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Construction is underway of the office space for JTEKT Corporation.

BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

New office jobs show Greenville's allure

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A trio of recent white-collar job announcements shows Greenville is competing for corporate headquarters and office operations and not just factories and warehouses.

Together, the announcements by WYNIT Distribution, JTEKT Corp. and American International Group are good for more than 250 office jobs.

They help make up for the loss of other office jobs such as the CertusBank headquarters that never materialized in the One complex downtown or the Sempa Energy office that closed after less than three years at RiverPlace.

Mark Farris, president of the Greenville Area Develop-

ment Corp., Greenville County's economic development arm, said the announcements show Greenville can recruit smaller headquarters and regional offices, even if it's at a disadvantage in winning major headquarters in a contest with bigger cities such as Atlanta or Charlotte.

"We're definitely trending with new office projects and that's going to continue as long as the economy remains strong," Farris said.

Greenville Mayor Knox White said office jobs help the city maintain a healthy balance of activities downtown, which he said needs to be more than a center for shopping, entertainment and housing.

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COURTESY SIERRA NEVADA BREWING
Ken Grossman founded Sierra Nevada Brewing 35 years ago.

Founder of Sierra Nevada remains on the go

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You might find him in the taproom of the Sierra Nevada brewery in Mills River, drinking a beer and chatting with customers. Or he could be in Chico, California, where the original Sierra Nevada brewery continues to pump out both familiar and new beers. Or maybe he is overseas, talking to a German brewer about a collaborative project.

Ken Grossman, who founded Sierra Nevada Brewing 35 years ago, stays on the go.

If he played rock guitar and made albums, he would be on the same level as Mick Jagger or Bob Dylan.

He is an undisputed leader of American craft brewing. Grossman "lives and breathes world class beer," said Julia Herz, with the Brewers Association trade group. At 61, he leads by example for the nation's 4,144 brewers, she said.

Sierra's eastern brewery in Mills River is the biggest beer maker in Western North Carolina, but "we have a few projects that are still being built out," Grossman said.

Among them is an upstairs multi-purpose venue that will include a music hall. "It will be up and running by the end of next year," he said.

An additional outdoor location at the brewery will open next year, allowing for more events, he said.

On the production side, the brewery is close to being finished and more brewing tanks will soon be online, he said. Sierra will produce up to 600,000 beer barrels annually there.

In an interview with *The Greenville News*, Grossman recalled the birth of craft brewing, discussed the water crisis in California, the Asheville beer scene and weighed in on the chances that Deschutes Brewery of Bend, Oregon, may pick a Carolina location for its expansion.

The birth of craft brewing

"People thought we were nuts," to

Shorter session gains support

SEANNA ADCOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA - An effort to shorten South Carolina's January-to-June legislative session is gaining support in the Senate, where the idea has died repeat-

least the 11th time in 20 years it passed a session-shortening bill.

Sen. Shane Massey, R-Edgefield, said the Senate's changing make-up of fewer retirees, as well as growing frustration with extended sessions, could finally prompt a new calendar.

ting good, qualified people to serve," said Massey, who chairs the panel that advanced the measures to the full Senate Judiciary Committee. "We can get our work done much quicker than we get it done."

Officially, South Carolina has a part-

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Flooding's toll still felt in salt marshes

Low salinity kills oysters; spurs some creatures to relocate

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More than two months after October's downpours, South Carolina salt marshes have yet to regain their normal salinity levels, causing oysters on some inland banks to die and likely pushing other marine species offshore and into predators' mouths.

A record 2 feet of rain fell in early October, turning much of the Lowcountry into an oversaturated sponge. More rain followed in November, sending

additional runoff to the sea.

"We've never seen such low salinity for such an extended period," said Dennis M. Allen, director of the Baruch Marine Field Laboratory near Georgetown.

Salt concentrations are measured in what scientists call "practical salinity units," and normal seawater is 35 units. October's rain and blast of fresh water dropped salinity levels off Georgetown to less than 6 at times — similar to brackish water, Allen said. In Charleston Harbor, salinity lev-

els declined from their normal level of about 15 to 7. Elsewhere in the state, concentrations went to zero, the same level you might find in a freshwater pond.

