45 for non-members; call 803-328-2787 or go to yorkcountysarts.org.

### Saturday

**Palmetto State festival:** "Experience South Carolina," a new festival that showcases the best of the State, will be from 4 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday on Main Street in downtown Rock Hill. It coincides with the start of the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte. The free festival will highlight the diversity of the music, food, people and the culture of South Carolina.

### Sunday

**...and more baseball:** The Charlotte Knights play host to the Durham Bulls at 7:15 p.m. Sunday at Knights Stadium in Fort Mill. Tickets: charlotteknights.com.

## Isaac poses RNC risks

Organizers keep close eye on tropical storm, may further adjust convention schedule

By Michael D. Shear  
New York Times

**TAMPA, Fla.** — At the height of the Republican National Convention this week, a potential Category 2 hurricane bearing winds greater than 100 mph appears likely to slam into the Gulf Coast, perhaps close to the already battered city of New Orleans.

Searing images of wind-damaged homes, flooding and mass evacuations — all fraught with the memory of Hurricane Katrina — may well compete on television

with Mitt Romney's bid to seize the initiative in his battle with President Barack Obama for the White House.

### REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

"Images of revelry by Republicans at a time of suffering by other Americans — no party wants those optics," said Steve Schmidt, who helped lead Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. "You have terrible

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TODD SUMLIN - tsumlin@charlotteobserver.com

Despite the hurricane, protesters zeroed in on Charlotte-based Bank of America Officer John Bennett of the Tampa Police orders protester Cara Jennings out of the Bank of America Plaza in Tampa Sunday.



ANDY BURRIS - aburris@heraldonline.com

Wenonah Haire, Executive Director of the Catawba Cultural Preservation Project, on the Ye Hasuri Trail, which stands for little wild (mischievous) Indians, at the cultural center Friday.

## Hundreds tour Rock Hill

Going on Faith convention brings decision makers for Christian tour groups

Wayne Barber of Jackson, Miss., enjoyed his recent visit to Rock Hill and York County.

He complimented the attractiveness of downtown Rock Hill, attractions such as the Catawba Indians' Cultural Center and the attentiveness of his hosts, the Rock Hill-York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as the folks at First Baptist Church.

He plans to come back — this time with about 30 to 40 of his friends. And, he plans to come back on a regular basis, spending several thousand dollars on hotel rooms and sit-down dinners each visit.

That's good news for the convention and visitors bureau. Barber was one of more than 100 people who visited York County last week as part of the Going on Faith convention. The group brought four busloads of people to the community.

More than half of the visitors were decision makers for various Christian travel groups or tours. What they saw — and how they were received — will determine whether



Courtesy of NarroWay Productions  
Janel Withers, of Indian Land, portrays a vendor in Biblical times during one of NarroWay Productions' recent shows.

their buses will stay in Rock Hill in the future.

Barber, owner of Purpose Driven Tours, said, "I'll be back as soon as I figure out a way."

His non-profit ministry runs about a tour a month to places such as Washington, D.C., the Great Lakes region, and Hawaii at Christmas.

He also operates several mystery tours where people get on the bus without knowing where they are going. These tours usually offer plenty of entertainment. "It replaces going to Branson, Missouri," he said.

Barber said York County would make a good stay-over

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## Former S.C. Gov. Sanford engaged to ex-mistress

By Michael Warren  
Associated Press

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — Former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford proposed marriage to his Argentine lover in the same way he has lived since their affair derailed his political career: combining elements of secrecy with unfettered expressions of love, and a touch of the weird as well. Sanford confirmed Sunday that he's engaged to Maria Belen Chapur, an intensely private divorced woman whose affair with the married Republican father of four children became tabloid news three years ago.

He proposed to her on Wednesday in the Bella Italia Grille, a high-end restaurant in the upscale Palermo neighborhood, around the corner from Chapur's luxury apartment, the restaurant's manager said Sunday.

The couple have been regular customers at the restaurant, but this time they arrived separately. Sanford arrived first, and considered a table in the main dining room, but then turned it down as too noisy, said the restaurant manager, who gave his name only as Gustavo.

