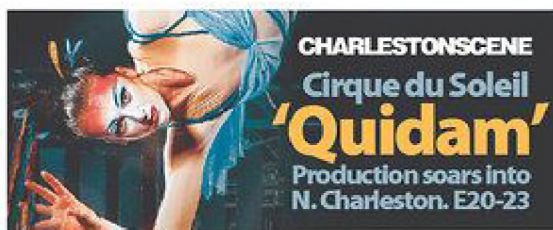


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I-526 road rage video goes viral

Summerville man films incident with North Carolina sheriff's deputy

BY NATALIE CAULA
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The squad car zips around the truck and then its brake lights flash. The two vehicles collide, and then it's over.

The driver, Chad Walton, 31, of Summerville, posted the video Tuesday.

The deputy reportedly turned in his resignation to the Onslow County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, according to a North Carolina TV station.

Walton told The Post and Courier he posted the video of his encounter with the deputy because the deputy should be held accountable for his erratic driving.

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Video gaming in big trouble



Susie Gonzales clicks through the Aladdin's Keno game on one of the computers at her internet cafe on Rivers Avenue at Dakota Street in North Charleston.

Bill aims to close 'sweepstakes' parlors

BY GLENN SMITH
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Susie Gonzales spent thousands of dollars outfitting a section of a Remount Road club with video "sweepstakes" machines in hopes of building a lucrative business of the popular pay-to-play games.

But just a month after opening her fledgling Internet cafe beside Caliente Discotheque, Gonzales fears the state is about to run her out of business.

The measure aims to close loopholes that business owners cite to operate so-called sweepstakes cafes. Another vote would send it to the governor. The Senate passed it in January.



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Pair on airport board face scrutiny

Effort to steer work questioned

BY WARREN L. WISE
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At least two Charleston County Aviation Authority board members tried to steer business to at least one contractor for a slice of the \$200 million redevelopment of Charleston International Airport, according to an audiotape of a recent airport meeting.

The members were not identified. An executive from a firm that was seeking to become the construction administrator, when pressed publicly by an airport committee, said he had been contacted by "a couple" of board members to add specific sub-contractors in its \$4.3 million bid.

The issue is expected to be discussed today at the authority's meeting. Chairman Andy Savage has pledged more transparency for the airport board.

Savage also said he is opposed to board members interacting with contractors or vendors unless it's in a public meeting forum, to avoid the specter of impropriety.

Last week, Savage said, "It could be troubling." On Wednesday, after reviewing the meeting transcript, he said, "It's probably not the best way to do business."

He added, "There is no legal prohibition for a board member to contact a contractor, but the appearance can be misinterpreted. It's better to do business through staff and through the board. Some board members think they have an individual right to contact contractors. I would hope we would change that."

The issue arose at a March 11 meeting of the Aviation Authority's Terminal Redevelopment and Improvement Plan committee. The discussion involved a principal of Michael Baker Corp., the firm hired to oversee management of the terminal project.

Bostic: No more Mr. Nice Guy as race heats up

Ex-councilman calls out Sanford on lies, ethics violations

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Less than a day after former Gov. Mark Sanford and former Charleston County Councilman Curtis Bostic emerged from the pack in a 16-way GOP 1st Congressional District primary, the punches began to fly.

Asked what separates him from Sanford, Bostic cited Sanford's 2009 fall from grace as governor, when his staff said he was hiking the Appalachian Trail but he was visiting his mistress, now his fiancée, in Argentina. The incident led to scrutiny of Sanford's record as governor and a record \$24,000 state ethics fine.

Bostic said Sanford stole tax money, abandoned his post, lied to the people of South Carolina and broke ethics laws.



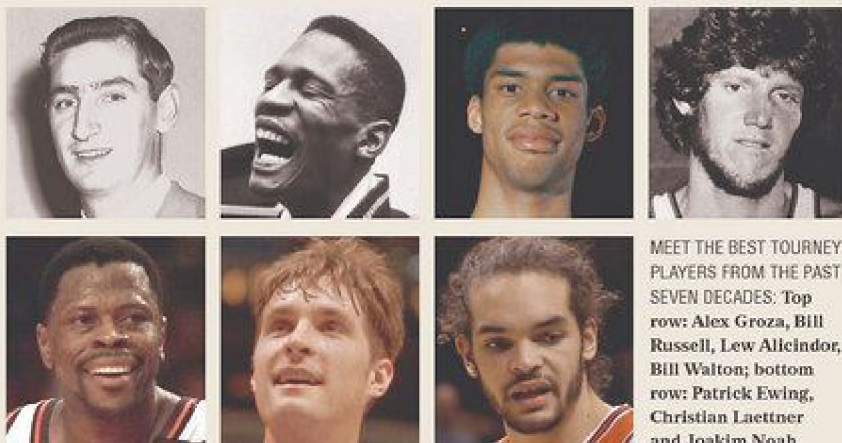
Former S.C. Gov. Mark Sanford and Curtis Bostic, a former Charleston County councilman, will face off again on April 2.

