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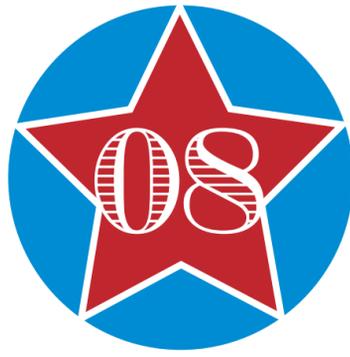
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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



USC Senate tackles codes, smoking ban during spring

Brad Maxwell
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Elections codes and smoking bans highlighted Student Senate discussions this semester.

In light of the controversy that surrounded the student body elections, Student Government felt it was necessary to take a serious look at the elections codes.

"We saw the system didn't work ... we essentially changed about 60 percent of the process ... hopefully the elections will never run the same way again," said Sen. Brad Setzler, a second-year philosophy student.

The Senate Judiciary Committee held weekly meetings in April to discuss revisions to the codes.

"Under the leadership of Brad Setzler, an elections task force has already begun serious discussion of election reform," said Sen. Ryan Holt, a first-year law student. "A bill is expected to appear in the fall, vastly revamping the elections codes to prevent many of the problems that occurred in the 2006 and 2007 elections."

Setzler said the meetings have represented a majority of opinions that the revisions should reflect.

"At this point we've met with everyone who has a say in it," Setzler said. "We were able to put together a committee with Jennifer Guest and myself, John Carroll and Alesha Brown, the elections commissioners and former contesting candidates, and others — all working together. So for the most part, the controversy has been mitigated."

Setzler said the next step in the process is to approach Student Affairs with the possibility of replacing it with the Constitutional Council as the final appeal board

SENATE ● 6



J. Scott Applewhite / The Associated Press

Sen. Hillary Clinton greets her supporters at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center following Thursday's debate in Orangeburg.

Dems invade Columbia at state convention dinner, Clyburn's fish fry Friday

Nick Needham
METRO EDITOR

Democratic presidential candidates used the state Democratic Party's annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner and U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn's annual fish fry Friday night as added opportunities

to campaign following Thursday night's debate in Orangeburg.

Six of the candidates attended the evening's festivities in Columbia's Vista including Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Former North Carolina

Sen. John Edwards hosted a happy hour for his supporters at MacDougall's before leading them down Lincoln Street to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Edwards' wife Elizabeth introduced her husband to the crowd and used

the words "decency, honesty and compassion" to describe his leadership abilities. Elizabeth Edwards is battling a recurrence of cancer while still campaigning for her husband.

Edwards said the debate went well for him, but in the

end only one Democrat can beat all the Republicans.

"Bush said he would restore decency to the White House," Edwards said. "He hasn't done that yet."

Edwards has been

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GROUP RALLIES TO END CRISIS IN DARFUR

Amnesty International hopes to increase awareness of genocide

Sierra Kelly
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students, faculty and community members gathered around the Russell House patio on Friday for a rally about the crisis in Darfur.

Rebel forces have been fighting in the African region for more than



Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

About 400,000 people in Darfur have been killed and 2 million have been displaced since fighting began.

three years, according to savedarfur.org. About 400,000 people have been killed, and the fighting has displaced more than 2 million people who have had to flee to camps in Sudan or neighboring Chad.

Brandon Turner, a third-year anthropology student, helped organize the rally, which was sponsored by USC's Amnesty

International chapter. He said the rally shed some light on what people are experiencing in Darfur.

"There's a lot going in the world, and Darfur is about the worst thing that's happened since Bosnia and since the Holocaust," Turner said. He said the organization wants to raise

DARFUR ● 8

On-campus students face moving out pains, problems

Dorm residents have 24 hours to leave after last exam ends

Carolyn Rumsey
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

It is once again that time of year when students must vacate the dorms and find new housing for the summer.

Many students have different ways of getting out of the dorms, depending on when they're leaving and how far they have to travel.

First-year English student Liz Nix said she couldn't move all of her things home for the summer, so she had to find storage.

"Moving was a pain because I am from the North, so naturally I have to store my things," Nix said. "Being in college leaves me broke from time to time, so I had to go to desperate measures to buy storage bins, even selling some clothes ... it worked though."

Other students, such as

first-year media arts student Sarah Rice, said their parents are coming to help them pack up and head home.

Housing policy says students have to leave their dorms within a day of their last exam. First-year international studies

MOVING ● 8

By the Numbers: On-Campus Housing Fines

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Former Gamecocks Sidney Rice and Fred Bennett have their names called in the NFL Draft. See page 15



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Brett Flashnick / The Associated Press

Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, formerly a senator from North Carolina, speaks to delegates at the South Carolina Democratic Convention Saturday in Columbia.

Student loan system needs serious change soon

Profitable loan companies prey on students, leaving them with enormous debt

Student loans exist to help college students, not student loan lenders, but they aren't working that way. Lenders are racking up huge profits while students are buried under increasingly large debts.

In recent weeks, the curtain has been pulled back on the student loan industry, and just the little bit we've seen hasn't been pretty. Some universities struck their own side deals with the lenders they recommend to unsuspecting students. Three college officials and one key federal regulator even

accepted stock in one lender.

Congress is holding hearings on these sweetheart deals, and that's a good thing: students deserve to know the truth. But the problems with the bank-run guaranteed student loan program run much deeper. Clearing out a few bad apples isn't enough.



JOHN EDWARDS
Guest Columnist

It's obvious that this loan program is no longer working for students. Students today graduate with three times more debt than students only one decade ago. An increasing number have six figures of debt.

But bad news for students is big business for bankers and lenders. The loans, which carry massive subsidies and a guarantee against default, courtesy of U.S. taxpayers, are a no-lose investment for lenders.

No wonder that a handful of private investors are buying the largest student lender, Sallie Mae, for \$25 billion. Its CEO, Thomas Fitzpatrick, has taken \$180 million in compensation and could get \$32 million more in the sale.

With such huge and excessive profits sloshing around, it's predictable that the needs of students would get pushed aside. And they have.

The lenders - like

drug company sales reps marketing their drugs to doctors - court college financial aid officers, seeking access to "preferred lender" lists given to students. Recent investigations by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and the New America Foundation have raised serious questions about the integrity of some schools' selection process. Lenders commonly offer perks and incentives to officials that recommend their loans to students, and three college financial aid directors had shady stock deals with a lender they recommended to their students.

In 2003, I asked the Education Department to

enforce federal laws against these types of side deals. An official there wrote back, "If the current attempt at self-regulation fails, we will look again at our options." Well, it failed. Time to look at our options.

There is much better way: letting students borrow directly from the Department of Education, as about a quarter do now. These loans, which carry nearly identical terms and rates, are much cheaper for taxpayers. Cutting out the lenders would free up more than \$6 billion a year that could be reinvested in making college affordable for more students.

Spending \$6 billion a year helping students, rather than subsidizing lenders, would make a huge difference in college affordability. For example, it could help pay for an idea of mine called College for Everyone. The plan would pay tuition for a year of public college for anyone willing to take a part-time job. We know it works because we are already doing

it in rural North Carolina.

It seems like a no-brainer, but it hasn't happened yet. Why not? Because the lenders use their financial clout and high-paid lobbyists to stack the deck in Washington, D.C., just like they do on some college campuses. Sallie Mae's PAC contributed almost \$600,000 to congressional campaigns in 2006. Another lender, the National Education Loan Network, was the leading donor to the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Our college students represent our hopes for the future, but too many of them are struggling to get through college and manage mounting debt. It's time to do something for them for a change. Let's cut out these wasteful student loan subsidies and use the savings to make college more affordable.

