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South Carolina Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, Alvin M. Greene, poses for a photo in Manning.

Watchdogs complain about Greene

WASHINGTON — From South Carolina to the White House, don't blame Alvin Greene if he thinks the whole Democratic world is turning against him. Page 6A.

UPCOMING EVENTS

■ **RedWolves Game:** Tonight at 7:30 p.m. at 340 S. Stadium Road. Food Lion MVP Night. Show your MVP card and get \$1 off general admission ticket. For details, call (843) 629-0700 or visit www.florencceredwolves.com.

■ **RedWolves Game:** Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 340 S. Stadium Road. For details, call (843) 629-0700 or visit www.florencceredwolves.com.

■ **America On Stage featuring the Florence Little Theatre Singers:** Thursday through June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Florence Little Theatre. Tickets are \$15 and can be bought in advance or the day of the show. The box office will be open through June 19. For details, call (843) 662-3731.

■ **Summer Series of LIVE @ CENTRAL!:** Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church in downtown Florence. Steven Smith will present a program. For details, call (843) 229-0379 or (843) 662-3218.

■ **Waggin' & Shaggin' Beach Blast:** Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Darlington Raceway, Garage/Pit area featuring the Rick Strickland Band and emcee Dan E. Lockemy. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door with proceeds benefiting the Darlington County Humane Society. Admission includes food and beverages. Tickets are available at the Darlington Chamber of Commerce, Bella Domani, Darlington Raceway, Darlington County Humane Society, Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, Burry Bookstore and Holland House.

Relief well scrutinized

Experts say BP's plan could cause further damage

By Jason Dearen and Greg Bluestein
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — In the chaotic days after the oil

rig explosion, BP engineers and federal regulators desperate to plug the blown-out well scrambled to complete plans for a pair of deepwater relief wells that represent the best chance to end the disastrous spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

But BP didn't begin drilling the relief well until 12 days after the start of the disaster as the company and

government rushed through environmental reviews, permits and other plans. The government does not require oil companies to have relief well plans in place ahead of time, and the lack of planning cost the company valuable time to get the spill under control.

And the plan ultimately approved by the government offers virtually no de-

tails outlining the relief well effort or what dangers might lurk in the depths as the company drills 18,000 feet below the surface — the equivalent of 16 Eiffel Towers. Experts say the relief effort could be exposed to the same risks that caused the original well to blow out in catastrophic fashion, while potentially creating a worse spill if engineers

were to accidentally damage the existing well or tear a hole in the undersea oil reservoir.

The gaps in the relief well process mirror other regulatory issues and oversights that have been exposed since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded on April 20, killed 11 workers

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Music for a cause

Concert supports clean water in South America

By Elizabeth Lamb
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Biker Church USA hosted the Living Water and Tommy Head Memorial Motocross Benefit Concert Sunday afternoon.

People were able to listen to bands, tie-dye T-shirts and eat snow cones all in an effort to continue Tommy Head's fundraising efforts abroad.

Head was killed in a motorcycle accident in northern Peru in April 2009. He and his wife Angela started drilling wells for clean drinking water for tribal villages in South America about eight years ago.

Angela is still working with Living Water International drilling clean water wells.

Tommy Bolger, pastor at Biker Church USA, said funds raised at the benefit concert will go toward Living Water International.

He said they decided to hold the benefit concert to help continue the work Tommy Head started.

"To be able to connect to what missionaries are do-



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Left to right: Rocky Phipps, Shea Watt, Rebecca Phipps and Jim Stephens perform at Biker Church USA during the Living Waters Benefit concert on Sunday.

ing around the world is just an awesome task and it makes me feel awesome to be a part of what God's doing to the ends of the earth," Bolger said.

Bolger said he wouldn't call himself a biker but he does like to ride sometimes.

He said although people in leather tend to have a bad tag, they are some of the biggest-hearted people he has met.

For more information on how to donate to Living Water International contact Biker Church USA at info@bikerchurchusa.com or www.florence.org.



People tie-dye event T-shirts as a fundraiser for Living Waters, which provides clean fresh drinking water in South America, during the Living Water and Tommy Head Memorial Motocross Benefit concert on Sunday.

McBride earns librarian award

By Dwight Dana
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FLORENCE — Florence County Library System Director Ray McBride has received the 2010 Excellence Award from LYRASIS, the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals.

The award honors a person who has made a "significant and excep-

tional contribution in areas central to LYRASIS's vision of strengthening libraries through collaboration, creative solutions and leadership for libraries."

McBride was singled out for outstanding statewide leadership, including his role in the formation of the S.C. Library Evergreen Network Delivery System (SC Lends).

McBride is chairman of the SC LENDS advisory committee. This open

source consortium is the second largest open source consortium in North America.

"I'm excited and honored to receive this award," McBride said during an interview in his office Thursday. "I think a lot of what we do here reflects a lot of LYRASIS's goals. Three of our major tenets are collaboration, innovation and education."

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EMS vehicles get new life-saving technology

By Dwight Dana
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FLORENCE — Time is of the essence when patients are en route to local hospitals with heart problems in Emergency Medical Service (EMS) vehicles.

And time is even more of the essence now that EMS personnel are able to send electro-cardiograms (EKGs)

from the truck to hospital emergency departments.

Dr. Bill Cauthen has been the medical director of the Florence County EMS for 15 years. He was in the vanguard of this life-saving advancement, which began last month.

Cauthen is also the lead physician in the Carolinas Hospital System

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