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Day of Miracles raises $54,750.61 in 24 hours

Laren Shirley

"For the kids!" Students yelled on Greene Street as pies were thrown into their faces by their friends and peers. They called themselves Miracle Makers and they are participants in USC’s Dance Marathon team. On Sunday, they hoped to raise $10,000 to support the philanthropic organization, Dance Marathon.

But what started out as a goal of raising $30,000 quickly turned into something much bigger. In fact, a total of $147,701 was raised, almost doubling the amount these Miracle Makers had originally hoped to reach.

The money raised will go to the Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital, a member of the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals that will help fund medical expenses for the 80,000 children that the hospital helps every year.

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She started with the number of people who showed up to support the cause, and then moved to the number of dollars raised, which was $883.50.

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Yik Yak attack: free swag for students

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But this wasn’t just any yak — it was the Yik Yak. USC students could “side the Yak” this weekend when the social media platform’s crew made its way to Columbia.

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Police searching for man who threw gun, pushed victim through glass door

For the first time since 2008, President Barack Obama will come to South Carolina to visit Benedict College in Columbia, according to The State. His last visit was after he won the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary in January 2008.

“I thank President David Swinton and the Benedict College family for hosting President Obama’s event with students and youth leaders,” said Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., who worked to bring Obama back to the state.

Gov. Nikki Haley has also extended her welcome to the president as Columbia prepares for his arrival Friday.

Barack Obama to visit Columbia, Benedict College

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Nick Ducko doesn’t let years or convention tell him how to make his music. “Making music is very much an experiment,” the third-year media arts student said.

That’s reflected in his work, currently available on Soundcloud — it skips around from sound to sound, sometimes within the same song. Electronica, rock and ambient all make appearances, leaving Ducko without a signature sound, but with a wide range of options.

Diversifying is part of why Ducko is majoring in media arts instead of music. Ducko insists the title of his degree doesn’t matter much — he majors in media arts primarily because he works with audio and other music-related things. The Oak Ridge, Tennessee native said media arts classes help him create music, and his major allows him to work with sound and has opened him up to friends and creative collaboration networks.

Ducko has only recently started sharing the music he has recorded. He describes his sound as alternative and his most recent work draws influence from both rock and hip-hop. “He creates his music in a home studio that he shares with a few roommates. Ducko works on his own to create his alternative rock sound, but sometimes he’ll get his roommates into the mix.”

“Sometimes I’ll get them in to do guitar or drums or something. But I think I can’t do it very well,” Ducko said. “They don’t know how to do it all myself.”

Ducko aspires to create music for films and is working on a theater production program for the university and said college truly has helped him become a better musician. He considers Jennifer Tarr, a media arts instructor for the School of Visual Art and Design, and her husband Simon Tarr, to be outstanding teachers and influences.

“The inspiration mostly comes from the emotional impact they have on me,” Ducko said. “I wish I could have that sort of impact on someone else. I want to inspire people to do what I’m doing.”

Other inspirations for Ducko include artists such as David Bowie, Radiohead and London based Bastard.

Ducko said there isn’t a right sound to make music. “Being a musician has its ups and downs, he said, and even if you’re frustrating when nothing seems to be working.”

“Trying new things, taking risks and figuring things out,” he said, “especially when you find a breakthrough.”

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Foreign film ‘Mommy,’ released in January 2015, looks to touchy subjects like violence and mother and son relationships.

The winner of the 2014 Cannes Jury Award and nominee for Best Foreign Language Film at the 87th Academy Awards, ‘Mommy’ is a breathtaking and gritty expression of the difficult decisions that come when a dysfunctional mother and her violent son must rely on each other for survival. Anne Dorval stars as Diane “Doe” Déprés, the widowed mother of Steve O’Connor Déprés (Antoine-Olivier Pilon), a violent 15-year-old boy diagnosed with ADHD after his father’s death. In the beginning, Doe chooses to deinstitutionalize her son after it is recommended that he be transferred to a more restrictive juvenile detention center because he set fire to the institution’s cafeteria and injured another boy. Die must deal with raising Steve on her own while protecting herself from his violent outbursts. When it seems like there is no hope for the two, a mysterious and inconspicuous neighbor, Kyla (Suzanne Clément), gives Die and Steve a glimpse of the happiness and peace that they never thought possible.

