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An undisclosed hotelier is interested in building a new, 210-room hotel in the Vista, The State reported. According to an attorney representing an investment group involved in the property, the hotelier is looking at a 6-floor lot at Lincolndale and Lincoln streets that fronts the city’s new Lady Senet parking garage.

The undisclosed investment group owns other hotels in the state, and the new fire-story hotel would have dedicated parking spaces in the garage. It would be located across from a Hyatt Place hotel that is currently under construction.

“Because of the high occupancy rates downtown, there have been a number of hoteliers looking at Columbia over the past few months. It wouldn’t surprise me if we had more,” said Fred Delk, executive director of the Columbia Development Corp.

Delk believes the potential hotel would boost activity at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. He said the location is in the center of Vista activity, as there are 30 restaurants and bars within two blocks.

“Recently, a lot of the fun things have been being in the same classes beneficial. It’s like a dead give away if you’re in class or not,” Peggy said. “You really have to know us in the face to tell us.”

“We don’t really think that much of it because it would be really different. It would be really automatic,” Julie said. “I mean, we are best friends.”

These difficulties don’t have a big impact on the pair, however.

“You really have to know us as the face to tell us,” Julie said. “Our close friends can tell in apart, but I think a lot of kids don’t really get us.”

And sometimes, when they’re in the mood to, they’ll even switch places. They switched places the most kids in our class can’t,” Peggy finished.

“We’re nervous, though, because it’s overwhelming to see two people and know that you have to hire two, so we’re kind of open that one company wants one of us and another company wants another one of us, we’d feel okay with that, because we’d have to just accept that,” Peggy said. “It’s been open, but we’re just waiting to see what will happen.

But no matter what happens in the future, they are still focused on how their lives have been positively affected by each other.

“I feel like we’re still as close as sisters, but I don’t know if we’re as close as chemical engineers because we could do it on our own, but I feel like he one another and encourage one another so much to study and advise because we know that we can do it,” Julie said. “We’re better than we would be apart because it would be really different. It would be really weird, and I don’t think we would experience as much together.”

“I feel like we’re definitely stronger as twins,” Peggy added. “I don’t think we’d be as close other.”

According to Bryan Stirling, corrections department director, the Campbell Pre-Release Center on Broad River Road has started to close down. Inmates are being moved to other low-level facilities, while uniformed officers are being transferred to other jobs in the prison system.

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“Closing Campbell Pre-Release will consolidate pre-release programs and services and allow us to reemphasize our focus on security at SCDC by adding contraband officers at the Broad River complex and filling vacancies in other facilities,” Press reported.

The department’s website said 119 inmates were still housed in the facility as of Thursday morning. There are a total of 2,380 inmates in South Carolina prisons and seven minimum-security prisons.

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**In Brief**

**Mammoth bill tries to return from extinction**

A bill that would make the Columbia mammoth the state official fossil has received a second chance, The State reported. Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, R-Cherokee, reversed his objection to the bill, which was inspired by 8-year-old Olivia McConnell, Olivia’s mother.

Scientists say the mammoth recently Extinct, approximately 10,000 years ago. Olivia suggested the mammoth be the state fossil in part because its tusks were dug up by slaves on a South Carolina plantation, becoming one of the first vertebrate fossils found on North America.

**State closing minimum-security prison in Columbia**

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Prospective research university has promise

Steven Asbill recently offered an insight that highlighted problematic components of the Affordable Care Act. Asbill points out that “providers can only receive dividends of patients and health residents if they provide treatment.” Asbill then posits a scenario in which a patient should be hospitalized and not be made to pay for the hospital’s out-of-pocket costs. Here I would like to provide an additional insight on the rural and spatial barriers that some patients face in the pursuit of quality medical treatment. Taking medications, going to the doctor, and providing food at the grocery store are all crucial to a patient seeking health care provider without being liable for the costs. Unfortunately, these are all two spatial and financial limitations where those in low-income areas are at a disadvantage. One of the reasons that Asbill points out is that the hospital will not be reimbursed if the patient doesn’t improve as a result of medication. The use of e-cigarettes within the last year. This could be a dangerous practice for patients who do not take their medication. Taking medications is undeniably an important facet of treatment for many patients. A patient who is unable to take her or his medication is indeed responsible for their own deterioration. Then again, there are individuals who take mental health medications, who refuse medications due to a lack of understanding or confusion. This refusal means that the hospital will not be reimbursed if the patient doesn’t improve as a result of medication.
**'Enemy' captivating cast in its shocking end**

Confounding and twerpy, "Enemy" makes for one of the most frightening films in years. "Enemy," an unnerving thriller about doppelgangers, directed by and starring critically acclaimed actor Jake Gyllenhaal in a storyline full of clever twists.

Just as the continuously looming haunting powers come, the Columbia music scene would be nothing without The New Brookland Tavern. This Saturday, it will be holding a benefit “concert of all the proceeds will go toward repairs the venue needs.”

The New Brookland Tavern has been the home to music of all different genres for over 20 years. Mike Lyons, its current owner, took over in 2004 with his brother. Starting out at WUSC-FM as a Garbagehead, he has dedicated his life to local music.

"I don't do it for money. I do this because this is my passion," he said. "We just want to make [the band] stronger."

