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DI POA warns bridge jumping is illegal

STAFF REPORT

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The Daniel Island Property Owners' Association issued a statement addressing ongoing safety concerns related to individuals who have been observed jumping from the Captain's Island Bridge near the end of Rhoden Island Drive in Daniel Island Park into Ralston Creek.

"This activity is extremely dangerous and has become an increasing concern for residents, boaters, and staff who regularly witness it," the POA statement reads. "In addition to the physical risks, it also creates issues related to trespassing, vandalism, littering, and loitering on nearby private property."

The POA went on to clarify that the Captain's Island Bridge is owned and governed by the City of Charleston with enforcement managed by the Charleston Police Department.

"It is unlawful to jump or dive from bridges within the City of Charleston due to the serious risk of injury associated with varying water depths, submerged hazards, tidal currents, vessel traffic, and wildlife, including alligators that have been

sighted beneath the bridge on multiple occasions," the statement continued.

The POA said the city's ordinance also prohibits individuals from climbing on bridge structures or sitting on bridge railings and other elevated portions of the bridge - and could be in violation even before even entering or jumping in the water.

The POA reiterated that it does not have jurisdiction to enforce the ordinance and recommended that observers who see this type of activity call 911 immediately.

"The creek beneath the bridge presents significant hazards. At low tide, water depths can be as shallow as approximately five feet, and the area includes oyster beds, rapidly shifting currents, passing boats, and wildlife. Any of these conditions can result in serious injury."

A "No Jumping From Bridge" sign has been installed at the entry point of the bridge and POA officials strongly encourage residents and visitors to speak with children and young adults about the danger of the activity, as well as "the importance of respecting posted rules and private property."

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What happens when a widely used waterfront parking lot disappears?

EMMA SLAVEN

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The temporary gravel lot used for parking at the Daniel Island Waterfront, tucked conveniently beside the children's park and adjacent dining district, is slated to become something far more permanent: a boutique hotel that will include residences, riverfront amenities, and additional space for public use.

The project, led by East West Partners, was formally outlined at the May 20 Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meeting, and it immediately set off a familiar island-wide debate about growth, access, and parking.

Harriette Calder, senior vice president of development for East West Partners, described their vision as an evolution of the waterfront's identity.

"We feel like it is kind of the bookend to the activity hub that the waterfront has become, so we feel like it should have more public space."

The hotel development would replace the gravel lot entirely, a shift that has prompted strong reactions from residents who rely on parking there for everyday visits and large-scale community events like Concert in the Park and the Charleston Duck Race.

Many have voiced concerns that without it, they may simply stop coming to the waterfront as often — or at all.

Others have suggested the hotel itself should include dedicated public parking access, while some argue the timing is especially difficult given how the waterfront has become a central gathering point for island residents.

CITY COUNCILMAN WEIGHS IN

Charleston City Councilman Boyd Gregg, who represents Daniel Island and the Clements Ferry area, has been vocal in his attempt to clarify what types of intervention the City of Charleston can undertake.

He stressed that the lot is indeed private property and has been zoned for a planned unit development for decades.

"This property was bought by somebody else for another purpose, and they are going to use it for that purpose," Gregg told the audience at the May DINA meeting.

Gregg told The Daniel Island News this week that although the development will move forward, it does not end the city's efforts to provide ample parking spaces.

"The waterfront development has always been part of the Daniel Island masterplan, and the city is actively working with East West Partners to ensure that there is adequate parking at the waterfront when that parcel is developed," he said.

"I understand the community's concerns," he added. "I remember what the waterfront was like back in 2015, and we are fortunate that we now have a place that so many people want to visit."

Gregg emphasized that parking studies indicate sufficient spaces currently exist nearby, including curbside parking along River Landing Drive and spaces behind several of the street's commercial buildings. He noted that the location of those spots may require visitors to walk a bit farther to reach the waterfront.

The city is also exploring additional signage to direct visitors to those existing parking areas.

BUSINESSES WEIGH IN

For waterfront businesses, the conversation is less about losing a parking lot and more about adjusting to a shifting pattern of access.

The Daniel Island Ferry owner Colby Hollifield said the impact is difficult to quantify but not necessarily alarming.

"It's hard to say how many of our customers use the construction lot, but we rarely hear of any parking issues," Hollifield said. "Like everything, there will be positives and negatives to the new hotel. The plan includes a restaurant and bar, which would be a great new amenity for the island. And having hotel guests at The Waterfront will help all businesses down there, the ferry included."

Hollifield, who is also president of the Daniel Island Town Association, which oversees the island's commercial areas, added that while the gravel lot is convenient, it is not the only option available.

"There is a lot of parking behind the businesses on River Landing Drive and East West is adding a lot of extra parking throughout the waterfront, so the numbers would say it won't be as bad as we might think," Hollifield said. "It will certainly be an adjustment, but I'm optimistic that the hotel will be a net positive for the ferry and island residents."