Edwards is a Democratic candidate for the 2008 presidential elections.

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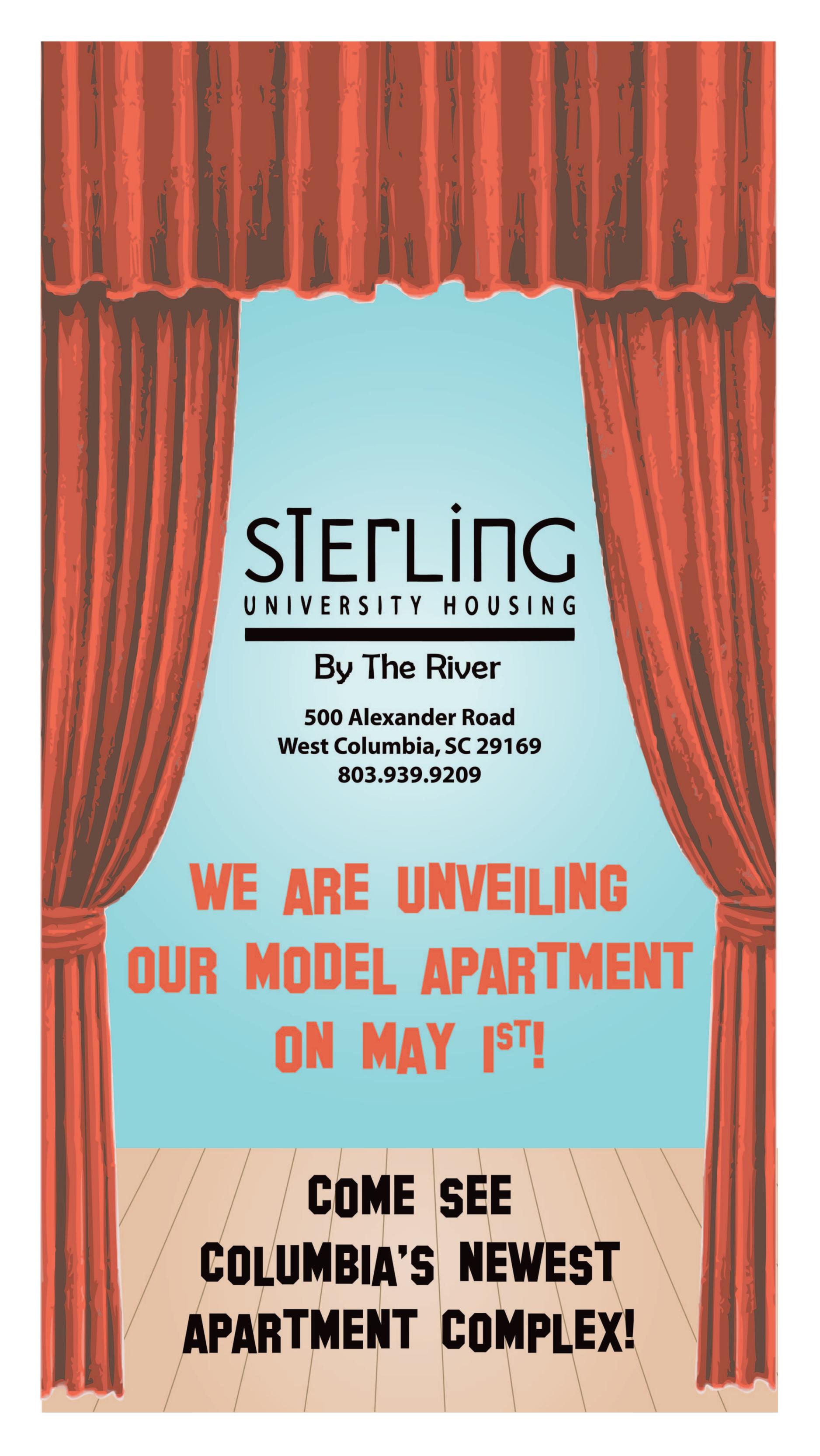
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Three killed during shooting at Kansas City shopping mall

Heather Hollingsworth
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A gunman shot a police officer, then opened fire in a parking lot and a mall Sunday, authorities said.

By the time the violence was over, he and two other people were dead.

The man was shot to death inside Ward Parkway Center in south Kansas City, police spokesman Tony Sanders said. Police fired shots, but it was not immediately clear if he was killed by authorities.

Authorities said the violence began early Sunday afternoon, when they went to a home to check on a woman relatives hadn't seen for days.

The victim was found dead and her car missing, Sanders said.

The car was spotted later in the

day by an officer, who pulled the driver over and was shot in the arm, police said. The officer, whose wound was not life-threatening, returned fire.

The car took off and was seen later at the shopping center. Police said the man fatally shot two people in the parking lot.

Then, he went inside the mall and fired more shots, wounding at least two others, Sanders said.

Target employee Caffie Bradshaw, 19, said she was in a break room with two other people when they heard shots. She said co-workers saw a white man with a rifle who was "spraying bullets."

The mall, one of the city's busiest shopping centers, was shut down and officers were going through each store. The victims' names were not immediately released, and conditions on the wounded were not immediately available.

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campaigning across the state trying to convince voters that his conservative Southern upbringing appeals to both moderates and conservatives in the South.

"With me as the candidate, we can carry the Southern states," Edwards said.

Dustin Akers, a third-year marketing student, said he was brought up as a Republican but is rethinking his beliefs after his brother was deployed to Iraq.

"The last election was the first time I've ever voted Democrat," Akers said.

While Akers likes Edwards's stances on the major issues like the war in Iraq and global warming, he's not sure if Edwards has what it takes to make it through the primary vote.

"I would go for Obama if he didn't make it. Edwards would make a great vice-presidential candidate," Akers said.

The candidates made their way into the convention one-by-one, easily spotted by the slew of supporters and press surrounding them.

Edwards marched in with the help of the Columbia High School band, followed by Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

Both Dodd and Richardson are viewed as second-tier candidates in the party, but that hasn't slowed their drive in the Palmetto state.

Dodd has been campaigning in settings such as classrooms and coffeeshops across the state to show people his personal side.

The Connecticut Democrat, who visited USC in March, said education is the most pressing matter the United States is facing in the age of globalization.

Richardson has formerly served as an ambassador to the United Nations, and has recently returned from a trip overseas in an attempt to reach a deal with North Korea to end Kim Jong-Il's nuclear weapons program.

In Thursday's debate, Richardson came under fire for initially saying U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales should not resign because he was Hispanic. Richardson said once he heard Gonzales's testimony on Capitol Hill, he had a change of heart.

As Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware made his way to the dining room, he told supporters how the President has let the nation

down and now is the time for all Americans to stand behind Congress' decision to issue a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq.

Biden also joked about his one-word answer of "yes" during Thursday night's debate when Brian Williams asked the senator if he could keep himself from making off-the-cuff remarks in the future.

Ashley Krieger, a third-year public relations student, said the convention was definitely the place to be Friday night.

"You could feel the excitement in the room as various party supporters spoke," Krieger said. "The crowd was without a doubt stirred up about the upcoming elections and the platforms of their candidate of choice."

Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois quickly made his

way into the dining room after shaking a few hands. Obama arrived fresh from a campaign stop in Charleston.

But the largest and loudest turnout was for Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York. Arriving last, Clinton appeared surprised at the overwhelming crowd of supporters in the convention lobby.

