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SANFORD GETS SECOND CHANCE

ON POLITICAL SCRAPHEAP 4 YEARS AGO,
EX-GOVERNOR WINS 1ST DISTRICT SEAT



U.S. Rep.-elect Mark Sanford was surrounded by well-wishers Tuesday night at his 1st District victory party at the Liberty Tap Room in Mount Pleasant, where he acknowledged the "angels" who helped him win.

BY GLENN SMITH,
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Former Gov. Mark Sanford completed the trail to political redemption Tuesday with a win over Democrat Elizabeth Colbert Busch to reclaim his old seat in Congress.

Sanford defeated Colbert Busch 54 percent to 45 percent, according to unofficial results. Turnout was heavier than expected, with about 32 percent of the district's 455,702 registered voters casting ballots.

Sanford, who has never lost an election, returns to the 1st District seat he held for three terms from 1995-2001. It's a remarkable comeback for a man many pundits had written off after his highly publicized affair with an Argentine mistress made him the source of national ridicule in 2009.

Democrats jumped at the chance to pick up a traditionally safe GOP seat, putting more than \$1 million to back Colbert Busch, a businesswoman and sister of comedian Stephen Colbert.

In the end, the Republican with the plywood signs and plain-talking style earned the day with voters, who were willing to overlook



"We put up a heck of a fight," Elizabeth Colbert Busch told supporters Tuesday night at the Charleston Renaissance Hotel. "The people have spoken, and I respect their decision."

1st Congressional District

Mark Sanford, R	77,466	54%
Elizabeth Colbert Busch, D, WF	64,818	45%
Eugene Platt, G	690	0%

Parties: R, Republican; D, Democratic; WF, Working Families; G, Green
SOURCE: STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

Sanford's baggage as well as fresh allegations of trespassing from his ex-wife, Jenny.

Sanford supporters gathered at the Liberty Tap Room in Mount Pleasant, and Sanford needed to

stand on a kitchen pan so he could be seen in the crowded room.

He thanked his staff, supporters and Colbert Busch for a spirited race. He said the race came down to a difference of ideas over how to fix the nation's financial woes.

"I have a question for you all," he said as the crowd roared. "How many of you want to change Washington, D.C.?"

Sanford brought up the ethical lapses that foes hammered him on during the campaign, acknowledging his past even as fiancée Maria Belen Chaput, the Argentine woman he had gone to see as governor, stood a few feet behind him.

"I had deficiencies that were well-chronicles as a candidate," he said, but then went on to talk about grace and the "angels" who had helped him along the way.

Sanford said he learned a lot about grace over the course of the campaign, and that "I got in a way I never have before."

"I'm going to try to be the best congressman that I can be," he said. Colbert Busch took the stage at the Charleston Renaissance Hotel to concede, as about two dozen family members stood by her.

"We put up a heck of a fight, didn't we?" she said. "The people

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School tweet highly divisive

Bullying threat or
private statement?

BY DIETTE COURRÉGÉ CASEY
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The issue of whether a School of the Arts senior should be kicked out for tweeting the "n word" about a black classmate is dividing the Charleston County School Board and the community.

Some, such as Charleston NAACP Chairwoman Dot Scott, said the school board must send a strong message that bullying and racial threats can't be tolerated. Scott said the black classmate, a junior, already has to deal with being a minority in a predominantly white school. Fourteen percent of School of the Arts students are black.

"We're not talking about the pain of the black girl," Scott said. "What about her life, her right to go to school and not be intimidated?"

Others, such as school board member Elizabeth Moffly, said the district administration has overstepped its authority and shouldn't be policing an activity that happened off school grounds outside school hours.

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FILE: MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
Brittane Drexel disappeared from Myrtle Beach four years ago.

Missing teen's mom finds hope

Inspiration drawn
from Cleveland case

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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The case of three women found alive in Cleveland after being missing for 10 years offers new hope to the family of Brittane Drexel, the teenager who vanished in Myrtle Beach four years ago.

Brittane, who was 17 at the time, left her Rochester, N.Y., home for the Grand Strand.

"Anything is possible," said her mother, Dawn Drexel. "We've always had hope that she was still alive."

The three missing women escaped their captor Monday afternoon.

"They were lucky. I am glad the families got some resolution," Drexel said.