He also noted that broader stakeholder conversations are ongoing as plans evolve.

"I've participated in several meetings



NICK WOOD

The temporary gravel lot at the Daniel Island Waterfront, slated to be developed into a boutique hotel, is now at the center of discussion about access and future parking changes.

with a variety of stakeholders, and a number of initiatives are being developed to help address parking concerns and improve the overall Waterfront experience. As those plans are finalized, more details will be shared with the community."

Indigo Road Hospitality Group, which operates The DIME and The Kingstide restaurants at the waterfront, declined to comment for this story.

However, East West Partners noted that its hospitality partners have long been aware of the property's future development plans and were included in broader master planning considerations.

"Our partners, The Kingstide and The DIME, have known that the lot would be developed in time," Calder said. "The current master plan has been designed to accommodate the operational needs of both restaurants while also allowing for that anticipated development."

She said once East West's Phase 4 construction is complete (which includes two new apartment buildings with 128 units), the waterfront will include about "200 more

parking spaces than required by zoning, as well as... nearly 100 additional public street parking spaces." She also emphasized that parking remains a community-wide challenge rather than a single-site issue.

While development of the hotel has not yet begun, Calder said the concept reflects years of planning for the site and the broader waterfront district.

"While other development options have been explored for the property over the years, we have spent considerable time honing a hospitality-focused concept because we believe it has the potential to create a place that residents and visitors can enjoy alike," she said.

Next week, The Daniel Island News will publish results from a reader survey on the future of waterfront parking. In the first few days the survey was made available, the parking issue generated more than 300 comments.



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DALTON WILLIAMS

Traces of twilight still shone in the evening sky. The five men, known as the Committee of Five, decided to cease their work for the day. The youngest of them, Thomas, had spent two weeks drafting the document the others were now editing and reediting. Their goal was to complete this process to present their finished work to Congress by early July.

"You have done a worthy job, Mr. Jefferson," the oldest man spoke. "I trust our changes have not injured your intentions or sentiment."

"I am thankful for your wisdom, Mr. Franklin," Thomas replied with a smile.

Supper at a nearby tavern awaited. They donned knee-length coats over their waistcoats and headed toward the front door. As Mr. Sherman from Connecticut opened the door, the five froze. The scene outside the door was unknown to them. Streetlamps glowed without visible flame. People passing by were clothed in the strangest attire. Carriages, with no horse or mule visible, sped past, emitting ship-horn noises.

"Zounds! Am I in a dream?" Mr. Livingston inquired.

"Perhaps we all are," Franklin retorted, "but let's explore that establishment across the street."

"A mall building?" queried Mr. Adams.

"Yes," proclaimed Franklin, marching ahead.

"I'm hungry."

The men entered the building after Franklin inspected the door to ascertain how it had opened with no apparent human assistance. The ceilings were high, the lighting robust, the noise level



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abundant, and the space filled with strangely dressed young bachelors and maidens.

"Hey, check out these dudes!" one of them exclaimed, as a group of them surrounded the five gentlemen. Multiple voices rang out. "Dope outfits." "Which one of you is George Washington?"

"Can I take a selfie?" a young lass asked as she stood with her back to the five and held a device aloft.

"What, may I ask, are you holding?" Franklin inquired.

The young lass answered that it was her phone. The older man seemed puzzled but continued asking what it did. She said it could be used to talk to people and take photos. When the older man seemed still puzzled, she took a quick photo of Franklin and showed him the phone

screen.

"Oh, my," exclaimed the older man. "An instant painting."

"True dat," the lass replied with a grin.

"John, come look at this," Franklin commanded. Adams peered at the phone screen.

"I must say, a better image of you than in real life, Ben," quipped Adams.

"You can look stuff up, too," a young man named Richie interjected, holding up his phone.

"Stuff?"

"You know, facts and news and stuff."

"Like a library?" Adams asked.

"Way more than that. Anything you wanna know."

"Anything?" Adams answered. "Like Aristotle?"

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Last call! Your thoughts on DI Waterfront parking

Residents have been voicing concerns about parking availability at the DI Waterfront after East West Partners announced that their gravel-owned lot used for parking will be reimaged as a 65-room boutique inn with the possibility of a restaurant and additional spaces for the public.

Though the project would eventually eliminate the temporary lot, Charleston City Council-

man Boyd Gregg stressed that parking studies show enough spaces exist nearby – residents may simply need to walk a little farther.

Do you think there is adequate parking? Would parking issues impact your plans to visit Waterfront events or businesses? Use the QR code and take our online survey by July 11.

