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PRIMARY ELECTION

Evette leads poll in race

Trump endorses nomination for governor

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President Donald Trump endorsed Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette as she seeks her party's nomination to be the next governor of South Carolina.

The president's endorsement holds weight in a packed, tight Republican

primary with six candidates seeking the nomination. Trump issued his endorsement of Evette in a Truth Social post on May 29, saying Evette has the courage and wisdom to deliver strong results.

"Pam Evette is a good friend, fighter and WINNER, and will be a terrific Governor of South Carolina," Trump wrote.

Trump hinted that Henry McMaster Jr., the son of Gov. Henry McMaster, will



Evette

be selected as Evette's running mate. So far, only Attorney General Alan Wilson has announced a running mate. He chose State Sen. Mike Reichenbach, R-Florence. Gov. McMaster has already issued his endorsement of Evette.

Evette responded to Trump's endorsement by saying his "walk down that golden escalator" is what pushed her into politics.

"You showed what a businessperson can do to make America Great Again," Evette wrote on X. "I am incredibly grateful for your support and will never let you down."

The gubernatorial primary will take place on June 9. Evette is running against Wilson, U.S. Reps. Nancy Mace, District 1, and Ralph Norman, District 5, State Sen. Josh Kimbrell, Spartanburg, and DOGE SC founder Rom Reddy in the

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Construction is being finished at GE Vernova Park at BridgeWay in Mauldin on May 29. The first Greenville Triumph game is June 3. PHOTOS BY KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY NETWORK - SOUTH CAROLINA

'Greenville is ready for a home like this'

Triumph prepares for first game at new stadium

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The Greenville Triumph will open GE Vernova Park to fans with a home match against Forward Madison FC, marking the club's first game in its long-awaited permanent stadium beside BridgeWay Station in Mauldin.

The match will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3. The team will open against the Wisconsin-based team in front of a crowd of around 4,300 and a total event-day capacity of 6,300.

On Sunday, Greenville Triumph SC released a statement informing fans that its home opener at GE Vernova Park is sold out.

"This sellout is a testament to what this community has been building toward," said Zach Prince, general manager and sporting director, Greenville Pro Soccer, in a statement released on Sunday, May 31. "Greenville is ready for a home like this. June 3 at GE Vernova Park, with thousands of fans

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Workers finish construction at GE Vernova Park at BridgeWay in Mauldin on May 29.

Peabo Bryson suffers a stroke

Award-winning singer and Greenville native under medical care

A.J. Jackson and Jose Franco
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Peabo Bryson has suffered a stroke, according to several media outlets and a statement from Bryson's family.

He is currently under medical care, according to Billboard magazine.

"Two-time Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, and balladeer, Peabo Bryson — the voice behind the Oscar-winning Disney songs 'Beauty and the Beast' and 'A Whole New World' — has suffered a stroke and is currently under medical care.

"At this time, the family requests privacy as they navigate this deeply personal moment together. The thoughts, prayers, and love of friends and fans are welcomed and deeply appreciated," according to the statement sent to several media outlets.

Bryson immortalized with mural

In September 2024, nearly a mile from his childhood home in the Southside neighborhood, two-time

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Peabo Bryson was immortalized with a mural in Greenville's Unity Park, shown on Sept 23, 2024. ALEX HICKS JR./USA TODAY NETWORK - SOUTH CAROLINA

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