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Bostic, Sanford go toe-to-toe

Charges swapped in sole debate

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The issue of whether former Gov. Mark Sanford is a compromised candidate because of his highly publicized 2009 scandal arose yet again Thursday during an hour-long 1st Congressional District Republican debate.

But it was Sanford's relative effectiveness as a three-term congressman and two-term governor that his Republican rival, former Charleston County

Councilman Curtis Bostic, dwelled on more.

Bostic noted that Sanford did not co-sponsor a single piece of legislation that got passed while he served in Congress from 1995 to 2001, and that 88 percent of his gubernatorial vetoes were overridden by South Carolina's Republican-dominated Legislature.

"It takes more than saying no," Bostic said. "We need people to come

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Former Gov. Mark Sanford and former Charleston County Councilman Curtis Bostic faced off in a debate Thursday night ahead of their Tuesday GOP runoff.

Format was a head-scratcher

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The biggest point of confusion in Thursday's GOP congressional debate between Curtis Bostic and Mark Sanford was the format.

Moderator and satellite radio host David Webb wanted a free-flowing "Lincoln-Douglas" style exchange, but neither candidate seemed to grasp how it was supposed to work. Among the highlights:

Elephant in the room

"I failed, and I failed very miserably," Sanford discussing his Appalachian Trail hike and the public's low view of Congress.

"A compromised candidate is not what we need," Bostic on picking a GOP choice to face Democrat Elizabeth Colbert Busch.

Read more debate highlights on Page A4.

WHO HOLDS BEACHWALKER'S FATE?



FILE PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE

Beachwalker Park, annually ranked among the top U.S. beaches, is the only Kiawah Island destination that doesn't require a gate pass.

Park in possible peril

Future of Kiawah's treasure up in air as development looms

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KIAWAH ISLAND — The future of the most acclaimed beach in the Charleston area could pivot on two escape clauses in a 100-year lease signed nearly 40 years ago.

The clauses could play a role in negotiation over what happens to Beachwalker Park if a development access road is run through its parking lot.

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That possibility has raised concerns in the community about whether and how the park will remain open.

On the face of it, the lease to run the park on Kiawah Island gives an out only to Charleston County, an option of not renewing every five years. But Kiawah Development Partners, the landlord, can go to court to void the lease if public use of the park drops to the point where maintaining and operating it is "clearly unreasonable, taking into consideration the value of the land and its potential for other uses."

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When visiting Kiawah Beachwalker Park, you can take a stroll on the boardwalk before making your way to the beach.

Lease? It should be around here somewhere

BY BO PETERSEN
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KIAWAH ISLAND — Maybe the most striking thing about Charleston County's 100-year lease for Beachwalker Park is that the county can't find it.

A month after The Post and Courier requested a copy of the lease,

the county's legal department hasn't been able to produce it.

"The Beachwalker Park lease was signed in 1976, and no one department is responsible for archiving it. We are still looking," said Shawn Smoot, a media relations coordinator, in an email this week.

That's a "ticking point" for the county if a dispute emerges with

Kiawah Development Partners over terms of the lease, a law professor said. But it doesn't create any real problems.

Courts accept the regular practice of contract terms as evidence that a contract exists, among other evidence, said South Carolina School of Law professor Eboni Nelson, who specializes in contract law.

"Typically, you do keep a long-

term contract on file. But, you know, businesses change offices, things get moved around and all of a sudden you can't find it," she said.

The Post and Courier this week obtained copies of the lease and addendum, partly from Kiawah residents and after requests to the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission.

Cab rider wants \$5 fare enforced

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When Amy FitzPatrick hopped into a cab after having a few drinks last week on King Street, the driver started a meter that would determine the fare at her journey's end.

FitzPatrick wasn't going very far, just to her home near The Battery. She knew that city law demands a flat \$5 fare for a taxi ride anywhere on Charleston's peninsula.

The driver didn't know about that rule, which went into effect in mid-2011, despite it being posted in plain lettering on the cab's exterior.

Police were called. Things were sorted out. The driver charged FitzPatrick the \$5, and she added a \$5 tip.

Even though FitzPatrick got her way that evening, she said riders shouldn't need to call the authorities to get need to enforce the by-the-book price. Tourists

and residents who don't know the law could get taken for a ride, she said. For the 30-year-old saleswoman, it's about the principle, not the money.

