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C of C president defends actions

Assault suspects 'properly disciplined'

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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The College of Charleston treated an athlete's allegation of sexual assault last spring "extremely seriously," and authorities properly disciplined those involved, the school president told students and employees Sunday.

George Benson's email came after 'The Post and Courier' published a report in which the victim's father criticized the

criminal investigation as inadequate and protective of the accused athletes. The father said Benson's comments Sunday were "laughable" because several of the suspects were not punished for conduct violations.

A member of the school's varsity softball team alleged that four baseball players assaulted her April 23 during a drunken party in a dormitory suite, according to the father. She reported the incident the next day.



Benson

An ensuing six-month investigation by the school's Department of Public Safety ended earlier this month with no arrests because of what Benson called "insufficient evidence" that resulted from a "professional and methodical" effort by trained police officers. Benson added that the case could be reopened if new

information comes to light.

"Please know that the college has treated this case extremely seriously from the moment it was first reported," Benson wrote, "and has done everything in its power to thoroughly investigate this incident while treating all of the students and families involved with respect, sensitivity, and fairness."

Benson acknowledged Sunday that four students were found in violation of the college's code of conduct and received sanctions in connection with

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'THE SUN WILL SHINE AGAIN'



GRACE BEAHM/STAFF

Shirlene Frasier (left) comforts her friend and fellow Deaconess Patricia Collins during Sunday's service at Lighthouse of Jesus Christ Church that honored three members who died Wednesday in a multi-vehicle crash.

Church honors three killed in fiery crash

BY CHRISTINA ELMORE
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Worn Bible in hand, Georgetown Bishop Floyd Knowlin walked into Lighthouse of Jesus Christ Church's sanctuary Sunday unsure of the words he would use to

comfort his grieving congregation. The morning's worship service was the first since a fiery crash claimed the lives of three of his church's own just days before. Another member, the husband



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of one of the deceased, still lay at Medical University Hospital recovering from broken bones and a punctured liver.

The worshipers were traveling in a caravan to perform at a church service in Russellville when the

wreck, which killed a fourth, occurred 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

If anything, Knowlin said, he wanted his church to walk away from the service with a renewed sense of hope. But with the shock of the tragedy still fresh in his mind, he said he'd only find the words to lead while in the moment.

Rain and wind churned outside the church's doors, mirroring the chaos of grief expressed within at

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I-526 prompts still more questions

If city gets project, what might change?

BY DIANE KNICH
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Many complicated projects become at least a bit clearer with each step forward, but the completion of Interstate 526 across Johns and James islands becomes murkier.

Mayor Joe Riley and the city of Charleston are poised to take over and complete the long-stalled and controversial project, if Charleston County would agree to turn it over to the city. So far, the majority of County Council members are reluctant to do that. But that could change before the group meets in December.

Charleston City Council's vote last week to ask the county to turn over sponsorship of the project raised a new batch of questions about the future of the road.

Q. What is the city's plan for I-526 if it were to take over the project?

A. The city would build the road as a parkway, with a 45 mph speed limit. That plan is the state Department of Transportation's preferred alternative for the road, often referred to as "Alternative G."

It would include:

- Overpasses at Savannah Highway and East Shore Lane in West Ashley; Maybank Highway on Johns Island; and Folly Road on James Island.

- Two bridges across the Stono River.

- Two new ground-level roads connecting to River Road on Johns Island.

- Ground-level intersections at Riverland Drive and Riley Road on James Island.

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AARP to fight any benefits cuts in 'cliff' talks

MICHAEL A. FLETCHER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — AARP, the lobbying powerhouse for older Americans, last year made a dramatic concession. Amid a national debate over whether to overhaul Social Security, the group said for the first time it was open to cuts in benefits.

The backlash from AARP members

and liberal groups that oppose changes in the program was enormous — and this time around, as Washington debates how to tame the ballooning federal debt, AARP is flatly opposed to any benefit reductions for the nation's retirees.

AARP's rejection of any significant changes to the nation's safety net could be a major factor as policymakers seek a deal to put the government's finances

in order through raising taxes and cutting spending on federal programs, possibly including popular entitlements such as Medicare and Social Security.

Republicans say scaling back Social Security and Medicare, the largest drivers of future government deficits, is necessary. President Barack Obama has previously been open to benefit cuts.