"I think it's entirely appropriate that we forgive Governor Sanford for those failures," he said. "But I also think it's entirely appropriate that we want more from people in office than to lie to us and steal from us and violate ethics regulations."

Bostic's comments come after he had vowed in ads and emails to run a positive campaign.

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The azaleas along Wheat Street in Columbia said spring Wednesday but the mercury disagrees.

UNSEASONAL START TO SPRING

By JOEY HOLLEMAN
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Spring is roaring in like ... winter. A freeze warning early today leads into a cold, wet weekend. At least college basketball fans can sit inside and watch the jam-packed first weekend of the NCAA Tournament on television.

The National Weather Service issued a freeze warning for early today for much of South Carolina's Upstate, stretching down to Saluda, Newberry and Fairfield counties.

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SPRING INTO ACTION

There's so much to do in the spring in Columbia; tell us what's on your April bucket list, and we'll use it in a "must-do" listing in Life&Style on **March 31**. Tell us what you're looking forward to by emailing statefeatures@thestate.com

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Pretty spring images from around the Midlands; look for a link online with this story.

S.C. LEGISLATURE ETHICS QUESTION

Misuse of state plane alleged

Obamacare critic flown to city; another paid to testify

By JAMIE SELF and
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S.C. lawmakers erupted Wednesday — and one threatened to file an ethics complaint — after a state representative used a state-owned plane to bring a syndicated columnist to Columbia to testify on a bill that would nullify the federal health care overhaul law.

ONLINE
Should the state sell its aircraft? Answer the survey on thestate.com.

State Rep. Bill Chumley, R-Spartanburg, authorized the trip, valued at \$6,390, from a Washington, D.C., suburb for columnist Walter Williams, according to state Aeronautics Commission records. Williams is a George Mason University economics professor, who also is an occasional fill-in for conservative radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh.

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Should insurers cover telemedicine?

By ADAM BEAM
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The children of rural Williamsburg County don't have many pediatricians in town, but they do have one on TV because of a telemedicine program operated by MUSC.

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STERLING GRANTED PAROLE

Attorney general criticizes decision; former HomeGold chairman expresses regret

By David Dykes
and Tim Smith
Staff Writers

Former HomeGold chairman Jack Sterling was granted parole Wednesday, less than a year after he began serving a five-year prison sentence for a securities fraud conviction.

The 3-0 vote by a state Paroles and Pardon Board panel came after more than three dozen civic and business leaders wrote letters in support of Sterling, according to Sterling's attorney. They included Greenville's mayor, the former chief judge of the 4th Circuit Court of



Jack Sterling

Appeals and the former U.S. ambassador to Canada.

The panel's decision drew criticism from the state Attorney General's Office, which prosecuted Sterling, and an attorney for former HomeGold chief executive Ronald Sheppard, who

was denied parole earlier this year.

The panel's three members declined to comment about their decision, said Pete O'Boyle, spokesman for the parole board.

Sterling's company was the parent of Pickens-based Carolina Investors, which offered notes and debentures to the public. Carolina Investors' financial collapse 10 years ago

this month cost about 12,000 people, most from the Upstate, an estimated \$278 million.

Sam Wyche, the former NFL player and coach who had a savings account with Carolina Investors, told GreenvilleOnline.com that Sterling, and others who were held responsible, should have to serve full jail or prison sentences.

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Greenville Health System CT technologist Peter Brooks demonstrates the level of imaging detail that can be achieved with today's 3D CT scans. Machines are put through rigorous testing and inspection by state health officials. HEIDI HELBRUNNSTAFF

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Local hospitals say rigorous safeguards in place

By Liv Osby
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CT scans have transformed medicine. They provide detailed

before he has made the first incision.

That's all improved diagnosis and treatment for countless millions, and local hospitals say rigorous safeguards are in place.

But these scans aren't without risk.

They deliver much more radiation than X-rays.

And there are fears that these tests

ing to the National Institutes of Health.

They can be used to diagnose illnesses and internal injuries, as well as to monitor cancer and other diseases.

Some 68 million CT scans are performed in the U.S. each year, about 10 percent of them in children, according to the American College of Radiology,

which holds that medical imaging is

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Senate passes cuts in budget

White House tours will remain canceled

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved legislation Wednesday to lock in \$85 billion in broad federal spending cuts and simultaneously avoid a government shutdown next week — and pointedly rejected a call to reopen White House tours that the Obama administration says had to be canceled because of the cuts.

If the House goes along, as expected, that means the across-the-board cuts — set in motion by a failed earlier deficit-cutting effort and vigorously decried by President Barack Obama last month — will remain in effect for the rest of the fiscal year through Aug. 31.

Some adjustments will be made. Meat inspectors were spared furloughs, for example, as lawmakers in both parties alternately clashed and cooperated over proposals to take the edge off the deficit-fighting cuts that took effect March 1.