The language of the film is captivating. Spoken in Québécois and démêlé with slang and curious words, even native French speakers will need subtitles. Die and Steve’s language and the context of their conversations are juxtaposed with the language of Kyla, the more sophisticated and inconspicuous neighbor. The mother and son are united by blood, language and being outcasts of society. At 25 years old, Dolan has accomplished more than can be expected of any young director, but he is, above all, an actor. In an interview with Huffington Post, Dolan said that his approach to film making is formed through a prism of acting. “This is what motivates every move, every reaction,” he said. “It is becoming harder and harder to think of a future where I will solely direct, and I won’t even, because it’s never going to happen.” Fans can be on the lookout for the release of Dolan’s next film and first English-speaking piece, “The Life and Death of John F. Donovan,” starring Jessica Chastain from “Zero Dark Thirty” and Kit Harrington from “Game of Thrones” in 2016.
Society manipulates, form one’s own ideas

Emily Stone
First-year public relations student

Have you ever wondered if your thoughts and actions are your own?

I know that probably sounds a little bit cliché, but think about it how many of our own ideas and actions are actually our own?

Reflect on some of the conversations you’ve had with your friends. Do you discuss your likes and dislikes or do you talk about current events? What about how you see yourself?

A huge deal of our thoughts and practices come from what we see around us or how we were raised – everything from our parents to the media influences us daily.

Sure, college is the time to be independent and venture into finding ourselves, but it’s hard to escape how we were raised. Maybe your family always placeboed the toilet paper up and down, so now you do the same.

You can’t think of a reason why you do. You just do. That’s not your own thought. Someone else put that idea into your head.

It’s not a bad thing. Humans are creatures of habit and we do things that are familiar and comfortable to us. Everyone has their own little routines that they carry out.

Besides our family, the media also plays a big part in shaping how we see things and ourselves.

The media portrays ideal personalities and body types for both boys and girls. Ladies have this idea that to be considered beautiful by society that they have to be smaller than a size four. Guys believe that their height has to start with a six to find someone to love them.

There are Twitter accounts dedicated highlighting beauty in men and women, but when did their idea of beauty come from?

These posts affect people of all ages simply by stating their opinion on body image. A person’s post can be morphed by the ideas of their family, friends and celebrities.

It’s a chain reaction that has an unclear start and an ending point.

Take a step back and truly evaluate yourself.

Do you like your new outfit because your friend has a similar one or because you saw it on Tumblr? Is the way you think about love modeled after your parents? How about striving to fit an image that you see on the Internet?

There’s absolutely nothing wrong with being influenced. It’s inevitable. It’s nearly impossible to check of a whole new concept of living. Our thoughts are mirrors of those around us.

Dance Marathon
One-day model sets example worth emulating

On Thursday, the Federal Communications Commission voted to defend net neutrality.

Net neutrality has been a hot topic of discussion recently – essentially, it means Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will be unable to control the speed of the Internet depending on the host of the webpage. Regardless of what you can read on MSNBC (owned by Comcast), this was a monumental and beneficial decision by the FCC.

Make no mistake, defending net neutrality essentially defends the First Amendment – freedom of speech. If ISPs were allowed to strangle webpages they don’t like, our ability to form ideas and our right to free speech would be strangled out our reach.

Thankfully, the FCC made the right decision, and I was able to read the opinions that Comcast and Verizon certainly didn’t like. And, now that the Open Internet Order has passed, you as the reader will be able to read this column online without your ISP restricting your access.

Thursday was a monumental victory, no matter how slim it was. Although I would’ve been more comfortable with a 5-0 vote, 3-2 ensures the same victory, no matter how slim it was. Although I would’ve been more comfortable with a 5-0 vote, 3-2 ensures the same

Net neutrality has been in the public eye for a few weeks, which inevitably means the FCC will lose interest in this topic soon. But it is important to know that, even with the passage of the Open Internet Order, the battle for a free and open Internet is not over.

While the Open Internet Order was a great victory, but it is important to remember that the margin was incredibly close. It would’ve been easy to squash our access to an open and public Internet, and hopefully we will reach that goal one day soon.

