Around 11:15 p.m. Tuesday night, champagne bottles popped at the headquarters of the South Carolina Democratic Party, and Dick Harpootlian, its chairman, took a drink straight from one of them. NBC News had just projected that President Barack Obama would win the election and four more years in office. “Yes, we can” cheers rang out.

Across town, Chad Connelly walked over to Matt Moore, the executive director of the South Carolina Republican Party, and said, “That’s it.”

“I don’t believe it,” Moore said. “It’s just not comfortable.”

Minutes later, the Republicans’ viewing party began to empty. It was the end of an election measured in hours — hours of standing in line and just as many spent waiting for results.

In the end, it was Obama’s night, and it was called far earlier than many anticipated, as the president was propelled to a second term, in large part, by eking out a victory in Ohio.

At press time, with results from Florida and Alaska not yet in, the Associated Press projected that Obama would win 303 electoral votes, enough to take a majority and edge out Mitt Romney’s 203. It appeared to be a battle won along lines drawn in 2008. Obama kept control over most of the states he won in his first election, and only Indiana and North Carolina switched to Romney’s side.

This year told a different story. Early Wednesday morning, Obama and Romney were battling for the popular vote lead with margins in the tens of thousands. At press time, Obama was holding out in a squeaker, with 49.5 percent, edging out Romney’s 49 percent.

“It may be a reverse of what happened in 2008,” Moore said earlier in the night, referring to Democrat Al Gore winning the popular vote and Republican President George W. Bush winning the Electoral College.

The former co-chairwoman of the South Carolina College Republicans Federation, Sally Atwater, a 2012 Furman graduate, remembered.

As Obama’s win was called, S.C. Democratic Party Chairman Dick Harpootlian drank straight from the champagne bottle.
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Haley Carpenter, a second-year management and finance student and a member of Sigma Alpha Omega sorority, said she was impressed with the energy all of the organizations brought and how many people turned out to put on and support the event.

“It was such a great atmosphere because it brought all the organizations and students across campus together and kicked off Homecoming right with a positive, exciting energy,” Carpenter said.

For Golladay, the chance to compete for the title of homecoming king was about more than just the recognition the title would bring. Golladay hopes to bring recognition to his fraternity and to Fraternity and Sorority Life in general.

“Guitar was the first instrument I learned to play, and it gave me a way to hone my artistic ability. I decided on the guitar and the first song I’ve ever written because I thought it would be good and heartfelt. It really came from the heart for me.”

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“I wanted to represent my fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa,” he said. “More than that, I wanted to show that we are not the stereotypical frat guys.”

Saleeby said she was nervous — and then excited — about the performances, but that in all, she’d enjoyed the experience.

“I loved getting a chance to meet all the people from different organizations,” Saleeby said. “Sometimes, when you’re involved in your own organization, it’s hard to meet other people, and this was a great way to do so.”

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The sentiments there seemed a split decision; cheers erupted alternately as both Obama’s and Romney’s wins were announced. It marked the dichotomy, some partisans said, of a liberal college campus in the heart of a conservative state.

At Jillian’s, the atmosphere deflated quickly — and dilapidated took hold.

Marcus Finney, who worked on Romney’s campaign in his hometown of Cincinnati and again upon moving to USC, was furious as he watched the results.

“I can’t believe America — I just can’t believe...” she said, before her voice trailed off.
We’re a passionate youth and a changing youth. This election is about us, and that’s what makes the outcome so powerful.

Disney’s good film record keeps galaxy in safe hands

How on Earth could anyone be talking about politics at a time like this? George Lucas recently dealt LucasFilm to Disney for a handsome $4.05 billion, and while nice and mild-blowly discuss political matters such as the next four years of the world’s most powerful country, the truly refined spectator who has been philosophizing over a far more pressing matter: the fate of the world’s favorite space opera.

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Masses of fan boys and girls across the planet shriek with severe cases of acute anxiety regarding the potential for even a child’s childhood and adulthood’s salutary airs going up in smoke by the grandest government that only pretends to distract itself with such fashions as the U.S.’s unemployment and, my personal favorite government sanctioned myth, energy independence. What desperately needs right now is an opinion from a reader who truly believes in what he’s saying regarding the next “Star Wars” film, to be released in 2015, and its successor to be released in the subsequent six years.