The administration — as well

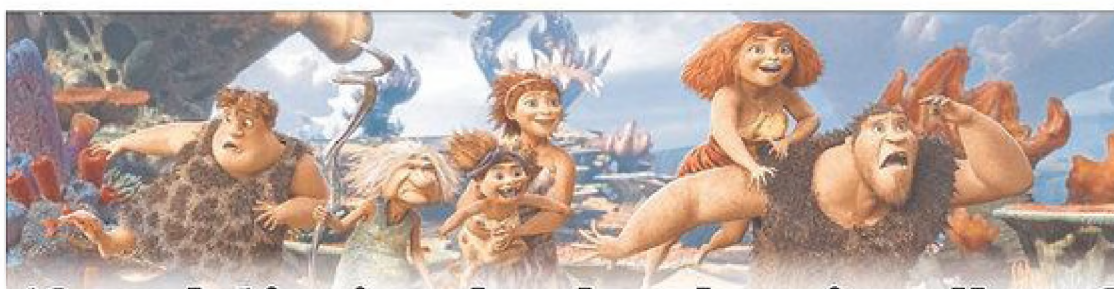
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WEATHER

Fresh Market now open



Carol Frasier, left, takes a sample of cheese from Pam Rosenkrans, representing vendor Anco Fine Cheese, during the grand opening of The Fresh Market Wednesday in Aiken.

BY DEDE BILES
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The grand opening of The Fresh Market in Aiken was scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, but management opened the gourmet grocery's doors to the public about an hour before then. Everyone eagerly rushed inside, escaping from the chilly weather while picking up free samples of coffee and free shopping bags.

One of the early bird shoppers was Carl Hawver, who proudly declared that he was first in line at the new store in the South Park Shopping Center on Whiskey Road.

"My mom wanted a free bag, but couldn't be here because she was working, and I was really excited about this place opening anyway," said Hawver, who lives nearby in Aiken Estates. "I love the kind of food they sell at specialty groceries like this."

Cars filled virtually every space in the shopping center's parking lot, and hundreds of people jammed the upscale store's aisles. They were treated to free samples of crème brûlée, French toast, Applewood-smoked bacon, sausage and other goodies.

The early shoppers also got to witness the cracking of the Parmesan ceremony, which took the

place of the usual ribbon-cutting tradition that many new businesses observe. Afterward, Pam Rosenkrans, who was representing one of The Fresh Market's vendors, cut pieces from the big wheel of cheese and handed them to smiling customers.

"I've been looking forward to this for months," said Brenda Guerry, who was interested in the various fresh breads on display. "I've been checking out the building and watching all the preparations, so it's exciting to come to the opening. I've always heard good things about this company and so far, so good. It

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Racegoers urged to leave early, follow signs

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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The 47th renewal of the Aiken Spring Steeplechase will gallop into town on Saturday, and the Aiken Department of Public Safety is asking racegoers to follow gate instructions and get out early in order to avoid traffic and congestion before the event.

Last year's event drew about 30,000 people to Ford Conger field despite the threat of rain.

"It backs up," said Cpl. Jeremy Hembree of Aiken Public Safety. "We do have officers that are assigned to assisting traffic control leading up to the start of the races and help alleviate any congestion."

Racegoers will enter through one of three gates: red, blue or green.

"Make sure they're aware of what gate their parking pass will allow them to enter," Hembree said. "This is the most popular event of the Triple Crown, so there is a large amount of people coming to the area with only three points of entry."

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STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA

Aiken Public Safety is asking Steeplechase goers to pay attention to their designated gate information — including signs, such as this one on Whiskey Road — to avoid traffic congestion before Saturday's races.

Senate vote: OK \$85 billion cuts, avert shutdown

BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate approved legislation Wednesday to lock in \$85 billion in widely decried spending cuts aimed at restraining soaring federal deficits — and to avoid a government shutdown just a week away. President Barack Obama's fellow Democrats rejected a call to reopen White House talks scrapped because of the tightened spending.

Federal meat inspectors were

possible closure as the two parties alternately clashed and cooperated over proposals to take the edge off across-the-board spending cuts that took effect on March 1.

Final House approval of the measure is likely as early as today. Obama's signature is a certainty, meaning the cuts will remain in



Obama

parties have criticized them as random rather than targeted. Obama argued strongly against them in campaign-style appearances, predicting painful consequences, before they began taking effect, and Republicans objected to impacts on Pentagon spending.

Without changes, the \$85 billion in cuts for the current year will swell to nearly \$1 trillion over a decade, enough to make at least a small dent in economy-threatening federal deficits but requiring program cuts that lawmakers in both parties saw

with different savings.

The administration as well as Republicans picked and chose its spots in arguing for flexibility in this year's cuts.

