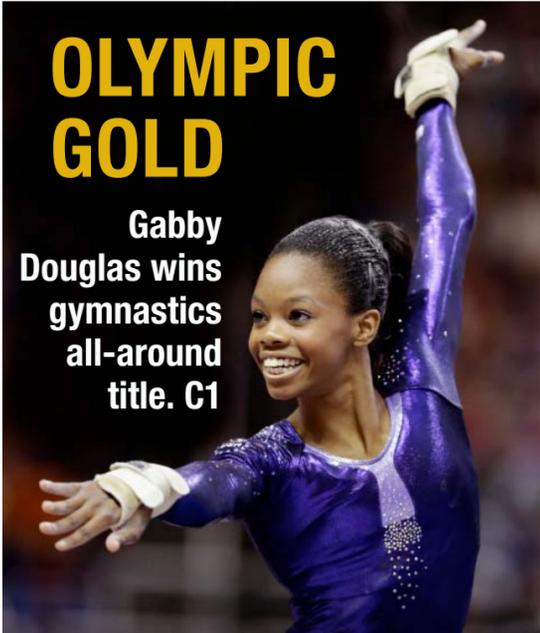


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OLYMPIC GOLD

Gabby Douglas wins gymnastics all-around title. C1



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Experts pick USC for Top 10; Clemson not far behind,
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Vegetables grown at City Roots are for sale at the All Local Farmers' Market, which is planning to move to a growing section of Rosewood.

A MARKET . . . AND MORE

By **RODDIE BURRIS**
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The popular All Local Farmers' Market is moving to the Rosewood neighborhood near the Jim Hamilton-L.B. Owens Airport, where the owner says he will expand its customer and vendor base, extend hours and grow the operation into a one-stop mercantile

destination.

Soda City, as the concept will be known, is to be housed in a 65,000-square-foot building located next to the popular City Roots local farm on Commerce Drive, facing the downtown airport.

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TESTS, ASSESSMENTS

State's students gain ground

Key indicators point to significant progress

By **GINA SMITH**
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South Carolina public school students made gains this year on the state's standardized test and other assessments, according to the state Department of Education.

Data released Thursday by the department showed:

■ Eighty-four percent of schools earned a grade of "C" or better. This year marks the first time schools and districts received letter grades based on their students' achievement.

■ Larger percentages of students met state standards on the 2012 Palmetto Assessment of State Standards, or PASS, the state's annual

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5 Richland 1 schools beat odds

By **CAROLYN CLICK**
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Poverty and low-performing schools go hand-in-hand in South Carolina, but some schools in the Midlands are defying those annual expectations, including five Richland 1 schools that earned high marks for raising student achievement.

The Richland 1 elementary schools — Arden, Burton-Pack, Edward E. Taylor, South Kilbourne and Webber — were identified as high-performing Title I schools under

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BUILDING OUR CITY

City facade program to dress up North Main

By **JEFF WILKINSON**
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When David Withers and his business partner Grant Lorick were looking for a place to relocate their suburban Something Special Florist shop to downtown Columbia, the old Silver's building seemed like a

great location: It was caty-cornered from the nostalgic Mast General store, around the corner from a new parking garage and in the center of Main Street's renaissance.

The problem was it was ugly — a bad choice for a business that deals in beauty.

But with the help of a \$20,000 forgivable loan from the city of Columbia Commercial Façade Improvement Program, Withers and Lorick were able to change the worn, outdated storefront into an attractive draw for their very dis-

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In SPORTS. The 1991 PGA tournament at Kiawah became known as The War by the Shore. As the PGA heads back to the Ocean Course, we preview the championship showdown.

In BUSINESS. A Five Points businessman continues to pursue plans to turn a historic B-25 airplane hangar into a family restaurant and an event location with an aviation flavor.



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