"It's been a recurring issue for me," FitzPatrick said. "And the police need to enforce the law."

It's not known how many drivers are not following the city ordinance, and whether some are doing so out of ignorance or a matter of policy. But drivers and company officials have conceded that it's a problem.

FitzPatrick's cab, Debbie Green, acknowledged that she did not know about the flat fee. She said her boss at Green Way Transportation LLC told her to let the meter calculate the rate.

Green also said she didn't understand the fine. Taking the time to pull over at Spring and Coming streets at 11 p.m. on March 22 and wait as FitzPatrick called police cost her time and money, she said.

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a blast from
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S.C. HACKING

Three days left to get free credit monitoring

By ANDREW SHAIN
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More than one-third of the 3.8 million consumers whose S.C. tax return information was stolen by hackers in September have enrolled for a free year of Experian credit monitoring offered by the state.

Registration ends Sunday.

Here are some questions and answers on credit-monitoring enrollment and identity-theft protection in the wake of the nation's largest hacking of a state agency:

How do I know if I am eligible to enroll for credit monitoring?

Consumers whose tax return information was stolen should have received notification letters or emails in December, January and February from the revenue department. (If you did not receive notification and have filed state returns electronically, sign up for the monitoring).

Hackers took information on returns filed electronically since 1998. Files containing paper returns were not breached, state officials said.

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Loftis won't sign check for retirement fund investment

By ADAM BEAM
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The commission that manages the state's \$26 billion retirement fund voted to invest \$50 million on Thursday, but state Treasurer Curtis Loftis is refusing to sign the check.

Loftis wants proof the state will not overpay for fees before releasing the money. Retirement System commissioners said they gave the treasurer an email with fee information, but Loftis



Loftis

1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sanford is 'compromised,' runoff rival argues in debate

Bostic hits ex-governor for extramarital affair
and disappearance from state in 2009



Sanford



Bostic

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TIM DOMINICK/TIMDOMINICK@THESTATE.COM

A ceremony was held Thursday by Colonial Dames of America dedicating the Samuel Jeffcoat Plantation and House and its historical significance to the Big Pond Branch settlement.

SPIRITS OF THE 1770S

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Maps of interior South Carolina from the period just before the Revolutionary War typically spotlight the townships of Saxe Gotha, New Windsor, Orange-

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scendants of the family that formed the Colonial-era community in western Lexington County believe it de-

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DOWNTOWN SEEKS COMEBACK AS SHOPPING DESTINATION



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Above, Alexa Terry,
visual manager at
Anthropologie,
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Take a look inside
Anthropologie's
newest store before
the doors open
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Anthropologie could draw other big names

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The last shirts have been folded. Dresses smoothed, pillows fluffed. The incense is burning. One last look around, and Anthropologie is open for business.

The women's fashion retailer opens to the public today at One North Main in downtown Greenville. Brooks Brothers will follow



S&P hits new high

Broader market joins Dow
in record-setting 2013

By Woody White

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The Standard & Poor's 500, the bellwether broad-market average, pushed through to rarefied air Thursday as stocks headed into a long weekend on another winning note.

The S&P 500 needed almost 5½ years to beat its old pre-recession closing high and finished four points ahead of its record with a six-point gain to 1,569.

The Dow industrials, which eclipsed its previous record three weeks ago, were up 52 points to 14,578, while the Nasdaq composite average gained 11 to 3,267, still far short of its all-time high of 5,048.62, set in March 2000 before the dot-com bubble collapse.

The markets will be closed today in observance of Good Friday.

Local stocks generally performed well Thursday. Shares of World Acceptance jumped \$3.03 to \$85.87, TD Bank gained 68 cents to \$83.27, Duke Energy was up 87 cents to \$72.59, and ScanSource lost 40 cents to \$28.22.

The S&P's new high came on a day that lacked a good-news boost for equities.

The government said Thursday that the economy grew at a 0.4 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter of 2012, better than first

2.4%

South Carolina's growth for 2012, but its economy should slow to 2 percent this year. For 2014, TD Bank's economists foresee 2.8 percent growth.