The manager said Sanford settled on a table for two near the door, and left the engagement ring in a small box with one of the waiters, telling him to give it to Chapur when she arrived. Then he hid out in the bathroom for disabled guests, where cracking open the door provides a direct view of the table, and waited for more than an hour before she finally arrived, the manager said.

The waiter then gave Chapur the box, telling her something about winning a prize. She opened it and seemed puzzled to see the ring until Sanford walked up, declared his love and asked her to marry him. She quickly said yes and they kissed and cried, but no one else in the restaurant seemed to notice, the manager said.



Sanford



Chapur

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Carolina keeps Jets from making a touchdown B1

**Panthers win 17-12**

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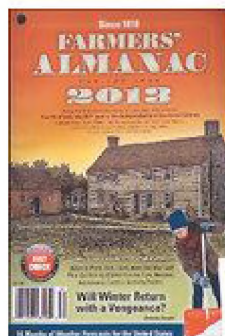
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## Almanac weather

The reclusive Farmers' Almanac weather soothsayer, who operates under the pseudonym Caleb Weatherbee, has predicted a cold and snowy winter for people from the Great Lakes to northern New England and wet and chilly in the Southeast. **PAGE A4**

## Where is Marble?

Did he get high at a favorite hangout, slip on a rock, get washed away in a raging stream in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene? Nobody knows what happened to the teen who disappeared on the day Irene struck. **PAGE A4**

## Animals in peril

Tens of thousands of wild animals face annihilation in a wave of land takeovers in southeastern Zimbabwe by politicians of President Mugabe's party's consortium, wildlife ranchers charged Sunday. **PAGE A7**

## Massacre in Syria

Evidence mounted Sunday of a new massacre in Syria's deepening civil war, with activists reporting a killing spree by government forces after they seized the suburb of Daraya from rebel control three days ago. **PAGE A7**

## Soulmates engaged

Former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford proposed marriage to his Argentine lover Wednesday in the Bella Italia Grille, a high-

## 52 SC delegates travel to Tampa

Group eager to get involved in Republican platform

By GINA SMITH  
The (Columbia) State

TAMPA Fla. — Jim Jerow may be 79, but that has not slowed the longtime Republican from packing his bags and driving to Tampa to cast a vote for Mitt Romney at this week's Republican National Convention.

Jerow, a Pawleys Island resident and the chairman of the Georgetown Republican Party, is one of 52 S.C. delegates and alternates taking part in

the convention, which — after a one-day delay because Tropical Storm Isaac — is scheduled to run from Tuesday through Thursday.

Jerow is the oldest member of that delegation, which includes 18 small businesspeople, six educators, five members of the General Assembly, three engineers, two physicians, two former candidates for Congress, two former S.C. GOP chairmen and a retired Air Force pilot.

Twenty-two are attending their first national convention. But two are attending their sixth.

The delegation includes Jim Jerow's wife, Joyce

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## S.C.'s Republican National Convention delegates

33 men and 19 women make up the 26 delegates and 26 alternates

10 percent minority

22 delegates are attending their first convention; two are attending their sixth.

Oldest delegate: 79

Youngest: 28

SOURCE: S.C. Republican Party



## Singer's lost story

Musician's daughter says famous song



When Joe Dean Haywood died in November 1996, his death was barely noticed.

His obituary listed him as a former driver for Yellow Deluxe Cab Co., before mentioning he was a professional singer and songwriter. He was buried in an unmarked grave in the old Island Creek Baptist Church cemetery near Cowpens. He died at age 57.

Few people knew then or now about this man with a singing voice that rivaled the legendary Sam Cooke, or that he once appeared on the stage of the historic Apollo Theater in Harlem.

It's even claimed that Haywood actually wrote Percy Sledge's hit "Warm and Tender Love."

The Spartanburg County Headquarters Library is working to make sure local, unsung music legends such as Haywood are not forgotten. The library is creating an archives collection with photos, documents and recollections of

## SOCIAL SECURITY

## Poll: More taxes, but don't cut benefits

Most favor bumping up retirement age to keep system in tact

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans say go ahead and raise taxes if it will save Social Security benefits for future generations. And raise the retirement age, if you have to.