But for lawmakers who would have to

vote for such changes, AARP's 37 million members and \$1.3 billion budget are a force to be reckoned with. Over the past eight months, AARP has sponsored a series of candidate debates, run television ads, circulated questionnaires and held more than 4,000 meetings around the country to mobilize its legion of supporters to oppose any cuts.

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LIMPING INTO RIVALRY WEEK

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

Lady Gamecocks rip Clemson 64-43, **B1**

Injuries to Shaw and Clowney could cloud USC's preparations for Clemson game, **B1**

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THIS WEEK



Columbia ice rink — Skate your way through the holiday season when the **Main Street Ice** opens Thanksgiving Day. The ice rink at Main and Hampton streets in front of the Columbia Museum of Art has a few restrictions — no jumping, spinning or hockey. The city of Columbia rink opens from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday and will operate through Jan. 6. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Cost (including skate rental): \$8 for ages 12 and younger and \$10 for adults.

Black Friday (or Thursday?) — Forget football after Thanksgiving dinner: Go shopping instead. Stores continue to scramble to get your holiday dollars first by kicking off the biggest shopping season of the year even earlier than before. Walmart and Sears are offering their Black Friday deals starting at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Target starts an hour later. Look for some deals on laptops in those first hours. And look for some crowded stores. The National Retail Federation predicts holiday sales will rise 4.1 percent over last year.

Carolina-Clemson — Any meeting between **South Carolina and Clemson** is intense, but the stakes are a little higher when the Palmetto State rivals play on Saturday for the 110th time. This is just the sixth meeting when both teams are ranked with USC holding a 3-2 edge. The Tigers (10-1) are ranked 12th in the latest Associated Press poll, while the Gamecocks (9-2) sit at 13th. Add that the Gamecocks are going for their fourth consecutive win over the Tigers for the first time since 1954, you might have a few relatives and friends not speaking after this one. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. Saturday at Clemson with the game airing on ESPN.

Lawmaker apologizes for Richland election mess



Clerk Betsey Hill, left, elections systems coordinator Cheryl Goodwin and clerk Sonya Thrower sort ballots Wednesday. Rep. Mia Butler Garrick, D-Richland, said she is 'dismayed and disgusted' by the debacle.

Garrick: Elections director must be held accountable in county's failures

By JOHN MONK
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A state lawmaker from Richland County has issued a public apology for the bungled Richland County elections Nov. 6, calling them a "colossal failure" that caused hundreds if not thousands of people "to drop out of long voting lines."

The statement by Rep. Mia Butler Garrick, D-Richland, made last week in a blast email to friends and supporters, was the first apology by an elected state official to date about the election missteps marked by severe shortages and multiple breakdowns of voting machines. Never in memory have Richland County elections

been so trouble-plagued, local politicians have said.

"My heart broke as elderly grandmothers and grandfathers senselessly tried to brave the cold so that they too, could exercise the right that so many of them fought for us to have," Garrick wrote, speaking of the civil rights movement. Garrick is African-American, as are ma-

ny of her constituents in northeast Columbia.

"Never before have I been so dismayed and disgusted, as I watched hundreds of moms and dads stand outside for hours in the freezing cold, trying to warm their babies and toddlers in their arms," Garrick

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LEXINGTON COUNTY Council considers cell towers near homes

Officials might allow small antennas on utility poles or in enclosed shelters in neighborhoods

By TIM FLACH
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Lexington County may relax its controls keeping wireless

A new approach suggested by industry officials could soften County Council's determination to stop towers for cellphones, pagers and similar services from

Busy nights for police create 24-hour demands for Columbia judicial staff

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
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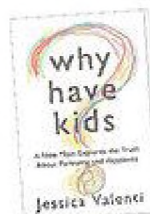
Several nights each week, a Columbia police officer is left waiting at a crime scene in the middle of the night for judicial officials to arrive and sign search and arrest warrants.

The waiting game keeps cops off their regular beats and sometimes keeps them waiting after their shifts end. Chief Randy Scott said.