"My hope is that gets done," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said earlier in the week of the effort to prevent layoffs among inspectors that could disrupt the nation's food supply chain. "If it does not, come mid-July we will forgo meat inspectors," he added, departing from the administration's general position that flexibility should exist all



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Can Bostic win runoff against Sanford?

Despite money gap, some say dark horse candidate can beat ex-governor

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Curtis Bostic was the sleeper candidate that few saw coming. A smart ground game and support from social conservatives propelled

the former Charleston County Council member to second place in Tuesday's GOP primary — and a runoff in two weeks with former Gov. Mark Sanford.

But opinions are split on whether Bostic can make the mammoth jump

from winning 13 percent of the vote Tuesday to defeating Sanford, who captured 37 percent.

One political group has conducted a survey saying the former governor will win handily in the April 2 runoff, while one of Bostic's former

opponents believes the candidate has a shot.

"It's not only possible, but I'm expecting a close race," said state Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Berkeley, who

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MORE CAMPAIGN COVERAGE

- To view federal election filings on two super PACs, Coastal Conservative Fund and Conservative Solutions, click on this story at beaufortgazette.com.
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'AMERICAN IDOL'



Candice Glover

Judges praise Glover

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Although the judges on "American Idol" didn't jump out of their seats for Candice Glover this week, they still loved her.

The St. Helena Island native sang the Beatles' "Come Together" on Wednesday night, performing in the top nine. The theme this week was the "Lennon-McCartney songbook and The Beatles."

"I love seeing you with this whole other vibe going on tonight, kind of like the rock chick side of you," judge Keith Urban said. "I thought that was absolutely killer."

Judge Nicki Minaj thought the vocals

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AREA'S GOVERNMENT WORKERS FIGHT FURLOUGHS



Photo by Bob Sadaly

Sue Partridge, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1951, participates in a protest targeting the federal sequester Wednesday near Beaufort City Hall. Partridge, who works at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, said the budget cuts will force furloughs that could affect hundreds of workers at the county's three military bases. To read more about Wednesday's demonstration, see 3A.

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Funding could rise by \$1.4M

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Beaufort offers fix for school traffic problem

The city wants to ease congestion outside Beaufort Elementary School by making a section of Pilot Street a one-way road.

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For a look at the city's proposal to reduce traffic outside Beaufort





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Young casualties

They're called "leathernecks" or "Devil Dogs," but some of the Marines killed in a desert training accident this week were just a year or so out of high school, their boyish faces not yet weathered by life's hardships.

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Deal on fracking

Some of the nation's biggest oil and gas companies have made peace with environmentalists, agreeing to a voluntary set of tough new standards for fracking in the Northeast that could lead to a major expansion of drilling.

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Open carry bill

A Senate subcommittee passed a bill to thunderous applause Wednesday that would allow people to carry guns in public in South Carolina without a concealed weapons permit.

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Parade debut

A parade and festival celebrating the area's international community will be held Saturday in downtown Spartanburg. The Upstate International Festival parade starts at 10 a.m. and is expected to become an annual event. **PAGE C1**

No change

The Fed on Wednesday stood by its plan to keep short-term interest rates at record lows at least until unemployment falls to 6.5 percent. **PAGE C4**

Weather

Negotiations for city's water halt

Warnings surface of higher bills, less service, more taxes

By **LYNNE P. SHACKLEFORD**
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Spartanburg City Council and the city's Commission of Public Works are in a standoff concerning \$1.4 million.

After negotiations between the sides broke down, City Council issued a letter Tuesday evening asking residents and other stakeholders to contact Public Works commissioners.

Depending on how the situation

is resolved, city leaders say residents could see taxes increased and services reduced. Public Works leaders say if the utility continues to make the \$1.4 million payment to the city, its customers will see their rates increased.

Since 1992, the Commission of Public Works has paid City Council — the entity that must approve any bonds issued by the utility — a percentage of its revenues. In 2007, both sides agreed on a fixed annual fee of \$1.4 million — or about 4.7 percent of the utility's revenues — that went into effect in 2008.

About 10 months ago, the utility notified the city that the five-year agreement was ending in June

2013, triggering months of negotiation between the two sides.

In a letter dated Feb. 19, the Public Works commission proposed transferring \$400,000 to the city's general fund during the coming fiscal year, which starts July 1. Those payments would then step down by \$100,000 each fiscal year until July 1, 2016, when the utility would provide no payment to the city's general fund. The CPW also would waive up to \$100,000 in fees charged to the city for water.

