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CHILD ABUSE PENALTIES MAY INCREASE

New bill would require mandatory jail time for convicted offenders

The Associated Press

South Carolina lawmakers are being urged to use caution as they consider legislation that would require mandatory prison time for day care operators convicted of inflicting great bodily injury on a child.

The State newspaper of Columbia reports that the bill relates to a case of a 26-year-old woman who pleaded guilty last year to the charge after admitting to slapping 7-month-old Kendra Gable so hard last year that it caused bleeding in her face.

Talisha Lavette was given a suspended 10-year sentence with five years probation. “It’s an abomination the way the court system treats child victimes in determining sentences for crimes of this magnitude,” Kendra’s mother, Traci Herdsman said.

A state Senate Judiciary subcommittee on Wednesday will consider the bill, sponsored by

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CAROLINA BRIEFS

USC will host the Healthy Carolina Farmers Market Tuesday. The market will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of the RH between the Greene Street gates. The farmers market will feature local produce, meats, cheeses and flowers. The market will be a cash and carry process, cash payment is due to the farmer at purchase. Feel free to bring a cooler for the purchase of cold items.

Campus Wellness and Palmetto Health Richland Hospital offer a free smoking cessation class for students, faculty and staff. For the summer session, on-campus classes will be: June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18 from noon to 1 p.m. Call (803) 296-CARE to register. Each person will meet with Dr. Ewing, the medical doctor who will write a prescription for Zyban or the nicotine patch. All classes will be held at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, Boardroom (201F). For more information, call 803-764-9991.

AEPi will be hosting a fundraiser this weekend at Jillian’s in the Vista Friday night as the spring season comes to an end. Cocky signs autographs for fans at the Spring Game Saturday. More than 25,000 fans turned out to support the Gamecock football team in its final scrimmage.

At least one death was reported in connection to the spring storms that began last night, damaging winds and at least one confirmed tornado to South Carolina, officials said Saturday.

James Adkinson, 63, of Beech Island, died around 11:10 p.m. Friday when a car he was driving struck a tree on the roadway, Aiken County Coroner Tim Carlton told several media outlets. Adkinson was wearing a seat belt, and the South Carolina Highway Patrol is investigating, Carlton said.

National Weather Service surveyors were dispatched to Aiken County to inspect damage from a confirmed tornado Friday night as the storms rumbled through the state. The tornado, with winds between 136 and 207 mph, uprooted or snapped numerous trees and cut a path half a mile wide from Beech Island to New Ellenton, forecasters said.

With at least 10 counties reporting damage from the storm, state officials said Aiken and three nearby counties — Abbeville, Anderson and Greenwood — bore the brunt of the impact.

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PIC OF THE DAY
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Thank you to Kara Roache, 2008, for taking the photo.
undermine the progress of the provision "would attorneys general in those taking a different approach. Voting Rights Act — for re-election in 2010. face term limits that worst showing among the votes of only about state's black population. cast ballots in proportions Alabama register to vote and candidates,” Perdue said. percentage of the vote racism’... is nonsensical continuing legacy of Riley said blacks in...
Five Points cops let us down

Alcohol enforcement should be stricter

Every weekend night in downtown Columbia looks the same: Young men and women, most of them in their 20s, fill the bars and restaurants that hang Five Points on the map when the sun goes down. Theamine street of Greencastle and Harden street flows, and there are more people and alcohol flows, too. It’s a party that is not over at the end of the night.

Kind of cute, right? Not our favorite kind of cute.

It’s not. “I’m not talking about the red and blue lights,” Joel Harts, a police captain, sums up clips of the street. “It makes some think twice about even walking down the sidewalk, for fear of some of us are a little comforting — or at least they should be.”

Good thing Joel knows employment and the law.

That’s what it means to be drunk.

What exactly are these police officers doing in Five Points if they are not there to keep the peace? Or to break up drunken fights, to keep you and I safe and well? What we get is a “Control-Z,” we get deeper into it.

The wonders of technology.

Whether the opinion du jour is that any history or English class is a PR stunt,” the undeniable, "in the age of the internet, even our history is going under. Control-Z.

"Too many of us are trying to do our personal journey (irrationally based) and "thinks" for reason (rationally based). Yes, seeing children as rural South Carolinians go to school or padlocked buildings makes me feel good. Knowing that militantly fragile children will grow into strong adults is something that makes me feel good. However, the question remains: What do we call that, and how do we call that? What do we call that, and how do we call that? What do we call that, and how do we call that?

In US, as in Russia, solutions come after personal journey

What does a prophet look like? What is the Right of America? Maybe he’s in a monastery somewhere. Maybe he stands on Greenvicle Street with a picket sign. Or maybe you’ll find him in the Unoccupied Joy, a Russian Orthodox bookstore near Five Points.

Joel Harts, the police captain, says the solution is not the way the police are operating.

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Nicholas Merkho, first-year Industrial engineering student

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Whether it’s in the pulp fiction of detective novels or the seeming omnipresence of crime-solving television shows that surged following the success of CBS’s “CSI,” it’s clear that audiences love solving mysteries. 

Almost like a convergence of the structures of literature and televised mystery, the show follows Nathan Fillion (“Firefly”) as mystery author Richard Castle. Castle is partnering with young homicide detective Kate Beckett (Stana Katic) as an observer, looking for inspiration for his next book.

Castle’s excitable nature teeters Beckett’s patience, as he assumes his authorial prowess will always help solve the murder at hand. His constant negotiation between observer and participant in many ways mirrors the show’s audience itself — we watch the characters solve the mystery and are excited when we pick up clues they may have missed since the resolutions of many of these plots are all too obvious.