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KESELOWSKI WINS THE CUP



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Swinney, Spurrier set goals for annual rivalry game, 1B

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A Palestinian man waves the national flag during a protest against Israel's operations in Gaza Strip, outside Ofer, an Israeli military prison near the West Bank city of Ramallah, on Sunday. AP

ISRAEL KILLS 11 IN GAZA

COUNTRY SAYS IT'S PREPARED TO EXPAND OFFENSIVE

By Karin Laub
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli missile flattened a two-story house in a residential neighborhood of Gaza City on Sunday, killing at least 11 civilians, mostly women and children, Palestinian medical officials said, as Israel expanded a military offensive to target homes of wanted militants.

The attack, which Israel said targeted a militant, was the single deadliest incident of the five-day-old Israeli operation and hiked a toll Sunday that was already the highest number of civilians killed in one day, according to Gaza medics. The bloodshed is likely to raise international pressure for a cease-fire, with Egypt taking the lead

ing role in mediating between Israel and Hamas.

President Barack Obama said he had been in touch with the leaders of Israel, Egypt, and Turkey in an effort to halt the fighting. "We're going to have to see what kind of progress we can make in the next 24, 36, 48 hours," he said.

Obama cautioned against a potential Israeli ground invasion into Gaza, warning it could only deepen its death toll. At the same time, he blamed Palestinian militants for starting the round of fighting by raining rockets onto Israel, and he defended Israel's right to defend itself.

"Israel has every right to expect that it

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SLED probes downtown shooting

Man dead after charging police with baseball bat

By Clark Brooks

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A tranquil night in downtown Greenville erupted in violence early Sunday when police officers who had been doing routine work suddenly found themselves confronting and then fatally shooting a man they saw hitting another man with a baseball bat, a police spokesman said.

Senovio Pedro Maldonado, 19, was pronounced dead on Brown Street where the fight took place, coroner's deputy Barry Wright said, across from the parking lot alongside the Brown Street Club in the heart of a downtown visited by thousands on weekends. Maldonado, of 267 W. King St., Easley, is survived by a one-year-old child, Wright said.

The man who was beaten with the bat one block from Main Street was taken to the hospital with injuries that were not considered to be life-threatening, said Officer Johnathan Bragg of the Greenville City Police Department.

Some officers have been placed on administrative leave until an investigation of the shooting is completed.

JOHNATHAN BRAGG
Greenville City Police Department

The incident began at about 12:40 a.m. and was over quickly, Bragg said. Officers who were nearby on Brown Street immediately moved to stop the fight, he said.

"They heard the altercation and they went over there and saw the man hitting the other man with a baseball bat," Bragg told GreenvilleOnline.com. "So pretty much they ordered him to drop the bat several times, and he looked at them and started charging at them and they discharged their weapon at him."

"It wasn't something that was drawn out," he said. "It was a very quick incident."

Bragg said he didn't know how many officers fired at Maldonado. Some officers have been placed on administrative leave until an investigation of the shooting is completed, Bragg said, but he would not say how many.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating the shooting, Bragg said. SLED will turn its findings over to the Greenville County solicitor,

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As the offensive moved forward, Israel found itself at a crossroads — on the cusp of launching a ground offensive into Gaza to strike an even tougher blow against Hamas, or pursuing Egyptian-led truce efforts.

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FBI rarely takes on cyberstalking cases



Home, sweet home

Terriers can spend Thanksgiving with families, play next game in Spartanburg

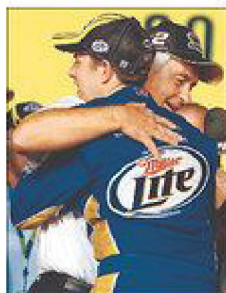
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Not bad, Brad

Brad Keselowski, in his second full NASCAR Sprint Cup season, took home the championship trophy Sunday, beating Jimmie Johnson to deliver the first Sprint Cup championship to Penske Racing. **PAGE C1**

Tracking raptors

Officials at the Center for Birds of Prey are using radar in their annual count of falcons, eagles, hawks and other raptors flying along the coast this year, and they expect the count will be higher than when only traditional methods were used. **PAGE A4**

Goodfellows

The annual Goodfellows project that has put food on the tables of tens of thousands of people since 1947, begins with donors contributing nearly \$5,000 to start the project off. **PAGE A4**