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Sanford, Bostic seek edge

Two candidates face off in
sole debate before runoff

By Robert Behre
The Post and Courier

The issue of whether former Gov. Mark

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WEATHER

Storybook season ends for Pacers



STAFF PHOTO BY NOAH FEIT

USC Aiken's Paul Larsen has his path to the basket blocked in an 84-75 loss to Drury.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — It had to end some time.
The USC Aiken men's basketball team advanced so far in the Division II NCAA Tournament, the end of the season was closing in on it. But it came a little too soon for the Pacers and their fans.
For a story about a viewing party of the Pacer game, 8A

men's basketball history ended in the Elite Eight following a 84-75 loss to Drury.
Thursday's game, played at Freedom Hall in Louisville, Ky., was a back-and-forth affair that saw the No. 20 Pacers (25-8) rally from an early double-digit deficit to take a lead shortly after the start of the second half. But the seventh-ranked Panthers (29-4) were too tough down the stretch, displaying too much firepower on offense and making enough big stops on defense to advance to the Final Four, where

they'll play Western Washington University.
Even though the lead was insurmountable, USCA never quit until the final seconds had ticked off the clock as senior point guard and team leader Re'mon Nelson made the last moments of his college career count. Hounded by foul trouble, Nelson made big shots down the stretch to keep Drury from running away. He finished with 16 points and 10 assists in 27 minutes of action, playing the end

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Weather looking good for Pacers and Polo on Saturday

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The weather forecast for Saturday is calling for warmer temperatures and a little bit of sunshine, which bodes well for Pacers and Polo attendees.
The third and final jewel of the Aiken Triple Crown was moved to Sunday in 2012 due to inclement weather, but it doesn't seem like that will be the case this year. With only a 20 percent chance of showers on Saturday and partly sunny skies, the temperatures are expected to reach near 70 degrees.
The weather has been unusually cooler in the CSRA with the highs only reaching the low 60s and temperatures dropping to or below 32 degrees at night.



Compass Academy's Brooks granted a hearing

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Jonathan "Jay" Brooks is going to have his day in court.
On April 2, Jay Brooks will appear before a Circuit Court Judge in Columbia to argue that his assets, those of Compass Academy and those of his companies, J. Brooks Financial and Brooks Real Estate Holdings, should not remain frozen while he fights allegations of securities fraud.

The hearing will determine if the temporary restraining order currently placed against the assets will become an injunction. If that happens, the assets can only be released if the case ends in favor of the Brooks.

Jay Brooks is alleged, by the Securities Division of the Attorney General's office, to have illegally sold securities — as investments in Compass Academy — that were unregistered with the State and that he was not registered as a broker-dealer with the company that sold them. He is also accused by the Attorney General's Office of converting invested funds for his own use.

Brooks' attorney has denied any wrongdoing on the part of his client. Tracey Brooks, wife of Jay, posted statements last week on the Compass Academy website reportedly from her husband that described the case and the reporting of the case as "malicious lies." The statement since has been removed from the site.

The Brooks likely would both be facing allegations if the case goes to a trial, according to Tracy Meyers of the Attorney General's office. Meyers said that an amended complaint would likely add Tracey Brooks.

The hearing on Tuesday will be in front of Judge Clifton Newman of Kingstree, S.C.

Timeline

Jay Brooks and the Securities Division Timeline — Securities Division Complaint: (All information below is taken from documents filed in the Attorney General's case or the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority)

2011

Jan. 4 — J. Brooks Financial registered as investment adviser. Brooks registers as an investment adviser representative of J. Brooks Financial.

Dec. 2 — Brooks becomes a registered agent of High Street Securities, Inc.

2012

July 17 — Securities Division begins audit of Brooks' Laurens Street offices.

Oct. 24 — Audit report released with 11 findings. These include Brooks charging clients fees or commissions without disclosing it to them; stating in brochures that no commission will be charged, yet commissions were charged; and many other discrepancies between statements made by Brooks and his records.

Nov. 5 — High Street Equity Fund investigates Brooks for activities relating to fixed annuities of four senior citizens which cost them over \$100,000 in early termination fees. Additional, similar requests were also discovered to be pending.

Nov. 9 — The Securities Division receives information that money from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) of Brooks' clients is being invested in "a private school in Aiken, South Carolina



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1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RACE

BOSTIC, SANFORD ENGAGE IN FIRST FACE-OFF



Curtis Bostic, right, makes his point as moderator David Webb and Mark Sanford listen Thursday during the SCGOP 1st Congressional District Debate at Porter-Gaud School in Charleston.

