More school to participate in the 2.5-mile team for USC students to walk for the third year. Three people have been affected.

What I do goes beyond me. It’s cancer, and Brandon Martin, a third-year theater student, wants to raise awareness, money and organized by Spring Valley High School’s International Club. Niehaus, said the club has approximately 70 members. In 2005, it also killed more, in one year, than the American deaths in 2005, it also killed 559,312 Americans in 2005, it also.

It’s certainly opened my eyes. Martin said, “We wanted to get most of the donations before the event so we could just party and have a good time; we didn’t want to have to worry about finances during the relay.” Some teams have already near their donation goals. “My Woman’s Quad team’s goal was $500, and we ended up with $600,” said Roland, a first-year hospitality student. "My other team raised $2,575; we’re hoping to hit $5,000 by the end of the relay. If we get $100 dollars donated for each team member, it would be great.” Martin does not want students to think they have to donate to enjoy the relay. “You don’t have to sign up online or donate to come,” Martin said. "Come out and have a good time.”

The Relay for Life will take place 7 p.m. Friday at Bluff Field. It will last until 7 a.m. Saturday.

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Local

Installing a new fire sprinkler system in a home or business could bring tax breaks worth about half their cost under a bill sent to the Senate on Thursday.

The legislation allows local governments to decide whether to offer tax breaks of up to 27 percent of the fire sprinkler system’s cost. That money would be matched by state tax breaks. Property owners with sprinkler systems also typically get breaks on their fire insurance.

The legislation is in response to a deadly furniture store fire in Charleston last year that killed nine firefighters. Authorities have said sprinklers would have at least delayed the spread of the fire that was the greatest loss of firefighters since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

“I think it’s going to help,” Columbia Fire Chief Bradley Anderson said.

It’s unclear how many counties may offer the tax breaks or, given the economy, how many can afford it.

Robert Croom, lobbyist for the South Carolina Association of Counties, said there were no estimates of how much the typical county might offer. Some county administrators now are having a hard enough time writing budgets that allow for meager pay increases, he said.

“I don’t know that they’d be able to afford it,” Croom said.

An earlier version of the bill had no state tax breaks, but county credits worth 80 percent of the installation’s cost.

National

BROCKWAY, Pa. — A pre-dawn fire engulfed a western Pennsylvania home where three generations of the same family lived Thursday, killing 11 people, most of them children, while the patriarch worked an overnight shift.

Authorities identified the dead as a 40-year-old woman and nine people under 20, including two infants. Most of the younger ones were children or grandchildren of the woman, Kimberly Peterson.

Two members of the family escaped, including a young woman who jumped from the second floor and ran naked and screaming for help, officials said. The roaring flames melted the siding on a neighboring house.

Fire Chief Kris Benson said the front of the house was ablaze when he arrived at 2:50 a.m. and tried to enter through a side door, but was forced back by smoke and flames.

“This fire had a very, very good jump on us,” the chief said.

Jaimie Hynds, a newspaper editor who lives across the street from the home, said she was awakened at about 2:30 a.m. by a naked woman shouting for help. The woman jumped from the second floor and ran to Hynds’ home, according to the newspaper. The Courier-Express of DuBois.

Peterson’s husband, Douglas Peterson Jr., was at work in a nearby town when he learned about the fire. He arrived around 4 a.m. at the house on a main drag lined with several other single-family homes, officials said.

World

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Intruders ransacked offices of the main opposition party and police detained foreign journalists Thursday in an ominous sign that President Robert Mugabe might turn to intimidation and violence in trying to stave off an electoral threat to his 28-year rule.

Earlier, Mugabe apparently launched his campaign for an expected run-off presidential ballot even before the official results of Saturday’s election were announced, with state media portraying the opposition as divided and controlled by former colonial ruler Britain.

Five days after the vote, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission still had not released results on the presidential election despite increasing international pressure, including from former U.N. chief Kofi Annan, who recently mediated an end to Kenya’s postelection violence.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change already asserted its leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, won the presidency outright, but said it was prepared to compete in any runoff.

The police raids came a day after official results showed Mugabe’s party had lost control of parliament’s 210-member lower house. The election commission was to deliver the first results late Thursday that gave fire seats each to the opposition and ruling party.