Also under that proposal, commissioners would designate \$500,000 in annual economic development grants, designed to be used by City Council to foster business

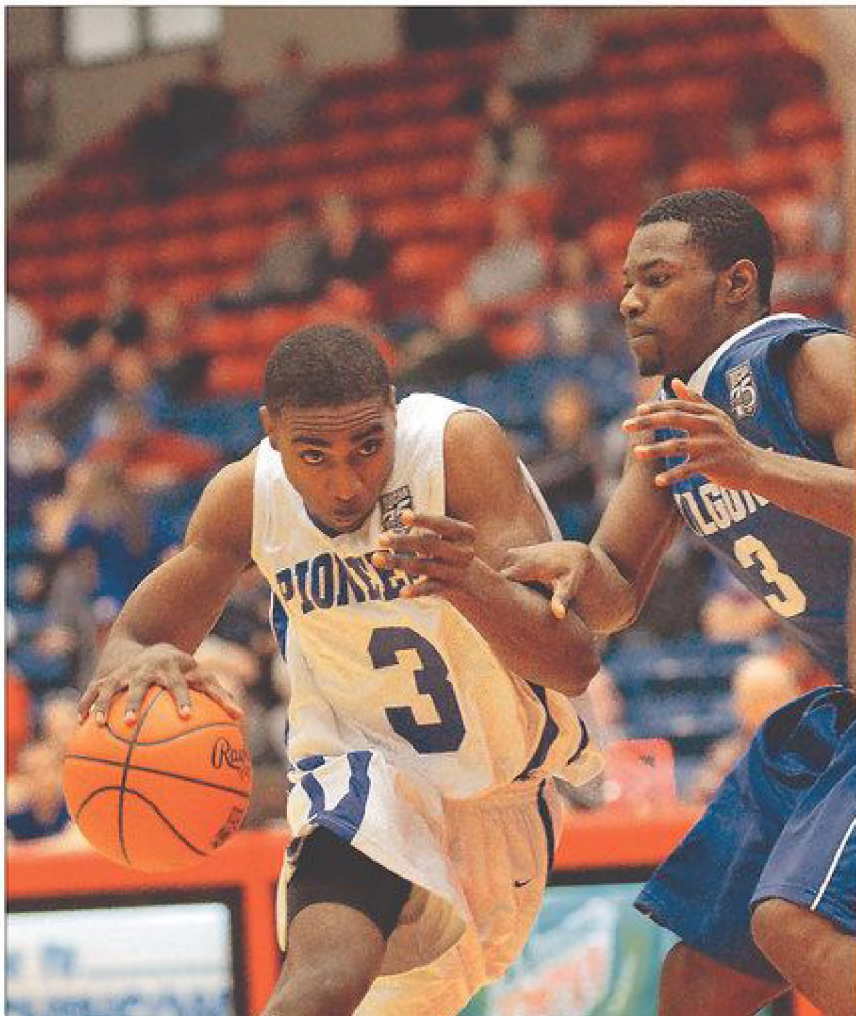
growth. Those funds, however, would remain in an account controlled by the water system, and projects would be approved by the water system's leadership.

"We felt like that was a reasonable offer to move the situation forward and to benefit the citizens, which we both serve," said Spartanburg Water Commissioner John Montgomery.

City leaders balked at that proposal, saying the amount was significantly less than what they had been receiving and would cause them to cut services and increase taxes.

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MARTINEZ MONSIVALS/AP
President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tour the Iron Dome Battery defense system at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, Wednesday.

Showing solidarity on Iran

Obama, Netanyahu seeking fresh start

By **JULIE PAGE**
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Seeking a fresh start to a strained relationship, President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday demonstrated solidarity on the key issues that have stirred tensions between them. The U.S. president vowed he would do "what is necessary" to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, while Netanyahu reaffirmed that his newly formed government seeks a two-state solution to Israel's decades-long dispute with the Palestinians.

Obama, in Israel for the first time in his presidency, also



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Scam leader receives sentence

Former test proctor led financial aid scandal at Piedmont Tech

Sentenced

By MICHELLE LAXER
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The ringleader behind a test-taking conspiracy to scam federal financial aid money from Piedmont Technical College was sen-

tenced Wednesday to 13 months in prison.

Fasha A. Paul, 26, of Due West, was also ordered to make restitution in excess of \$21,000, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney Bill Nettles' office.

U.S. District Judge Mary G. Lewis, of Spartanburg, handed down the penalties on Paul's charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud.

The release called Paul the leader of the financial aid fraud

conspiracy based at the Abbeville County campus of Piedmont Technical College.

"We're pleased to see justice being done," college spokesman Josh Black said. "Given how important financial aid is to many

of our students, it's deplorable for anyone to be taking advantage of the programs."

Paul was a former placement test proctor at the Abbeville campus.

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■ Fasha A. Paul, 26, of Due West, was sentenced to 13 months in prison and ordered to make restitution in excess of \$21,000.

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ONE YEAR LATER



The off-campus housing complex, Bearcat Village, at Lander University was the location of sexual assaults on three Lander students one year ago today.

Lander takes steps to ensure safety of students

By MICHELLE LAXER
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Ask officials at any college across the country, and they will most likely rank safety and welfare of their students as a top priority.

Lander University's vice president of student affairs said the school, too, does everything it can to provide a safe place for students, especially in the year since its normally quiet campus was rocked by shock-

ing sexual assaults on three students.