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Runoff candidates trade barbs in Charleston

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MORE COVERAGE OF THE 1ST DISTRICT RACE

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The Charleston event, sponsored by the S.C. Republican Party, marked the first time the two have faced off one-on-one after last week's GOP primary. Sanford, the former governor, grabbed 37 percent of the vote, pushing a message of limited spending, while Bostic finished second with 13 percent, buoyed by the district's social conservatives.

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Glover reaches top 7 on 'Idol'

After another week of praise from the "American Idol" judges, Candice Glover is safe.

The St. Helena Island native sang Marvin Gaye's "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" on Wednesday as

part of the show's Motown theme. During the results show Thursday, Glover found out she will perform again next week in the top seven.

Eighteen-year-old Chicago native Devin Velez was eliminated this week.

Glover will perform Wednesday on Fox when "American Idol" airs from 8 to 10 p.m.

Staff writer Laura Oberle

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For a WTOC video featuring Candice Glover's mom, go to beaufortgazette.com.

LADY'S ISLAND ELEMENTARY

Residents worried by plan to cut trees

School officials say some trees might need to be removed because raised roots pose a tripping hazard for students.

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A decade ago, when Shelia and Greg Bennett's daughter was a student at Lady's Island Elementary School, the family helped plant almost a dozen shade trees on the playground.

"You had all these little kids running around there, very hot and sweaty and dirty," Greg Bennett said.

TENSIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

US adds B-2 bombers to joint military drills

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un responded by ordering his

CONFLICT UNLIKELY?

The threats, while not an indication of imminent war, are most likely that North Korea has issued, including highly improbable ones to nuke

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Good Friday

You don't have to watch a History Channel miniseries to see a live-action account of the Bible. Today, all you have to do is visit downtown Spartanburg. Several events by area churches are recreating Jesus' crucifixion to mark Good Friday. **PAGE E1**

Death penalty

Prosecutors in the Colorado theater shooting on Thursday abruptly rejected an offer from suspect James Holmes to plead guilty in exchange for avoiding the death penalty and accused defense lawyers of a serious breach of court rules by making the offer public. **PAGE A3**

Break with tradition

In his most significant break with tradition yet, Pope Francis washed and kissed the feet of two young women at a juvenile detention center — a surprising departure from church rules that restrict the Holy Thursday ritual to men. **PAGE A4**

Leaving Vietnam

The last American combat troops left Vietnam 40 years ago today. While the fall of Saigon two years later — with its indelible images of frantic helicopter evacuations — is remembered as the final day of the Vietnam War, today marks an anniversary that holds greater meaning for many who fought, protested or otherwise lived the war. **PAGE A5**

Economic growth

The U.S. economy grew at a slightly faster but still anemic rate at the end of last year. However, there is hope that growth accelerated in early 2013 despite higher taxes and cuts in government spending. **PAGE C6**

Weather

Water talks heated, productive

Council, utility agree to negotiate on funding dispute

By **LYNNE P. SHACKLEFORD**
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Spartanburg City Council and members of the Commission of Public Works agreed to return to the negotiating table after a 90-minute public forum Thursday night.

About 70 residents attended the forum, which was held at the Herald-Journal's offices and sponsored by the newspaper and WSPA. The television station reported that more than 250 people viewed the public discussion through a live stream on its website.

At times, exchanges between residents and commissioners

became heated, as did discussions between city and water officials. City Council and Public Works commissioners have been at odds for the past 10 months about a \$1.4 million transfer of money from the water system, which is owned by city residents, to the city's general fund.

In May, the commission notified the city that it no longer would make the transfer. City Manager Ed Memmott said without the funds, the city would have to significantly reduce services and raise taxes.

During the forum, city resident Marshall Irby said the water system should "do what is in the best interest of its constituents" and absorb the \$1.4 million in its budget.

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Spartanburg Water General Manager Sue Schneider addresses a group of residents during a public forum at the Herald-Journal on Thursday night. The forum, which was held to discuss a dispute between City Council and the Commission of Public Works, was sponsored by the newspaper and WSPA.

Bulldogs building Habitat home

Raised wall pays tribute to leader, who died in crash

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Aaron Brown's legacy, also known as Habitat for Humanity's newest project, is now under construction and visible through the trees that separate it from Brown's alma mater, Boiling Springs High School.

The first wall was raised Thursday morning on "Aaron's Bulldog Habitat for Humanity

House," a project funded entirely by students at Boiling Springs High School and in memory of Brown, a Class of 2012 graduate.