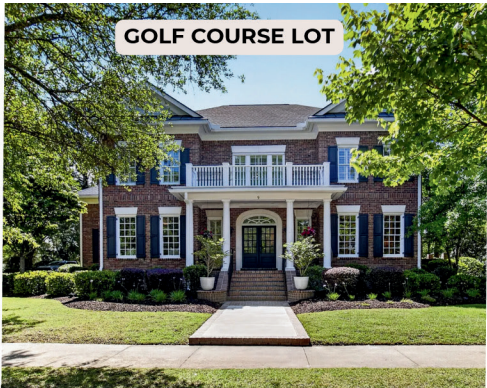
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letters to the editor

Thank you, Father West

To live a life of service is to live a life that reaches beyond the margins, beyond the edges of the maps of human hearts and lives, to make an impact that is eternal.

This is the life of service to God, to the Church, to people of every walk of life, and to the community, that Father Gregory West of Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church has been living for four decades. This July marks his 35th ordination anniversary, a luminous life of lived-out faith, sharing God's light with people around the world and here on Daniel Island.

Under his faithful leadership, Saint Clare of Assisi is a beacon of faith, love, fraternity, compassion, hope, and grace in our local community.

He has been, and is, a pastor, shepherd, friend, spiritual guide and advisor to countless souls. He has walked the journey of accompaniment with those struggling with tragedy and loss, those celebrating joyous milestones, and those coming to the Catholic Church for the first time, such as myself. I have only been a part of the Saint Clare family for a short time, but my life is forever blessed by Father West and the community at Saint Clare.

Father West mentioned in a recent homily that most Catholics have a particular priest who was especially impactful in their lives, who left a mark of grace, and was a profound blessing – for me, and for myriad others, that priest is Father West.

We are an unbroken chain of grateful hearts, blessed to know him, to have his wisdom and faithful Christian leadership affect and influence our lives. I am but one of the innumerable souls forever impacted, helped and blessed by his life, by him saying “yes” to God, and by his vocation and ministry.

My name may be on the byline of this piece but every single parishioner at Saint Clare of Assisi, and every heart who has ever met Father West and been blessed by his kindness, wisdom, faithfulness, and shepherd's soul, would have written the same words and expressed the same sentiments and gratitude.

Thank you, Father West, from all of us. Thank you for saying yes to God. All of our lives are better for it. Eternally.

*Michelle Lindsey
Daniel Island*

Citizens should speak up

In the article by [Charleston City Councilmember] Boyd Gregg titled “Property Rights,” Mr. Gregg points out the precedent of property rights laws, which are important to all of us. This is certainly a legal analysis worth discussion. However, when laws do not represent the needs of the community, citizens should speak up.

Developers do good things and are needed to help areas grow with housing and infrastructure.

But they also do things that are not in the best interest of communities like over-building. They build, they deliver, and they leave with their pockets full of gold.

Charleston is a prime example. Everywhere you look, our city, beaches, forests, historic communities, and salt marshes feel their impact. As Mr. Gregg accurately states, SCDOT and our legislature own some responsibility in not doing things quickly enough to ease the traffic congestion and safety concerns.

As we approach the 250th celebration of our great nation, let us remember what “We the People” are celebrating. Government is good, but when laws that do not represent the people in a community at large, citizens should speak out. Our founding fathers thought so otherwise we live in a monarchy where laws cannot be changed.

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"I don't know what that is, but check out this vid," Richie replied.

"It looks like a cat," Adams responded.

"Bet. And look at what it does. It's cray."

Adams observed for a while, then leaned toward Franklin and whispered, "This lad could be enlightening himself with Aristotle, yet he chooses to look at paintings of cats."

"Whatcha dudes doing with your fancy fit?" one of the bystanders asked the men.

"We're drafting a Declaration of Independence for a new country, your country, our country," Livingston answered proudly.

"We read about that in school," one youngster announced.

"Yeah, they're like reenactors," another chimed in.

"So, what's in that decoration thing you're doing?" a lad with ample tats inquired.

"It lists our grievances against King George," Livingston replied, "and sets forth..."

"Whatcha got against King George?" the tatted boy interrupted.

"The first is that he has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for

the public good," Livingston began to explain.

The younger crowd stared at Livingston, then at each other. Finally, one spoke up. "You talking 'bout King George, the rapper from Hopkins, South Carolina?"

The five older men stared at the questioner, then at each other.

Jefferson, who had been quietly watching the encounter since they entered the building, broke the silence. "May I inquire as to the date today?"

"We don't really date. We jus' hang together here at the mall, or sometimes jus' hang alone," one lad replied.

Franklin thought, "'Hang together or hang separately.' I might use that line one day."

"No, the date," Jefferson continued. "What month, day, and year is it?"

"Dude don't know da date!" one heckler interjected.

"Check your phone," another hollered.

Jefferson held up both hands to show he did not have one of their tools.

Finally, a young lass spoke up. "It's June 30, 2026."

"2026?" Jefferson asked.

"Fo sho," the lass answered.