Tsvangirai tried to reassure security chiefs who owned a week ago not to serve anyone but Mugabe, according to a source close to the leader.

—Compiled by The Associated Press

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The Bodybuilding and Fitness Club also held an orientation and a strength meet in addition to Mr. and Miss USC Championships, which is the longest running event held by the club. Admission to the competition is $5 for USC students with their Carolina Card and $5 for non-students. Attendance last year was approximately 100 people and Greenlaw expects the same this year. “Don’t knock it until you try,” Brei said. “There is a social taboo around men wearing barba hammocks, but it’s a very cool tool. You get to see all these guys and girls and see the results of their months of hard work.”

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We wanted to share our good news!

Congratulations to the staff of The Daily Gamecock for winning 9 awards in the student category of the 2008 South Carolina Press Association’s awards recognizing excellence in reporting, editorial, design, photography, illustration, special sections and Web site.
Senate proposal may raise money for alternative fuel and nanotech research.

States shouldn't rely on immorality charges to fix fiscal irresponsibility.

With the increase in high-end research comes an improved reputation for USC.

In response to "JSU blood drives stocked with 'SJSU blood donors,'" by Jen Stockhe.

In the religion of politics, the current sorry world we live in.

In response to "Transgender bigotry far too common," by Jimi Wittenberg, The Daily Gamecock.

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For a ballet dancer, the highest aspiration one can have is to be part of the famed New York City Ballet.

“Writing is easy. You only need to stare at a piece of blank paper until a drop of blood forms on your forehead.” — Daniel Defoe

The members of Afro-indie act Vampire Weekend are fresh out of USC. "VW's self-titled CD just came out — a revolution makes it possible to generate new band of the year — already?!”

The New York City Ballet dancers Wendy Whelan and Albert Evans dance to “Barber’s Violin Concerto,” one of the pieces that will be performed at “Ballet Stars of New York.”

California native one of many to enter growing digital accessory market

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Tinsel, acrylic paint, magnifying glass, spray paint, matches and wood. These are just some of the materials used in the art of Aaron Kraten. But Kraten’s art isn’t just in galleries. His pieces are also found on iPods, Motorolas and the backs of Dell laptops. Toronto, Canada-based Galaskins puts Kraten’s art on gadgets, along with the art of 55 other companies. The company sells the so-called skins online at custom retail outlets around the country. The sticker-like art pieces are made to protect mobile phones, music players and laptops.

“This business of personalizing people’s gadgets is a growing market, according to A&R Research. A report it released last year predicts that the mobile phone accessory market will grow steadily in the next five years and will generate more than $80 billion in revenue in 2012 — 110 percent more than the estimated $32 billion in 2005. The mobile phone accessory market includes cases, Bluetooth headsets, GPS receivers and speakers.

“The number of mobile phone accessory products is exploding, with new products drown by technology as well as by customer fashion and personalization needs,” said Shailendra Pandey, A&R Research industry analyst.

“The demand for fashionable electronics had never been higher. Our clients are bombarded with all of the other protection out there,” Dunn said. “They were too thick, non-stylish and all looked the same.”
**Inside the Box**  
**By Matthew Lourie / The Daily Gamecock**

Aries: A beneficial development occurs, much to your surprise. You planned for it and hoped it would happen, but it’s startling when it does. Even when you realize it would happen, but it’s when it actually happens you are taken by surprise. You’re so dearly blessed.

Cancer: Be especially cute and in a generous mood. Possibly a parent, or a close relative, is watching where you’re going. 

Leo: Gather your resources and also pack a couple of things. This weekend’s good for travel, with a few minor exceptions. Just watch where you’re going. Virgo: You’ve established your priorities, also make lists of the problems that stand in your way. Under each item, make a few notes about possible routes around them.

Libra: Your creative juices should be flowing. Give yourself time to get into it. 

Scorpio: A special bond exists between siblings. This work for cousins, too.

Sagittarius: Don’t let a special moment go by unnoticed. A very gentle person will appreciate your attention and acknowledgement.

Capricorn: A special bond exists between siblings. This works for cousins, too.