So much fresh water poured into the ocean that salinity levels were affected 30 miles off the coast, said David Whitaker, assistant deputy director for the state Department of Natural Resources' Marine Resources Division. NASA satellite images taken two

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Boaters fish beside a marsh near the Ravenel Bridge in Charleston.

A time of transition

S'ville mayor-elect discusses hot issues, town politics



Incoming Summerville mayor Wiley Johnson said his first order of business will be transparency in town government. Johnson is shown walking in the tunnel connecting his temporary office in the old building to the town offices in the new building.

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Summerville mayor-elect Wiley Johnson ran his campaign on a platform that included restoring "integrity and transparency to town policy" and protecting the small-town atmosphere.

Q&A

He has spoken out against the planned downtown hotel and conference center and the proposed Bear Island Road, which would run through the center of the Weatherstone neighborhood. In fact, Weatherstone residents determined the election, turning out en masse with overwhelming support for Johnson.

Johnson also said during the cam-

paign he believed the town needed an administrator and pledged to give back two-thirds of the mayor's \$45,000 salary toward funding the position, which town officials have said would cost a minimum of \$125,000.

The day after receiving 53 percent of the vote in the Nov. 3 election, Johnson said he didn't foresee trouble working with council, and that he had been closely watching its votes during the campaign.

However, since then, Town Council has tried to redefine the duties of mayor — ultimately postponing the idea — and voted to appoint residents to town commissions despite Johnson's request that they wait. This week,

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Tecklenburg gets to work preparing for mayor's job



Charleston mayor-elect John Tecklenburg takes office on Jan. 11.

BY DIANE KNICH
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Charleston mayor-elect John Tecklenburg isn't on the city's payroll yet, but he's putting in some long hours preparing for his new job.

So far, he has a city cellphone and some office space in a building at 59 Broad St., about a block from City Hall. And he has set up meetings with department heads, starting with police Chief Greg

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Pro-gun efforts gaining ground

Many states expand rights in wake of mass shootings

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, IOWA — The 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School, in which a mentally troubled young man killed 26 children and educators, served as a rallying cry for gun-control advocates across the nation.

But in the three years since, many states have moved in the opposite direction, embracing the National Rifle Association's axiom that more "good guys with guns" are needed to deter mass shootings.

In Kansas, gun owners can now carry concealed weapons without obtaining a license. In Texas, those with permits will soon be able to carry openly in holsters and bring concealed weapons into some college classrooms. And in Arkansas, gun enthusiasts may be able to carry weapons into polling places next year when they vote for president.

Dozens of new state laws have made it easier to obtain guns and carry them in more public places and made it harder for local governments to enact restrictions, according to a review of state legislation by The Associated Press. The number of guns manufactured and sold and the number of permits to carry concealed weapons have also increased, data show.

The trend has been discouraging to

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Living well the goal as more elderly seek aggressive care

BY LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Irwin Weiner felt so good after heart surgery a few weeks before turning 90 that he stopped for a pastrami sandwich on the way home from the hospital. Dorothy Lipkin danced after getting a new hip at age 91. And at 94, William Gardin drives himself to the hospital for cancer treat-

ments.

Jimmy Carter isn't the only nonagenarian to withstand rigorous medical treatment. Very old age is no longer an automatic barrier for aggressive therapies, from cancer care like the former president has received, to major heart procedures, joint replacements and even some organ transplants.

In many cases, the nation's most senior citizens are getting the same

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treatments given to people their grandchildren's age — but with different goals.

"Many elderly patients don't necessarily want a lot of years, what they want is quality of life," said Dr. Ch-

ford Kavinsky, a heart specialist at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. "They want whatever time is left for them to be high-quality. They don't want to be dependent on their family. They don't want to end up in a nursing home."

Treatment for Carter, 91, has included surgery, radiation and a new

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IRRADIATED: THE HUMAN TOLL OF BUILDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Tales of radiation, illness and red tape



Dale Johns visits the grave of his father, Gordon, earlier this year. His father, who worked at Savannah River Site, died of colon cancer in 2002.

Families of dead SRS workers are haunted by the past

BY SAMMY FRETWELL
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As he read the bureaucratic notice that arrived in the mail one day three years ago, Dale Johns realized his decade-long wait was ending.

The federal government had finally admitted that its effort to win the Cold War sickened Johns' father with colon cancer, which eventually killed him. In the notice was confirmation that the family would receive \$275,000 as compensation for the illness Gordon Johns contracted at the Savannah River Site.