Bond denied

An Anderson man charged with murder in the beating deaths of two people found stuffed into barrels submerged in Hartwell Lake was denied bond Sunday, via closed-circuit television in a magistrate's office. **PAGE A8**

Don't panic

Twinkies, the cream-filled golden spongecakes, are likely to survive, even though their maker will be sold in bankruptcy court. The sale process will begin today in a New York bankruptcy courtroom. **PAGE A9**

Weather

Israeli airstrikes build pressure

US, Britain caution against ground assault on Gaza

By JIM KUHNHEIN
The Associated Press

BANGKOK — The U.S. and Britain on Sunday warned about the risks of Israel expanding its air assault on the Gaza Strip into a ground war, while vigorously defending the Jewish state's right to protect itself against rocket attacks.

The remarks by President Barack

Obama and Britain Foreign Secretary William Hague were part of a diplomatic balancing act by the West as it desperately seeks an end to the escalating violence without alienating its closest ally in the region.

"Israel has every right to expect that it does not have missiles fired into its territory," President Barack Obama said at a news conference in Bangkok at the start of a three-nation visit to Asia.

"If that can be accomplished without a ramping up of military activity in Gaza,

that's preferable," Obama said. "It's not just preferable for the people of Gaza. It's also preferable for Israelis, because if Israeli troops are in Gaza, they're much more at risk of incurring fatalities or being wounded."

The president spoke shortly before an Israeli airstrike leveled a home in a residential neighborhood. Palestinian medical officials said at least 11 civilians, mostly women and children, were killed.



Obama

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"It looks great. We're proud of it. The kids are proud of it — they were in awe the first time they saw it. It's state-of-the-art now."

SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL DAVID LAWSON, of the renovations in the school's gym



Greer soldier killed in action

Hicks, Arkansan die in Afghan firefight

By JENNY ARNOLD
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A soldier from Greer was killed in Afghanistan on Friday when his unit was attacked by enemy forces, according to the Department of Defense.

U.S. Army Sgt. Channing B. Hicks, 24, of Greer and U.S. Army Spc. Joseph A. Richardson of Booneville, Ark., 23, died Friday in Paktika province.

The soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Riley, Kan.

Officials say the men died from injuries they suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

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Work continues on 'Seminole'

County, city leaders woo retail project that could bring 120 jobs, \$14.5 million investment



MARK
WARNER

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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County, city and economic development officials continue to work on Project Seminole, which is said to be a fairly notable retail project which would encompass a multi-million dollar investment and more than 100 new jobs.

Partnership Alliance CEO Mark War-

ner met with Greenwood County Council last week during Council's administration and finance committee meeting. Council agreed it will soon consider an ordinance to add property to the joint county business and industrial park for Project Seminole.

During the County Council committee meeting, Warner said Greenwood City Council also will have a hand in helping

woo the project.

"This is a retail project," Warner said. "The city will be taking their action Tuesday on approving the intergovernmental transfer agreement authorizing the county to put the property in the multi-county park ... The city is also going to take action approving the 85 percent (special source revenue credit) for a term of 15 years."

Following the meeting, Warner said Project Seminole would represent a \$14.5 million investment and 120 new jobs.

"I think it is safe to say the project has achieved some milestones that make us think it is on a very good track," Warner said. "There's still some things that have to be finalized at this point, but we are at the

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■ CITY OF ABBEVILLE

Serving their people

Candidates stress
fulfilling will
of the constituency

By FRANK BUMB
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It's an inevitable fact of life politicians and those they serve might not see eye to eye on every issue. But candidates for the 7th District for Abbeville City Council have said in unequivocal



JOSH
BAUGHMAN



JOE
SCOGGINS

terms, even if they personally disagree with the determination of their constituents, they would vote based on that determination.

"I feel like city council members are elected to represent the people above any personal feelings," Josh Baughman wrote in an e-mail. "I trust the citizens of Abbeville to decide for themselves. If my constituents feel strongly about a position that's the route I'm going to vote 100 percent of the time."

Joe Scoggins, likewise, said his personal opinions were secondary compared to the will of the people.

"In my best judgment, I would use the majority of what the people think," Scoggins said.