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- **Preschool administrators and teachers needed**
  - Eastminster Day School is at 2020 Twemlow Road. Columbia is now accepting applications for preschool teachers & substitute teachers. Interested applicants, please call 770-521-1012
  - Email loc@eastminster.org

**Travel**

- **BANAHAN SPRING BREAK**

**Horoscopes**

- **Aries**
  - Low-key fun keeps everyone entertained.
  - Don't let others spend too much of your money. Let someone else pick up the bill. Share a secret. Your intuition is excellent now. Try for anything you want and exceed expectations.

- **Taurus**
  - Get your family members on a project. Confer and figure out how to divide the tasks and accountabilities. Work together to get the job done.
  - You can get fancier and future now.

- **Gemini**
  - Reward inspired efforts with delicious food and shared laughter.
  - Shared laughter will amaze you. Words travel farther and faster now.

- **Cancer**
  - Your assets increase in value, or a new home source appears. Don't spend too much before you get it though.
  - Your prosperity levels are on the rise. Get connected with a natural ally. Support friends who you want to up to.

- **Leo**
  - A personal issue takes you in the moon of your sign. Ask for what's due. Your services are in demand. There's an opportunity for a home.,
  - Conditions are ripe to expand.
  - Keep your instruments tuned up.
  - Your loved ones have your side on this.

- **Virgo**
  - Quiet solitude can get quite productive.
  - Replace something that's broken. Keep your tools in tip-top shape.
  - Keep your family in the know.

- **Libra**
  - Accept a challenge to learn from the experience of others.
  - There are new work opportunities available. Refrain from committing to programs or commitments.

- **Scorpio**
  - A professional dilemma requires a solution. Consult an expert.
  - Find out what you need fast. Play by the rules. This game could get fun.

- **Sagittarius**
  - Today favors a business trip, class, conference, especially if you're working.
  - Hold meetings and seminars.
  - Accept rigorous standards from your team.
  - There's no need to overdo it.

**Crossword**

Edited to bring you:

- **ACROSS**
  - 1. See 2, 9, 10, 11, 25, 26, 27, 29, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 52, 55, 56
  - 3. Tug of war
  - 15. Gallery event
  - 16. Lady Violet in the comic “B.C.”
  - 23. Not together
  - 28. Nasty fall
  - 30. Wrangler’s name
  - 34. Anteater’s slurp in the comic “B.C.”
  - 42. Bingo call

- **DOWN**
  - 1. Arctic game
  - 2. Unprotected, in a relationship
  - 3. Much spam

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Looking to end a two-game losing streak, the Gamecocks men’s basketball team defeated Mississippi State, another team that finds itself north of .500, in a 71-66 victory on Saturday.

Wynkoop, who had another strong start against Florida in the NCAA tournament, picked up his second win of the year against Clemson on Saturday.

“Today, I think the defense was great and I think the offense was great,” said Johnson. “They were in a rhythm, they were not forced. Some games we force shots up. We are great shooters, but when we can have one turnover, take care of one player, you have one high in his second to last home game, that’s what you want from seniors.”

Johnson’s outstanding outing came off two fantastic performances against Texas A&M and Ole Miss in which he scored eight points.

As a team, South Carolina finally made some shots and took good shots, according to Johnson.

“We played well in offense and made 64 percent of its shots against the Bulldogs, a noticeable increase from its 39 percent season average. Led by Johnson’s third 20-plus point performance of the year, the players scored in double-digits for South Carolina.

Gamecock head coach Frank Martin has criticized his team for being too passive and has struggled to put the ball in the Gamecocks’ best players’ hands.

“Clarke Schmidt came in and got a big couple outs there,” said Johnson. “Brennan Doherty pitched and competed,” Martin said.

Johnson said that the offense was ready to go, that’s what you want in rubber. “I thought our ball was good and as well,” Martin said.

Although South Carolina went 8 of 24 from beyond the arc (33 percent), the Gamecocks’ defense was a major reason for the Gamecocks’ victory.

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After losing 11-4 at Ole Miss on Saturday, the Gamecocks must replace Wynkoop with another player who can pitch in the second inning.

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