Student runners head across the country for cancer research

Clothesline Project kicks off Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mary Rumsey

Sexual assault survivors and supporters gathered with the Office of Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention to design t-shirts for their 2016 Clothesline Project on Tuesday. Participants paint t-shirts to commemorate their own experiences or those of their friends and family, and all of the shirts will be unveiled on Greene Street as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month on April 16.

Sabra Johnson, a graduate assistant who works with SWIP, was one of the volunteers running the table on Green Street. "The clothesline (Tuesday) is the kickoff for Sexual Assault Awareness Month," Johnson said.

Clothesline Project is a national organization founded in 1990 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The organization describes the project as "a vehicle for women affected by sexual assault to express their emotions by painting a shirt. They then hang the shirt on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women."

The different colors of the shirts represent the specific experiences the creators have had with sexual assault, ranging from the nature of the attack to the cause of the violence.

South Carolina consistently ranks amongst the most deadly states for women.

Advocacy group to host annual woman’s health lobbying event

Tell Them, an advocacy organization focused on health education and access, will provide training and lobby the state legislature at its seventh annual Blue Day on Wednesday, March 16.


Participants will receive advocacy training and be shuttled to the Statehouse for a press conference with Shelly Cobb-Hunter and Pat Forbis, a local lawyer and women’s health advocate. Tell Them advocates will have the opportunity to meet with House legislators, followed by photo opportunities and lunch.

According to their website, Tell Them supports "affordable, medically accurate health education and increased access to high-quality reproductive health services for the women of South Carolina." In vivo fertilization, birth control, cervical cancer and education about domestic violence are some of their key issues.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside of the Columbia Marriott Capital Center 5-6, with shuttles running to the Statehouse for lunch at 11 a.m.

Compiled by Tedi Redman and Larissa Johnson

MBB players suspended indefinitely

Just hours before tip-off in one of NET, five of USC’s basketball players have been suspended indefinitely.

"EdMarcus Bless, Eric Cobb, Jamall Gregory, Chris Silva and Moraun电磁波学 players have been suspended indefinitely from the team due to a violation," coach Frank Martin said in a statement to Gamecock Online.

The State’s David Cloninger reports that the suspension leaves the team with just ten available players. The team lost a dozen games due to injuries.

John Regin was unavailable for the game against High Point due to illness, but Carrera was able to play.

Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News editor

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USC teacher arrested in meth ring

A University of South Carolina teacher has been charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and improper disposal of methamphetamine waste.

John Elias Hancock IV and his sister, who was charged for the same offenses, turned themselves in to authorities following the bust of a methamphetamine manufacturing operation in a Trenholm Road-area neighborhood early in the month. The State reports.

According to the USC Directory, Hancock IV is a member of the teaching staff at USC’s English Program for International Students.

In addition to the charges, Hancock’s sister has also been charged with unlawful possession of a schedule IV controlled substance and simple possession of marijuana.

Both suspects are being held at the S.C. Heath District Center. The Daily Gamecock has contacted Hancock IV and the USC Department of English. They have not returned the request to comment on the issue.

Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News editor
Federal government ditches offshore drilling plan

Following pressure from local citizens and environmental organizations the federal government has abandoned a policy to allow for oil and natural gas drilling off the coast of the Atlantic states, according to The State. South Carolina was one of the involved states. The reversal was announced in a press conference by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, who said the administration’s future plans won’t involve drilling off the coasts of the Carolinas, Georgia or Virginia South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley accused S.C. Rep. Kirkman Finlay of bullying and intimidating during a hearing, according to The State. Haley is in the midst of an investigation into allegations of security issues including innate violence and understaffing in state juvenile justice facilities. The Richland County Retired is supported in part by agency that which is sorry Haley was offended, the issue at hand is inherently unpleasant. Finlay will lead more hearings later in the week, and the Inspector General’s office is also expected to launch an investigation into the Juvenile Justice agency.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Farm aid bill advances to state Senate

WIS reports that a bill to send aid to farmers impacted by the October 2015 floods has advanced to the State Senate Floor. The bill would provide $40 million in farm aid grants to local farmers, and a state-run advisory board would decide the allocation of funds to individual farms. Officials say the goal would be to get the money out within 60 to 90 days of the bill’s passage, and assistance would be provided to farmers on filing out applications.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Haley chides House panel over investigation

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**“Peter and the Starcatcher” perfectly nostalgic**

*By Delaney McPherson*

*Designed by Annie Park and with music by Aurora Aksnes, the show is a tour de force of acting and singing. The on-stage performances are supported by a variety of special effects, costumes, and props, all of which contribute to the overall atmosphere of the production.*

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**Four films so bad, they’re good**

*By Delaney McPherson*

*There have been a lot of movies about kittens, fish, and flying cars, so it’s easy to forgive the logic differences in these films. Here are four movies that are so bad, they’re good.*

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**“My Demons Greeting Me as a Friend”**

*By Delaney McPherson*

*The debut album of Norwegian singer Aurora Aksnes (aka AURORA), presents a unique sound that is slow, somber and melancholic. Aksnes’ music also takes it’s inspiration from her childhood and the experiences of her family.*

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**“Peter and the Starcatcher”**

*By Delaney McPherson*

*The lead role of Peter is played by Jonathan Monk, who brings a unique and interesting energy to the character. With only about five weeks of rehearsals, the production offers a unique and engaging experience at the Trustus Theatre.*

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**“The Room”**

*By Delaney McPherson*

*This film has been referred to as the “Citizen Kane of bad movies,” and in my opinion, it is the perfect example of a film that shouldn’t be taken seriously. The acting, dialogue, and script are all terrible, but the film has a charm that makes it hard to turn off.*