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Safety a hard lesson learned

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Women who were captives 9 years or more and are now free profiled



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3 unsolved missing persons cases in S.C., Page A4

By JERRY MARKON
and CAITLIN DEWEY
The Washington Post

She was, by all accounts, a typical teenage girl, who wore her hair in a ponytail, liked to shop and loved rapper Eminem.

But Tuesday, the now-27-year-old Amanda Berry emerged as the hero of a remarkable saga in which she and two other women were kidnapped and held captive for years in a Cleveland home.

It was Berry, police and neighbors said, who had the presence of mind to hail a neighbor, slip through an obstructed front door with his help and place a frantic call to 911.

"Help me. I'm Amanda Berry. I've been kidnapped, and I've been missing for 10 years," she said tearfully, before describing her alleged captor for the dispatcher.

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1ST DISTRICT RACE

SANFORD WINS REDEMPTION



Mark Sanford arrives to give his victory speech on Tuesday in Mount Pleasant. The former S.C. governor won back his old congressional seat in a special election.



Elizabeth Colbert Busch gives her concession speech at the Charleston Renaissance Hotel after losing to Sanford.

He trounces Colbert Busch in remarkable comeback

By GINA SMITH
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HILTON HEAD — Mark Sanford is headed back to Congress after trouncing Democrat Elizabeth Colbert Busch with 54 percent of votes cast in the 1st District race, a 9 percentage-point victory that dashed predictions of a close race.

Sanford's big victory Tuesday showed 1st District voters cared more about a consistent voice for limited government and no new spending than transgressions that seemed to have scuttled Sanford's political career four years ago.

Pocketbook issues key for Sanford; loss demoralizes Dems



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SANFORD COMPLETES COMEBACK

Ex-governor overcomes past scandal, political obstacles to win back his old 1st District seat

By Bruce Smith
Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Four years after scandal derailed his political career, ex-Republican Gov. Mark Sanford once again holds a South Carolina political office, winning back his old congressional seat Tuesday after a race in which he battled his past and

an opponent who outdid him in fundraising.

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"Some guy came up to me the

other day and said you look a lot like Lazarus," Sanford told a crowd of more than 100 cheering supporters at his victory celebration, referring to the man who, according to the Bible, Christ raised from the dead.

With all precincts reporting, Sanford had about 54 percent of the vote.

"I've talked a lot about grace during the course of this campaign," he said. "Until you experience human grace as a reflection of God's grace, I don't think

you really get it. And I didn't get it before."

Sanford, who turns 53 later this month, has never lost a race in three runs for Congress and two for governor. And he said before the votes were counted Tuesday that if he lost this one, he wouldn't run for office again.

He saw his political career disintegrate in summer 2009, when he disappeared for five days, telling his staff he was



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PAIN AND PROGRESS



DOWNTOWN

Rich Hincapie, who moved Hincapie's Sportswear to 45 Pete Hollis Blvd., has acquired the lots adjoining his building for a planned expansion, but says he's held off due to the road. MYKAL MITCHELL/STAR

Rebirth comes slowly to Pete Hollis after controversial road widening

By Anna Lee
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The part of Pete Hollis Boulevard in city limits runs a half-mile long.

Past old Poe Mill, it starts over the bridge, where the speed limit drops to 35. City wants to make kids happy, from

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THEN AND NOW

Look back on the construction and see what's stirring on Pete Hollis Boulevard in a video at GreenvilleOnline.com



Smolla exit stuns Furman

Carl Kohrt named interim president

By Ron Barnett

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Furman University's incoming interim president says he plans to be more than "a caretaker," and the chairman of the board says the school will move quickly to begin a search but take its time in finding the right person to succeed Rod Smolla, who stunned the Furman community Tuesday by announcing his resignation.

Furman's board named Carl Kohrt, a 1965 graduate, as interim president.

Smolla cited personal reasons for his plan to leave office June 30 but wouldn't elaborate.

"I've had a great time as Furman's president, a great time in Greenville. This was not a professionally based decision at all," he told GreenvilleOnline.com. "This was entirely family-related and personally related."

Family Court records show that Smolla, 60, and his wife of 14 years divorced on Sept. 10, 2012, after being separated for a



Rod Smolla

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Glover thanks fans for welcome

'American Idol' contestant Candice Glover says the Beaufort concert was the 'best day of my entire life.'

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On Friday, Candice Glover landed in Savannah to screaming fans, home-made signs and little girls who attached themselves to her legs.