"I called a meeting with my brother and sister; we just sat there and cried," Dale Johns said. "We

couldn't believe it after all this time."

But today, Dale Johns can't understand why it took the federal govern-



Gordon Johns

ment so long to decide. His father was among scores of former SRS employees whose families say a government program set up to help sick nuclear workers turned into a bureaucratic mess of paper-

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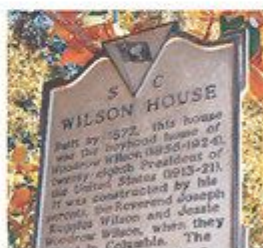
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Jesus and morphine helped one former Savannah River plant worker cope with cancer — until he died

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The concerns of today's nuclear weapons plant employees



PALMETTO VOICES HOW COLUMBIA INFLUENCED WILSON

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AFTER THE FLOOD REPAIRS AT RIVERBANKS

Flood damage to the main entrance to the garden at River-



With a roar, S.C. bikers bring Christmas to vets

BY GLEN LUKE PLANAGAN

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SC gas prices lowest in US

State is averaging \$1.79 a gallon as fuel is cheapest since the recession

By DAVID KOENIG
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Gasoline is close to breaking below a key psychological barrier as drivers enjoy some of the cheapest pump prices since the recession.

The nationwide average price of a gallon of regular Saturday was \$2.02, down 58 cents from this time last year, according to auto club AAA. Experts say it could drop below \$2 a gallon in the coming days.

For consumers, this winter is shaping up to be a good one, energy-wise. Forecasters predict warmer weather than normal, and fuel prices are low.

The retail price of heating oil for December through February is expected to average \$2.40 a gallon, down 18 percent compared with last year, according to the Energy Department. The price of natural gas for residential customers is expected to average \$8.72 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 9 percent.

On the roads, many drivers across the country are already seeing gasoline prices well below \$2 a gallon. South Carolina has the lowest average price at \$1.79 a gallon. At the high end, Californians are paying \$2.65 and Hawaiians are shelling out \$2.76.

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JAY KARR • Staff photo

A caravan of seven hearses, motorcyclists and other vehicles is directed into the parking lot of New Hope Christian Church in Burton on Sunday after a funeral-like motorcade from Huspah Baptist Church in Gardens Corner. The ride was part of a Rally Against Violence sponsored by the two churches, the S.C. Morticians Association District 1, and Citizens Against Violence Everywhere.

Reality of violence

Hearse motorcade opens eyes to fatal shootings in Burton

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Three small kids stared wide-eyed at the road outside their Burton home Sunday, unfazed by the roar of the F-18 passing low overhead.

Fighter jets with landing gear at the ready, they can see any day.

A motorcade of hearses. Now that will turn heads.

The children, with their T-shirts pulled around their faces like tiny lions' manes, stood at attention for the seemingly-endless procession of patrol cars, motorcycles and hearses from funeral homes as far as Estill and Hampton.

It was one of the last detours on the motorcade's hour-long route from Gardens Corner to Burton, organized by two Beaufort-based groups, the S.C. Morticians Association District 1 and Citizens Against Violence Everywhere.

They wanted the sight to shock people and remind them what's at stake if

ON THE WEB

For video of the rally, click on this story at islandpacket.com.

they can't stamp out the rampant gun violence of the past year.

There were seven hearses in all, not even enough to carry each of the young victims of fatal shootings in northern Beaufort County in 2015.

They were empty on Sunday, but that didn't stop drivers from pulling over on the side of the road as a sign of respect and neighbors from filming the spectacle on their phones and iPads.

Some were solemn, others smiled.

CAVE founder Herbert Glaze, an assistant principal at Beaufort High School, said he didn't mind how people reacted to the procession as long as they thought about what it meant.

If the event changed just one person's path, he would be happy.

"If we can save one life, it would help," Glaze said. "One is a good number."

Northern Beaufort County had the makings of a sleepy country town on Sunday.

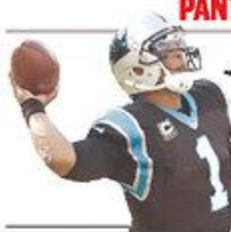
The procession passed relatively few cars and fewer people. Most of the families in their yards were supporting Glaze or burning yard waste.