The New Brookland Tavern started in February before Alex Roberts, of Cover of Forever, suggested holding an all-day fundraiser. While White was sympathetic that the initial online fundraiser raised enough to get the air conditioning fixed, he said the more money he can raise, the better he can make the venue.

"We want to come back to Columbia and play at New Brookland Tavern because this is the place [a lot of them] grew up, and Columbia has a great fan crowd."

"Enemy," a 2014 thriller, stars critically acclaimed actor Jake Gyllenhaal in a storyline full of clever twists. However, the chronically unmotivated Adam has an itch to check out the film. He watches the DVD on his laptop late at night when Mary is asleep. He becomes transfixed by the film, with the light on his laptop shining into his eyes, making him appear possessed.

His demeanor changes when he sees an extra in the film that looks exactly like him. With a little research, he discovers that it will probably take multiple viewings to get at its final five minutes. The film toys with the viewer so cleverly that it will probably take multiple viewings to get at its deeper meaning.

Gyllenhaal has rarely been more commanding on screen, and he has to be for the film to work. His character can always be told apart, even though they are mirror images. Adam is a normal nobody that the audience can follow, if not connect with emotionally, and this makes his unbelievable situation compelling.

The venue raises roof for roof repairs

As the oldest concert bar, The New Brookland Tavern is the home to Columbia's Indie music scene and was a starting stage for plenty of new-big names in music.
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**Taurus**
Apply discipline to your communications for the next few days. Get your messages out. Toss it on your friends first, and seek their feedback for modifications. Money’s coming in and even more goes back out. Don’t fund a fantasy. Spend on practical accounts.

**Gemini**
You’re in the spotlight today. Compose and communicate. Use your power resources in a way that affects social finances, and negotiate a win-win. Hold out for what’s right. Falsify the art of their expertise and experience. Learn something new. As a result, you could get profitable. Accept the results with a blank.

**Cancer**

**Leo**
Study the situation. The homework you’ve been avoiding. Let go of obligations that you can delegate. How much control do you really need? Good news presents new options. Talk it over with the related parties. Care friends involved. Follow a family tradition.

**Virgo**
Make plans for major changes at home. Today and tomorrow are good for testing ideas. Gather feedback, and take notes. Talk it over with the ones affected. Use your own judgment, avoid stepping on toes, or it could get awkward.

**Libra**
Things fall into place today and tomorrow. As a result, could you plan a new adventure. Seek new options and strategies. Travel conditions are better.

**Scorpio**
The next few days favor financial planning. The more care you take with details, the better your look. Find ways to save. Collaborate and share resources with a partner. Sagittarius: Review instructions, confirm reservations and listen to suggestions. You and a partner can seize the moment and take it.

**Capricorn**

**Aquarius**
New assignments keep coming in. You’re motivated by the new. Keep your head down and focus. Play with family and friends, and practical solutions arise in the process. Express your love.

**Pisces**
Today and tomorrow are good for making changes at home. Invest in self-care. Get partners involved, and test new structures. Make material improvements. Challenge authority to get to the truth. Stick to your principles. Have your home reflect your passions.

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The South Carolina men’s tennis team returns home to play its first two SEC matches of the season this weekend.

The team will play Friday against Ole Miss and then Sunday versus Mississippi State.

The Gamecocks (11-10, 3-5 SEC) come into Columbia as the early favorite, but Goffi says that South Carolina is the top-15 caliber team,” Goffi said. “This weekend is really important heading into the conference. The pressure has only been building on us, but we’re going to go out there and play our game on Sunday. We’re going to go out there and try to prove ourselves. The game plan since the team made few changes in its second round of the tournament and that his win.”

South Carolina played on the court last weekend and finished fifth out of 15 teams. Starke said his team didn’t feel like the No. 16 Bulldogs to go out there and try to get a win. “We’re just going to go out there and give it all we got,” Chip Cox said. “We’re just going to go out there and play our game on Sunday. We’re going to go out there and try to prove ourselves. The game plan since the team made few changes in its second round of the tournament.”

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The Gamecocks are looking to keep that kind of momentum going this weekend as they face top-tier competition. “I expect us to play really well,” Starke said. “I’ve been playing well, Matt (NeSmith) has been playing well, and Will Murphy just won a golf tournament the other day. I expect to have a really good chance to win.”

Will Starke said. “I really have to stay patient, make sure I am well-rested and hydrated,” sophomore Matt NeSmith said. “Every time I tee up, it’s a two-day tournament, so I play three rounds in two days. The first day is 36 holes, which is always a long day, so I really have to stay patient and make sure I am well-rested and hydrated.”

After rebounding from a rough start to the season, the Gamecocks have won four of their five previous matches. Those games have given South Carolina momentum, which is why head coach Josh Goffi said the team doesn’t feel like they’re near the bottom of the conference.

“The way we feel like we are one of the teams on the top half of the SEC right now,” Goffi said. “We’re just going to go out there and play our game on Sunday. We’re going to go out there and try to prove ourselves. The game plan since the team made few changes in its second round of the tournament.”

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The Gamecocks look to take sole possession of the top spot in SEC play.

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Since South Carolina and Arkansas were originally slated to play Friday night, the two teams will play a doubleheader, with the first pitch of game one scheduled for 4:05 p.m.

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