On Saturday, she rode through downtown Beaufort in a parade, with thousands lining the streets in her honor.

She later put on a concert in which some arrived eight hours early to be in the front row. And during that concert, kids could be seen climbing trees to get a better look at the "American Idol" finalist.

The St. Helena Island native says it's sometimes hard to believe how her life has changed since she left for the show in February.

"It is definitely surreal," Glover said Saturday. "I'm afraid I'm going to wake up and be like in my bed, and it would be a dream."

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- For more on Glover, go to www.islandpacket.com/candice or follow Laura Oberle at twitter.com/IPBG_Laura

- A "Candice Viewing Party" will be today at the Highway 21 Drive In at 55 Parker Drive in Beaufort. Gates will open at 6 p.m., and "American Idol" will be shown at 8 p.m. Entry is free, but donations will be collected to offset costs of Glover's parade and concert last Saturday. Other businesses around the county, including Park Plaza Cinema on Hilton Head Island, are also sponsoring watch parties today. Donations will be collected at Park Plaza Cinema, as well.



1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION

MARK SANFORD CLAIMS VICTORY



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Republican Mark Sanford celebrates at his campaign party Tuesday night at the Liberty Tap Room in Charleston. Sanford beat Elizabeth Colbert Busch by 9 percent.

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MIC SMITH • The Associated Press

Democratic candidate Elizabeth Colbert Busch waves after giving her concession speech at the Charleston Renaissance Hotel.

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STATEWIDE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS: Mark Sanford: 54.04 percent • Elizabeth Colbert Busch: 45.21 percent

BEAUFORT NAMED 'HAPPIEST SEASIDE TOWN'

Article's praise pleases leaders

Officials are hopeful that winning Coastal Living magazine's national contest will draw attention — and tourists.

By ERIN MOODY
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Glowing prose in a national magazine is just another reason to make Beaufort leaders smile these days.

It became official Tuesday: Beaufort has been chosen as the 2013 Happiest Seaside Town in a contest by Coastal Living magazine.

"Lowcountry friendliness and urban refinement strike just the right balance in this beautiful South Carolina town known for its historic antebellum architecture, exquisite local cuisine and rich African-American heritage," according to an article on Coastal Living's website.

Beaufort's architecture, history, natural environment, connection to the water and more are touted, and the Cuthbert House Inn is recommended as a place to stay.

"And then, as any local will tell you, there's the shrimp. And the sweet tea. And the perfumed breezes that imbue the slowed pace of Lowcountry life. All of it, in Beaufort," the article says.

Mayor Billy Keyserling said the arts community, 300 years of history, sports on and off the water, and natural beauty explain Beaufort's victory.

But the strong sense of community is what brings it full circle, he said.

"So if you're building on a foundation where you already have a broad base of assets, it's pretty easy to get people excited," he said.

Beaufort received the most votes in online polling among 10 coastal cities and towns across the country. Local politicians and organizations pushed

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- For a video of Robb Wells, the tourism division executive with the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Billy Keyserling discussing the contest win, click on this story at beaufortgazette.com.
- * To view the Coastal Living announcement, go to <http://blt.ly/ZEWRTQ>.

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Mark Sanford
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Ex-governor overcomes scandal, defeats Colbert Busch

By **BRUCE SMITH**
The Associated Press

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TIM KIMZEY/TIM KIMZEY@SHJ.COM
Bryan Marion Holder, right, admitted Tuesday to stealing guns, bullets and other items from a home and said he planned to sell the guns.

'Sniper' suspect testifies at trial

Holder says he never fired rifle at people, but Schomer did

By **KIM KIMZEY**
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A Boiling Springs man who prosecutors say shot at random people with a high-powered rifle testified in his own defense Tuesday.

Bryan Marion Holder admitted in court to stealing guns, bullets and other items June 28, 2012, from a home on Bethesda Road. Holder, 21, of 925 Wesley Court, Apt. 29, said he planned to sell the guns.

Holder wanted to "try out" a few of the guns and claimed his co-defendant, Mattison Tyler Schomer, 18, of 124 West Drive, Spartanburg, told him about a field near Schomer's home from which authorities believe victims were targeted.

Holder and Schomer both testified they went to private property in a field behind the Raceway gas station at 8671 Asheville Highway in the Springfield community. The property, described as a "dugout" in testimony, is a depressed spot of land in a semi-wooded area behind the gas station.