While both candidates are concerned with making sure

SALUDA MAYOR PATCHING UP

Frank Addy tries
to revitalize town

By FRANK BUMB
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Saluda Mayor Frank Addy is a big football fan. Specifically, he's a very big South Carolina Gamecocks fan. Addy is fond of relating the story where, as a trainer for the USC football team, a player was hurt and he was the first on the field to the downed tight end.

"He'd gotten his bell wrung, so I asked him if he was OK," Addy said. "He said he was fine. Then I asked him where he was, and he said 'I'm at the Yale Bowl.' And I go, 'What?' and he says 'I'm playing football at the Yale Bowl.' So I yelled over to the bench, 'We need a doctor out here,' he had no clue where he was."

While Addy has long since given up the athletic tape of a football trainer, as mayor he's moved on to trying to patch up the town of Saluda.

Addy, born in Saluda in 1954, became mayor of his hometown in 2006. The constant departure of businesses from his home compelled Addy to run for mayor.

"It was a situation where when you wake up, and it seems like every week businesses were leaving town,"

Addy said. "So I wanted to see if I can do any good, and I think we've been pretty successful."

Addy began his career in the financial industry, much like his father, and moved from various banks before helping set up the Saluda County Bank in December 1987. After Addy left the SCB when it changed hands, he set up Partner's Mortgage. After being hit by the collapse of the housing market in 2007, Addy said he now gets his income through the South Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Board, which

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Frank Addy
Saluda mayor



MATT WALSH | INDEX JOURNAL
Saluda's Mayor Frank Addy draws experience from his business career to lead his town. He has been the mayor since 2006.



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Coming Events

Call for Authors: Through Nov. 30 at the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library in Florence. The Florence County Library System is accepting applications from local authors for the third annual Pee Dee Local Author Expo. In addition to the application, authors must submit copies of all the printed works they wish to showcase. The 17 authors chosen by the library will be notified by Dec. 15. All types and genres of printed material will be considered from poetry, non-fiction, and inspirational works to children's books and science fiction, just to name a few. For information, contact Elizabeth Caldwell at 843-413-7081 or visit the library's website at www.florencelibrary.org.

All-City Choral Concert: Today at 7 p.m. at Wilson High School. The All-City Chorus is Florence School District I's largest concert choir made up of student voices from South Florence, West Florence and Wilson high schools. The choir will sing a varied selection of music. The concert is free, open to the public, and should last for nearly 45 minutes. For more information, call 843-73-1134.

FMU Men's Basketball: Today at 7 p.m. at Francis Marion University. FMU vs. Morris. Games are played in the Smith University Center. For more information and admission fees, call 843-661-1240.

University String Ensemble: Today at 7:30 p.m. at FMU Performing Arts Center. Francis Marion University's String Ensemble will be performing. Call 843-661-4444 for reservations.

Family Movie: Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the community meeting room of the Hartsville Memorial Library located at 347 W. College Ave. in Hartsville. A family appropriate movie will be shown. For more information, call 843-332-5115.

Farm-City Week Program: Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Bennettsville Community Center located at 714 N. Marlboro St. in Bennettsville. The program will include a tour of McArthur Farms in Bennettsville, Covington Farm in McColl and Dornier Paper Company starting at 8:30 a.m. There also will be a complimentary luncheon at 12:45 p.m. with guest speaker Hugh Weathers, South Carolina commissioner of agriculture. The event is free. Donations are appreciated. For information, call 843-479-6851, ext. 0.

Thanksgiving Eve Block Party: Wednesday at 10 p.m. at Red Bone Alley. The evening will feature The Blue Dogs and Midway Blue. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of show. Ages 18 and up only. For more information, call 843-673-0035.

Farmers' market in downtown Florence: Wednesday from 3:30-7:30 p.m. in the

Search for Eagle Scouts under way

From staff reports

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America's Eagle Scout Award, BSA organizations across the country are searching for Eagles in their area so as complete a list as possible may be compiled.

Locally, Eagle scouts will be feted at the Pee Dee Area Scout Council's "Salute to Eagles" dinner on Nov. 29. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology

at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Alvin Townley, author of "Legacy of Honor," which features the lives and stories of well-known Eagles, will speak.

Among the Eagles who shared their story with Townley were Michael Bloomberg, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, J.W. Marriott Jr., Bill Gates Sr., and Capt. Jim Lovell of Apollo 13. The book also explores the virtues of a Tuskegee Airman, a Vietnam War POW,

a September 11 NYPD hero, a crew of Hurricane Katrina relief workers and a host of others from every walk of life.