Jefferson rubbed his chin. Adams scratched his brow. All the five looked lost in thought.

Franklin spoke first. "I'm hungry. Where might we find repast?"

The young crowd looked puzzled, so Franklin added, "Vittles, food."

"Oh food," one of the young lads proclaimed. "We got a great food court. Follow me."

"A court," Franklin whispered to Jefferson. "It must be regal."

The five were amazed by the fare before them when they arrived in the court. Franklin especially liked the illuminated menus affixed to the wall. Adams thought them immodest and too expensive.

At one establishment, Livingston pointed out to Sherman and Adams, "Look, they have an ale named after your associate, Mr. Samuel Adams."

"I'm sorry," a waiter explained, "but we are out of Samuel Adams ale. The Scots drank it all up in Boston."

"The Scots are in Boston?" Adams gasped.

"You know, during the World Cup. They drank the city dry," the waiter explained.

"We must warn General Washington,"

Adams continued.

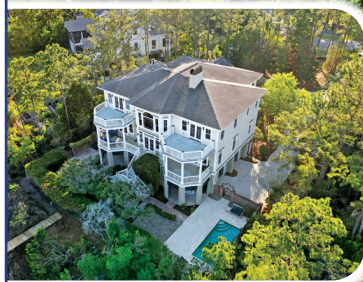
The five men enjoyed their respective meals, which the younger folks paid for when an establishment would not accept Franklin's British pounds.

Full and fitted, the five men walked back to the door where they had entered the mall. Again, the door opened, as if by magic. As they stepped outside, they were met by a familiar sight: the Philadelphia they knew and had left no more than an hour ago. They walked slowly along the cobblestone street toward their lodgings, recounting their experience in the mall. Sherman finally voiced what each was thinking: "If that be the future, are we sure what we are about to do is the right course?"

No one spoke for a while. Then Jefferson said softly, "Their future is in the hands of our Creator, who has endowed them with certain unalienable rights. It is our duty to pave the way for them to provide new guards for their future security."

Patting Jefferson on the back, Franklin proclaimed, "Well said, Tom. Well said!"

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It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a new mural at Doolittle Park

STAFF REPORT

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At first glance, the large mural looks like a simple image of a bird in flight. But look closer at the bird's shadow: the outline of an airplane emerges from the same brushstrokes.

The layered design now anchors a new mural at Doolittle Park in Point Hope, where aviation history and the Lowcountry landscape are brought together in a single visual scene.

The mural is the latest addition to the Cainhoy Peninsula community, where Point Hope planners say parks, trails, architecture, and public spaces are intentionally designed to reflect the area's history and natural character.

Doolittle Park, a signature sports park amenity for Point Hope property owners, carries that approach forward with a visual tribute tied to its namesake and surroundings.

Early in the park's design process, architects with SMHa proposed incorporating aviation imagery as a nod to General Jimmy Doolittle, the famed aviator for whom the park is named. Doolittle also collaborated

with Harry Frank Guggenheim, former owner of the property, on early developments in aeronautics – connections that continue to influence how the site is interpreted.

To develop the mural, Point Hope partnered with Charleston graphic artist Gil Shuler, who also designed the community's logo. Instead of a traditional aircraft illustration, Shuler created a blended image that combines the silhouette of a plane with a heron in flight, linking aviation history with the natural environment that defines the Cainhoy Peninsula.

The design reflects movement, exploration, and the relationship between human innovation and the landscape. It also draws on Guggenheim's interests in both aviation and the outdoors, which remain part of the broader historical narrative of the property.

While the mural is a relatively small feature within Doolittle Park, it adds another layer to a space designed for recreation and community use, reinforcing what Point Hope officials say is a broader effort to connect its built environment with the history of the land it occupies.



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The new mural at Doolittle Park combines the silhouette of an aircraft underneath a heron in flight, reflecting Point Hope's connection to both famed aviator General Jimmy Doolittle, who the park is named after, and the Lowcountry environment.

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Easy tips for seniors to avoid the dangers of extreme heat

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As summer heats up across the South (while Europe endures a blistering heat wave with temperatures exceeding 100°F in parts of France, Italy, and Spain), health officials are warning that extreme heat is becoming a defining public health risk.

And for older adults, it can turn dangerous quickly.

While heat is uncomfortable for most people, aging changes the body in ways that make seniors far more vulnerable. The body's internal cooling system becomes less efficient over time, making it harder to regulate temperature and respond to heat stress.

"As you get older, your body just doesn't cool itself the same way," said Charleston-area physician Mandy Cook, who works in geriatric care. "You don't always realize how hot you are until you already feel sick."

That delay is part of the danger. Cook noted that the brain's thirst response weakens with age, meaning many seniors don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated. At the same time, the body holds less water overall, leaving less reserve during fluid loss. Sweat glands also become less active, reducing the body's ability to cool through evaporation.