The location is one of a few matching details in the men's versions of events.

Schomer testified Monday that Holder was the sole triggerman.

The shootings occurred about 1:30 a.m. July 2, 2012.

Two victims were targeted at the Raceway. Bonnie Raines, then 19, was shot as she sat in the passenger side of a vehicle parked in front of the gas station. A bullet tore through the left side of her body, causing severe damage before it struck the center console of the car and landed beneath the console. Bobby

Class act: Hatching lesson in biology



Sullivan Nicole Barfield caresses one of the Pekin ducklings Tuesday as her classmates look on.



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Emily Daniel's kindergarten class at Oakland Elementary recently hatched six ducklings from eggs. On Tuesday, they put the ducklings on the classroom's floor so the students could get a closer look.

Ducklings give kindergartners lots to quack about

By **LEE G. HEALY**
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Oakland Elementary teacher Emily Daniel welcomed six new additions to her kindergarten class Monday

school day Monday. On Tuesday, the fluffy, yellow ducks were brought out of the incubator and met their new classmates for the first time.

"He can swim," one student exclaimed after Daniel care-

natural instinct to swim in water.

"This makes it more authentic and meaningful," Daniel said of students' real-life study of ducks. "It's an experience a lot of people have never had."

Dow milestone

Just two months after recovering the last of its losses from the financial crisis, the Dow Jones industrial average charges higher, closing above 15,000 for the first time. It's another milestone in the market's epic ascent of 2013. **PAGE C5**

New law doomed?

Landmark immigration legislation is doomed to fail in Congress unless border-security provisions are greatly strengthened, Republican senators warn bluntly. **PAGE A3**

Christie has surgery

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, no lightweight on either the scales or the political landscape, discloses that he has secretly undergone weight-loss surgery. **PAGE A4**

Accused of assault

A Spartanburg woman is accused of hitting a man with a car and a crutch, and threatening him with a screwdriver Tuesday morning, according to police. **PAGE C1**

Female, fearless

The Fearless Female Club, a self-defense class offered at Hurricane Martial Arts in Lyman, is taking aim at violence against women by teaching them protection skills. **PAGE E1**

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Finalists to not be considered

Abbeville County School District to restart search for superintendent replacement



TIM RHODES

By MICHELLE LAXER
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ABBEVILLE — The search for Abbeville County School District's next superintendent will reboot after the board of trustees unanimously decided Tuesday night not to choose from its three finalists.

The unanimous vote came after a lengthy deliberation in a closed-

door session Tuesday, clocking in at about 2 hours and 45 minutes. A small group of teachers and administrators also hung around to hear the board's decision.

"It's the consensus of the board that we do not consider the three finalists as a superintendent replacement," board chairman Tim Rhodes said before the vote.

Michael Caffero, director of stu-

dent support services in Georgetown County School District; William Dixon, assistant superintendent of schools of Colleton County School District; and Cecelia English, chief academic officer of Newark Unified School District in Newark, Calif., were selected as the top three candidates for the job. In the last week and a half, they all traveled to Abbeville

County for a two-day visit and final interviews.

Rhodes didn't divulge any more details about the decision, saying it came simply after much deliberation and taking everything into consideration.

The South Carolina School Boards Association aided the board in its search by advertising the vacancy, conducting focus

group meetings, working out interview logistics, and filtering through applications, semi-finalists and eventually, the three finalists. Its executive director, Paul Krohne, and its search consultant, Henry Hunt, were part of the closed-door discussions Tuesday night.

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GREENWOOD COUNTY

Numerous sirens not working

Only 10 of 21 devices confirmed operational during Monday test

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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It appears the emergency warning siren situation in Greenwood might be worse than initially thought.

There has been discussion recently about phasing out the siren system, as emergency officials said most of the sirens in the county's system are old, antiquated and could be quite expensive to repair or replace. Officials advised there are more efficient, modern ways in which residents can be warned of emergency weather situations.

Emergency officials previously noted three of the 21 sirens in the county system were inoperable.

Following a Monday test of the units, it appears the number of sirens currently not working is much higher.

According to information provided by county manager Toby Chappell, the county confirmed there are six sirens that do not work. Those six were Highway 225 Bypass, U.S. 25 South, Gallison, Milford Springs, City of Greenwood and Northwest.