Aquarius: All you have to do is ask. This works for cousins, too.

Pisces: Those count, too. Some count, too.

Horoscopes

**Sudoku**  
**By The Mephag Group**

**How to Play**

Complete the grid so each row, column, AND 3-by-3 box (in bold border) contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Solutions for 4/3/08**

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**Crossword**  
**Edited by Wayne Robert Williams**

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ACROSS
1. Batha’s sponge  
2. 3rd word of “The Two”  
4. Inertible  
5. Lab’s capital  
14. Longest river  
15. Celebrity promoter  
16. Syrian leader  
17. Theological doubters  
18. Skater’s jump  
19. Measure out  
20. Stabilization  
21. Wrong answer  
22. TV spots  
23. Measure out  
24. Freeman maneuver  
25. Formal attire  
27. Beanie or beret  
28. Son of, e.g.  
29. Actress Merkel  
30. A drink like a cat  
31. Itinerary abbr.  
32. Couple’s possessive  
33. Measure out  
34. Manages, somehow  
35. “The World’s star”  
36. Friend  
37. Mid range  
38. Picnic pest  
39. Assistant  
40. Mimics  
41. Knight’s  
42. Destitute  
43. Marginals  
44. Raw mineral  
45. Change  
46. Mid range  
47. Mini motor vehicle  
48. High-risk state  
49. Hole in the wall  
50. Specific  
51. “Meet the Parents” star  
52. Stabilization  
53. “The World’s star”  
54. “Meet the Parents” star  
55. Mid grade  
56. Lower case  
57. Itinerary abbr.  
58. Holiday camp  
59. Family group  
60. “The World’s star”  
61. Holiday camp  
63. Mississippi or Ohio  
64. “The World’s star”  
65. Mid range  
66. Mid grade  
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68. Mid grade  
69. Mid grade  
70. Mid grade

DOWN
1. Constrained state  
2. Classic single  
3. Greenish yellow  
4. “The Misfits” star  
5. Long lumpy bean  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008**

- **DOGS, THE MUSICAL**
  - USC Workshop Theatre, 1136 Bull St.
  - 8 p.m., $14

- **THE COOTER SCOOTERS**
  - New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.
  - 7:30 p.m., $7

- **BROTHER SISTER, THOSE LAVENDER WHALES, MATRIMONY’S FAÇADE, BLACK SWAN,**
  - Koger Center, 1051 Greene St.
  - 7 p.m., $15 — $35

- **WUSC FUNDRAISER**
  - Headliners, 700 Gervais St.
  - 8 p.m., Free

- **PRESENTED BY USC DANCE**
  - USC Workshop Theatre, 1136 Bull St.
  - 8 p.m., $14

- **STARS OF THE NEW YORK CITY BALLET**
  - Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
  - 8 p.m., $5

- **A TALE TOLD BY AN IDIOT (AN EXPERIMENT)**
  - Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
  - 8 p.m., $5

- **USC DANCE**
  - Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
  - 8 p.m., $5

- **THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY**
  - Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
  - 8 p.m., Free

- **SWEENY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET**
  - Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
  - 8 p.m., Free

- **BRENT MCDONALD BAND**
  - 9 p.m., $5

- **APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION, EVIL EMPIRE**
  - 9 p.m., $5

- **FLEET STREET**
  - Headliners, 700 Gervais St.
  - 8 p.m., Free

- **LOADED LATE NITE**
  - Headliners, 700 Gervais St.
  - 9 p.m., Free

- **LOADED LATE NITE**
  - USC Workshop Theatre, 1136 Bull St.
  - 9 p.m., $8

- **THE DIVER BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY**
  - Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
  - 9 p.m., $5

- **WUSC FUNDRAISER**
  - Headliners, 700 Gervais St.
  - 9 p.m., Free

- **USC DANCE**
  - Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
  - 9 p.m., $5

- **WUSC FUNDRAISER**
  - Headliners, 700 Gervais St.
  - 9 p.m., Free

- **P.S. I LOVE YOU**
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  - 6 p.m., Free

- **Russell House Theater**
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Carolina resumes border war

The Carolina baseball team travels to Athens this weekend to take on SEC East foe Georgia. The three-game weekend series will begin Friday night as Carolina’s fourth SEC series of the season.

