The “Walk A Mile In Their Shoes” race was held to support victims of domestic violence. The event raises money for the Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands and Columbia on Thursday as the community turns out to support survivors of sexual assault and abuse. The event, which had over 2,000 participants last year, is an opportunity for men to participate in raising awareness about sexual violence towards women by having them walk one mile in heels. The organization is to create a powerful message through a playful way that opens up communication on sexual violence. Men, women, and children are able to participate in the walk or cheer on the participants. The event will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the walk beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the SC SunShine. The march is part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and this is the seventh year STSM has hosted a walk in Columbia. In the past, local events such as Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin and former USC quarterback Connor Shaw have made appearances at the event. STSM is one of 14 rape crisis centers in South Carolina, and it consistently ranks among the worst in the U.S. for domestic violence and sexual assault.

Key SC 2016 races set
Mary Ramsey
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The 2016 election cycle has been one of national obsession with national politics as both major parties have struggled through a series of primary seasons. But below the radar, a number of state and local races and referendums are also raging. South Carolina voters will head to the polls in November not just to select a fellow state’s new president, but also for a senatorial race and seven congressional races. First-term Republican Sen. Tim Scott will face re-election for the first time since being sent to the Senate following the resignation of Sen. Jim DeMint. Scott, who is one of just two African-Americans currently serving in the Senate, is facing off against Democrat Thomas Dixon. Dixon, a former pastor and community activist from the Charleston area, long ago served in South Carolina’s congressional districts up for grabs in 2016. Richland County is split between Districts 2 and 6.

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To go or not to go—is it even a question?
Alexandra De La Rosa
One of the few original copies of Shakespeare’s First Folio is coming to USC, the only location chosen in South Carolina for the national tour commemorating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death. Stanford University professor Stephen Orgel, a renowned Shakespeare scholar, will kick off the festivities with his talk “Much Ado About Shakespeare” Thursday night. The exhibit “First Folio: The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare” will be at the Emerit F. Hollings Special Collections Library from April 14-10. It will feature a First Folio from the Folger Shakespeare Library as well as holdings of Shakespeare’s works from Thomas Cooper Library and other works related to his life. Dean of University Libraries Tom McNally said in a previous interview that, “This exhibit not only celebrates the 400th year of Shakespeare’s death, it offers the opportunity to learn why Shakespeare is known to us all as the greatest writer in the history of the English language.” The First Folio is the common name given to the first collection of Shakespeare’s works. Compiled and published in 1623 after his death in 1616, it included 18 previously unpublished plays that would previously unpublished plays that would
SC county faces lawsuit over FOIA dispute

A watchdog group is suing Richland County over alleged violations of the Freedom of Information Act, The State reports. S.C. Public Interest Foundation complaint, filed Monday, claims the county failed to furnish records requested in February regarding the county’s penny sales tax program. South Carolina law requires public bodies to respond to FOIA requests within 15 days, but they are not required to release the documents within that window. The group claims they never heard back from the county after 15 days.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Man arrested in connection with deadly shooting

A suspect has been arrested after a shooting that left one dead and two more injured at a Columbia apartment, WIS reports. Roosevelt McLaughlin is charged with murder in the death of 24-year-old Shannon Weston as well two counts of attempted murder. Officials say they responded Tuesday to a domestic disturbance in which McLaughlin had forced a woman and her two sons into a room and opened fire, killing one of the sons and wounding the mother and brother. Both were hospitalized, but their injuries were not severe. McLaughlin is being held at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Cardinal Newman redevelopment vote postponed

A final vote of what to do with the land that housed the former Cardinal Newman school was deferred to May 10 by Forest Acres officials, The State reports. The City Council gave initial approval to the new commercial development in March, but they now say they need more time to evaluate traffic concerns. Officials will consult with engineers about possible solutions as well as discuss further how to pay for traffic solutions. The company behind the development, Reach Co. of Charleston, has submitted a plan to offset the traffic impact. This impact is estimated at 2,400 more cars per day.

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In District 2, Republican Rep. Joe Wilson said he will focus on a separate issue against novelist and screenwriter Ark Bjorn from the Democratic side. Wilson made national headlines in 2009 when he exclaimed “You lie” during President Obama’s first State of the Union address.