Tickets and sponsorships for the events are available. Sponsorships run from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Individual tickets are \$25. Contact the Pee Dee Council for details at www.peedeescouts.org or 843-662-6306.

Since the first Eagle Scout Award was earned in 1912, more than 2 million young men have gone on to achieve the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank.

Eagle Search

If you are an Eagle Scout or if you know someone who is, please contact Ed Suggs, NESA/Alumni Chairman at edsuggsjr@nesa.org or <http://edsuggsjr@nesa.org>. Please provide the name of the Eagle Scout, the year the award was earned, the troop number and city/state.



GETTING YOUR SWEAT ON



PHOTO BY GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

Members of the Black Girls Run Florence chapter head out on the Rail Trail for a six-mile run on Saturday. The national group was founded in 2009 and has expanded to more than 70 chapters nationwide, including the Florence group which has been running for a year now. Women of all races and skill levels are welcome to join, from walkers to marathoners and everyone in between.

Women run for health

BY GAVIN JACKSON
Morning News
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FLORENCE — It's a chilly Saturday morning as the sun peeks over the tree line in the McLeod Health and Fitness Center parking lot where a few dedicated women have gathered, despite the cold, to fight for their lives.

They're runners, and they're running to stay healthy.

But these women are part of the local chapter of Black Girls Run, a group of black women who are looking to get healthy and battle the staggering negative health statistics stacked against them such as obesity



Vendie Borden, Carolyn Fairley-Silas and Lysandra Walkers talk with other runners behind the McLeod Health and Fitness Center Saturday before hitting the Rail Trail.

and chronic health problems as a result of a sedentary lifestyle and poor diet.

For member Vendie Borden, the trend stops here.

"Don't be afraid of the word 'run.' Run is just a word," Borden, who has

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Queens of the road

More women than men have driver's licenses in U.S.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Women have passed men on the nation's roads. More women than men now have driver's licenses, a reversal of a longtime gender gap behind the wheel that transportation researchers say is likely to have safety and economic implications.

If current trends continue, the gap will only widen. The share of teens and young adults of both sexes with driver's licenses is declining, but the decline is greater for young men, according to a study by the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute. The study looked at gender trends in driver's licenses between 1995 and 2010.

"The changing gender demographics will have major implications on the extent and nature of vehicle demand, energy consumption, and road safety," predicted Michael Sivak, co-author of the study. Women are more likely than men to purchase smaller, safer and more fuel-efficient cars; to drive less, and to have a lower fatality rate per distance driven, he said.

Over the 15 years the study covered, the share of men ages 25 to 29 years old with driver's licenses dropped 10.6 percent. The share of women of the same age with driver's licenses declined by

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Eutawville man has abundant citrus crop

The Associated Press

EUTAWVILLE — While the number "13" might be viewed as bad luck by some, Eutawville's Pate Prosser considers 13 a pro-

have lived in a lake community in the Eutawville area for nearly 20 years.

"I was raised up on a farm, and I couldn't wait to get away," Prosser says.



On Sept. 5, Pate Prosser of Eutawville reaches to



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High court weighs in on train death

By LEE HENDREN
T&D Government Writer

Imagine you're riding in a vehicle that's suddenly in imminent danger of wrecking. How much pain do you feel before the crash, and can your fear be expressed in a dollar amount?

The South Carolina Supreme Court said it agreed to hear an Orangeburg County case because it "presents the novel issue of whether 'pre-impact fear' should be recognized as a cognizable element of damages." Circuit

and appeals courts had said no.

Clarence Rutland and his wife, Tiffanie, were passengers in a sport utility vehicle that hydroplaned and flipped over into a ditch on U.S. Highway 301 on June 7, 2003.

Tiffanie Rutland died. Clarence Rutland subsequently reached settlements with the driver's insurance company and with General Motors.

He also sued the state Department of Transportation, alleging negligent maintenance and repair of the stretch of highway where the acci-

dent occurred. He sought monetary compensation for the fear and pain he says his wife felt immediately before the crash.