One year ago, the evening of March 21, 2012, two Presbyterian College football players forced their way into an apartment in the off-campus student housing complex Bearcat Village and sexually assaulted the three women living there.

The following week, March 30, 2012, Cameron Keaton Jones, of Mauldin, and Bobby Charles Henderson III, of Orlando, Fla., were arrested and charged with first-degree burglary, first-degree criminal sexual conduct and kidnapping

in connection with the attacks.

In the 12 months since, the Lander community saw the case end when the two responsible parties pleaded guilty.

A judge handed down a 23-year prison sentence to Jones in November 2012 after his guilty plea. Jones had a prior relationship with one of the victims and was the suspect who pushed his way into their apartment. In December 2012, Henderson was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Since the assaults, Lander has installed more than 80 security cam-

eras around the complex and three graduate-level resident assistants were hired to live there.

Randy Bouknight, vice president of student affairs, said the RA assignments weren't a direct response to the incident, but to better support the number of students living there.

A heightened sense of awareness on campus came after the Bearcat Village incident. Students aren't shy about calling university police to

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■ BBQ & BLUES

18 and growing

2013 Blues Cruise lineup announced

By JOSEPH SITARZ
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The Greenwood Blues Cruise for the 13th annual South Carolina Festival of Discovery in Uptown Greenwood in July could get even bigger. The 2013 Blues Cruise lineup features 18 acts with more to be added.

Already the biggest lineup in the history of the Blues Cruise, there is a chance more performers could be added, according to Greenwood city manager Charlie Barrineau.

"Every year we say this: It gets better every year," Barrineau said. "I'm just shocked at how long it took me to scroll down the page to see how many musicians we had booked."

This year's Blues Cruise lineup, once again sponsored by the Index-Journal, brings some of South Carolina's best known blues musicians to Greenwood, along with others who are nationally known.

"We are excited to again be associated with the Blues Cruise," Index-Journal president and publisher Judith M. Burns said. "The festival and musical lineup has expanded over the years and clearly is a wonderfully successful event right in the heart of Greenwood. Sponsoring the Blues Cruise is a perfect match for us."

The Blues Cruise lineup is South Carolina's Mac Arnold and Plate Full o' Blues, Virginia's Luckyman Beall, Alabama's John Bull and Sheffield Walker, Philadelphia's Deb Callahan Band, Florida's Albert Castiglia, Ohio's Travis "Moonchild" Had-dix, South Carolina's The Hartner and Charles Project, Washington D.C.'s Bill Heid, South Carolina's The Hollerers, South Carolina's Wanda Johnson, North Carolina's The Vinyl B...



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Can Bostic win runoff against Sanford?

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Despite money gap, some say the dark horse candidate can beat the ex-governor

By GINA SMITH

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Curtis Bostic was the sleeper candidate that few saw coming.

A smart ground game and support from social conservatives propelled the former Charleston County Council member to second place in Tuesday's GOP primary — and a runoff in two weeks with former Gov. Mark Sanford.

But opinions are split on whether Bostic can make the mammoth jump from winning 13 percent of the vote Tuesday to defeating Sanford, who captured 37 percent.

One political group has conducted a survey saying the former governor will win handily in the April 2 runoff, while one of Bostic's former opponents believes the councilman has a shot.

"It's not only possible, but I'm expecting a close race," said state Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Berkeley, who finished third and conceded to Bostic on Wednesday.

Grooms, who is unsure if he will endorse either of the remaining candidates, expects his social-conservative supporters will vote for Bostic and



Mark Sanford



Curtis Bostic

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'UNBREAKABLE ALLIANCE'

During his first trip to Israel, President Obama promises united effort in dealing with the Iranian nuclear threat



President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shake hands as they participate in a joint news conference Wednesday at the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem.

By EDMUND SANDERS and CHRISTI PARSONS • Tribune Washington Bureau

IN a much-anticipated visit laden with symbols of friendship and words of assurance, President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attempted to set aside past

a nuclear bomb, while Netanyahu warned that the Islamic Republic must be stopped sooner.

And though there appeared to be no substantive change in their positions, Netanyahu offered one official statement on

ON THE AGENDA

President Barack Obama will make a quick trip to the West Bank today to meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Obama also plans to visit a youth center in Ramallah before heading

ISLAND ECONOMIC PANEL

Council: Move on creating group

The economic development corporation would help close deals on projects and bring new businesses to Hilton Head Island.

By BRIAN HEFFERNAN

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Hilton Head Island Town Council members hope a town economic development corporation will attract businesses and spur redevelopment on the island, but some members said this week the group is forming too slowly.

"It seems like we're talking about not getting this thing off the ground till next fall, and this is one of our priorities that we set in our retreat" in December, Councilman Lee Edwards said at a meeting Tuesday. "I just think we need to maybe think about stepping on the gas with this a bit."