Clinton leads Obama in the campaign money race by a mere \$375,000.

After dinner, where former U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr. gave the keynote address, the candidates joined S.C. Congressman Jim Clyburn down the street for his annual fish fry.

While Ford, D-Tenn., lost a Senate race last November, he's still viewed by many as a rising star in the Democratic Party.

Many of the presidential

candidates remained in Columbia on Saturday where state party leaders gathered to elect Carol Fowler as the new chairwoman of the state Democratic Party.

While state Democrats may still be crowing about their time in the national spotlight over the past week, GOP leaders across the state are already making final preparations for their annual meeting and nationally televised debate in May.

The annual Silver Elephant Dinner will be held on May 14. Sean Hannity of Fox News will headline the speaker list. The following evening, the state GOP will host the first-in-the-south Republican Presidential Primary debate that will be televised live on Fox News Channel.

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Highway collapses near San Francisco



The Associated Press

A section of highway lies burned and crumbled in Emeryville, Calif., after a tanker carrying gasoline exploded Sunday. In the resulting blaze, a section of freeway that funnels traffic onto the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge collapsed.

Gasoline tanker truck crash paralyzes one of nation's busiest roadways

Marcus Wohlsen
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — A stretch of highway near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge collapsed Sunday after a gasoline tanker crashed and burst into flames, leaving one of the nation's busiest spans in a state of near paralysis. Officials said traffic could be disrupted for months.

Flames shot 200 feet in the air and the heat was intense enough to melt part of the freeway and cause the collapse, but the truck's driver walked away from the scene with second-degree burns. No other injuries were reported.

"I've never seen anything like it," Officer Trent Cross of the California Highway Patrol said of the crumpled interchange. "I'm looking at this thinking, 'Wow, no one died — that's amazing. It's just very fortunate.'"

Authorities said the damage could take months to repair, and that it would

cause the worst disruption for Bay Area commuters since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake damaged a section of the Bay Bridge itself.

Nearly 75,000 vehicles use the portion of the road every day, but it's where three highways converge, and authorities said it could cause commuting problems for hundreds of thousands of people.

Transportation officials said they already had added trains to the Bay Area Rapid Transit light rail system that takes commuters across San Francisco Bay, and were urging people to telecommute if possible.

State officials said motorists who try to take alternate routes Monday instead of relying on public transportation would face nightmarish commutes.

The tanker carrying 8,600 gallons of gasoline ignited around 3:45 a.m. after crashing into a pylon on the interchange, on the edge of

downtown Oakland about half a mile from the Bay Bridge's toll plaza.

A preliminary investigation indicated he may have been speeding on the curving road, Cross said.

The fire melted a second interchange, causing a 250-yard section of the roadway to collapse onto the roadway below, according to the highway patrol.

Witnesses reported flames from the blaze reached up to 200 feet high.

Late Sunday morning, the charred section of collapsed freeway was draped at a sharp angle onto the highway beneath, exposing a web of twisted metal beneath the concrete.

The Bay Bridge consists of two heavily traveled, double-decked bridges about two miles long straddling San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom said the accident showed how fragile the Bay area's transportation network is.

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In Turkey, 700,000 protest strict Muslim's candidacy

Christopher Torchia
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — At least 700,000 people marched Sunday in a massive protest against the possible election of an observant Muslim as president, a conflict that is pitting Turkey's religiously oriented ruling party against the deeply secular military and civilian establishment.

Waving the country's red flag and singing nationalist songs, demonstrators in Istanbul demanded the resignation of the pro-Islamic government, calling Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan a traitor. Erdogan's foreign minister, Abdullah Gul, is widely expected to win the presidential election by the country's 550-seat parliament.

"We don't want a covered woman in Ataturk's presidential palace," protester Ayse Bari, a 67-year-old housewife, said in reference to Gul's wife Hayrunisaah, who wears the Muslim headscarf. "We want civilized, modern people there."

The election has reignited a conflict over Turkey's national identity that has brewed since Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, an army officer in World War I, founded the secular republic after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. He gave the vote to women, restricted Islamic dress and replaced the Arabic script with the Roman alphabet.

But Islam remained potent at the grassroots level, and some leaders with a religious background have portrayed

themselves as an alternative to the secular establishment.

Many, including powerful generals, fear Gul would use the presidency — a post with veto power over legislation — to assist his ally, Erdogan, in chipping away at the separation of state and religion.

The military hinted it may step in to resolve the deadlock over Gul in parliament. And many Turks are calling for early elections in the hope of replacing the parliament, which is dominated by Gul's pro-Islamic ruling party.

"Turkey is secular and will remain secular!" shouted thousands of protesters, many of whom traveled to Istanbul from across the country overnight.

Turkish police estimated their numbers at about 700,000 and cordoned off the protest area, conducting searches at several entry points.

More than 300,000 took part in a similar rally in the capital Ankara two weeks ago.

"This government is the enemy of Ataturk," said 63-year-old Ahmet Yurdakul, a retired government employee among the demonstrators on Sunday. "It wants to drag Turkey to the dark ages."

On Friday, Gul failed to win a first round of voting in parliament after opposition lawmakers boycotted the vote. The opposition then appealed to the Constitutional Court to annul the result on grounds there wasn't a quorum at the time of the vote. That night, the military threatened to intervene in the election and

warned the government to curb Islamic influences.

"It should not be forgotten that the Turkish armed forces is one of the sides in this debate and the absolute defender of secularism," the military said in a statement. "When necessary, they will display its stance and attitudes very clearly. No one should doubt that."

A day later, the government, showing confidence unknown in past civilian administrations, rebuked the military and said it was "unthinkable" for the institution to challenge its political leaders in a democracy.

But Gul was not swayed by the threat.

"It is out of the question to withdraw my candidacy," he said Sunday.

The current president, Ahmet Necdet Sezer, is a strong secularist who acted as a check on the pro-Islamic government.

The military's threat to intervene in a disputed election could also damage Turkey's troubled efforts to join the European Union, which has urged the Muslim nation to reduce the political influence of the army.

"We hope that one day Turkey can join the European Union, but for that, Turkey has to be a real European country, in economic and political terms," European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Under the current government, Turkey has reined in inflation and implemented reforms backed by the EU.



The Associated Press

Pro-secular demonstrators wave Turkish flags during a rally in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday.

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in Student Government elections violations. He also hopes to talk to Housing about not letting resident advisers campaign for specific candidates within university housing facilities.

Resolutions concerning USC's new smoking policy reached the Senate floor three times this year. The first resolution, passed during first semester, encouraged the university to enforce the smoking ban that prohibits the use of tobacco within 25 feet of all campus buildings.

The second and third resolutions, each sponsored by Sen. Steve Smith, a third-year math student, expressed content with the current policy and concern for expansion of the policy into a campus-wide ban.

"The smoking ban resolution was so controversial because it put us at odds with commitments we made in the past," Setzler said.

The Senate elected this spring passed the resolution that had been defeated by

the students serving before them.

Holt said that although Senators signed on with the Healthy Carolina plan for a smoke-free campus, that they passed Smith's resolution "indicates a new desire that the smoking ban progress no further than its current station," Holt said.

Holt also said that a vital bill that was passed this year involved the budget.

"The most important bill set the budget dates for the new school year," Holt said. "The bill allowed student organizations a crucial extra two weeks to submit their budgets."

Holt said that many more organizations participated in the finance allocation process this year because of the two weeks.

Setzler said the Senate will accomplish a lot in the fall.