So quiet, Gardens Corner, Seabrook, Burton and Dale didn't seem like the kind of places where eight people would have been slain this year, where another rally against violence was held just a week ago, or where people fear for their safety every day.

But they do, several said, following the motorcade Sunday afternoon at New Hope Christian Church on Paris Island Gateway.

Dionne Ramsey-Wilson, whose brother Steven Brown was shot and killed Nov. 1 at the Elks Lodge on Church Street, said she is grateful her son is serving time in federal prison for a separate shooting or else he might already be dead, too.

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Women's network names fund after Courtney Graham

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
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FLORENCE — The Pee Dee Business and Professional Women's Network has decided to name its giving fund after former member Courtney McGinnis Graham, who died last summer.

Jennifer Robinson, vice president of the organization, said she wanted to make sure people knew Graham was a member of the group because she was such an encouragement.

"We just felt that it was our honor and duty that her name was on this giving fund," Robinson said. "It was always here,

"The organization really focuses on making sure that women are featured, or women are known in the community for having a major role in businesses and organizations in the Pee Dee area."

Jennifer Robinson,

vice president of the Pee Dee Business and Professional Women's Network

but just didn't have a name."

The giving fund has been in existence since the organization began in 1998. Money raised through the fund is donated to select organizations. Robinson said the selected organizations are based on who is in the professional women's

group. Members have to ask to have their organization selected as a giving fund recipient.

This year's recipients for the Courtney Graham Memorial Giving fund are Empowered to Heal, Harvest Hope Food Bank, The Naomi Project, Lighthouse

Ministries, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Hope Health and SNAC, an organization Graham started a few years ago.

Shelter and Nutrition for All Children (SNAC) helps children and families in Florence School District One by providing food and housing.

Robin Lewis, the Pee Dee Business and Professional Women's Network president, said the group really has a heart for women, which was modeled by someone like Graham.

"We saw how she lived her life in the way we tried to function in the group,"

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Parcel protection



Debbie Hill said she's no hero; she was simply doing her job.

Florence postal worker saves customer from scammer

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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Each Monday, the Morning News features a good news story on a person, place or organization in the Pee Dee. If you have a suggestion for someone or something to profile, send it to news@snow.com.

FLORENCE — Debbie Hill has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 29 years.

Through her years working at the Florence post office on Second Loop Road, she has formed a relationship with customers, especially the regulars.

"I know a lot of my customers," Hill said. "I've watched parents become grandparents. I've watched the generations come up."

So when one of her regular customers came in on multiple occasions to send packages to random locations through express mail, Hill said, she knew something was up. She called Thomas Gasser, a U.S. Postal Service inspector, and asked that he check it out.

SCAMMING PREVENTION TIPS, PER GASSER AND SPATLIN

- » Interact with elderly family members regularly and monitor any behavior that seems suspicious.
- » Look for Western Union receipts, frequent use of Express mail, bank withdrawals and other random, large expenses.
- » Be very wary of entering into financial arrangements with strangers.

"She came in too often. It was just totally out of character for her," Hill said. "I told him, 'Check it out. If it's nothing, that's fine.'"

As it turns out, it was something. And

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Legislators offer flock of bills ahead of session

BY ANDREW SHAIN
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COLUMBIA — Lawmakers finished pre-filing bills last week ahead of the session that starts Jan. 12, including legislation aimed at addressing October's historic rainstorm and June's mass shooting at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church.

Legislators also introduced a few bills that might raise eyebrows.

Among them are bills:

» Establishing a committee to study erecting a monument near Charleston's Marion Square to honor the nine slain members of Emanuel AME church, introduced by state Rep. Wendell Gilliard, a Democrat from Charleston.

» Charging out-of-state groups a fee to use the Statehouse grounds for rallies, introduced by state Sen. Katrina Shealy, a Republican from Lexington. (During the summer's flag debate, out-of-state groups protested at the Statehouse, including one clash that resulted in five arrests.)

» Creating a commission to raise private money to display the last Confederate battle flag flown at the S.C. State House, introduced by state Rep. Mary Tinkler, a Democrat from Charleston. (A commission charged with displaying the flag has proposed a \$5 - million-plus display, which some legislators say taxpayers should not have to pay.)

