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Progressive student groups march to Statehouse
Coalition sets out from campus for peace day

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Shots fired in Five Points

Sunday morning

Police: No one struck, injured in Five Points incident

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off-campus, but to stay closer that complexes out on Shop and Bluff roads; four different private student housing projects are pending within one mile of campus.

“Our projects are all contemplated off of USC space and are expected to be profitable to developers without USC participation,” Walton said. “But to my knowledge today, none of these projects have been financed and certainly none of them have broken ground. I think everyone is waiting to see what USC does with its master plan.”

The university’s enrollment has soared past campus’s capacity to house and comfortably teach all its students, paving the way for a booming off-campus housing market, with a dozen off-campus housing complexes holding 6,900 beds that are 99 percent occupied, according to Walton.

And the instruction space is just as much a problem. The 60,000 square feet would fulfill the need of the engineering school alone.

“...the fall of 2002, when our enrollment was 19,547, our instruction space in Columbia was 1,280,000 square feet,” Walton said. “Today, with the enrollment 46 percent greater, at 28,701, our space for delivering instruction is unchanged.

“So, it’s time. Our instruction space is at capacity by every traditional measure. The public-private partnership idea isn’t new.

Kirsten Kennedy, USC’s director of housing, said the concept is in the housing master plan, but had initially been planned on a smaller scale with around 200 beds, and it wasn’t expected to come to fruition much before 2018.

“But it sounds like it’s moving,” Kennedy said.

The main reasons students like living off campus include less university regulation and amenities like pools and workout rooms that many of those complexes provide, Walton said.

Kennedy said those particulars await pending contracts that haven’t yet been drafted. But if those contracts put the university in charge of running the building and collecting rent, USC-appointed resident mentors and policies will still apply, she said.

“Our assumption is that we will run it,” Kennedy said. “But ‘public-private’ is a huge umbrella term that doesn’t specify which responsibilities will fall on the private developer and which will go to USC.

Since it will be mainly targeted for upperclassmen, some regulations — such as visitation policies — should be more relaxed like in many upperclassmen apartments, as compared to freshman dorms.

Kennedy thinks students will likely be most excited about the location, on the west side of campus, near the Coliseum, Greek Village, the School of Music and the new Darla Moore School of Business. While students haven’t yet been polled, the response from the board of trustees seems positive.

“We will be satisfying a great need. We have to better care for our undergraduate student population, to provide more academic space,” USC President Harris Pastides said.

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abdominal surgeries after he was airlifted from the wreck.

Martinez, a graduate of the Air Force Academy, had planned to compete on an eight-person skydiving team in October and serves as a vice president for the Flying Gamecocks, USC’s skydiving club. He’s also worked for Outdoor Recreation since July.

For now, Martinez remains in critical condition, Kelly said, and he could undergo another round of surgery today, family wrote on the page.
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the ideal of peace.
“All these organizations that all come from different backgrounds and all have different purposes, but they all share this commonality and can all come together for this purpose,” Marr said. “You can’t create peace through war and things of that nature. You need to go in with a mind-set of peace in order to achieve peace.”

The International Day of Peace is observed worldwide each year on Sept. 21. The U.N.’s General Assembly promotes the occasion as “a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.”

Members of various progressive student organizations marched to the Statehouse Friday afternoon for the International Day of Peace.

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New housing, class space good for USC

The overuse of USC students may now have another option for housing. According to an announcement by the University of South Carolina’s board of trustees, several parking lots by the Colonial Life Arena could be a 500-bed on-campus housing complex. It is estimated to have 60,000 square feet. First, we have assurance that any parking space taken will be replaced. Second, it will ensure that any revenue from the lots will go to the students and not the private contractors, one thing is clear. The new housing will be off campus and would also alleviate daily space located close enough to campus as to not be isolated. This would be one small problem: The iPhone 5 is a new sleek device with an 18 percent larger screen and a 4G connection allowing for faster, more reliable internet usage. There’s no question that there are a number of users who are impressed, and they have every reason to be. This new phone is the hippest, most awaited arrival in the Steve Jobs money machine.

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Shrinking middle class, state of US economy consistent with Marxist beliefs

Fromage surfaced last week of President Barack Obama relying his belief in redistribution of wealth. While he chose his presidency, he openly discussed his interest in “spreading the wealth around.” Nonetheless, those who claim he is a true hard-line “socialist” ideology is labeled as racist, hateful, conspiracy theorists, etc. According to the president of attempting to implement socialist policies, one should analyze the shift in the American economy in comparison to the world of Karl Marx himself.

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Film provides masterful look at a play

"I consider myself a poet first and a musician second. You could say I live like a poet and I'll die like a poet," — Bob Dylan

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The Killers: No more 'Mr. Brightside'

Las Vegas-based band blends genres on new album 'Battle Born'

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South Carolina junior quarterback Connor Shaw (14) was 20-of-21 in Saturday afternoon’s 31-10 win over Missouri, tallying 20 consecutive completions and 249 yards.
Focus on the task at hand and hide from what you have right now, and focus on doing a great job and enjoy the process.

**Sagittarius**
Moods fluctuate. A short stroll around your neighborhood or park helps recharge your batteries. Throw your hat in the ring, and sure enough, you'll win.

**Scorpio**
Postpone fun and games for now, and focus on keeping your promises. You can't enjoy the process if you don't rush your decisions.

**Libra**
Don't buy gifts yet. Do the research to make money. A window may be closing, but a better one opens. Keep a lid on the spending.

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Costs could be higher than expected. Someone else at work or in the family looks for a new financial leak so you can plug it. It will require negotiations and compromise. It comes out in the wash.

**Cancer**
Don't let others dampen your creativity and enthusiasm. You're bigger than that. Notice what's blocking your path. Clear the way on your own.

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They're mostly sensible, but something else does. Notice what's blocking them. Do the research to find out.

**Taurus**
Don't overlook domestic chores. Keeping your promises helps you to make money. A window may be closing, but a better one opens. Keep a lid on the spending.

**Aquarius**
More work equals more pay. Quiet meditation lifts spirits.

**Pisces**
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South Carolina defensive lineman Chaz Sutton (96) had one sack on Missouri quarterback James Franklin, as well as two tackles for a total loss of 13 yards.


Injury Report: Sophomore defensive tackle Kei\-
y Quarles went down with an apparent shoulder injury in the fourth quarter Saturday. Ward said he doesn't know how severe the injury was, but did say trainers came up to him and told him that Quarles would be out for the rest of the game. In his Sunday teleconference, USC coach Steve Spurrier said Quarles would be fine.

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Notebook: Defense holds Missouri to 146 passing, 109 rushing yards

Lattimore tallies 2 touchdowns in win

Kre'\-\-Rock

Throughout its first three games of the season, Missouri was averaging 77 offensive plays per game. In the 13-6 loss to South Carolina, the Tigers ran just 58 plays.

The Gamecocks' defense held Missouri quarterback James Franklin, who came in to the game with 400 passing yards in two games played, to just 92 passing yards Saturday. USC limited Mizzou to just 146 passing yards and 109 rushing yards.

For defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward, the key to the success was all about being lined up and ready to go against the fast-paced Missouri offense.

"The key is keeping it simple and having great players," Ward said. "I visited the defensive coordinator of the Jacksonville Jaguars and the first thing he told me is that you have to get them lined up and get them running to the football. That's three-fourths of the battle.

For the players, it was all about proving to the Tigers what a good SEC defense was all about.

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Coming into the game, there was concerns that the suspension of senior D.J. Swearinger could pose a problem for the USC defense.

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