Also, the county has two newer units that are supposed to "self report" — meaning, when tested, they are supposed to send a message to the county that they tested correctly or failed. The county received no report either way from those two units, which are located at Stoney Point and Grand Harbor.

Then there are three other sirens about which the county received no confirmation as to whether or not

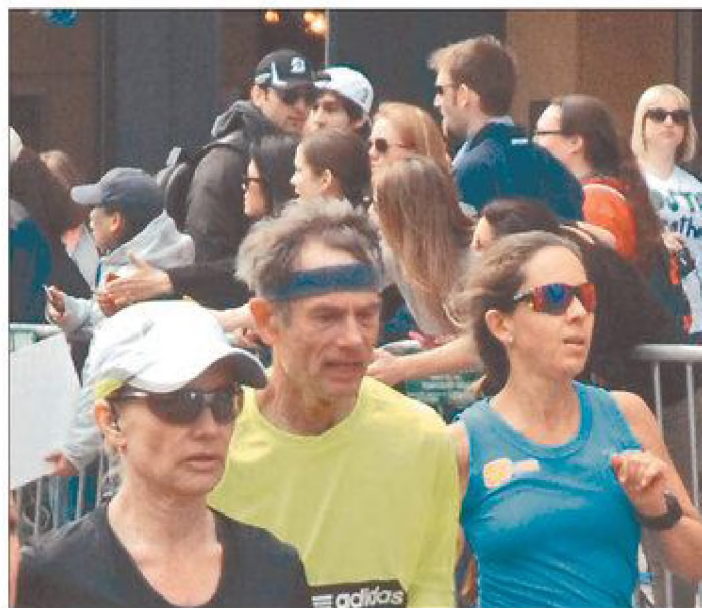


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MARK ALLISON

BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING



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Greenwood's Bob Koch, center in neon yellow shirt, nears the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15. About 10-20 minutes later, officials said Tamerlan Tsarnaev and Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev, rear, exploded two bombs at the marathon. Tamerlan Tsarnaev died in a shootout with law enforcement, and Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev was apprehended during an all-day manhunt four days later.

A close call

Greenwood runner was photographed feet from alleged marathon bombers

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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On April 15, two bombs were detonated at the Boston Marathon, killing three people, injuring more than 200 and inflicting terror on one of the great American sporting events.

Greenwood's Bob Koch was among the runners at the marathon. It wasn't until well after the race — when the Associated Press published a particular

photo — Koch learned just how close he was to the men who allegedly perpetrated the act of terror.

Koch can be seen front and center in an AP photo from the homestretch of the race. Also in the photo, bombing suspects Tamerlan Tsarnaev and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev can be seen standing just feet beyond Koch, on the sidewalk along the race route.

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ABBEVILLE SHERIFF

Bringing sincerity to the job

O'Bannon hopes his honest work ethic will attract voters

By MATT BRUCE
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Like many Abbeville natives, Skipper O'Bannon grew up an avid outdoorsman, loving to hunt and fish as a young boy. But about five years ago, the 42-year-old Abbeville interim police chief picked up a new hobby.

O'Bannon, the Republican candidate in next week's Abbeville County sheriff race, lives on a 90-acre ranch in Donalds, and he said one of his favorite pastimes is raising cattle. When he's not fighting crime in the city of Abbeville, O'Bannon said he enjoys tending to his small herd of about 30 cows, a practice he characterized as relaxing.

"It keeps you honest," O'Bannon said. "It gets your mind off of things. You've got to cut hay, rake hay and bale hay. When you've got a lot on your mind, you get out on that farm and it gives you time to think."

For O'Bannon, it was the decency of farmers he'd witnessed as a youngster that lured him to try his hand at farming.

"It just fascinated me watching old farmers," he said. "They were just good, honest people, worked hard everyday of their life and seemed to be satisfied with simple stuff."

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Editor's Note: This is the first of three stories on the Abbeville County sheriff's race. Ray Watson will be profiled in Thursday's paper, and a story on both



SKIPPER O'BANNON



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SANFORD WINS



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STATEWIDE RESULTS

SANFORD: 54%

COLBERT BUSCH: 45%

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■ Go to islandpacket.com/election-news for more on the 1st Congressional District race.