The Gamecocks will look to continue their four straight games with strong hitting, as they have taken all of those wins. After hitting .319 as a team in the season, USC’s Phil Dierker has started to heat up at the plate, hitting .417 and up at the plate, hitting .417. 

Auburn will start at 1 p.m., while Alabama is set for 2 p.m., both mid-week contests this week. USc Coach Ray Tanner said, “It’s always nice to come out and boost the team entering a weekend series. The Tuesday games during the week should help the team enter the weekend games, including four save opportunities for five with a home run in the third game of the series will open up at Carolina’s Beckham Field. Carolina has won four of the games. The second-year starter is a pitcher since he coaxed the Gamecocks to a mid-season victory over Blake Steele (SEC) and the University of South Carolina.

The Gamecocks open the weekend games Friday night at 6:00 p.m. in Athens. Comments on this story? E-mail gamecocksportspage@sc.edu

After earning its first SEC win of the year last Saturday, Arkansas, the Carolina men’s tennis team will attempt to achieve more conference victories this weekend. Carolina, which took No. 24 Alabama (14-8, 4-4 SEC) at the Sam Dandridge Tennis Center, is still on top of the SEC.

The Gamecocks are 6-2 in mid-season series earlier this week. In the six games in the league are on the road. The team has defeated four SEC, USC coach Ray Tanner after Florida wins, which has also stepped up for the SEC West this season. In order to win this series, Carolina will have to pick up its fourth win of the season. Camilo Valencia, a freshman from Brazil, has won his last five matches.

Carolina starting pitcher Will Anderson will try to pick up his fourth win of the season. On Saturday, Anderson is a perfect 1-0 on the team, with all three wins coming in SEC contests. The USC bullpen will be a factor this weekend as well, with relievers, including Brandon Todd and Craig Thomas, ready to come in and pitch late in the game.

The Gamecocks are hitting .417 of .378 on the season. The Gamecocks have collected five saves this year. The sophomore from Brazil, has won his last five matches.

The Gamecocks won the first game of the series with an 8-3 run-rule in nine innings. Carolina’s fourth SEC series of the season, leading the team in RBIs (13), home runs (3), stolen bases (12), walks (45), and on-base percentage (.389) in the lineup, but he’s done well where he’s at, so I’d hate to spoil anything.”

We need to win at least one of them. Our next six games in May are huge. We had a great win against the Crimson and against Davidson,” first baseman Justin Smoak said. “Georgia is playing well right now, so we’re going to have to get there and play hard.”

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Auburn has won 11 of its last 13 SEC games, which has been a pleasant surprise this year for DeMar. “They should be to match the speed and outside punch with the height of the Tar Heels. 

This maturity will be needed during the tournament, the South Carolina and Auburn will play a doubleheader on Saturday, with the first game starting at 1 p.m. and the second at approximately 3 p.m. The third game of the series will be played Sunday at 2 p.m. Two other players that have improved their play recently at the top of the lineup are Terry Copeland with five saves and Brooks Copeland with four saves. Carolina has been a pleasant surprise this year for DeMar. “They should be two very close matches, even though they’re ranked a lot higher than us, so I think we closed the gap on them.”

Wednesday night against Davidson. The junior from Columbia has an overall record of 7-8 and is ninth in the SEC with an earned runs average of 3.19. He feels that he’s a pitcher since he coaxed the Gamecocks to a mid-season victory over Blake Steele (SEC) and the University of South Carolina.

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Auburn comes to Columbia with an overall record of 3-9 and an SEC record of 9-5, good for third in the SEC Western Division.

Similarly, the Tigers have struggled on offense since this season with a batting average of 249 but have excelled in pitching with a team ERA of 1.62. Auburn has two of the top five pitchers in the conference with regards to ERA in senior Brittany Day and freshman Lauren Schmalz. Day has a 10-2 record with a 1.26 ERA and is only allowing batters to hit 0.144 off her this season. Schmalz has a 5-1 record with a 1.12 ERA and has also collected five saves this year.

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