Medications add another layer of risk

Diuretics, commonly used for blood pressure, increase fluid loss. Antihistamines and certain antidepressants can reduce sweating. Beta-blockers and other heart or psychiatric medications may also interfere with how the body regulates temperature and circulation.

The result can escalate quickly: dehydration reduces blood volume, forcing the heart to work harder while limiting blood flow to the brain. Early signs often include dizziness, fatigue, dry mouth, confusion, headache, and reduced urination. Without intervention, this can progress to heat exhaustion or life-threatening heatstroke.

Social factors also play a major role. Many older adults

live alone, meaning early symptoms may go unnoticed.

Others may limit air conditioning use due to fixed incomes or struggle with mobility that makes it difficult to access cooling centers or even stay properly hydrated throughout the day.

"I try to drink water, but sometimes I forget until I already feel off," said Clements Ferry senior Thomas Hunt. "On really hot days, I just stay inside with the blinds closed."

What to do when it's hot

Medical guidance emphasizes prevention:

- Drink fluids regularly throughout the day, not just when thirsty
- Avoid alcohol and excessive caffeine
- Use water or electrolyte drinks when spending extended time in heat.
- Light, loose clothing, and shaded or air-conditioned spaces can significantly reduce risk.

Simple cooling steps also matter: taking cool showers, using fans, and resting during peak afternoon heat can help prevent the body from overheating.

Cook also stresses checking on elderly neighbors or family members during extreme temperatures.

Heat safety isn't just about comfort; it's about survival, especially for older adults whose bodies can no longer adapt as easily as they once did.

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MORE THAN A WORKOUT:

Daniel Island seniors find strength, friendship in fitness class

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Laughter and conversation carried across the Daniel Island Recreation Center as instructor Erika Nicoli guided a room full of seniors through their weekly fitness class. Between jokes, encouragement, and reminders to “take your breaks,” participants moved through each exercise with smiles on their faces.

By the end of the hour, it was obvious the class offered much more than a workout.

“I do it because I love them, and I want to see them be stronger,” Nicoli said after a recent class. “They’re here because they need community. Some live by themselves. Some have been through so much. This is a place where they belong.”

Nicoli has taught fitness for nearly 18 years and has led the Daniel Island senior fitness class for about nine of them. Although she still teaches higher-intensity classes elsewhere, she said working with older adults has become her passion.

“I always tell people, ‘Do what you can,’” she said. “If you can’t reach up today, reach forward. Don’t use the weights if you need to. The goal is just to keep moving.”

Watching the class, it was clear every participant was able to work at their own pace. Some remained seated while others completed standing exercises, but everyone stayed involved. Nicoli constantly offered encouraging comments to keep everyone engaged and slipped in a joke or two whenever she could.

The workout itself was more challenging than it first appeared. Squats, balance exercises, and upper-body strength training kept the participants constantly moving.

“Motion is lotion,” Nicoli said. “Movement helps lubricate the joints, keeps the body functioning, and keeps the mind sharper.”

She said strength training becomes increasingly important with age because it helps preserve bone density. One participant even shared that her bone density had improved after regularly attending class.

But perhaps the biggest benefit isn’t physical.

As class ended, no one rushed for the door. Participants lingered to chat and thank Nicoli before leaving. One woman excitedly introduced herself to another after discovering they are both members of Alpha Xi Delta, a moment that perfectly captured how

welcoming the group is.

The class has become its own community. Members gather for potlucks, holiday celebrations, and even ice cream socials during the summer.

“They’re loyal,” Nicoli said. “I get so much more from them than what I could ever give back.”

That care extends beyond the recreation center. Nicoli recalled times she drove members home when they needed a ride and celebrated life’s milestones together.

“I really love teaching this class,” she said. “I want them to be stronger going into whatever life brings.”

As the seniors headed home, many were already saying goodbye until the next class.

For many of them, the weekly gathering is about far more than exercise. It’s an opportunity to spend time with friends who encourage one another every step of the way while keeping their bodies active and healthy in the process.

Seniors can join instructor-led fitness classes at the DI Recreation Center every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 160 Fairbanks Drive.



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Seniors lift their arms during a guided movement exercise at the Daniel Island Recreation Center fitness class.



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Fitness classes at the Daniel Island Recreation Center have become more than recreation for these seniors, serving as a way to stay active while building friendships and community connections.

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Seniors can join instructor-led fitness classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The classes focus on weight training, core strength, and upper and lower body exercises.



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The Charleston Literary Festival has revealed its list of guest authors for the November event. Many of these authors have been featured here (thank you very much). Barbara Kingsolver, Virginia Evans, Lily King, Daniel Kraus, Hernan Diaz, Jayne Anne Phillips, and many more! The official bookstore is Philosophers and Fools. Support your local bookstore and get your tickets now.