It’s good thing that a completely inanimate object, a nation neutrally unknowable in “Star Wars” here and Disney History, and also just so happens to be more than ready for the election fever to subside, am ready to tell everyone that it’s exactly has a history of screwing up. In fact, can name the last Disney movie they use that

What’s more reassuring is that Disney made a similar acquisition a few years ago when it bought Marvel Entertainment, the company that brought us Spider-Man, Iron Man, the X-Men and many more comic book creations and their respective movies. Prior to that deal, superhero movies were making cracks up to be, apart from maybe “Iron Man” and “The Dark Knight.”

We saw huge, awkwardly made and worthy of our viewing in the form of “The Avengers” and its individual heroes’ movies. More importantly, it turned movies that were once but one episodic nightmare of it a special effects showcase, to a “Transformers,” into storytelling rarely seen in the genre before. It’s clear that Disney and all of its subsidiaries know how to tell a story, which is probably their key to this success.

This time time can tell us where the “Star Wars” saga will continue to, but we all ought to trust Disney and will be held to be true of the time and time again. George Lucas and J.J. Abrams presumably going to a better successor, and the man will presumably continue as a creative consultant to continue to bring balance to the force that is the “Star Wars” universe.

Sandy deserves more attention from professors

Disaster should be addressed in classroom

It’s been more than a week since Hurricane Sandy devastated parts of the Northeast, and the region has nowhere everywhere chipped in to help those who have suffered the storm’s destruction. However, many students at USC have complained about how inadequate the university’s response to their needs.

Many students not only said not to mention the students, but New Jersey is the only state whose town

Based on the information provided, it seems there is an attempt to balance the interests of students and the university, but the latter seems to be more focused on general issues rather than the specific needs of the students. The university’s response appears to be lacking in terms of addressing the specific needs of the students affected by Hurricane Sandy.
Well, it’s finally over. And once again, the spirit of American democracy has prevailed and we as citizens have elected a man to be our leader for the next four years. This campaign period will probably go down in the books as one of the most controversial and talked about since the infamous Gore/Bush recount of 2000, with both sides of the political nut harping verbal mud mixed with jibing insults and a few intelligent statements tossed into the mix. Sure, many of us are already prepping for the 2016 vote, but there are certainly some things we’re not going to miss about the electoral process. Here are the top five things Americans can breathe easier about — at least for a little while.

1. ATTACK OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA

Whether you tweet, Facebook, Instagram or even roam the MySpace graveyard, chances are you’ve been intoxicated by the heady brew of political banter and the “my opinion is better than yours because you’ve stupid” persona. The social media platform has become the proverbial megaphone for this year’s election, with almost every citizen of this great nation spouting his or her views on everything from President Barack Obama’s friendship with Beyonce and Jay-Z to Mitt Romney’s recording hair line. Unfortunately, a great majority of us spend several hours a day scrolling through our news feeds, so unless you’re living an Amish lifestyle, there is no escaping the complex blend of ignorance and intellect. Let’s face it. Social media just makes it a whole lot easier for the uninformed to be heard, so let’s take a moment of thanks that we get to see a whole lot less “Mitt Romney/Barack Obama is the Antichrist” posts from that girl whose slumber party you were dragged to.

2. PEOPLE HANDING US STUFF

If you’re like me, you probably have a really hard time turning down someone who is trying to hand you a coupon, flyer or, even worse, a political pamphlet. The last few weeks before the election seem to bring these people out of the woodwork, and I don’t mean figuratively. Just literally chase you down, bullhorn in hand, to try and hand you a handbill that talks all about how Obama is a terrorist or Romney steals candy from little kids. Here’s a news flash: Those are all sitting at the bottom of our trash cans or stuffed into our pants pockets. There’s a lot more to understand about the world of politics than can fit on a sheet of paper, so please don’t waste our time with facts and figures that may not be true. Just leave us be and let us walk to Groucho’s in peace.