"The judiciary committee has in its long-term interest to go through all the SG codes. There will be some real substance changes," Setzler said.

He also plans on continuing to work with the

Colloquium Café. A recent decrease in the availability of menu items could be on the floor for discussion.

"We've already started working with the café; they seem very eager to help us out," Setzler said.

As for expectations for next year, Holt is eager to see how a fresh Senate membership takes charge.

"I certainly have goals for the year, but for the first time in a long time, there is a completely new group of people. I am still growing to know my colleagues and really have no idea how they will respond to or initiate discussion on important issues," Holt said.

Setzler has hopes for continuing progress and accomplishment next year.

"I think it's safe to say the Senate used to be in a large way without power," Setzler said. "I think we are seeing the student Senate take on more responsibility and more interest in representing the student concern. I hope that will continue."

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Clothing Drive for the Salvation Army – collected and delivered \$3,500 worth of clothes

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Experts offer tips to judge campus mental health, safety services

Justin Pope
The Associated Press

Searching for the right college match, students and parents usually have plenty of questions about topics like class size, dining options and extracurricular activities. But colleges say they get fewer queries on counseling services and campus security.

That could change after the horrific shootings at Virginia Tech. The group Security on Campus, a nonprofit advocacy group, says a number of high schools are asking for copies of the group's "safety audit," a printed guide to help seniors evaluate campus safety along with other factors as they make their college choice.

Experts emphasize there is no way to anticipate an event like the Virginia Tech shooting. But two big issues it highlighted — campus mental health services and security — are topics every student should care about.

About 13 percent of university students and 25 percent at liberal arts colleges use mental health services, according to The Anxiety

Disorders Association of America.

Campus crime varies widely by school, but is more widespread than many students realize. Among about 17 million college students, institutions reported relatively few criminal offenses in the category of murder or non-negligent homicide: just 15 on campuses in 2004, and 48 overall, according to federal figures.

But that large communities of peers live together makes colleges more vulnerable to other types of crime. On-campus alone, there were nearly 40,000 burglaries and more than 3,600 forcible sexual assaults that year.

Experts say students and parents should ask questions during the college search about campus mental health and security services.

COUNSELING:

Find out whether a university's counseling center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services. If so, it means the center has hit a number of benchmarks in such areas as training and ethics.

The 200 accredited U.S. universities on the group's Web site are mostly larger schools, but students considering smaller schools can ask many of the same questions of college officials, says Keith Anderson, a staff psychologist at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, chair of a national task force on counseling center best practices. Among them:

— What is the ratio of counseling staff to students? (IACS suggests one counselor for every 1,000 to 1,500 students).

— Is someone from the counseling center available 24 hours a day?

— Are walk-in appointments available? Almost any center will have procedures for emergencies, but without walk-in hours it might take weeks to get a non-emergency appointment.

— Is there a psychiatrist on staff? That's a particularly important question for the growing number of students who arrive on campus already taking medication. If there isn't, students may have to find an off-campus doctor to monitor medication, or have

it sent from home.

— Does the counseling center have the resources to focus on prevention, rather than simply treating patients who seek help and respond to emergencies? The best counseling centers have broad outreach programs where they speak regularly to faculty, resident advisers and students about warning signs and available resources, Anderson said.

LOOK AT CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS:

A federal law called the Clery Act requires colleges to release, each year, detailed statistics on campus crime. You can get stats for a particular campus from the U.S. Education Department's Web site, or the site of Security on Campus.

Take the numbers in context by comparing them to schools of similar size. And remember that in some categories, a high number isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"If a school with 10,000 students shows 15 sexual assaults, that may raise a red flag," said Alison Kiss, program director at Security on Campus. "But when you call, you may find out they have phenomenal sexual assault services" so students may feel more comfortable reporting assaults. It's not

credible that a large school would have no sexual assaults, and that claim would raise a different kind of red flag.

THINK ABOUT SECURITY ON A CAMPUS VISIT:

The "campus audit" published by Security on Campus suggests a number of questions. Do dorm rooms have safety chains and dead bolts? Are doors left propped open? Are there regular security patrols? The audit also suggests asking colleges about their parental notification policies when, for instance, a student is accused of stalking.

GET INFORMATION ON THE CAMPUS POLICE FORCE:

At some schools, police are sworn officers with full arrest powers who are as well or better trained than their municipal counterparts. Elsewhere, they are more like private security guards who have to call on better-trained law enforcement in a crisis.

Ask whether the campus police force is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. If so, the campus police have gone through a rigorous evaluation. Thirty-nine university police forces have CALEA accreditation

(including Virginia Tech), and another 23 are pursuing it.

A campus with a small or unaccredited police force is not necessarily unsafe, but needs to have a close working relationship with other area police.

ASK ABOUT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:

Virginia Tech faced criticism for failing to notify students after the shooting of the first two students, which happened two hours before 31 more people, including the gunman, were killed across campus. Police said they believed the first two victims were part of a domestic dispute, but said even if they had tried to shut the campus down, getting the word out to thousands of students and faculty would be difficult.

Better emergency communications with students was already on the agenda at many colleges, but has become more urgent after Virginia Tech. Some schools are considering warning sirens and outdoor speakers; others are trying to see if new cell phone technologies might help.

Ask about a college's current capabilities — and plans — for reaching students in an emergency.

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awareness in others, so it can explain the situation to even more people.

"It's a global crisis that is now occurring," said Duane Cooper from the Save Darfur Coalition. "We want to bring this important issue and this crisis to the forefront of the American international conscious. We want the students here on USC's campus to be aware of the atrocities that are going on in Darfur."

Cooper encouraged students at the rally to become involved and create awareness about and action against the genocide. "We're urging them to

contact their elected officials, their congressmen and senators. We're urging them to take action. The people at Darfur need us. They need the United States as well as the international community to come and support this position."

Ebony Johnson, a Columbia resident who went to the rally, heard about Darfur on the news a few months ago and has been following it since then.

"I think it's terrible what's happened," Johnson said. She said because the U.S. isn't tied to Sudan for economic reasons, the government isn't concerned.

"I think that it's wrong," she said. "I've been on the

Web site savedarfur.org, and I saw that it was the Global Days of Darfur week, and I wanted to see what some people in Columbia were doing to combat the problem."

Jorge Botala, a third-year geology student who came to USC from West Africa, is concerned about getting the message out.

"I say it is good to raise awareness about the situation in Darfur," Botala said. "It is something that we don't see every day on news and TV. I say a rally like this informs people about what happens in the world."

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student Kristine Talbot said this policy might make moving difficult for out-of-state students. She said if a student's exams end in the middle of the week, it may force parents to take off work to help their child move out.

"They should let you stay until the end of the week if you need to," Talbot said.

Students must also make sure all trash, posters and extra furniture, such as lofts and futons brought into the dorms, are removed or USC will charge a fee.

Students can also be charged up to \$25 for every

piece of wood contained in a loft, said second-year sports and entertainment management student Mariah Clarke, a resident adviser in Patterson Hall. She said students can get rid of some of these items through the donation bins in the lobby of the dorms.

Clarke said residents can be fined based on the room reports they filled out at the beginning of the year. If a resident put on the report there was no damage and the item is damaged at the end of the year, the student will be fined.

Clarke also said an RA must check the students' rooms, whether it is before

check-out, during a standard check-out or during express check-out once the student has left.

"It can be their own RA, but there are also RAs on duty 24 hours. [Students] can page somebody and that person will go to the room and make sure there aren't any damages," Clarke said.