NONFICTION

"How to Rule the World" by Theo Baker. A freshman at Stanford joins the school paper and investigates the falsification of scientific research that resulted in the resignation of the school's president. He also gives an intimate and unsettling account of the new entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley. Ask me in person for my insider info. Highly recommended.

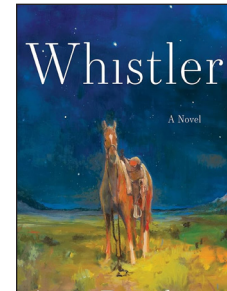
"The Land and Its People" by David Sedaris. Several of these pieces were previously published in The New Yorker, but I enjoyed them all again. I strongly recommend this as an audiobook, as Sedaris delivers his material with precision honed over multiple presentations. Riotous fun.

"Trash!" By Simon Pare-Poupard. The author paid for his education — undergrad through Ph.D. — by working on a garbage truck. He has a career as a journalist but continues his work in waste management for the physicality and honesty of the job. A brief but incisive look at the job and the issue of "stuff."

FICTION

"The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett. A delightful, funny, and heart-breaking tale of Birdie and Meg (and a host of other characters) in 1933 Missis-

sippi. Lengthy, but so engaging you just keep reading! Perfect summer entertainment.



"Whistler" by Anne Patchett. The foundation of this book was an essay Patchett wrote about her three fathers for The New Yorker. This fictional treatment is an absolute

delight — honest, relatable, sincere, never pretentious. The woman is a master of the written word.

"Alan Opts Out" by Courtney Maum. A wry skewering of excess set in Greenwich, Connecticut (the same setting as the series "Your Friends and Neighbors"), but it could easily be set on Daniel Island. Totally worth a read.

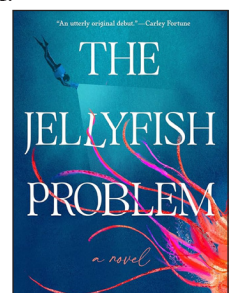
"The Fine Art of Lying" by Alexandra Andrews. An extramarital fling that leads to murder, art theft, and a lot of creative lying. A very twisty story that really picks up in the second half.

"The Jellyfish Problem" by Tessa Yang. A sea-monster tale that doubles as a metaphor for grief and loss.

"Returns and Exchanges"

by Kayla Rae Whitaker. A sprawling family story of the Taylors and their chain of stores based in Lexington, Kentucky, in the 1980s. Not a page-turner, but a slow-burn look into the machinations of family, love, business, and societal constraints. Every family has dysfunction; this book just gets an inside look at one for our examination and judgment. Suitable for book clubs.

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DI's Flying Fish celebrate outstanding swim season

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Once again, the Daniel Island Flying Fish put on a performance that was a splashing success at the CCAA Championships.

The Flying Fish won their fourth consecutive championship June 28 with a 3,097-2,702.5 victory over Snee Farm in a meet held at the City of North Charleston Aquatic Center. Parkshore held down third place with 2,693.5 points in the 58th annual event.

"The team captured its fourth consecutive championship after an exciting weekend of competition in which every swimmer contributed to the overall team score," Coach Rose Van Metre said. "It was a true team effort, with every swimmer who competed earning points and many posting significant personal-best times throughout the meet."

The team was in second place after the first day despite some impressive efforts by talented 7- and 8-year-olds.

"Daniel Island took the lead during the second session as the 9-12-year-old swim-

mers delivered a strong race," Van Metre said. "On Sunday, during the third and final session, the team pulled away from the competition to secure the championship victory."

While Van Metre was in a celebratory mood, it was hard for her to say farewell to some talented swimmers.

"The championship marked the final meet for four outstanding seniors: Ellie Chalupsky, who will continue her swimming career at Arizona State University. Mia Devito will swim at Queens University. Mackezie LeVeen is headed to Auburn University, and Carter Riley will attend Clemson University," Van Metre said. "While each has enjoyed tremendous success in the pool, they have been equally admired for their leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to their teammates. Throughout their careers, they represented Daniel Island with pride and served as exceptional role models for the program's younger swimmers."

Chalupsky's final swim with the Flying Fish was impressive. She shattered her own CCAA Meet records in the girls' 15-18 50-

yard butterfly (25.45 seconds) and the 15-18 50-yard backstroke (25.71).

Chalupsky teamed up with DeVito, Charlotte Good, and Lila Mahoney to claim gold and break the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1 minute and 38.34 seconds.

Van Metre has coached more than 2,000 swimmers in a career that dates back to 1983. She was inducted into the South Carolina Swim Coaches Hall of Fame in November 2025.

She said the Flying Fish success is a tribute to the DI community.

"The Flying Fish would like to thank the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association (DI POA) for its continued support, as well as the entire Daniel Island community for its encouragement throughout the season."