» Requiring documentation from a state representative who says he or she is related to another person while addressing the House, filed by state Rep. Chris Corley, a Republican from Aiken. (During the flag debate, state Rep. Jenny Horne, a Republican from Dorchester, delivered a fiery, bring-it-down speech,

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Pee Dee celebrities to compete in charity ice-skating event

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — Familiar faces from across the Pee Dee will bat-

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Skating with the Stars

WHEN: The event begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday with a public skating session.

WHERE: Florence Civic Center

13 is one of the contestants. She will be performing with her co-worker Nick Sturdivant. The pair worked on their routine at the Civic Center on Friday. Contestants received passes to practice

skilled skater, she agreed since Skating with the Stars is a charity fundraiser.

She said the duo plans to have fun with the competition and not pretend to be professional



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PANTHERS CRUSH FALCONS, GAIN FIRST-ROUND BYE

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LOCAL DIGEST

Woodruff woman found fatally stabbed

A Woodruff woman was found stabbed to death Saturday night, according to the Spartanburg County Coroner's Office.

Julia Juanita Morgan, 68, of East Georgia Street was pronounced dead on the scene when investigators arrived about 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Woodruff police initially responded to help with an ambulance call and then asked the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for assistance, Lt. Kevin Bobo, a Sheriff's Office spokesman, said in an email.

According to a Woodruff Police Department incident report, officers were dispatched to 139 E. Georgia St. to assist the Woodruff Fire Department with a non-breathing subject. Morgan was found laying face down in the front hallway, according to the report.

The death has been ruled a homicide, according to the Coroner's Office. The investigation is ongoing.

INSIDE

Man faces kidnapping, assault charges

A Boiling Springs man was charged Saturday with kidnapping and two counts of assault and battery third degree. **A4**

TIP SHEET

Today

■ Spartanburg City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall, 145 W. Broad St., Spartanburg.

Tuesday

■ Spartanburg County Board of Assessment Appeals meets at 9:30 a.m. at the County Administration Building, 366 N. Church St., Spartanburg.

Thursday

FIGHTING TERRORISM

Obama aims to allay concerns

By Josh Lederman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fears of terrorism are hanging over America's holiday season, so President Barack Obama is planning a series of events this week aimed at trying to allay concerns about his strategy for stopping the Islamic State group abroad and its sympathizers at home.

Obama's visits to the Pentagon and the National

Counterterrorism Center are part of a push to further explain his terrorism-fighting strategy, White House officials said, after a prime-time Oval Office address last Sunday that critics said failed to do much to reassure the public. Another goal is to draw a contrast with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and his inflammatory remarks about Muslims. The Obama administration has warned Trump's rhetoric emboldens extremists

looking to pull the U.S. into a war with Islam.

"Terrorists like ISIL are trying to divide us along lines of religion and background," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address, using an acronym for the extremist group. "That's how they stoke fear. That's how they recruit."

In the coming week, he said, "we'll move forward on all



President Barack Obama speaks Thursday in Washington. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GIVING A LIFT TO YOUNG PATIENTS

Putting things in perspective

Visit to Shriners Hospital an inspiration to football players as well



Collin Hill of Dorman High School, left, visits Danial Burnett at the hospital. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

By Dantzler Smith | For the Herald-Journal

GREENVILLE — Saturday was a heart-breaking day for Collin Hill. Sunday morning helped put things in perspective for the senior quarterback from Dorman High. Hill and the 87 other players selected to participate in the Shrine Bowl made their annual visit to the Shriner's

TRYING TO STAY DRY

Charleston prepares for rising seas

By Bruce Smith
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — About 175 years ago, a Charleston mayor offered a \$100 gold medal to anyone who could stop the floods in the small coastal city.

That medal was never awarded, the flooding was never solved, and now it's much worse. Because of urban development and rising sea levels, the slow-moving catastrophe of climate change has near-daily consequences in the historic city.

"Charleston is essentially ground zero for some of the more severe changes we can anticipate," said Hamilton Davis, the energy and climate director for the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League.

In response, the city is engineering a fix with tunnels and pump stations that costs about \$250 million — more than one-and-a-half times its annual budget. It's a commitment few other communities on America's East Coast have made.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., a Democrat winding up 40 years as the city's chief executive in the Republican-led state, said the \$80 million in drainage work already completed pre-

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