As final advice, Clarke suggested students be on top of their game and ready for move-out day.

"Don't wait until the last minute to pack all your stuff," Clarke said. "Pack little things here and there."

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IN OUR OPINION

Accusations of racism false, unfairly aimed

Don't blame the messengers. It's an age-old saying, but that doesn't make it any less true.

Friday's front page caused some concerned readers to call our staff racist after we printed seven mugshots of black fraternity members charged with hazing on the front page but did not print pictures of a white student who was charged with making explosives.

In a perfect world, we'd have the photos, phone numbers and contact information of every student on campus, but this isn't a perfect world. The reality is that the Lexington County Sheriff's Department sent us mugshots of the fraternity members while the Columbia Police Department didn't.

We love getting letters to the editor, but we aren't OK with people calling us racists.

It's sad that people will assume we are racist without all the facts. People of all races can make the front page. In the past semester, we've run mugshots of Stephen Garcia, Blake Mitchell and two white swimmers.

Our job is to report the news — good and bad.

We love getting letters to the editor and encourage criticism, but we aren't OK with people calling us racists. People of all backgrounds work here, and we welcome students from any race, ethnicity or area of study to join our staff.

But this issue isn't about race. It's about seven fraternity members charged with hitting another student with a steel bat more than 100 times until he had to be taken to the hospital. Student Life Director Jerry Brewer called the incident unprecedented here. But college pranksters have been making Drain-O bombs for ages.

And while explosives are never something to be taken lightly, when it comes to newsworthiness, stupid pranks don't compare to brutal beatings. Those are the ones who deserve to have their pictures on the front page.

If you want to blame anyone for making a community look bad, blame those who screwed up in the first place.

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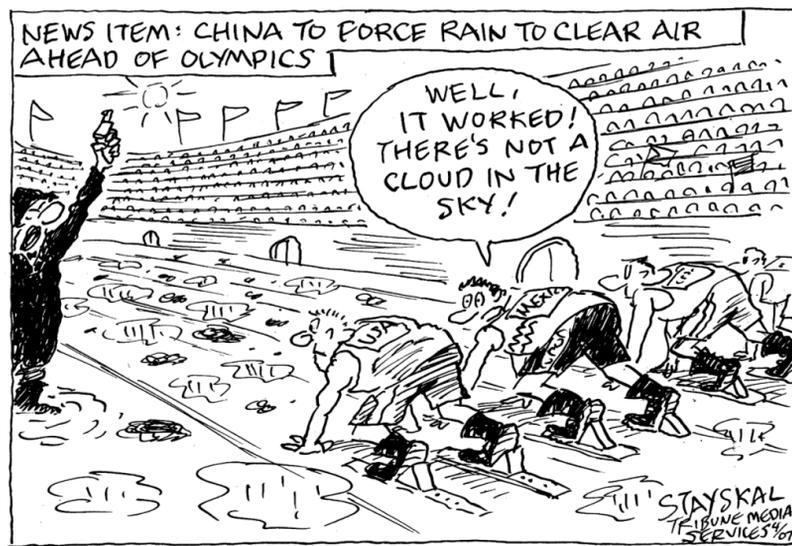
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THIS TOM AIN'T NO TURKEY

House of God built on fiery brimstone

Lord so loved world that He forsook college sinners to march of Bible thump



THOMAS MALUCK
Third-year English student

Ladies and gentlemen of USC, I have a confession to make. You see, every so often I'm sure you've experienced pastors at the Russell House pounding Bibles in their palms and calling out to the sinning population of USC to find Jesus as soon as possible before the hellstorm begins.

Well, those pastors aren't just setting up shop without permission; no, they have to be invited by someone on campus. After seeing the disrespect and mockery these vigilantes of religious freedom have suffered, I'm afraid I must out myself as the person who keeps inviting them on our fine, jezebellious campus.

The term "jezebellious" is, of course, the combination of "jezebel" and "rebellious," meaning "rebellion through offering one's body to others sexually." You know who else liked to rebel? Here's a hint: he shares Santa's name, but with the letters

rearranged.

Seriously, while a number of you have taken classes on philosophy and religion to finagle some understanding of morals and spirituality, the only real course you've needed is a good saving grace. You see, the works of this world are destined to become dust, which is why God decided to spread His word to us all through the finite device of a book.

I can already hear the jeers from some of you who can't wrap your sinful heads around the pastors' defending of religious freedom. If their religious beliefs include your obvious damnation to a lake of fire and despair, who are you to argue, you tolerant relativist? I've heard stories of passionate pastors at other campuses being assisted by a gentleman dressed in robot garb brandishing a picket reading, "Robots are awesome." I don't ever

hear about how THAT guy doesn't have a right to shove his views on others!

Now comes the point where I defend my invitations to the pastors. Why invite people so focused on negativity and scare tactics to yell about the glories of God? That's a no-brainer: God's all-encompassing love is always available for those ready to receive it. It follows that if people are still reluctant to accept such a gracious offer, they must be in need of some consequences.

Sure, the old saying goes that you attract more flies with honey, but you also keep the dog in its yard with an electric collar, and God has some pretty hefty shocks for those who venture outside of His good graces.

First of all would be existence in a hellish world bound by faulty logic and reason instead of pretty angels and a white guy with a beard. Think about it: is there anything more aggravating than having people who know nothing about the truth yelling it in your face when they know nothing about you?

Don't let bad college experiences scare you

Poor planning, keg parties can lead to squirrel rabies infection, fountain dancing



MARY ELIZABETH JOHNS
Second-year history student

Despite an ill-fated start to my college career involving two alcohol violations in one semester (that takes a lot of poor planning and some hard knocks in the luck department), I managed to keep my nose clean for the remainder of my freshman year. Staying holed up in your library study carrel at all hours (plus weekends) is not the best way to make friends and influence people, but it's foolproof for staying out of trouble.

I realized over summer break, however, that despite the obvious charms of a lifestyle free from the stress of possibly being arrested, I missed something. Call it joie de vivre, or great minds thinking alike, or the college experience — I really did miss the fantastic kids I met every weekend at parties. I'm sure most of the campus has figured out the balancing act by now, but I was a little slow on the uptake. I'm OK with that. Better late than never. The anecdote I'd like to relate, though, is one that perhaps everyone hasn't heard. To those of you with murky pasts filled with alcohol-induced bad decisions, this

might be where you'd like to stop reading. It's going to get a smidge ugly.

I was at a party a while back, and I'd had more drinks than a girl my size can responsibly handle. A friend and I were walking across campus when it suddenly occurred to us that wading in the fountain in front of the Thomas Cooper library would be a spectacular idea. In seconds we'd stripped down to itchy-bitsies and gotten in, going all the way to touch the spray of the fountain before we headed back to shore. It was amazing. We bonded. We made memories.

We had to shower immediately, because we were covered in icky slime. Does it get worse? I was walking to my Horseshoe apartment from Cool Beans one afternoon and slipped through the back way, behind the South Caroliniana Library. There is a small garden there between the library and the war memorial. On this day I was surprised to see two men in uniforms standing around the fountain, with a third man standing inside of

it. I was curious to see what might convince a grown man to stand waist deep in filthy, pollen-yellowed water, so I approached and started making small talk. The water had been drained, and the man inside was leaning on his shovel to dredge up the muck. I shivered for a moment. You may think up your own adjectives for the stench.

"So, how often do y'all come out here and clean the fountains like this?"