To see the list of all Top 10 Flying Fish finishers in each age group and event, visit thedanielislandnews.com/sports.

PROVIDED BY KRISTIN MCGIVERN

Members of the DI Flying Fish swim team celebrate their 2026 City Meet championship with a victory party at Heavy's Barburger.



Horses' Ashley Roush caps high school career as national champion

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Philip Simmons High School standout student-athlete Ashley Roush concluded an incredible career with a first-place finish in the pole vault at the Adidas Outdoor Track Nationals, which were held June 18-21 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Roush cleared 3.75 meters to win a gold medal in the pole vault, which translates to 12 feet, 3.5 inches, in the Championship Division of the meet.

It wasn't exactly a case of what's new. Roush was a national champion in the pole vault at the Adidas Indoor Nationals earlier this year.

"I definitely came in with high goals, but I knew I still had to go out and earn it," Roush said of her gold medal at Outdoor Nationals. "There were a lot of great vaulters, so I just focused on my own jumps and trusted my training. I'm really thankful for my coaches, my family and everyone who's helped me get here. It's an awesome feeling, and I'm excited to keep getting better."

Roush was one of four Iron Horse athletes who competed in the prestigious event. The

other Iron Horse athletes who competed included Jeremiah Richardson, Jack Robinson, and Cole Tonon.

The four standouts competed in the meet as "unattached," competing as an individual without representing a specific school, sponsor, or formal club team.

Roush also shone in the classroom at PSHS. She recently graduated with a 5.3 GPA and was No. 8 in her class. She volunteers with her church, One Fellowship.

Roush will matriculate to the University of Virginia.

"UVA was the perfect combination of everything I was looking for," Roush said. "It gives me the chance to compete at the highest level while earning a great education. It just felt like the right place for me, and I'm really grateful for the opportunity."

Roush leaves an impressive legacy as the Palmetto State's top pole-vaulter in 2026.

She was a four-time state champ, including pole vault (2024-26) and long jump (2025) and owns the school record in the pole vault, long jump, and as a member of the 4x100-meter relay.

She earned four medals in her final state championship appearance in May. She won



Philip Simmons' Ashley Roush, center, placed first in the pole vault at the 2026 Adidas Outdoor Track Nationals in Greensboro, North Carolina.

gold in the pole vault, silver in the long jump, and bronze medals in the long jump and 400 relay to help the Iron Horses win the Class AA state title. The Iron Horses have won four state titles in nine years and

Roush was a member of two of the teams.

"Ashley is one of the top female athletes to ever come through the school," Iron Horse athletics director Dan Minkin said.

Police recover 200 ecstasy pills during traffic stop

STAFF REPORT

The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department's crime reports within Team 5, which covers Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and parts of Cainhoy from June 16-30.

LARCENY

On June 17, an officer responded to a construction site on Stokes Marshal Way in reference to a theft from a construction trailer. The complainant stated the locks had been cut, and tools – including nail guns, saws, a hacksaw, and an air compressor – were stolen. The items were valued at \$1,500. No surveillance footage was available.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

An off-duty officer responded to a complaint at Credit One Stadium on Seven Farms Drive on June 20. The officer observed that the individual was heavily intoxicated and was told to leave. After refusing to leave, police said he became combative and was placed under arrest for

public intoxication. A court date has been assigned.

DRUG/NARCOTICS VIOLATION

On June 21, an officer was patrolling at the top of the Don Holt Bridge on I-526 and identified a tag associated with a wanted party. Police said the driver failed to maintain his lane and was pulled over at Exit 19 near North Rhett Boulevard. He confirmed his identification with his license and matched it with a warrant for arrest in Columbia, South Carolina. The officer detained the driver and inventoried the vehicle, finding an open container of alcohol and 200 ecstasy pills with sports and juvenile themes stamped on them and packaged in clear bags. He was arrested and charged with trafficking ecstasy and an out-of-agency warrant and transported to Berkeley County jail.



DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS

An officer was conducting routine patrolling in the areas of Yellow House Road and Clements Ferry Road when he observed a vehicle displaying a suspended registration. The driver was pulled over and was told the unregistered vehicle needed to be towed. He became upset when the officer explained that he would be inventorying the vehicle. Inside the vehicle, the officer uncovered a scale with narcotic residue that tested positive for cocaine. A loaded handgun was removed in the glove box. The driver was found to have a criminal history dating back to 2015, which prohibits him from possessing a firearm. He was placed under arrest.

IDENTITY THEFT

On June 22, Team 5 responded to an apartment at Robert Daniel Drive regarding a report of fraud. The complainant explained

that she received an email from a credit bureau with a negative alert. When she logged into her credit report, she noticed an overdue charge from a telecommunications company with a balance of \$8,905 that had been set to collections. The complainant said she had never had an account with the company. A police report was initiated, and the complainant intends to press charges if warranted.