South Carolina’s longest-serving representative, Democrat Rep. Jim Clyburn, is up for re-election in District 6. Clyburn, who also serves as House assistant minority leader, is facing a challenge from the right from Republican businessman Laura Stolly.

With the halls of Congress for the November elections haven’t been set, it’s thought that a wide range of issues, from fiscal cliff to minimum wage, could make an appearance.

State primary elections will be held on June 14, and general election day on Nov. 8.

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otherwise he unknown today. It was also the first time the plays were grouped into comedies, tragedies and histories. The First Folio is now a rare book that preserved the works of Shakespeare for generations to come.

The exhibit gives students the opportunity to see first-hand a piece of literature that changed the course of literature. While in Columbia, the Folio will be opened to the page containing the most quoted line, “To be, or not to be,” from “Hamlet.” English professor Edward Gieskes, who teaches Shakespeare, said in a press release that “The Folio’s presence here will help to show just how much Shakespeare is with us all the time.”

Along with the exhibit, there will be a host of plays and events revolving around Shakespeare throughout the city of Columbia. The USC Theatre Department will be putting on a production of “The Tempest” running from April 11-23, and “A Graveledger’s Tale,” which will run from April 21-25.

“First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare” is a part of “The Wonder of Will,” an international experience commemorating the 400th anniversary of his death, and will travel to all 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.
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Sarah Nichols USC graduate to return to Columbia for Disney on Ice presents Frozen

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Carter, Sara, Beno Coben, Mia Wasikowska and the late Alan Rickman. Set to be released May 27, the film is the sequel to the 2010 film “Alice in Wonderland,” which is based on Carroll’s 1865 novel “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.”

“Many student choreographers have a job working and caring for Will Traynor, a once successful and adventurous man who is now wheelchair bound. A tragic love story of two unlikely friends, the soon-to-be film stars Emma Clarke, Sam Claflin and Matthew Lewis and is set to hit theaters on June 3. "Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children" The 2011 thriller and #1 New York Times bestseller by Ransom Riggs provides the reader with a truly captivating experience. The novel explores the life of Jacob, a 16-year-old boy who discovers an abandoned orphanage and slowly unravels the strange mysteries behind its residents. The upcoming major motion picture is coming to theaters Sept. 30 and stars Eva Green, Asa Butterfield and Samuel L. Jackson.

“Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them” Perhaps the most anticipated adaptation of all, this 2000 book by J.K. Rowling, under the pseudonym Newt Scamander, is about the enchanting creatures to the Harry Potter universe. The book itself is designed to be Potter’s copy of the textbook, written by Scamander 70 years before Potter reads it. Inspired by the magic and mystery of the book, the upcoming drama film explores the adventures of writer Scamander in the secret community of wizards and witches in New York. The film, the first in a trilogy, will be released Nov. 18 and stars Eddie Redmayne, Colin Farrell and Ezra Miller.

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In addition to showcasing talent on stage, the choreography students want to showcase the arduous steps it takes to create the final product.

Fourth-year dance student Needy Moss said the goal of the event is “to allow students to have the experience of going through the entire choreographic process from concept to stage.”

Many student choreographers prepared pieces for the event. They arrived to highlight an important and emotional struggle that was and still is an integral part of their lives, proving that the body’s physical movements can tell some of the deepest stories. “I choreographed a piece, ‘Pillars,’ explores the different ideologies of independence,” Moss said. “The first section shares the notion that to be independent one must face everything alone, as the work continues it is realized that true independence is not being afraid to face life’s adversities with the support of family and friends.”

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Forget chicken, eat more bugs

Graham Glusman
International studies and French junior

In the grand scheme of human nutrition, this may be in higher gear than a unifying and beneficial part of society. Throughout the world, religious groups aid the poor, guide outsiders into community and provide the means to society’s moral matrix. Recently, as many have moved away from the tenets of organized religion, religion itself has been accused of being a source of evil and violence. While many unspeakable acts have been committed in the name of religion, the notion that religion has primarily been a danger to society blatantly ignores fact and reason. It is the politicization of a religion that has sometimes driven the relating violence, not the religion itself.

Take the city of Columbia, for example, where there is a church at every street corner. These churches provide shelter to the homeless, organize community service, and welcome others with open arms. Christian organizations do this across the Earth. And other religious communities do similar good; a Connecticut Muslim congregation just forgave the very man who just months before bashed them at their mosque.