"Oh, we're sure to clean 'em every year. We throw some bleach in there 'bout once a week; kills the rabies."

"Rabies, really? Is that... is that from rats drowning in there?"

"No, we only get a couple of them. It's squirrels, mainly. They try to just get in there for a sip, an' ... sploosh."

Splooosh. This is how the (helpful, amiable, personable) maintenance man described to me why he throws bleach in the fountain once a week to kill the rabies. Splooosh happens. The moral of all of this is that a study carrel is no place to live the college experience or discover yourself or make friends. If you decide to party, though (go for it— you only live once), try not to be the drunkard who discovers the meaning of splooosh.

Controversial conflicts need moral leaders for solutions

Strong, righteous stances crucial to exterminating intolerant, unjust actions

Martin Luther King Jr. once said "The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral conflict." This



BRAD LEAKE
Third-year history student

quotation, with its reference to the words of Dante, guided King in his quest for victory over the immorality driving the racism in this country.

He bravely saw the great moral conflict of his time and took it on with full force, giving his life rather than doing nothing. The moral foundation and convictions of this great man drove him to action.

The great English statesman William Wilberforce said of the slave trade, "So enormous, so dreadful, so irremediable did the trade's wickedness appear that my own mind was completely made up for abolition. Let the consequences be what they would, I from this time determined that I would never rest until I had effected its abolition."

Wilberforce, like King, refused to stay silent while injustice and immorality reigned free in his country. His moral convictions formed the foundation of his mission.

This semester, I have tried to highlight great moral conflicts confronting our world and to begin conversations about possible solutions.

Through this process, I have been labeled "brainwashed," "holier-than-thou," "deeply religious," and I have been accused of pushing my morality on the readers. On the charge of using morality to guide me as I try to defend the voiceless unborn children, I stand guilty. I have refused to remain neutral in this time of great moral conflict because I believe that it is the right thing to do.

To those who fault me for basing my actions off of a moral foundation, I must ask you what is it that guides your life? If not morality, what tells you that it is wrong to steal, wrong to rape or wrong to murder?

Some say that such moral codes that guided great men and women in history no longer apply to today's culture. Moral relativism is the order of the day and it is now "intolerant" to label any other person's activity or choices immoral. Base your disagreement with me off the substance of my arguments rather than attacking the fact that a moral code has guided me to those conclusions.

This great country will quickly fall if the day arrives that a majority of us "remain neutral in times of great moral conflict" and refuse to let morality guide us for fear of intolerance. It is morality that drove the abolitionists to seek the end of slavery, and it is morality that will restore the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all people regardless of age, size or location.

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"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" July 13

"Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" May 25

"Shrek the Third" May 18

"Spider-Man 3" May 4

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Summer movie lineup packed with sequels

This year's blockbusters bound to leave hungry film audiences satisfied

Tyler Mobley
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Every summer, the rich old men of Hollywood open up their wallets and shovel millions of dollars into projects they know nothing about, all in the hopes that they'll be profitable. Fortunately, some other people tend to make those movies pretty exciting, giving us an over-the-top spectacle to enjoy in the heat of the summer months.

There are dozens of movies vying for your attention this summer, but for the moment, we'll only focus on the most undogmatically enormous of them.

The official opening of the summer money-grab starts May 4 with the release of "Spider-Man 3." This third film in the series might be the last, because Tobey Maguire is reportedly unwilling to do a fourth. But it looks like the best one yet. With the introduction of Venom, the end of that annoying "Mary Jane doesn't know I'm Spider Man" awkwardness and a nice revenge plot, "Spider Man 3" looks like it just might please fanboys and casual audiences alike. Unfortunately, if you've seen the trailer more than twice, you've already been handed the entire plot of the film. Oops!

If Spider Man's profits haven't sucked the economy dry by May 25, then "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" might go ahead and finish it off. What is being called the

final film in the series, this "Pirates" looks even more ridiculous than the last one. There's something about Singapore, Keith Richards as Jack Sparrow's dad, underwater boats, pirate heaven ... oh, whatever. It's going to be huge and confusing, but maybe this time it will actually have an ending. Expect to be excited, confused, amazed, thrilled and confused some more.

Conveniently waiting until you almost forgot it even existed, "Shrek the Third" will open on May 18 for another fairy tale adventure. There's no telling how successful this one is going to be, because pretty much everyone likes something about this series. In "The Third," Shrek has a kid, behaves like an ogre and Eddie Murphy keeps talking. Surprise! "Shrek the Third" will undoubtedly make fistfuls of cash, but you can't help but wonder if the series is still fresh or relevant. Donkey is annoying, Shrek is "gross," and there will be topical pop culture jokes all over the place. We get it. We're all going to see it anyway, so here's hoping that it's got some surprises in store for us.

Completing the "Hollywood will suck your wallet dry" cycle of the summer, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth film in the book-adapted series, opens on July 13. The trailers for this look pretty exciting, and fans of the book can expect a pretty true to form

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Other summer flicks:

- "Transformers" — July 4
- "Ocean's Thirteen" — June 8
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'Condemned' hypocritical, pointless waste of time

Stereotypes, useless violence focus of film starring ex-pro-wrestler "Stone Cold"

"The Condemned"
★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Tyler Mobley
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

What "The Condemned" wants you to know: the media will sell you violence, you will watch violence, you are violent for watching that violence, the media deserves to die, foreigners are killers, all Asian people know kung-fu, women cannot defend themselves from anything, World Wrestling Entertainment cannot make good movies and it will still make them in spite of this.

Just so you know, Stone Cold Steve Austin does not want to kill you. He is an American soldier, a good-old Texas native, and he inexplicably has no eyebrows. However, if you cross Stone Cold Steve Austin in any way, he will have no choice but to kill you. Of course, as long as you're not a death-row convict placed on an island to fight to the death on TV for your freedom and the viewing pleasure of millions, you have nothing to worry about. Otherwise, you've totally got it coming.

"The Condemned" is one of the worst movies no one will see this year. It's not the worst movie ever made, but it's the kind of bad that erases memories and keeps wallets firmly closed.

What's that? You didn't know that WWE, the folks who brought you Hulk Hogan and homo-erotic/phobic wrestle-fests, made movies? Oh yeah, they make movies all right, and they're doing it to make you a better person.

"The Condemned" really wants to make you think about the desensitization of our culture to violence and how the media will even sell murder as long as you buy it. The best way for them to make you think about that, of course, is to hire Steve "No Brows" Austin to pretend to murder people for two hours while they try to sell this movie to you.

Not only is "The Condemned" one of the most hypocritical movies to be made so far this year, it's almost the most offensive. Everyone expects the WWE to be pretty trashy, and people who get upset over its antics are usually kind of ridiculous. This time, though, it's a bit much even for the WWE. It's



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"Stone Cold" Steve Austin's character backhands a fellow inmate and competitor while trying to leave the island alive.

the kind of lame offensiveness that says "we did no research for this film, so we're going to use unfair stereotypes."

For example, let's look at the cast of "murderous" characters. The "Asian guy" knows kung fu. That's all. There is literally nothing else to his character. The "black guy" has to say things like "Now that's what I'm talkin' about," and he gets killed almost immediately.

The Hispanic couple, for absolutely no reason, is a pair of spicy lovers. What about women in general, though? Don't they get some royal treatment? They sure do!

Along with our eight male killers, there are two women thrown onto the island. Just like all women on death row, they are beautiful and completely defenseless. The female killers in "The Condemned," to get to the

grisly point, only serve as rape victims. They are given no characterization, almost no lines, and they get raped. That's it.