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Schools might get \$1.4M more

The House budget would bring more Education Funding Act money to Beaufort County.

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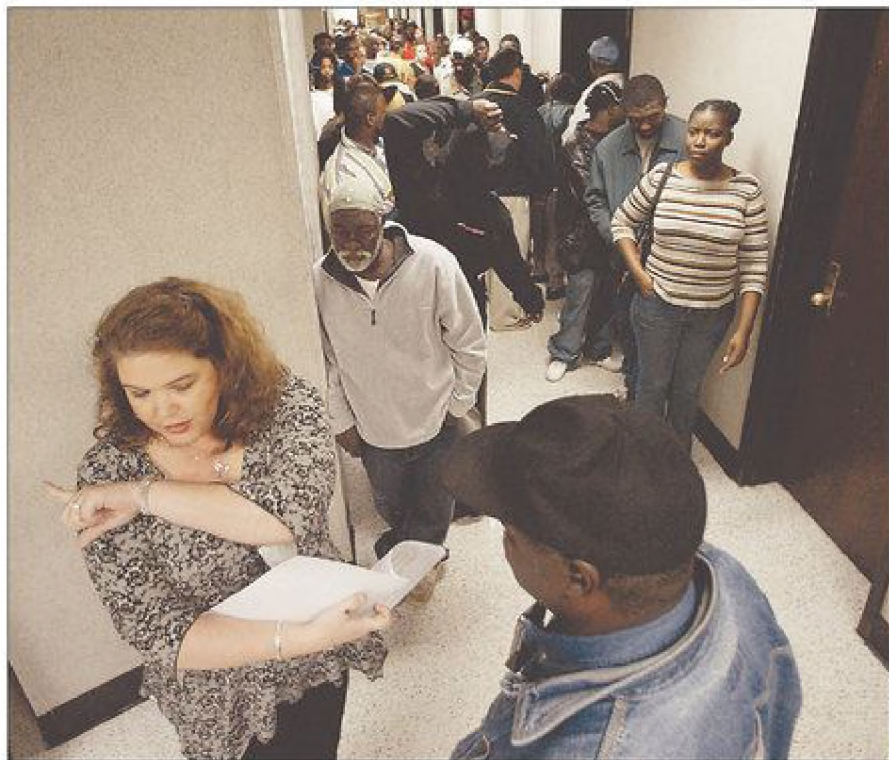
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COMPLEX ISSUES



Michelle Tindall, (left) of the Florence County Solicitor's Office, tries to direct people in the right direction for General Sessions Court in the crowded 11th floor at the Florence City-County Complex in 2007.

Florence County mulls future of facilities

Council slated to vote today on study that would look at options to maybe expand county offices

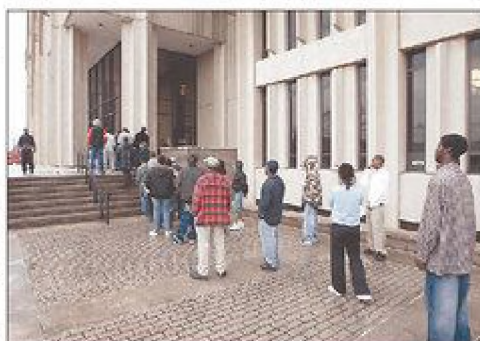
BY JOHN SWEENEY

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FLORENCE — Members of the Florence County Council will vote Thursday on the procurement of \$148,000 toward a study that would consider expanding county offices and possibly building a long-awaited judicial complex.

"It's just a comprehensive look before we go out and do anything," Florence County Council Chairman James Schofield said.

If approved, the study would include three architecture and planning firms — Steven and Wilkinson and Justice Planning Associates, both firms located in Columbia, and Goforth Brown and Associates, an architecture firm based



People wait outside in line waiting to get into the Florence City-County Complex in 2007.

in Florence — that will examine multiple scenarios on how to utilize space in the Florence City-County Complex after the city moves out this summer.

Schofield said plans would include both the building of a new judicial complex, as well as possibly expanding the current complex.

Late last year, the Florence City Council unanimously approved to move its office from the complex to the City Center building at 324 W. Evans St.

That move, which is expected to be completed by July, will free up roughly

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Chesterfield County

Sheriff is indicted, suspended

Prosecutors say Sam Parker gave favors to inmates, used county cars for personal use

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Chesterfield County Sheriff Sam Parker let friends carry badges without training, gave away weapons to people he knew, and let favored inmates have unsupervised visits with women and sleep outside jail with access to TV and alcohol, according to an indictment against the lawman.

Prosecutors laid out a story of a sheriff who skipped training and followed his own rules in the 20-page indictment released Wednesday. Parker is charged with four counts of misconduct in office and two counts of furnishing contraband to inmates. Each charge is a misdemeanor, carrying a possible sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

But Parker's attorney said he got tripped up in confusing regulations on what a sheriff can and cannot do. Parker did not intend to break the law and will fight the charges vigorously, defense attorney Johnny Gasser said.