The 101st Habitat house is the organization's very first in Boiling Springs and the first in Spartanburg County to be sponsored entirely by high school students.

Many in attendance Thursday said that it wouldn't have been possible without Brown's leadership and passion. He was on the school's student council in 2010 when fundraising efforts began.

"My only regret was that Aaron wasn't here today. He was our spokesperson," said Lanie Peden, BSHS activities director and student council sponsor. "It's tough. I know he's here in spirit."

Brown, a member of the school's National Honor Society, student council, senior board, Beta Club and varsity baseball team, died in a crash on Old Furnace Road less than two months after earning his high school diploma. He was 18 years old.

Peden said that Brown knew



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Boiling Springs High School student Troy Turner signs a statement of support while fellow student Drew Peden gives him a lift as representatives from Habitat for Humanity and BSHS raise the first wall on "Aaron's Bulldog House" Thursday morning. The house, located near the school, is being built in memory of Aaron Brown, a 2012 BSHS graduate who died in an automobile crash last year. Below, Sherri Brown, Aaron's mother, signs one of the boards. See a photo gallery at GoUpstate.com.

cess, perhaps before anyone else. He was a quiet motivator, Peden said.

With students, teachers and administrators firmly on board, it took three years of powder puff football games, doughnut sales and auctions to raise the \$65,000 needed to start the project. Habitat secured a property on Notchwoods Drive, just steps from Boiling Springs' campus. The proximity will allow students not only to keep an eye on progress, but also to be an occasional part of construction efforts.

"It has been a challenging



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Lakelands schools nab gold, silver

Eight Abbeville County schools secure top honors

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More than 20 Lakelands schools were among the 662 schools and career centers across South Carolina recognized with

Palmetto Gold and Silver awards for general performance and closing the achievement gap, the state Department of Education announced earlier this week.

Collecting the most gold awards locally was the Abbeville County School Dis-

trict, with eight schools earning the top honor in general performance: Abbeville High School, Cherokee Trail Elementary School's elementary and middle grades,

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"With all the budget cutbacks we've had, our teachers should be commended for the excellent job they're doing in the classrooms every day."

— Ivan Randolph
ACSD superintendent

BLUEGRASS,
BLUE JEANS & BBQ

Trey Ward, of the Trey Ward Band, plays for a crowd at the Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and BBQ show and fundraiser Thursday night at the Federal Building in Uptown Greenwood.

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SUPPORTIVE TURNOUT

The crowd eats barbecue during the Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and BBQ fundraiser Thursday in Greenwood.



Large crowd attends annual GCT fundraiser

By JOSEPH SITARZ
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Those who attended Greenwood Community Theatre's annual Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and BBQ fundraiser at the Arts Center of Greenwood were there for a bunch of different reasons Thursday night. Some were there to hear Greenwood's own Trey Ward and his band perform. Some were there because Carolina Barbecue Shack prepared the food. Others were there to hear students in the Greenwood County School District 50 ACTS program at Brewer Middle School sing.

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■ LAWSUIT

DMV
sued

Calhoun Falls man says driver's license wrongly suspended

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A Calhoun Falls man filed a lawsuit against the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, claiming negligence on the part of the state agency led to his unwarranted arrest late last year.

Curtis Hanna, a pastor at Oasis Church, which hosts services at the Greenwood YMCA, is the plaintiff in a civil suit filed in Abbeville County common pleas court. Lawyers for Hanna lodged the lawsuit Feb. 21, according to court documents. Hanna is seeking a judgment against the DMV for gross negligence and defamation.

Damages sought

The complaint alleges the DMV incorrectly suspended his driver's license for failing to register insurance on a motorcycle he owned. In the suit, Hanna's lawyers argue the plaintiff did, in fact, properly file insurance with the DMV on the motorcycle, and the state agency bungled its paperwork. Hanna's attorneys also allege the DMV never sent the plaintiff any notices informing him of his purported failure to insure the vehicle and alerting him to the fact his license was suspended.

According to the lawsuit, Hanna was arrested while driving home from a church friend's house Dec. 12, 2012. Hanna was driving through Abbeville in a service truck shortly after midnight when an Abbeville police officer stopped his vehicle along



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ON PIN OAK STREET, FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE BLUFFTON BLAZE



JENNIFER MILBERT • Submitted photo

Firefighters with the Bluffton Township Fire District battled a blaze late into the night Thursday at a Bluffton Park home that spread to a nearby garage and two sheds.