3. THE DEBATES

This year’s series of presidential and vice presidential debates were met with a cornucopia of mixed reviews; some thought they were good and some thought they were little more than two grown men trying to knock the other off the monkey bars. Debates are meant to give the candidates an opportunity to respond to questions about their policies and see how they differ from each other so we can develop an informed opinion about who best meets our needs. They are not meant to attack, demean and belittle the other person just because he disagrees with you. But the candidates are only human, and since it’s our natural instinct to react under pressure, there usually ends up being more arguing than explaining. Some of us are just as, if not more, confused than we were before the debate. In the future, we can hope there will be less talking over each other and more comments, no matter how funny they are.

4. CELEBRITIES ACTING LIKE THEY KNOW EVERYTHING

When Donald Trump offered Mr. President’s charity of choice some big bucks (to the tune of $5 million) if he would turn over his college transcripts and passport information, many Americans were left with their eyes wide and jaws hanging open. After all, how can a man whose hair looks like it was cut and pasted from a Ken doll have any room to ask for anything? But this is all too common in the world of politics — if your name comes tagged with a star at the end, you’re automatically pasted from a Ken doll and since it’s our natural instinct to react under pressure, there usually ends up being more arguing than explaining. Some of us are just as, if not more, confused than we were before the debate. In the future, we can hope there will be less talking over each other and more comments, no matter how funny they are.

5. AND ONE THING WE WILL MISS...

“Binders full of women.” This comment has spurred countless memes, Halloween costumes and even a hilarious attack on the Avery binder sold on websites worldwide. This was a crown jewel of the campaign trail.

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Social media opinions, useless debates, uninformed celebrities among annoying aspects of political season

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So here's a fond farewell to the 2012 political campaign trail. Cheers.
‘Ralph’ wrecks expectations of video game movie genre

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But with "Wreck-It Ralph," we get a different style of video game film — a much better style. This isn't a movie based on a single video game, but it instead takes a different approach to a more "Toy Story"-like concept: Video game characters have lives of their own once the arcade is closed. More importantly, it has something for everybody, not just the video game player.

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Wanting to be the hero for a change, Ralph goes off to another game, shooter game "Hero's Duty," in order to win a medal that will mark him as a good guy. But things go awry, and Ralph causes serious havoc throughout the arcade world.

The story direction here has to be the only disappointing factor within the movie. Instead of piling on the originality and creativity that comes with the concept, the movie settles halfway with a racing game world called "Sugar Rush." Here, Ralph befriends an adorable yet irritating girl named Vanellope (Sarah Silverman), and their friendship becomes the emotional center of the film. She's just like Ralph, an outcast within her own video game world because she's a "glitch."

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and grows the audience base. Most of the fun “Wreck-It Ralph” has to offer lies within the meticulous detail Moore has brought to his imaginary world of video game characters. There’s plenty of homage to the simple low-resolution arcade hits of the ‘80s mixed in with slightly more sophisticated graphics seen in today’s video games. The inclusion of retro sounds and effects can make the hard-core gamer pine for the old days of gaming.

The writing here by Phil Johnston and Jennifer Lee is wonderfully pop culture-savvy, especially when it comes to all of the cameo appearances by classic arcade character like Q-bert, Sonic the Hedgehog and “Street Fighter” characters. There are also plenty of video game terms like “boss level” and “power-ups.”

The visuals are gorgeous, the voice casting is pitch-perfect and it’s one of the most original animated projects 2012 has to offer. The young ones can enjoy the childish humor while an older audience can appreciate how much heart the film has to offer.