Austin, though, is a heavily-muscled slice of American apple pie. He weeps pure tears of justice and naturally grows chest hair in the shape of the American flag. Austin kills foreigners, liberal media types, and even an "Islamic fundamentalist" with swift

authority. All he wants is to get home to Texas to see his blonde-haired, blue-eyed girlfriend on the farm. What more could a conservative American stereotype ask for?

Save your money and skip "The Condemned." Go rent "Battle Royale" for the exact same plot with actual satire and thought.

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interpretation of the book. The more these kids grow up, the more worthwhile their movies get. So far, this looks to top all of its

predecessors. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that Harry Potter will destroy the box office on its opening week and the many weeks following.

There is no lack of choices

this summer, so good luck picking and choosing. Undoubtedly, many of these movies are going to be ridiculous and unnecessary ("Transformers"), but more than a few should reasonably

entertain you in the air-conditioned freezer of your local movie theater.

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the scene at USC

The Secret Handshake



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Cancer A family member can help your workday go a lot easier. You might even be able to talk him or her into doing the entire job. Give it a try.
Leo As you study, you'll discover unsuspected options. Consider the fun factor, too. Design a lifestyle you'll love living.
Virgo You should be doing creative work, perhaps involving technology. Does that sound like fun? Good.
Libra You're very persuasive now and becoming even more so. Get your facts down straight and down pat. Take copious notes.
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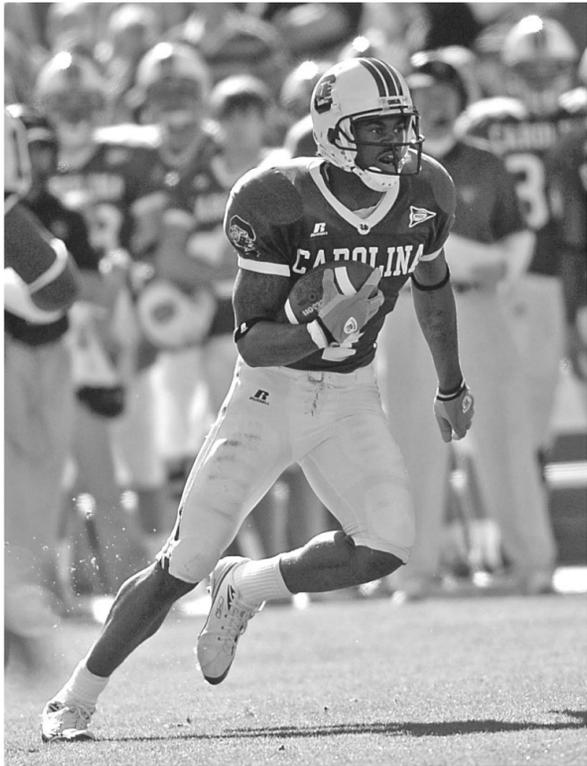
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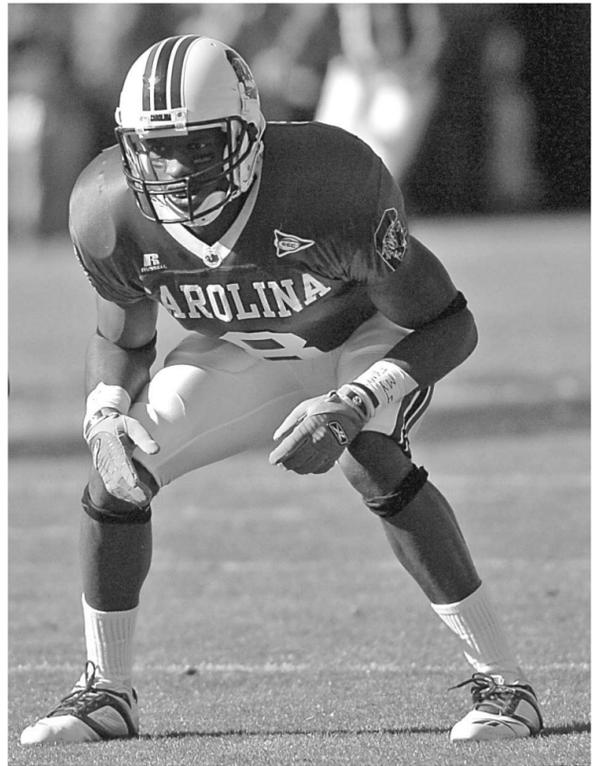


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Former USC wide receiver Sidney Rice was selected by the Minnesota Vikings with the 44th pick in the 2nd round. Fred Bennett was selected in the 4th round by the Houston Texans.

Fred Bennett



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NY Yankees drop ball, fall behind in AL East title hunt

Steinbrenner has little to show for outrageous spree during offseason

I sure hope someone has some aspirin for New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. As we all know, The Boss will not stand for losing and will do anything in his power to see his beloved franchise in the World Series. That should be evident by the Yankees whopping \$200 million payroll as reported by ESPN.com.



HUNTER ROACH
Second-year print journalism student

The Yankee payroll is by far the largest in the major leagues and is approximately \$60 million more than that of its nearest competitor, the Boston Red Sox, which comes in at just over \$140 million.

The Yankees have quite possibly one of the most daunting lineups ever assembled. Every player in the batting order has been to multiple All Star games, other than Doug Mientkiewicz and Robinson Cano, and Cano will certainly take part in many more Mid-Summer Classics before he is finished. New York position players have 33 All-Star appearances.

New York's lineup boasts the likes of perennial all-stars such as Jorge Posada (four appearances), Derek Jeter (seven appearances), Jason Giambi (five appearances), Mike Mussina (five appearances), Mariano Rivera (eight appearances), and Alex Rodriguez (10 appearances). The lineup is rounded out with other big league stars like Bobby Abreu, Johnny Damon, and Hideki Matsui, all of whom have been to multiple All

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Phil Disher couldn't give USC enough firepower to beat Alabama.

Carolina stumbles, caves in to Alabama

Gamecocks can't tread water against Crimson Tide, drop second-straight conference series in two weeks

Michael Aguilar
STAFF WRITER

The Gamecocks have experienced a few setbacks while battling a tough schedule this year. Alabama was supposed to provide a little relief before the Gamecocks face off against SEC East rival Kentucky in Columbia.

Someone should have told the Crimson Tide.

To start off the weekend, Alabama doubled USC's run total in a 10-5 victory. Friday's game was a continuation of the consistent downward spiral that Carolina ace junior Harris Honeycutt has experienced this season.

Honeycutt started the season undefeated at 7-0, but has since dropped his last three starts. Additionally, after his seventh win, Honeycutt led the Gamecocks with the lowest ERA with a sub-2.00 ERA. He now places fourth with a 3.03 ERA.

Carolina also underperformed at the plate. The team went 7-for-30 from the plate, well below their season average of .301.

Saturday brought out the lone shining spot for the Gamecocks. Junior

pitcher Arik Hempy, a candidate for comeback player of the year in anyone's book, earned his fourth victory of the season.

A slow and steady comeback from a serious injury last season has Hempy pitching his best. He is second on the team in ERA and owns the lowest ERA of any starter. Saturday saw Hempy throw his season-high in innings pitched, with 7.1, and strikeouts, with seven.

With the series on the line, the Gamecocks came out firing on Sunday. Carolina's offense scored 10 runs in the first three innings. Starting junior pitcher Wynn Pelzer looked to have things under control, allowing only four runs in the same three innings.