HIT-AND-RUN COLLISION

At the I-526 on-ramp from Seven Farms Drive, a motor vehicle, which had traveled off the roadway to the right, struck and knocked down a tree and came to rest about 50 feet into the wooded line. Officers canvassed the area and did not locate anyone in or around the vehicle. Fire and EMS were notified and assisted with checking the area. Extensive damage was observed to all portions of the vehicle. A Georgia driver's license and credit cards were found in the vehicle. Officers had the vehicle towed due to its location and complexity involved in removing it from the wooded area.

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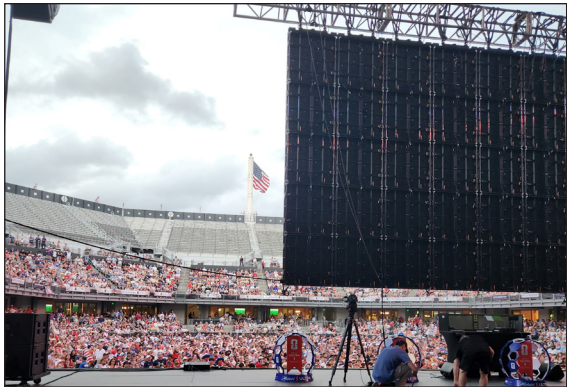


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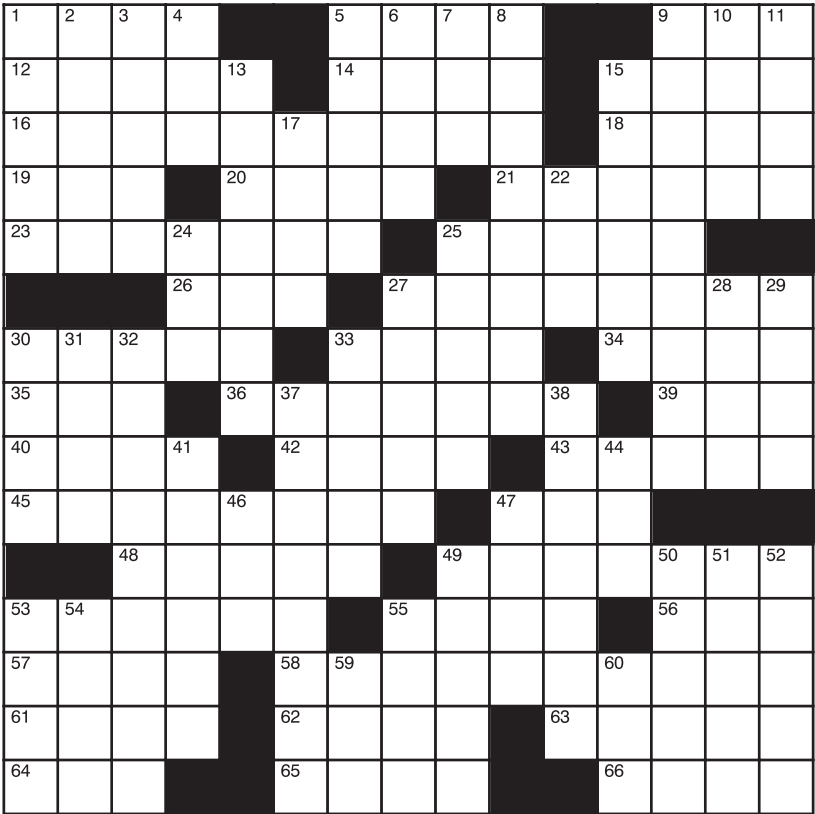
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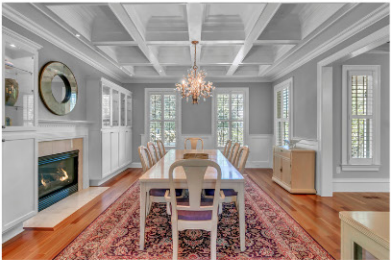
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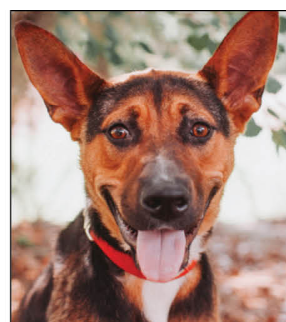
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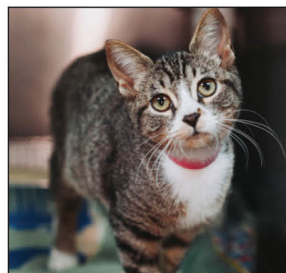
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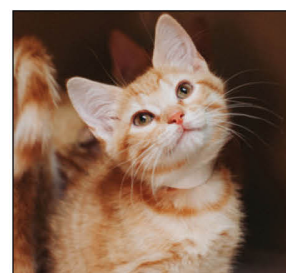
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