Four engine companies were dispatched at 8:30 p.m. to 16 Pin Oak Street off May River Road to fight the structure fires. Hours later, they were still working to get the blaze under control.

People were inside the home when the fire started but made it out safely and were not injured, according to district spokesman Randy Hunter. **For an update this morning, go to islandpacket.com.**

1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RACE DEBATE

Sanford, Bostic trade charges

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Bostic Sanford

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The Charleston event, sponsored by the S.C. Republican Party, marked the first time the two have faced off one-on-one after last week's GOP primary. Sanford, the former governor, grabbed 37 percent of the vote, pushing a message of limited spending, while Bostic finished second with 13 percent, buoyed by the district's social conservatives.

Before a packed auditorium at Porter-Gaud School, Sanford touted his experience — three terms in Congress and two terms as governor. He said he consistently fought against spending. Bostic highlighted his time as a Marine and his history of bringing people together to accomplish big things, including bringing the Boeing airliner

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WINGFEST

Weather clips festival's wings

A drastic drop in attendance will likely put a financial strain on the Hilton Head Island Recreation Association.

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Chicken wings can be served many ways, but soggy is one of the least

palatable, as demonstrated by attendance at last weekend's 18th annual Hilton Head Island Wingfest.

For the second consecutive year, Wingfest was washed out, according to Frank Soule, executive director of the Hilton Head Island Recreation Association, which runs the festival. That's putting a financial strain on the nonprofit organization, which

relies on the event as a fundraiser.

Hampered by cool temperatures and showers early in the day, Wingfest drew about 1,000 people — one-fourth the number who came in 2010 and 2011, according to Soule. About 2,500 people came to last year's event.

Wingfest has been one of the association's biggest revenue sources in

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SANDY HOOK SCHOOL SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

Warrants detail gunman's weapon access

By MICHAEL MELIA
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The Associated Press

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City of Florence

No tax increase, but times are tough

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FLORENCE — City Manager Drew Griffin presented council members with a detailed overview of long-term city revenue trends at the Florence City Council's opening budget work session Thursday afternoon.

It was not a pretty picture, and as one bit of bad news followed another during the two-and-a-half hour session at the city's surface water treatment facility, Councilman Buddy Brand shook his head and said, "Drew, c'mon. When are you going to get to the positive stuff?"

He never made it.

The city is looking at a fairly

bleak budget picture, but city officials said Thursday, as their budget process begins, that no tax increase is expected. That's despite the fact that after city department heads turned in their budget requests a few months ago, the city was looking at a \$1,144,000 deficit versus projected revenues.

Griffin promised council

Thursday when an actual budget turns up on their desks later this spring, it would be balanced. But there will not be room for many new initiatives, and city employees will likely be joining the rest of the work-a-day world in paying for a portion of their personal health insurance.

Currently, City of Florence employees do not pay anything

for health insurance, a nearly unique situation in today's world of rising health care costs and premiums.

Councilwoman Octavia Williams-Blake, upon confirming that news at Thursday's meeting, said, "That's unheard of."

Griffin confirmed it was

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EGG-CELLENT HUNTING



Bo Andrews gets a hug from the Easter Bunny after the McLeod Easter egg hunt Thursday at McLeod Darlington. Close to 100 children and parents came out to hunt for eggs at the center. Afterward children got sweet treats in exchange for their eggs and also had refreshments.



Leelan Davis, who turns 1 on Saturday, shows off his bunny ears with his mother, Zakiyah Davis, after the McLeod Easter egg hunt.

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PDRTA vote stalls

Jobs, bills on the line,
but lack of quorum
ends agency's meeting

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FLORENCE — With current and future jobs on the line, along with bills going only partially paid, action items were set for the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority meeting Thursday evening — until the board lost a quorum during executive session.

Betty Malloy, representing Bennettsville, and Lisa Seabrook, representing the city of Marion, left during the 40-minute session regarding personnel for reasons unknown. This left the board without a quorum to act on issues that Chuck MacNeil, the authority's executive director, said are needed to take place to keep the agency moving forward.

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Dillon district thinks rebel flag case over

School attorney does not believe
Supreme Court will hear appeal

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LATTA — The attorney who represented Dillon School District 3 in a civil suit revolving around a student's Confederate flag shirt said the district is relieved the long fight is over.