Both options are preferable to cutting monthly benefits, even for people who are years away from applying for them.

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## Sanford proposes to ex-mistress

Former SC governor confirms he popped the question in Argentina

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford confirmed Sunday he is engaged to the Argentine woman he secretly left the state to visit under the cover story he was hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Sanford said a statement announcing his engagement provided to CNN

is accurate.

"The only comment I'll stand by is that there was a statement sent to CNN, and I stand by its accuracy. I don't know anything beyond that," Sanford told the Associated Press on Sunday. "I'd love to talk but we're going to end up in no-man's land."

Sanford was a rising Republican political star before he vanished from

South Carolina for five days in 2009. Reporters were told he was hiking the Appalachian Trail. But when he returned to South Carolina, the father of four admitted he was instead in Argentina with Maria Belen Chapur, whom he later called his soul mate.

"I've been unfaithful to my wife. I

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Then-S.C. Gov. Mark Sanford tours an Abberville plant in July 2010. Sanford recently proposed to his ex-mistress, a woman he disappeared with for five days in 2009 after his staff told media the governor was hiking the Appalachian Trail.

STAFF FILE PHOTO

## SC HOUSING HALL OF FAME



MATT WALSH | INDEX JOURNAL

Johnny Uldrick, of Uldrick Builders LLC, will be inducted into the S.C. Housing Hall of Fame in September.

## BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

Uldrick to be honored for contributions to housing industry

By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY  
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Local builder Johnny Uldrick is being inducted into the South Carolina Housing Hall of Fame on Sept. 20 in Columbia during an event at

Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens.

Uldrick, 58, is a third generation Lake-lands builder. His father, the late Bobby Uldrick, taught him residential construction and was a charter member of the Greenwood Home Builders Association.

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## NATION'S LARGEST FEDERAL PROGRAM

## Poll: Raise taxes to save Social Security

By JENNIFER AGIESTA  
and STEPHEN OHLEMACHER  
Associated Press

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Editor's Note: Few issues touch as many people in the United States as does Social Security. In this last installment of a four-part series, the Associated Press examines public attitudes about how best to shore up Social Security's long-term finances.

ment age, while 35 percent said they would cut monthly payments.

"Right now, it seems like we're taxed so much, but if that would be the only way to go, I guess I'd have to be for it to preserve it," said Marge Youngs, a 77-year-old widow from Toledo, Ohio. "It's extremely important to me. It's most of my income."

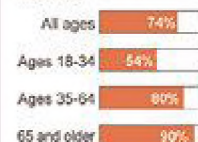
Social Security is being hit by a wave of millions of retiring baby boomers, leaving relatively fewer workers to pay into the system. The trustees who oversee the massive retirement and disability program say Social Security's trust funds will run out of money in 2033. At that point, Social Security will only collect enough tax revenue to pay

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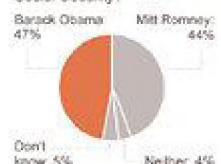
## Most Americans value Social Security

Social Security is far more important an issue for seniors than younger Americans, according to the latest AP-GfK Poll.

How important is Social Security to you personally? (Percentage saying "extremely" or "very" important)



Regardless of whom you support, who do you trust to do a better job of handling Social Security?



NOTE: Poll of 1,008 adults conducted Aug. 18-20, 2012; margin of error ±3.9 percentage points; may not equal 100 percent due to rounding

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## How long is long enough for parking?

Uptown merchants address Greenwood City Council about time limits





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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

## GOP kicks off gathering despite Isaac threat

By MARK Z. BARABAK  
and MICHAEL A. MEMOLI  
Tribune Washington Bureau

TAMPA, Fla. — Greeted by rain and howling wind, Republicans gathered Sunday for a convention partly waylaid by Tropical Storm Isaac, which threatened to hijack attention from presidential hopeful Mitt Romney.