For Democrats, loss 'demoralizing'

By ANDREW SHAIN • The Columbia State

COLUMBIA — Mark Sanford spoke of a God of "eight chances" during his acceptance speech Tuesday night, but the former S.C. governor's return to elected office owed as much to pocketbook issues as forgiveness.

Reminding voters of his fiscally conservative record in his previous stint in Congress while painting Democrat Elizabeth Colbert Busch as a puppet of Washington's liberal Democratic establishment, the Republican won a comfortable 9-percentage-point victory in South Carolina's special 1st District race.



Colbert Busch

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County quiet as it courts business

County Council has offered incentives worth \$850,000 to an undisclosed business seeking to move to or expand in the area.

By CASEY CONLEY

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Beaufort County has offered incentives worth as much as \$850,000 to an undisclosed business seeking to move to or expand within the county.

Details about the type of business, where it would be located and how many jobs it would create are not being released by the county, which is working with the Lowcountry Economic Alliance and the S.C. Department of Commerce to broker the deal.

County Councilman Stu Rodman said Monday the money would be spent on "industrial equipment" that the county would own. Funding for the incentives likely would come from reserves.

"The piece of property is a piece of industrial equipment," Rodman said. "It would be used not only by that company, but we believe it would be useful in attracting other companies to the area, so it would be a shared asset." That's about all that has been disclosed publicly about the potential deal, code-named "Project Robot."

And that might be all that's released until after it's completed.

County attorney Josh Gruber said details about the county's efforts to work with the business are exempt from disclosure under the state Freedom of Information Act. "As required by law, as soon as the project is finalized (announced) and the incentives accepted, we will publish the details of the project," he said in an email.

Kim Statler, executive director of the economic alliance, said there are good reasons for not disclosing details of the county's offer.

"It puts us at a competitive disadvantage with other communities who are also vying for the business," she said.

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IN CLEVELAND

Police face questions after rescue of missing women

Neighbors say police were called to the house where the three captives were held twice over the past few years.

By JOHN COYNE

Now, after three women who van-

emergency databases.

The three women were rescued after one of them kicked out the bottom portion of a locked screen door





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Leatherman: Penny tax road plan best for county

Senate plan designed to address state ills would 'solve' Florence County dilemma, too, says senator

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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FLORENCE — The S.C. Senate's proposed amendments to a State House bill addressing transportation seeks to provide a

pile of additional revenue for crumbling roads and bridges, but it changes how counties can spend monies raised from local capital project sales taxes, putting it right at the heart of Florence County's own debate about its 1 percent

tax renewal.

Last week, a Senate Finance subcommittee headed by Sen. Raymond Cleary III, R-Horry, came back with suggested amendments to H. 3412,



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a bill passed by the House that proposes adjusted vehicle fees go toward South Carolina's non-federal highway aid. Among the almost two dozen recommended amendments is one that says counties may impose 1 percent sales and user tax to fund transportation infrastructure projects determined by the

county's transportation commission.

The tax, which must be approved by voters through a referendum question, would replace capital project sales taxes currently available that allows counties to spend revenue on any number of capital projects besides roads.

That's the tax that a county-appointed commission has been hearing from voters about of late.

If the Senate proposals are passed, that debate will be over, said Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, this week.

"You can't have two at

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LEE'S LEGACY



Dr. Frank Lee, Chairman of Dr. Bruce and Lee Foundation, looks through a level inside as he poses for a portrait at the Florence County Library construction site in 2004.

Florence 'a better place' because of Lee

Pioneer, philanthropist helped shape the area

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE

Dr. Frank B. Lee Sr. was a pioneer, a visionary who always seemed to see a bigger picture for himself, his community and mankind.

Lee died Sunday night, but friends and community leaders say his vision will live on forever through the people and community he spent his life helping build.

"He was a brilliant, wonderful man," said Betty Bailey, who was Lee's secretary for 27 years. "Not only Florence, but the whole



Dr. Lee's nursing assistants Dorothy Gainey (left) and Rachelle Stewart talk with Lee family member Toni Lee on Tuesday during a visitation for Dr. Frank B. Lee at the Francis Marion University's Frank B. Lee Nursing Building.

world, is a better place because Dr. Frank was here."

Lee, a Scranton native, owned and operated the Saunders Memorial Hospital, later Florence General Hospital. Florence General and Bruce Hospital entered into a joint operating agreement in 1989. That combination was the precursor to what is now the Carolinas Hospital System.