Vinton "Dee" Lide, who has represented the Latta district since the case was filed in 2006, said it was a long road to Monday's U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, but that it's a relief to hear what he and the administration always thought.

Tips from a jazz pro

Student musicians work with Oney at FMU

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of several international touring productions, worked with FMU music industry majors, vocalists and area high school





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Guilty plea not end of court battle for suspended policeman

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
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The status of a former Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office deputy recently hired as an officer by the Holly Hill Police Department is up in the air after he entered a guilty plea to an assault charge.

Holly Hill Police Chief Robert Wundelich would only provide 43-year-old Kenny Win-

ningham's start date with his agency. He declined further comment about Winningham's status with the department, saying it was a personnel matter.

Winningham confirmed that he was suspended from the Holly Hill PD as of last week. He deferred all other questions to his attorney, Nick Thomas of Charleston. Thomas did not return calls for comment Thursday.

Winningham was released from the OCSO

shortly after a May 2, 2012, incident in which he was initially charged with criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature. He was hired by the Holly Hill PD on March 8, three weeks after the charge against him was apparently adjudicated in court.

Last month during a term of General Sessions in Dorchester County, Winningham en-

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Former county deputy and now-Holly Hill officer Kenny Winningham is on suspension after a guilty plea to assault. The solicitor says a charge of criminal domestic violence against him is being restored.

GOING GOLD



Prasanna-Kamur Epiru, a science teacher at North Middle/High School, interacts with students during an exercise at Community Night, a collaboration between Discovery Education and Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five. Community Night was held to tout and showcase the new partnership that will utilize digital media and technology tools used by the district to provide and enhance instruction to and for students across the district. The event held at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School was attended by students, parents, teachers and staff members. North High School and The Technology Center from OCSO 5 received Palmetto Gold Awards. **For more on this event, see the story on A3.**

SPECIAL TO THE T&D

Orangeburg County school districts rack up 18 education excellence awards

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
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Local districts racked up eight Palmetto Gold and 10 Palmetto Silver Awards for 2013. All except one award were in the area of general performance.

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four schools, Hunter-Ki-

lary and the Cope Area Vocational Center, earned Gold Awards, more than any other local district. The district's Carver-Edisto Middle earned a Palmetto Silver Award.

H-K-Takos stood out on the state report card last fall, jumping from "at risk" in 2011 to "excellent" in growth ratings and to "average" on absolute performance in 2012. Su-

She noted that Lockett did not receive a rating in 2011 because the Randolph schools were reported as one. However, the school's growth rating increased from average to excellent in 2012.

Since 2005, the Cope Area Vocational Center has won a Palmetto Gold or Silver Award every year except 2009, Principal Sandra

Her students' success is based on the development of an individual graduation plan, Jameson said.

"Students, parents and guidance counselors are involved in setting forth a plan for each student," she said.

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five's North High School

Legislature has a lot pending on S.C. State

By LEE HENDREN
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State legislators have introduced six bills this year that speak directly to South Carolina State University, but five are still in committees and some trustees of the Orangeburg institution are struggling off the one item that has the best chance of passing.

Sen. Harvey R. Peeler Jr., R-Gaffney, on Tuesday asked the incumbent trustees—who are seeking reelection if they were willing to delay the presidential search and selection process until after the Legislature votes, probably in mid-May, to fill the seats of board members whose terms have expired or are expiring this year, as Senate Resolution 391 "strongly encourages" them to do.

Only one incumbent trustee, Linda Duncan, expressed her willingness to do that.

Sen. John W. Matthews Jr., D-Bowman, introduced S.391 on Feb. 14. It has seven other sponsors, none local. It was referred to the Education Committee, which gave it a favorable report by a wide margin on Feb. 27 and sent it to the full Senate, which returns to session April 9.

If the majority of the Education Committee members, "including the chair of the committee that handles their budget, said they thought it made sense" to wait, the S.C. State trustee board "ought to take that into consideration," Matthews said in an interview Wednesday.

"Let the new board elect the new president. We don't need another short-term president. It's too disruptive."

Four bills have been introduced in the House this year that would change the

Future of trustees

■ S.C. State Student Government Association tells lawmakers present board has failed.

■ Sen. Robert Ford says these incumbent trustees are key to future progress.

■ Washington, D.C., alumnus says senator is wrong.

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