Having already canceled today's opening schedule, strategists for the unofficial GOP nominee said they managed to squeeze most speakers into three remaining days and would not alter the convention program as a result of the unfolding natural disaster



Mitt Romney

— though that could change.  
"There's a weather event. We all know that the weather event is there," Russ Schriefer, a Romney strategist,

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## Delegates weathering the storm

By DONNA CASSATA  
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tuesday's brunch with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and House Speaker John Boehner has been moved indoors. Schedules were rearranged. Sandbags were in place outside the hotel housing the 800-strong California delegation.

The threat of Tropical Storm Isaac left delegates to the Republican National Convention recalibrating

Sunday but insisted that the show will go on with just a few modifications because of the weather. The GOP postponed most of today's line-up, cramming four days of events into three with hopes for a major send-off for Mitt Romney on Thursday.

"I think frankly Thursday night is going to be the big show ... and nobody can articulate Romney's message better than Romney," said Jim Poolman,

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LOWCOUNTRY  
ECONOMIC ALLIANCEGroup  
moving  
to new  
locationThe business-development  
organization is leaving Okatie  
for space in Beaufort City Hall.By CASEY CONLEY  
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The Lowcountry Economic Alliance, Beaufort County's fledgling business-recruitment arm, is moving its two full-time employees from an office park in Okatie to Beaufort's City Hall.

The move will save the economic development group, which recently split with Jasper County, about \$20,000 a year.

"It's a cost-savings issue," said alliance chairman David Tigges, who noted that the Sept. 1 move shouldn't limit the group's ability to meet with business prospects.

"I am convinced that location in the business we conduct is not that material to our mission," he said. "It seemed like a pretty easy decision."

The organization currently rents two suites and a conference room in Okatie Commerce Park, which until late 2010 was a regional office and training center for NetJets pilots and staff. The complex has struggled to attract new tenants since then and is listed for sale.

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ABOUT THE LOWCOUNTRY  
ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

The Lowcountry Economic Alli-

## 'I DON'T WANT TO BE A VICTIM.'



SARAH WELLIVER • Staff photo

Amy Dillon, left, director of training at Palmetto State Armory, talks Melissa MacCabe through her first time firing a handgun on Sunday afternoon during a women's beginner defensive firearm class in Ridgeland.

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Palmetto State Armory instructor Amy Dillon told her all-female firearms class to forget about the word "women" in "women's self-defense."

That's because, as shooting range manager Bill Turcotte noted, learning how to handle a gun responsibly isn't gender-specific.

The armory, located in Riverwalk Business Park in Ridgeland, hosted its first beginner firearms class for the fairer sex on Sunday. By making the class women-only, instructors hoped for a friendlier feel where ladies would feel more comfortable than with, say, a husband or boyfriend who are more skilled than they are.





# Morning News

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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## Coming Events

**Call for Vocalists:** September 4 and 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Hartsville High School. The Hartsville Community Chorus is signing up members for a Dec. 4 Christmas Concert featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria." Registration will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room of the Hartsville High School. Membership dues are \$15 for single members, \$25 per couple and \$10 for high school students (grades 10-12). For more information, call Dr. James Beaumier at 843-857-3778 or email JamesB3@DarlingtonK12.SC.US.

**Call for Vocalists:** Sept. 4 and 11 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church in Hartsville. The Hartsville Children's Chorale (for students in grades 3-9) is signing up members for a December 4 Christmas Concert with the HCC. Registration will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the choir room at St. Bartholomew's Church. Membership dues are \$15 for single members and \$10 for each additional family member. For information, call Mark Bailey at 843-332-8765 ext. 12 or email mark@psboychoir.org.

**Call for Artists:** Through Sept. 30. The Dr. N. Lee Morris Gallery at the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library are seeking artists for the first semi-annual Magic City Survey, a juried art competition. The competition is open to all amateur and professional artist ages 16 and up who reside in the Pee Dee. The theme is "Southern Impressions — Depictions of Life in the South." Artists can download instructions for submission and an entry form at [www.florencelibrary.org](http://www.florencelibrary.org). Submissions are free. For information, call Hannah Davis at 843-292-7393.