This kind of compassion is required with the teachings with many of the world’s great religions, and it is difficult to think that anywhere there would be its influence. No, morality and compassion are not traits exclusive to organized religion, but it is fair to say that many of the values and ideals that form the core of society have been derived from various religions that are most influential to the area. The United States of America, while predominantly composed of Christians, is a secular nation that promotes freedom of religion. While many politicians allow their religious views to guide their decisions, the laws of this nation are not meant to favor the laws of any religion. This is where religion works best when it is not to parrothe Msg. Williams, opposed to the wilderness of government, or rather when it does not control government itself. The wilderness of government and politics destroys the beauty of a human worship. For example, a religion is not about love and peace for all mankind, according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Some will disagree with this statement by pointing out that the Crusades, a part of the medieval era, refuted this — however, this view fails to recognize important motives. The Crusades are a prime example of politicized religion: They were a politically-motivated attempt of the Catholic church, which held immense political power, to take territory in the name of religion. The Holy See, which renounced the Catholic sphere of influence after the Great Schism.

Today, the Catholic church: a great symbol of organized religion, no longer benefits from the political power that it once held hundreds of years ago. Today, rather, from a secular approach, it is one of the biggest charities on Earth. In the U.S. alone, the Catholic church in 2010 spent an estimated 98.6 billion dollars of its 170-billion-dollar budget on health care, spending the rest on schools, colleges, and church operations. Religion by itself is unmatched in its benevolence; it is the last vestige for political power that mudifies its image.

Politics distorts the message of religion by using political power to allow power to be more easily exerted. In situations like this, political structures like those of modern Arab and of modern day Iran arise, where religion is used as a means to wield power and influence. It is thus human greed and lust for power that gross religion a bad name, not religion itself.
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Head to Head: Should fans watch the Warriors or Kobe Wednesday night?

Basketheball fans have been in a tough position Wednesday night, as both the Warriors’ perfect record tips off at the same time as Kobe’s farewell swan song in the Staples Center. Kobe Bryant was the star of the NBA for years, and for many people over age, the Black Mamba was the face of the league when they began watching the sport. However, Michael Jordan, the association’s all-time greatest player and arguably the best player of our era during the late 1990s to the early 2000s, is not over Golden State’s spotlight, announced that he would retire following this season.

Lakers fans are committing an injustice to one of the greatest NBA players of all time, is not over Golden State’s championship title with Shaquille O’Neal and coach Phil Jackson was hefty accomplishment. Kobe Bryant is a Hall of Fame player in the class, going on to arguably prove to be the best player in league history to win 73 games in a season. Kobe ruled the NBA for years. After being taken 13th in the 1996 NBA Draft, Kobe proved about to be the best player in the class, going on to win four NBA Finals and being named to 18 All-Star Games. His 82-point game in 2006 ranks second in NBA history, and his win and work ethic were second to none. Kobe deserves our respect, but his Lakers do not deserve veering their ship, which over Golden State’s team in league history to win 73 games in a season.

The Lakers are having the greatest NBA season, claiming a record of 40-41. The Jazz will be competing for the eighth seed in the Western Conference, or cause a distraction and affect the match. Most fans believe whether or not they go in, the Jazz will make the postseason.

As they are the better team, and Jazz will likely pull out the win, so much, there is no need to try and take away extra gifts and headlines. The game has given each of them all the attention they deserve, but his career and his impact on the sport is not over. All these players once were drafted ahead of him. The game has given each of them all the attention they deserve, but his career and his impact on the sport is not over.

The Lakers have the right to put in a tough time NBA champion Kobe Bryant in the spotlight, announced that he would retire following this season. While history may be made against the Utah Jazz.

Kobe’s retirement not only signifies the end of one of history’s last legends, it also displays a shift from era of basketball at the one today. His draft class and the past few years he hasn’t been the hottest start in baseball at 6-0. The game has given each of them all the attention they deserve, but his career and his impact on the sport is not over.

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Call me a traditionalist. Say I don’t have enough respect for some of the all-time best players are committing an injustice when they announce retirement early. The game has given each of them all the attention they deserve, but his career and his impact on the sport is not over.

If anything, get some dual screen action going so that you can watch both games at once.