"Sam Parker is not a criminal," Gasser said.

Parker is the fourth sheriff in less than three years in South Carolina to face criminal charges. Three of them have been rural sheriffs accused of misusing state inmates.

Gasser said Parker was doing things that law enforcement has allowed rural sheriffs to do for decades. He said no one ever came to the sheriff and told him he was doing anything wrong. Instead, he said prosecutors took the case to the State Grand Jury without giving Parker a

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THE INDICTMENT

Read the indictment in full online at www.scnw.com.

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Misusing inmates is nothing new

SC sheriffs have questioned rules, regulations that tripped up Chesterfield sheriff

BY JOHN SWEENEY

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FSD1 hopes to move singing show to PAC

Successful year of Best Singer in the District has administrators looking for larger venue, sponsors

BY ELLEN MEDER

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FLORENCE — After packing the West Florence High School auditorium last month for the first Best Singer in the District

ter in downtown Florence, just a block from the district offices.

Greenway said so far, other activities have kept her busy but she will be contacting FMU soon since the PAC would be an "amazing" venue for students to experience.





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Officer sought backup before fatal shooting: report

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

Officers en route to Tuesday's confrontation heard their fellow deputy call over his radio, "put the shovel down," moments before he fatally shot an Orangeburg man, according to an Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office incident report.

Sheriff Leroy Ravenell on Wednesday identified the

deputy involved in the shooting as Cpl. Steven Thompson, a 12-year law enforcement veteran. Thompson is on leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Ravenell said Thompson was responding to a harassment call at a Chitwood Street residence when 42-year-old Barry Caldwell was fatally shot. Area residents said Caldwell had a shovel during the confrontation with the officer.

"I would like for the Caldwell family to know that

I extend my most sincere condolences for the loss of their family member," the sheriff said. "Tuesday's tragedy has an impact on all of Orangeburg County."

Orangeburg County Deputy Coroner Sean Foglesaid an autopsy performed Wednesday revealed Caldwell died of a single gunshot wound to the chest. Caldwell resided alternately between a Chitwood Street home

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Barry Caldwell is the 42-year-old man shot and killed Tuesday.

WORKING TOGETHER



Mikee Johnson, president and chief executive officer of Orangeburg's Cox Industries, is the newly elected chairman of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance.

Cox's Johnson named chairman of state's Manufacturers Alliance

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

Mikee Johnson, the newly elected chairman of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, says he's excited about the future of manufacturing in the state.

"The United States is experiencing a manufacturing renaissance, and South Carolina has an incredible opportunity to strengthen our manufactur-

Economic ambassadors

Gov. Nikki Haley and the S.C. Department of Commerce held an Industry Appreciation Week ceremony on Tuesday at the Governor's Mansion honoring the 2013 Ambassadors for Economic Development.

Ambassadors are local leaders from the private sector committed to securing new jobs and investment in their communities. T&D Region ambassadors are:

- Matthew D. Wernick, vice president for Monomers Operators for DAK Americas and manager of DAK Fibers in Calhoun County.

- Ronald Maxwell, a vice president of South Carolina Bank and Trust in Bamberg County.
- Joe McFalls, Holly Hill plant manager of Holcim.

(U.S.) Inc. in Orangeburg County.

Haley in Bamberg

Gov. Nikki Haley will be in Bamberg County on Thursday for a 1 p.m. ceremony marking Tabularium's move into the former space building at the CrossRhodes Industrial Park on U.S. 301 South. The company is investing \$5 million and creating new jobs with the expansion.

Special section

For more on the ambassadors, industries and the week's observance, look for a special Industry Appreciation special section in Sunday's Times and Democrat.

Open gun carry gets approval by Senate panel

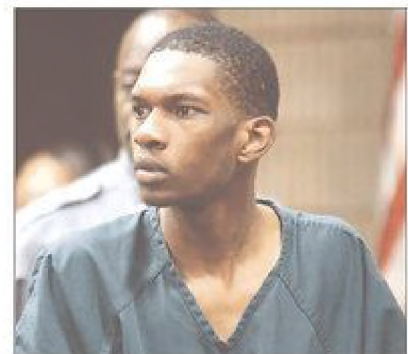
By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A Senate subcommittee passed a bill to thunderous applause Wednesday that would allow people to carry guns in public in South Carolina without a concealed weapons permit.

The vote was taken after a public hearing packed with gun supporters, who listened politely and cheered anyone who spoke about protecting the Second Amendment or pointed out criminals weren't likely to follow any gun laws.

Supporters of the open-carry bill said it still needs some more work to make sure there aren't any loopholes. The subcommittee passed an amendment banning all felons from carrying handguns. Currently, only felons convicted of a violent crime are banned from carrying guns under state law.

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Police arrested Jovan Graham on Tuesday, claiming he had marijuana on him when he appeared in court.

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