**Auditions for the Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra:** All day today at the FMU Performing Arts Center. The Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra will audition musicians in grades 6-12 for the 2012-13 season. Email Mark Jackson at [markjacksonfso@gmail.com](mailto:markjacksonfso@gmail.com) for information on registering for an audition time or call the Florence Symphony Orchestra office at 843-661-2541.

**Expungement Summit:** Today, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wayside Chapel Baptist, 1813 N. Cashua Drive, Florence. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Officials from Solicitor's Office and S.C. Parole Office will be on hand to answer questions about pardons and expungement (cleansing) of records. No admission charge. **2012 Champion for Youth:** Tuesday from 6 until 8 p.m. in the SMT building at Florence-Darlington Technical College. The event will honor Rev. W.P. Diggs. Tickets are \$50 and sponsorships are available from \$250 to \$10,000. For information, call 843-662-1142. **Making it Grow:** Tuesday

## Women voters celebrate female judges, suffrage

### Florence League marks annual Women's Equality Day with reception

BY ELLEN MEDER  
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FLORENCE — The Florence League of Women Voters celebrated women's suffrage Sunday by honoring the female judges of the county.

Sunday marked the 92nd anniversary of women gaining the right to vote when the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. Aug. 26 has been designated Women's Equality Day since 1971 and each year the women of the Florence LWV com-

memorate the occasion by honoring local ladies who have helped advance equality for the gender. Co-presidents Francis Elmore and Hannah Reig said this year the judicial arena earned the spotlight.

"More and more women are going into this field so the legislature is looking at the selection process and how it can benefit from women," Elmore said.

Because LWV is non-partisan it doesn't take sides on bills or plans, but instead draws attention to issues, including how judges are selected and voter registration.

"Recently in the national news there's a lot of talk about if laws are being made that affect women should they not have a voice in making those laws?" Reig said.

Elmore said because decisions made in



Florence Administrative Judge Debra Jackson chats with Florence County Magistrate Kimberly Cox at a League of Women Voters event to honor them and the other four female judges of the county.

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## TAKING THEIR TIME



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Valerie Criswell helps her sons Luke, (far left) and Matthew dish up goodies at Sunday's Slow Food Pee Dee potluck at The Clay Pot. She and her husband, Andrew Criswell, own SC Real Foods at Pee Dee Christian Book and Supply, so the family is well-acquainted with local produce and meat.

## Slow Food advocates network, nosh at potluck

BY ELLEN MEDER  
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FLORENCE — With the heavenly aroma of pears and peppers cooked into various meats and sweets filling the bright, cozy dining room, dozens of Florentine food enthusiasts streamed into The Clay Pot Sunday evening to talk local cuisine.

In six months, Slow Food Pee Dee has grown from one couple baking quiche with eggs from their own coupe, to a monthly potluck at the newly-opened coffee shop that draws more than 30 excited food lovers.

Sunday's potluck was one part networking and one part noshing. Each month, the Slow Food Pee Dee board chooses a couple of in-season ingredients that can be found locally and encourages everyone to get creative and share their recipes



Stuffed pork belly with apple stuffing, toffee pear sticky pudding and pear tart (clockwise from left) were three of the most popular dishes made with local ingredients at the Slow Food Pee Dee potluck Sunday.

at the event.

At Sunday's pear and pepper themed meal, the variety of delicious dishes was

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## Officers drag net over road

From staff reports

FLORENCE — "The best license check would be not a single driver. Everybody goes home without a fine," Capt. Mike Nunn, Florence County Sheriff's Office, said as he stood by the side of US 52 at Florence-Darlington Technical College Friday night.

In front of Nunn, a South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper handed a driver back his license, jotted something on a yellow sticky note, stuck it to the driver's windshield and directed him to drive into one of the college's parking lots.

The technical college straddles the Florence/Darlington County line where law enforcement agents from across the Pee Dee gathered Friday for a safety checkpoint.

Florence-bound traffic passed through the 4th Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network checkpoint on the Darlington County side of the line. Darlington-bound traffic did the same at the 12th Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network's checkpoint.

On both sides of the line almost all traffic was waved through — after license plates were checked and driver's licenses viewed — with the blessings of troopers, deputies, officers, agents or constables.