Yes, “Castle” isn’t particularly fresh or groundbreaking, and it enjoys reveling in the rules more than breaking them. For some, it may seem borderline derivative. But it’s Fillion’s magnetic smirks that give the show its own flair, while the show’s “murder” is often a send-up of itself. We watch the characters solve the mystery and are participant in many ways mirrors the show’s audience itself.

And that’s really the fun of “Castle.” Most of the time, the game is not about trying to figure the murder out before the cops, but trying to see how right Castle can be. The effect is double-edged: when he’s wrong, the viewer can feel rewarded by outsmarting the show’s “murder expert,” but when he’s right, it’s validation that a lot could actually be learned from pulp fiction.

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The real cleverness comes in how up front the show is about being a “pulp detective show.” Each episode regularly features Castle or the other detectives delving murders in relation to cliché plot structures, and the noirish feel often uses his knowledge of archetypes to try and figure everything out.

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Inside the Box  By Marlee Lorenz in / The Daily Gamecock

Aries

Postpone a new endeavor for just a little while. Give yourself longer to work out a compromise, possibly by waiting. Don't rush into a decision. Virgo

A hassle at home and with your partner. Don't be surprised if tempers change. Something that looks easy now may turn out to be more difficult to figure out. Capricorn

You may have just won an important battle. Share your success with the people you love, but nobody else.

Aquarius

Tara down all invitations to celebrate. It's a little too soon. Don't spend, give away or share with others yet.

Pisces

You're creative, artistic and lucky. If you don't like what's going on, tell your adversary to stop. Be assertive and lucky. If you don't like what's going on, tell your adversary to stop.

Sagittarius

There's something not right about your comfortable home. You need to act quickly to preserve the peace. It shouldn't be too difficult to figure out.

Leo

You and your sweetheart may not agree on your shopping priorities. Try to work out a compromise, possibly by waiting. Don't rush into a decision.
Garnet & Black Standouts

**Stephen Giles**

The most celebrated and scrutinized Gamecocks of them all had a fine season, going 13-20 for 144 yards and two touchdowns. The numbers might not be overwhelming, but Giles had more comfort in the offense and had much better protection from his line, and only strayed from the pocket when he had to.

**The Good**

Quantitative Weslye

The tight end snagged four catches for 52 yards and a touchdown for the Garnet team during the Spring Game, leaving with unfilled answers at quarterback seems to be at much as the old tradition in a wide receiver stepping up to play on the sidelines for a touchdown.

**The Bad**

Quarterback Joe Hills

In years past, as Beecher and Thompson were both.....
The South Carolina baseball team captured a much-needed series victory over the No. 14 Ole Miss Rebels over the weekend in Oxford, Miss.

The Gamecocks (23-12, 7-8 SEC) jumped all over the Rebels early in Friday night’s matchup as the bats racked up nine runs in the first two innings off of Ole Miss (25-10, 9-6 SEC) starter Drew Pomeranz (3-1) before hanging on for a 12-10 victory.

Leading the charge for Carolina was sophomore center fielder Whit Merrifield, who collected a career-high five hits in six at-bats while scoring a team-high three runs.

The biggest hit of the game may have come early in the first, as the Gamecocks loaded up the bases with none out. After first baseman Nick Ebert fouled out and designated hitter Parker Bangs struck out, right-fielder Jackie Bradley, Jr. lined a 1-2 pitch to left field, driving in two. The momentum quickly switched back to Carolina, and the team went on to put up a five spot in the first after catcher Justin Dalles blasted a 1-2 pitch to right center field.

With the early lead, starting pitcher Sam Dyson (5-2) was able to settle in and hold the Ole Miss offense at bay. The sophomore right-hander struck out six Rebels over 5.2 innings and was able to hold on for the victory as the team held off a late Rebel comeback to win by two.

With the early victory in Carolina’s back pocket, the Gamecocks were able to play stress-free baseball in game two as the team cruised to an easy 8-1 record, allowing the team to capture just its second SEC series of the season.

Two first-year players led the charge for the Gamecocks, as starting pitcher Nolan Belcher (2-1) pitched the first complete game of his career while shortstop Bobby Haney hit his first multi-homerun game in a USC uniform.

“It was far from easy,” coach Ray Tanner said. “I’m just very proud of Nolan Belcher and his gutsy performance today, on the road against a team as good as Ole Miss. He was able to locate, [he] gave up a few hits but we scored for him. We played great. We picked a runner off, Dalles threw out a couple base-stealers. We did everything we needed to do to get a win.”

Nolan Belcher, a freshman southpaw from Augusta, Ga., scattered nine hits while striking out eight in his third-consecutive impressive start.

“Hammy, a junior college transfer, added key contributions himself, as both of the Smithtown, N.Y. natives’ bats left the yard. It was surprising to many, as Haney entered the game with just one career homer. However, it wasn’t all peachy for the Gamecocks over the weekend, as the offensive prowess shown in the first two games was nowhere to be found on Sunday. DeAngelo Mack’s solo homer in the sixth inning marked the lone run of the day, as USC fell 6-1 in the series finale.

The Gamecocks return home to Columbia for a five-game homestand, beginning with the College of Charleston Tuesday night. USC took the first game between the two teams 14-2 on March 24. First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

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Gamecocks take two of three against Rebels

Freshman pitcher, strong offense carry Carolina to series victory at Ole Miss

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