Lee was a co-founder, along with members of Dr. John

Larabee Bruce's family, of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, a philanthropic giant that churns nearly \$6 million in grants per year to a host of organizations in the Florence area. The foundation contributed all or part of the cost of many of the new structures in downtown Florence, including the Florence Little Theatre, the Francis Marion Performing Arts

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Sanford is back

Ex-governor completes comeback by winning his old SC House seat

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Former Republican South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford on Tuesday revived a scandal-scarred political career on Tuesday by winning back his old congressional seat in a district that hasn't elected a Democrat in three decades.

The comeback was complete when he defeated Democrat Elizabeth Colbert Busch, the sister of political satirist Stephen Colbert. With 87 percent of the precincts reporting, Sanford had 54 percent of the vote.

Sanford, who turns 53 later this month, has never lost a race in three runs for Congress and two for governor. And he said before the votes were counted Tuesday that if he lost this race, he wouldn't run for office again.

"I think you can go back in and you can ask for a second chance in a political sense once," he said Tuesday after voting in the special election.

Sanford saw his political career disintegrate four years ago when he disappeared for five days, telling his staff he was hiking the Appalachian Trail. He returned to admit he had been in Argentina with his mistress — a woman to whom he is now engaged. Sanford later paid a \$70,000 ethics fine, the largest in state history, for using public money to fly for personal purposes. His wife, Jenny, divorced him.

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Former Gov. Mark Sanford gives his victory speech after winning back his old congressional seat in the state's 1st District on Tuesday in Mount Pleasant.

ArtFields people's prize still up in the air

Five days after suspending original announced this week ... but of- ers work to remedy the situation calls Tuesday, and the partner-



Sanford celebrates Tuesday night.

THE RETURN OF SANFORD

Former governor defeats Colbert Busch to win 1st District seat in Congress

By BRUCE SMITH
Associated Press Writer

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Jury: Teacher didn't assault student



Former Holly Hill Roberts Middle School teacher Lionel C. Stukes III, right, testifies Tuesday as Magistrate W. Carlton Connor listens. A jury decided Stukes did not assault a student at the school in March. See video from the school incident in March with this story at TheTandD.com.

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Correspondent

HOLLY HILL — A former Holly Hill Roberts Middle School teacher charged with punching a 12-year-old female student in the face on March 4 was cleared of any wrongdoing following a trial Tuesday morning.

Lionel C. Stukes III, 63, of Summerton was found not guilty of third-degree assault and battery in a magistrate's court trial at the Holly Hill Depot.

Stukes, a special needs teacher, was placed on paid administrative leave following the alleged "teacher/student altercation" at 12:45

p.m. March 4 at the school.

The responding Holly Hill police officer reviewed the school surveillance video and noted in the incident report that "the video showed Stukes extending his arm out as (the student) was walking away, still trying to hit her. It appeared (the student) may have been hit more than once in the face by Stukes."

When police questioned Stukes about the incident, he told them he accidentally struck the student, the report said.

Stukes had maintained his innocence from the start. His attorney, Sharon C. Kent of the Kent Law Firm in Manning, said Stukes had requested a jury trial because he wanted "the right to show the world what really happened."

Presiding over Tuesday's trial was Magistrate W. Carlton Connor.

Six jurors and two alternates — five men and three women — were seated.

The state, represented by Sgt. Melissa Boone of the Holly Hill Police Department, was accompanied by the student and her mother.

Kent questioned Boone about her findings. "Is there anything that you have that can show the intent of Mr. Stukes?" Kent asked Boone.

"Not that I'm aware of," Boone said. Boone said the student did not suffer from any documented injuries, and Stukes and the student had no prior altercation with each other.

The student also took the stand. Boone asked her to talk about what happened March 4.

The soft-spoken girl, sniffling back tears, testified that when she was walking to class in the hall with other students, Stukes "had his fist out and just punched me in the side of the face."

When asked how many times Stukes struck her, she said, "I felt it once."

Before Kent began his cross-examination of the student, Connor asked him, "Please be gentle with this young lady."

Kent asked the student how often she and her mother had talked about the case. She denied that they had discussed the case. She said

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Sheriff: Man stole granny's wheelchair

T&D Staff Report

A man accused of stealing multiple items — including his grandmother's wheelchair — is being sought by authorities.

Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravenell said 43-year-old Richard Anson Fleener may have fled the area after stealing from not only

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