Drivers or vehicles that required additional scrutiny were pulled into the breakdown lane where they didn't obstruct the flow of traffic while drivers answered questions, provided explanations or just sweated it out.

Many cars given extra scrutiny were waved on through. Others were decorated with a yellow sticky note which specified violations and were directed into Tech parking lots for processing.

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## Sanford pops the question to his lover; she says 'yes'

The Associated Press

of the weird as well. Sanford con-

high-end restaurant in the up- room, but then turned it down





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## BULLDOG ON HOME TURF

Thomas Grant Jr.  
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### YOU'VE GOT TO READ THESE

From Wire Reports

#### ■ Animal attraction

● Authorities have searched a North Carolina man's home and recovered stuffed bears, bobcats, foxes and other animals reported stolen from taxidermists in recent years. Sheriff's deputies in Davidson County also recovered a preserved mountain lion, deer heads and coyotes at the home. The man was charged with felony breaking and entering and other charges.

The sheriff's office said the items were reported stolen from four taxidermists in Davidson County in 2009 and 2010. More than 60 racks of deer antlers were also recovered during the search.

● Attacking pit bulls trying to get to a stray kitten hiding in the engine compartment of a Southern California minivan flattened the vehicle's tire and chewed away big chunks of the fender and bumper.

Four pit bull terriers had chased the kitten into the Dodge minivan engine compartment. The vehicle's owner changed the tire and drove 25 miles before he discovered the 7-week-old kitten, which had moved into a hollow part of the front bumper.

An animal control officer freed the kitten after removing the bumper. The kitten is OK.

#### ■ Read it and wipe

Two brothers from a New York City suburb have an advertising concept that's on a roll — a roll of toilet paper.

Bryan and Jordan Silverman are creators of toilet tissue printed with ads, and sometimes with coupon codes that can be read by cellphones. The brothers expect their product to appear this fall in the Port Chester Rye Brook Public Library.

Twenty-two-year-old Jordan Silverman came up with the idea for Star Toilet Paper in 2010. His 18-year-old brother tells the newspaper that he was initially skeptical, but came to see it as advertising to "a really captive audience."

The brothers have entered their concept in a contest run by Entrepreneur magazine.

#### ■ Something old, something new

An Israeli attraction meant to immerse tourists in an authentic, ancient biblical experience has outfitted its donkeys with wireless routers.

At the historical park of Kfar Kedem in northern Israel, visitors decked out in biblical robes and headdresses ride donkeys through the rolling hills of the Galilee, learning how people lived in Old Testament times. But now they can also surf the web while touring the land of the Bible on one of the oldest forms of transportation. A device slung around the donkey's neck like a feedbag is actually a Wi-Fi router.

The park's manager said he hopes it will connect the younger generation to ancient Galilee life while allowing them to share the experience instantly to friends.

#### ■ Bad twin, no twin

Police say a western Pennsylvania woman blamed her nonexistent twin sister for stealing items from a hotel room. The 31-year-old was charged with false reports and theft.

State police say the woman took some bed clothes, an alarm clock, coffee pot, basket and a hair dryer — worth a total of \$206 — from the Holiday Inn in Big Beaver on Aug. 5. Police say they found her in another hotel nearby, and she claimed her twin sister had taken the items.

When police found no record of a sister, they say the woman claimed her sister had just returned the items, which police found in the other hotel room.

Police say relatives confirmed she

# THE RACE GOES ON

## Gold medalist returning to Paralympics

By PHIL SARATA  
T&D Staff Writer

Josiah Jamison reached the pinnacle of athletic success in 2008, winning his first Paralympic gold medal in the 100-meter in Beijing.

Since then, the Vance native has kept on running.

"After Beijing, I was thinking about what's next in my life," Jamison said. "I tried to go back to school and moved to Penn State."

But he found out that wasn't the best option for him and moved back to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.

"I changed coaches in 2009 to (former Olympic gold medalist) Al Joyner. He understands what's required for winning and it's been good," Jamison said.

After making the U.S. team at the track and field trials in Indianapolis in June, Jamison is literally hitting his stride in preparation for the London Paralympic Games, Aug. 29-Sept. 9. In addition to the 100-meter race, he will compete in the 200-meter and 4x100-meter relay events.