However, "Rutland offers only a recount of his personal fears and apprehensions prior to impact as proof that Tiffanie must have felt them as well," says the high court's ruling, issued Nov. 7. "The evidence suggests she died instantaneously. ... We find no evidence of conscious pain or suffering either prior to or after impact."

Therefore, the justices wrote,

they "reserve the novel question of whether South Carolina should allow recovery for pre-impact fear for another day."

In a separate case, the high court issued a mixed ruling on a lawsuit filed after the collision of a train and a van on Honeyford Road in Denmark in May 2004.

Beryl Harvey, a quadriplegic as the result of an earlier diving accident,

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Wire Reports

■ Fishy voters

Not a single voter cast a ballot in one Minneapolis precinct on Election Day. That's because the only living species in Ward 10, Precinct 38, is of the aquatic variety. A newly redistricted precinct map shows 38 is entirely in the eastern half of Lake Colton — the biggest lake in Minneapolis. City Clerk Casey Carl says the watery precinct is the "unintentional result of a programming error" made in drawing new ward boundary lines.

■ Office space

Forget texting while driving — German police nabbed a driver who had wired his Ford station wagon with an entire mobile office. After the 35-year-old man was pulled over for speeding, officers found, built on a wooden frame on his passenger seat, a laptop on a docking station tilted for easy driver access, a printer, router, wireless Internet stick, WLAN antenna and an inverter to power it all. A navigation system and cellphone mounted to the windshield completed the array. Since there was no evidence he used the office while moving, the man got away with a \$153 speeding ticket and a possible fine for having unsecured items in his car.

■ Hooked

Firefighters in Colorado say a woman's belly button ring became entangled with a drain cover in a shallow splash pool, but that she was freed without injury. The woman became stuck as she floated on her stomach with her child. Firefighters tried to turn the ring to free her, but then started to drain the pool while working to manipulate the ring.

■ Liar, liar

Fantastic fibbers vied at a remote pub in northwestern England for the title of world's biggest liar. Contestants had five minutes to impress the judges with a whopping, but convincing, lie. Last year's winner was nuclear power plant worker Glen Boyland, for an improbable story about racing snails with Prince Charles. Politicians and lawyers are barred from entry, as they are considered to have an unfair advantage.

■ Face time

A Rhode Island man police say used counterfeit \$100 bills to make purchases at a Target store made a critical mistake — the bills had a picture of President Abraham Lincoln on them. Real \$100 bills bear a picture of Benjamin Franklin. Lincoln's portrait, guess the \$5 bill. Police said the 29-year-old used the fake notes on three consecutive days to buy items worth less than \$25.

■ Diamond downer

Police in South Africa arrested a 25-year-old man who swallowed 220 polished diamonds in an attempt to smuggle them out of the country. The man was arrested as he waited in line at security at O.R.

THE SHOW GOES ON, BUT NO LIGHTS YET



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The Orangeburg Civic Ballet presented several dances from "The Nutcracker" during the DORA Christmas Program Sunday night at Stevenson Auditorium, including Spanish Hot Chocolate from the Kingdom of Sweets.

Christmas music fills the air; lighting tonight

By LEE HENDREN
T&D Government Writer

Muscle-filled Stevenson Auditorium on Sunday evening as Orangeburg welcomed the holiday season, but the downtown lighting ceremony had to wait.

Rain — at times strong and at times just drizzly — prompted organizers to reschedule the lighting ceremony on the square for 5:30 tonight.

The timing is designed to give attendees time to travel down Russell Street to the lower parking lot of Edisto Memorial Gardens by 6 p.m. for the lighting ceremonies for the Children's Garden Christmas and the Kid's Walk.

Jerry and Wanda Govan will light the Children's Garden Christmas. Curt and Tamra Campbell will light

the Kid's Walk. Riverside Drive will be closed from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday and traffic will be limited to one direction each evening through the holiday season.

The Children's Garden Christmas will be open from 5 to 10 p.m. through the holiday season. The Kid's Walk will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. Each features a variety of light displays, some of them interactive. Admission is free — a gift from the City of Orangeburg.

A half-hour is just about the right amount of time to attend those lighting ceremonies and leisurely stroll past the displays to the other end of the gardens.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. the Orange-



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Members of the Trinity United Methodist Church Male Chorus perform during the DORA Christmas Program on Sunday night.

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