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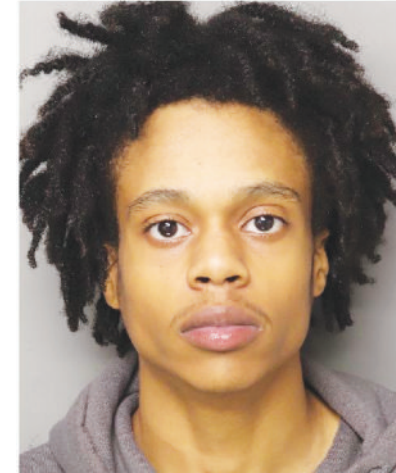
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AJ VS SWANSEA BOYS SOCCER



AJ #16 Zack Hammond kicks the ball and it goes in the net.....AJ BOYS WIN 3-0 Gwynn Leaird Photography

Homicide Arrest



An 18-year-old man has been arrested and charged in the shooting death of his mother's boyfriend early this morning, Monday, March 16, 2026. At 1:40 a.m., deputies of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a shooting at a home on Thompson Road, Lancaster. It was reported that D'Andre Azam Ivey was the shooter and had left the home after the shooting with his 18-year-old girlfriend in a blue 2014 Ford Taurus with a paper tag displayed in the rear window.

their loss. Our investigation will continue as we gather additional information and process evidence."

(All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.)

Anyone with information about this or any other case should call the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 803-283-3388 and select Option 4 or submit a tip in one of the following ways: use the link www.p3tips.com/983 or download the P3Tips mobile app available for both Apple and Android devices. Crime tips may be made anonymously.

A deputy arrived at the home and found the victim, identified by Lancaster County Coroner Karla Deese as Justin Damien Bailey, 37, on the floor in his bedroom suffering from multiple apparent gunshot wounds. The deputy applied pressure to wounds until personnel from Lancaster County Emergency Medical Services arrived and took over care. Mr. Bailey was transported to a local medical facility where he died. Coroner Deese is scheduling an autopsy.

Other deputies arrived in the area and began searching for the Taurus, which was located on Thompson Road heading back toward the scene. The Taurus was stopped near the home, and Ivey, who was driving, and his girlfriend were detained. The girlfriend has not been implicated in or charged with any criminal activity.



Kershaw Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
Tuesday, March 31st at 6 PM
at the Kershaw Country Club
301 Club House Dr., Kershaw, SC 29067
Call Sheila Hinson (803) 243-0195 or Kelley Boone (803) 427-3838 about tickets.

Glen Ward - Motivational Speaker
Semi-Formal Dress Code

Norman Reacts to Clyburn's Campaign Announcement

ROCK HILL, SC — In recent weeks, several current and former members of Congress, including Congressman Jim Clyburn, filed a lawsuit suing the American taxpayers for retroactive pay increases. If successful, this lawsuit could lead to increased salary bumps and open the door for other former lawmakers to seek millions in taxpayer-funded pay raises, ballooning the national debt. In response to Congressman Jim Clyburn's announcement this morning, Congressman

Ralph Norman, Republican gubernatorial candidate for South Carolina, released the following statement:

"This is the problem with our state. We keep sending politicians back to Washington who believe they deserve a pay raise for their "work" in Washington? Give me a break! That's the problem with Washington, DC and Columbia," said Rep. Norman.

"I believe public service is about the people, not the paycheck.

While families are tightening their belts, career politicians, like Rep. Jim Clyburn, are busy trying to line their own pockets. South Carolinians deserve better! It's time to put taxpayers first and end this corrupt pay raise scheme!"

Congressman Ralph Norman has also called on South Carolina to redraw its congressional lines so that Democrats do not have a guaranteed seat. All congressional seats in South Carolina should be made more competitive between the two parties.

AJ Dancers Make State Dance History



At the first-ever State Dance Performance Assessment hosted at Coker University, our dancers took part in an African Dance Fusion master class and performed a prepared routine on stage. Judges evaluated technique, execution, adaptability, interpretation, choreography, and overall effect. We are thrilled to announce that AJ earned a SUPERIOR rating...just ONE point shy of a perfect score!

Week Nine: Legislative Update



Cody Mitchell

Week 9 Legislative Update
LOWER TAXES, STRONGER SCHOOLS, & SAFER COMMUNITIES.

Last week at the State House, House Republicans delivered major results for the people of South Carolina. After several long days on the House floor, we passed significant legislation focused on one simple goal: making South Carolina more affordable for the families who live and work here. From lowering taxes to investing in our state's future, we advanced commonsense policies that help hardworking South Carolinians keep more of their hard-earned money while strengthening our communities.

3 BIG WINS IN THE SC HOUSE

□ A Responsible State Budget that invests in South Carolina's future while putting money back into taxpayers' pockets.

□ A Historic Income Tax Cut that immediately lowers the income tax and puts South Carolina on a responsible path to eliminating the income tax altogether.

□ Tax Conformity with President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill, ensuring South Carolina families and workers benefit from these pro-taxpayer policies.

□ A Responsible State Budget The House passed a responsible, balanced State Budget that focuses on the core responsibilities of government while returning

money to taxpayers. This plan includes more than \$1 billion in tax relief while continuing to invest in the critical priorities that support South Carolina, including infrastructure, education, workforce development, and public safety.

This budget reflects a commonsense conservative approach: spending responsibly, investing where it matters, and keeping South Carolina moving forward without raising taxes. Here is a breakdown of the budget below!

A Historic Income Tax Cut The House also passed H.4216, delivering one of the P R V W V L reductions in state history.

For years, South Carolina had one of the highest income tax rates in the Southeast. This reform begins correcting that by moving our state toward a simpler, more competitive tax system that encourages job creation, strengthens our economy, and helps families keep more of their hard-earned money.

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"It always pains me to report incidents like this," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "While none of us can know the dynamics within a household, it's hard to imagine disagreements and disputes within a family can lead to violence of this nature. Our thoughts and prayers are with this family as they deal with