Jamison says Joyner's guidance has left its mark on more than just his performance.

"He focuses on my position and technique," Jamison said. "Before Beijing, I had no technique. I know how to run now."

"Training with Al has taught me a lot. He is more than just a coach. He's like a father or big brother figure. That really helped me become the person I am now."

No one knows that better than his guide runner, 5-foot 10-inch Jerome Avery. Even though the pair are allowed two lanes, Avery says the 6-foot 5-inch Jamison "was pulling me all over the place" when they first began working together in 2005 at the European Championships in Finland.

"I had never worked with someone that big," Avery said. "I had to consistently talk to him and you have to develop that trust. He was hesitant at first because he had never used a guide runner before."

A participant at the last three U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials from 2000 to 2008, Avery got involved with the Paralympics in 2004. The first athlete he worked with was Raleigh, N.C. native Elexis Gillette, a blind long jumper who won the silver medal in 2004 and 2008.

Having developed an "awesome friendship" with Jamison, Avery says he has grown stronger and more confident since Beijing.

"I don't think he has reached his top end," Avery said. "He can see a bit in his peripheral

vision but always he knows exactly where I am."

"Josiah needs to hear you and I am loud. I get the competitors shook up because I keep talking to let him know where he is. That lets them know he is coming. When they hear footsteps, they will automatically freeze up."

Jamison said the most important changes he has undergone since Beijing are social and mental. On the track he has changed perspective on how he focuses in preparation to run, usually with soft music and relaxation.

"Living at the training center, it's just athletes and it's hard to have a social life," Jamison said. "Now I've started hanging out with friends by going to the movies, playing pool or even bowling."

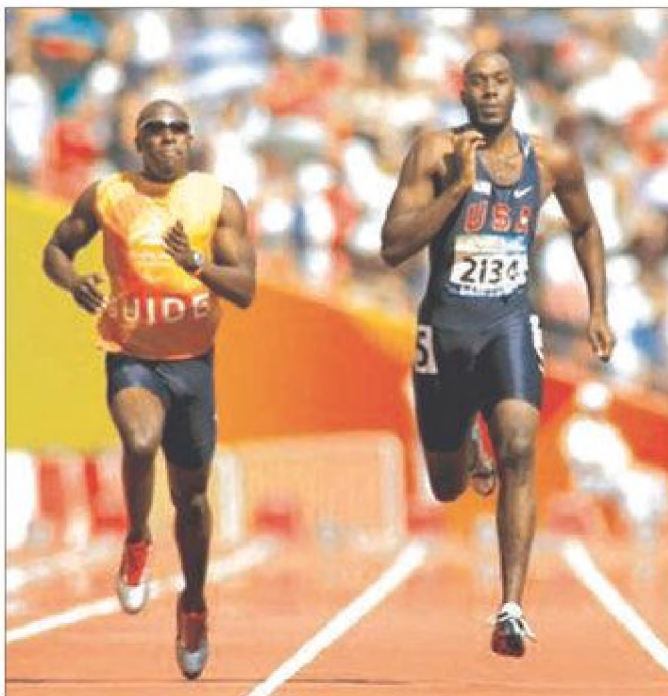
"I like that. My average is about 151 to 180, which is pretty good considering I can't see the pins."

Jamison has begun attending school again. Enrolled online, he is working toward his degree in business information systems. He has no plans to stop running, saying he will continue "until my body wants to give it up."

"I want to be the best athlete the U.S. Paralympic Team presents in the class of 2012," Jamison said. "I also want to show those with any disability that there is more to life if you want it."

"My family has been real supportive and they understand more about my disability. They are proud of what I have accomplished. My brother (former NBA player) Harold used to have the limelight. Now as the baby of the family, I have it."

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FRANK POLISH PHOTOGRAPHY/SPECIAL TO THE T&D  
Josiah Jamison takes the gold medal in the 100-meter race in Beijing in 2008.



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Jamison receives his U.S. Paralympic Team apparel during the Track and Field Trials in Indianapolis.



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