However, beginning in the top of the fourth, things started to spiral downwards. The Carolina offense sputtered and Pelzer gave up four more runs in the next three innings.

Freshman Blake Cooper came on in relief, walking three and giving up two runs in 1.1 innings pitched. Senior pitcher Jeff Jeffords came on in hopes

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USC softball team continues slide in SEC standings

Struggling squad fails to get off ground against Tigers, loses weekend set

Cory Burkarth
STAFF WRITER

In 10 days, the SEC's softball tournament will begin in Auburn, Ala. If the Gamecocks want to qualify for the tournament and have a chance of winning it, they're going to have to play a lot better than they did this past weekend in Auburn.

The Gamecocks dropped all three games of their weekend series against the Tigers. Not only that, but Auburn outscored the Gamecocks 12-0.

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, Auburn's Anna Thompson threw a one-hitter as the Tigers shut the Gamecocks out 8-0 at Jane B. Moore

Field. Carolina's McKenna Hughes got the Gamecocks' lone hit of the game.

Junior Melissa Hendon was on the mound for the Gamecocks, and gave up five runs on six hits in the loss.

The second game went considerably better for the Gamecocks defense. Even though they were shutout again, Auburn managed to get only one run across en route to a 1-0 victory. Thompson took to the mound for Auburn in the second game too, and the Tigers pitcher recorded 21 strikeouts between both games.

Carolina's Kate Pouliot was on the mound and pitched well, but her offense went 3-for-24 in the game and was unable to get a run across.

On Sunday, Carolina head coach Joyce Compton sent Hendon back to the mound



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Infielder Lindsay Walker and the Gamecocks came up short in Auburn last weekend.

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hoping the junior pitcher would bounce back.

Hendon pitched well, giving up three runs off of three hits, but the Gamecocks' offense continued to struggle and hung Hendon out to dry.

Carolina's batters went 5-for-23 on the afternoon and failed to score a run again.

SHOOTING THE GAP — The Gamecocks return to Columbia for

their final three games of the regular season. They host Mississippi for a weekend series beginning with a doubleheader on Saturday ... With Sunday's loss, the Gamecocks have been shutout in their last five games, being outscored 30-0 during the offensive drought ... The offense went 9-for-64 in the weekend series against Auburn.

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of holding on to the tie, but the Crimson Tide just had too much momentum. A two-run RBI single for Kent Matthes put Alabama up for good.

The bright spots for the Gamecocks were few and far between. Aside from Hemy's pitching, the only

other Carolina player that performed well was Travis Jones, a junior second baseman. Jones continued his fervent pace of the last few weeks, batting .384 over the series and knocking out another home run, adding to his 13 on the season.

Sophomore third baseman James Darnell hit a solo home run, putting one more

on top of his team-leading total of 15.

The series loss drops the Gamecocks to fourth in the chase for the lead of the SEC. This year has garnered some of the closest competition in league history. Carolina finds itself in fourth but only three games back and only one game ahead of its closest competition.

USC will be given a chance to secure a bit more leeway in the conference next weekend when it faces off against the Kentucky Wildcats. UK is two and a half games back from Carolina and dropped out of the top 25 for the first time last weekend.

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Star games and are widely considered very talented players.

Rodriguez is coming off the best April in league history with a batting average of .352, 14 home runs, 34 RBIs, and an unimaginable .890 slugging percentage. Rodriguez leads the majors in every offensive category and is showing he could be a Triple Crown threat.

The Yankees have one of the greatest playoff performers ever at shortstop in Jeter, and Giambi is one of the best power hitters in baseball. And don't forget about Mariano Rivera, arguably the best closer of all time.

On paper, the Yankees should probably never lose a game; however, the games are not played on paper, and they have done little but lose this season. As of Sunday, the Yankees were tied with the lowly Tampa Bay Devil Rays for last in the American League East and had lost seven of their last 10 games. Despite Rodriguez being nothing short of spectacular thus far, the Yankees are still in the cellar of their division.

It really does not make sense that this should not be a championship team, unless one takes a look back at previous teams to win championships. All of the teams that have won



Ed Betz / The Associated Press

Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees have struggled mightily so far this season despite having the highest payroll of all Major League Baseball teams at over \$200 million.

the World Series in recent memory had something that these Yankees have yet to show us. They are all TEAMS.

From the Cardinals last year to the White Sox and Red Sox the year before, they were all TEAMS of good players. Sure they had superstars, but they still played together and functioned as one. While this Yankee lineup looks like a buffet full of future Hall of Famers, they lack team unity.

There have always been talks of rifts between Rodriguez and Jeter, who happen to be the two best players on the team, but this team's struggles come from much more than two players not being best buds. The old Yankee lineups of the late '90s and early 2000s had played together for a long time. Players such as Paul O'Neill, Chuck Knoblauch and Bernie Williams had been around and played in the organization forever.

Today, the Yankees have

such a high rollover rate, it is a wonder if half the players even know each other by anything other than number and position. These guys see players come and go so often, why should they even bother to get to know each other?

I realize that is still April and a lot of things can change between now and October, but maybe the old adage "money can't buy you happiness" is worth heeding. It sure can buy a lot of Advil though.

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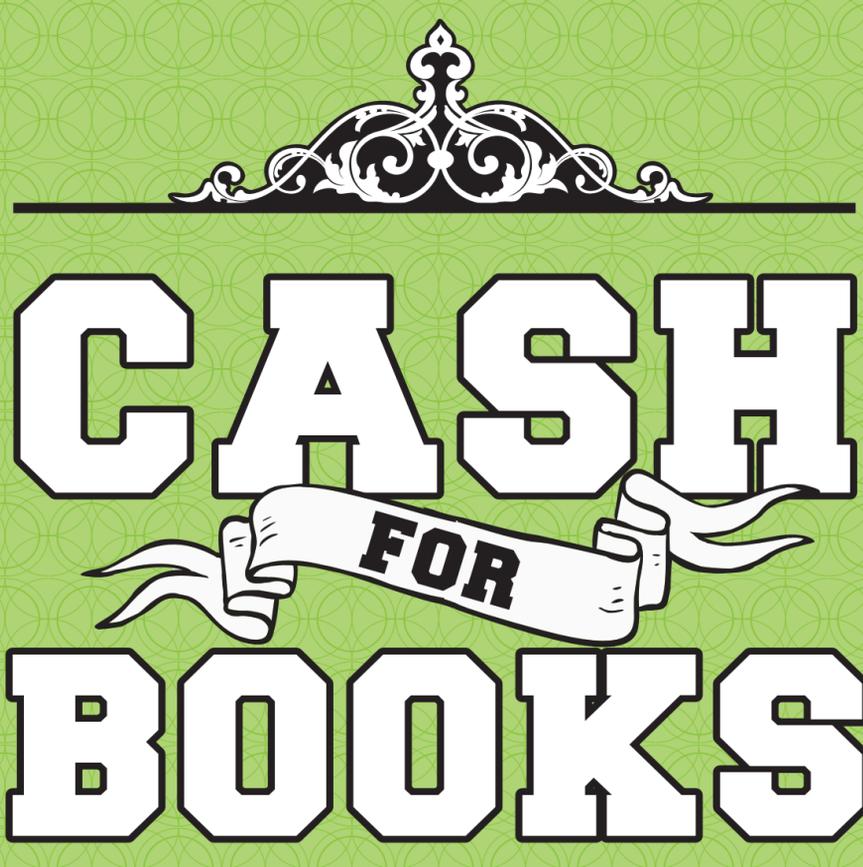
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