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**“Batman & Robin”**

*By Delaney McPherson*

*While this film was not well-received by critics, it has become a cult classic and is enjoyed by many for its over-the-top acting and ridiculous plot points. So, if you’re looking for a fun, easy观赏 experience, then this is the film for you!"
want's cheesy enough, Disguisey falls in love with. Although an interesting character at best and a weirdo at worst, Disguisey eventually wins over the viewers by the end. “The Master of Disguise” is somewhat strange but totally worth the grimaces for all the laughter that is sure to follow. — Grace Batton
Sheneman

Close loopholes in background check system

Blackburg, Virginia. Aurora. Colorado. Fort Hood, Texas. What do all these places have in common? Gun massacres. People whose lives were ended or severely damaged by mass shootings. And what did the governments in those situations have in common? Mental illness that should have prevented them from ever having a gun.

How could such a situation occur? Why was it allowed? Because the background checks, which allow firearms to fall into the wrong hands, allowing horrific bloodbaths to happen.

One of the main issues in gun criticisms today, and one that is far too often overlooked, is the mental health of gun sales — specifically, the loopholes in those that allow buyers to get around the background checks. Online sales on sites like Craigslist, Gun Trader, and even Facebook, and purchases at gun shows can be made without a background check. In fact, our current background check system only applies to about 40 percent of gun sales as per the most recent study, theoretically leaving the other 40 percent of sales unregulated.

And, of the 20 mass shootings that have occurred over the past seven years, three of the mass murders had mental illness as an underlying cause.

What's truly dangerous about guns is the people who own them, and unregulated sales mean that people who shouldn't be allowed to own guns can get them easily. Many mass shootings have happened because an unstable, mentally ill person was able to obtain a gun.

And as it wasn't enough that there were entire markets uncontrolled, the issue goes deeper still. Background checks are only part of the problem. Background checks themselves are actually flawed. State privacy laws, especially those dealing with mental health disclosures, can block background information from being shared with federal, state, and local police. Only 22 states submit records to the checking system, as of 2017.

And, of course, some are still out of state, or even with friends and family of the victims of mass shootings. Put yourself in their places and consider how you can play a role to stop more tragic massacres from happening again.

— Grace Barton, third-year public relations student
Aries
Stick close to home for the next two days. Plan and implement changes you've been wanting. Consider the direction in which you'd like to take your work. Update budgets to reflect and include these possibilities.

Taurus
Get out of the house today and tomorrow. Settle into a peaceful chair and delegate what you can. Make space for yourself.

Gemini
More income is possible going up. Ask for what you feel you're worth.

Cancer
Your credit rating is over the next two days. Do the bookkeeping. Bidding a crazy idea could work. Get farther value with Jupiter trine Pluto (today). Travel and delegate what you can.

Scorpio
Enjoy beauty, goodness and health, wherever you find it. Vivid with loved ones.

Libra
Focus on your career today. Others demand your attention. Consider the direction in which you'd like to take your creative long game (with Jupiter trine Pluto).

Sagittarius
Contribute to shared accounts today and tomorrow. Do the bookkeeping. Sibling's crazy idea could work. Get farther value with Jupiter trine Pluto (today).

Capricorn
Close long-term benefit where you find it. Vivid with loved ones.

Aquarius
Take big ground on long-term assets (like real estate) get an unexpected bump in your income. On the job training will have a 3.6 and higher GPA.

Pisces
Gain valuable clinical experience while applying to medical school. Gain valuable clinical experience. On the job training will have a 3.6 and higher GPA.

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Sudoku
By The Mepham Group
3/16/16 Level: Easy

3 6 7 4
8 4 9 6
1 2 6 9
9 7 2 8

6 6 1 2
4 2 8 1
3 2 9 1
7 1 6 3

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Enjoy March Madness; your bracket sucks anyway

Adam Orfinger

Let me backtrack before the headline scares you away. My bracket sucks too. And when the sports editors publish their brackets in the Weekender tomorrow, we will undoubtedly suck together. Such is the madness of March, as your odds of picking all 68 or 67 of your bracket first round games correctly are practically non-existent, and you aren’t likely to come very close either.

As far as brackets go, I’ve had an intense amount of success in recent years, including placing in the 88th percentile in ESPN’s Tournament Challenge last year. Each year, the unthinkable happens during March Madness, and there are always upsets that no amount of research could give you the courage to choose. For example in 2012, 16 seeds Norfolk State and La Salle upset 1 seeds Kansas and Duke respectively, becoming the first 16 seed and sixth seed to accomplish the feat. The following year, seeded Florida Gulf Coast knocked off second-seeded Georgetown before topping San Diego State in the Round of 32, becoming the first 15 seed, and still the only, to reach the Sweet 16.

That sequence started with a 23-12 run at the 6:44 mark and trimmed Stroman and Jamall Cobb, Marcus Stroman and Jarmar Gregory just hours prior to tipoff. Gregory just hours prior to tipoff. Gregory would lead to five points by halftime.

The suspensions left South Carolina with a shortened rotation and forced Martin to play his matters extra minutes. This was an issue early on, as the inexperience South Carolina jumped out to an 18-point lead midway through the first half, and that was enough for the Gamecocks to secure the victory.

Thomorl finished the game with 20 points in the first half, and five rebounds and made four of his six three-point attempts, a career-high, on 15-16 shooting. The Gamecocks outshot High Point 58-50 in the paint.

The second round is scheduled for March 21 at Colonial Life Arena. South Carolina will play the winner of the Georgia Tech-Houston matchup Wednesday night.