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Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 4th
Dance Marathon 11:50 a.m.
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Monday, November 5th
Kickoff Event
11:00 am–2:00 pm
Greene Street

Spurs’ and Struts’ 8:00 pm
Greene Street

Tuesday November 6th
Showcase 7:00 pm
Carolina Coliseum

Wednesday, November 7
Canned Creations
10:00 am–2:00 pm
Greene Street

Float Building
8:00 pm–11:00 pm
Greene Street Intramural Field

Yoghut Percent Night
Benefiting Harvest Hope.
Yoghut from 6 – 10pm
Please bring at least 1 can of food to donate

Thursday, November 8
Cocktail Pep Rally and Concert 8:00 pm
Greene Street & Russell House
Featuring Elliot Root Rave and free late night dining to first 1,000 students after

Friday, November 9
Float Building
12:00 pm–2:00 pm
Greene Street Intramural Field

Parade 3:00 pm
Greene Street

Stepshow 7:00 pm
Carolina Coliseum

Saturday, November 10
Homecoming Game: USC vs. Arkansas
Williams Brice Stadium
HOROSCOPES

Taurus

Adapt to changing conditions. Put energy into the details and enjoy the coming projects this week. Handle stuff you’ve been putting off. Increase stress as you test your theory.

Gemini

Regain your balance by doing what you promised. Provide excellent service. You’ll be able to take on new staff later. Review the plan. Shrink your home repair list.

Cancer

Decrease your personal obligations this coming week. You can handle more without spending much. Make the changes you’ve been contemplating. A lovely moon develops.

Aries

Stick to your budget. Move quickly and continue to increase your holdings (and enthusiasm) as you test your theory this coming week. There’s money coming from your own productivity. Dance with any idea.

Leo

Continue to increase your level of expertise. Take on more responsibility. What you’re learning contradicts what you thought. Use your secret power.

Virgo

Fix something before it breaks. Organization and cleanliness makes it easier to work. Continue to remove. Delegated home expenses with conservation. You’re gaining the last respect of your peer.

Libra

Confirm what you’ve learned with others. Continue to increase your area of influence this week. Make the first move. Choose the jobs you want to do.

Scorpio


Sagittarius

Gather up as much as you can and beware of hidden expenses. Others vie for your attention; your teammates score. Strive for perfection. This work is hard yet gratifying. If you don’t know how, study. Share your info and sources.

Aquarius

There’s money coming in, and you can get more if you act quickly. The work is hard yet gratifying. If you don’t know how, study. Share your info and sources.

Pisces

Provide information. Passion is part of the act. You’re the superhero to increase efficiency. Build team to increase efficiency. Build team to increase efficiency. Build team to increase efficiency.

Crossword

Across

1. Positive energy [1, 5]
2. Nothing to lose (5)
18. ‘Henry’s Crime’ (1986) (9)
19. College actor Reeves (10)
22. Positive energy [5]
27. Ali who retired (9)
28. Safe havens (21)
29. Bulldog (21)
30. Faith (5)
31. Opposition group (7)
32. Mr. Wilson’s hangout (17)
33. Brownstone (6)
34. Opposition group (9)
35. Soft’n Lite (7)
36. Tom Thumb’s deity (4, 11)
37. First Greek republic (9)
38. Will subjects (9)
39. See 36- Across (4)
40. Mont Blanc, par (6)
41. Course’s 18 (9)
42. Sci. class (5)
43. “Piece of cake!” (9)
44. Spur (5)
45. Black hair and discriminating taste (5)
46. Bro’s playmate (6)
47. Certain sail spars (7)
48. Grand Marquis, par (9)
49. Decks out (9)
50. Pick up (7)
51. Foster thriller (6)
52. Tour in a double (9)
53. Nantes notion (7)
54. Odd old fellow (7)
55. Valium maker (6)
56. Award for excellence (5)
57. Bedford (4)
58. Award for excellence (5)
59. Southwestern instrument (7)
60. “Don’t move, Spirit!” (21)
61. “Fresh Air” airer (4)
62. Sussex suffixed (4)
63. Nantucket island at (6)
64. Nile slitherers (7)
65. Deli subs (5)
66. Unwelcome (6)
67. 22-, 50- and 60- letter words of the alphabet (9)
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71. “Modern Family” (21)
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1. Positive energy [1, 5]
2. Nothing to lose (5)
18. ‘Henry’s Crime’ (1986) (9)
19. College actor Reeves (10)
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Defensive end Jadeveon Clowney said he feels 85 percent after he sprained his foot against UK. "I've put a lot of work in," Clowney said. "I've been wearing a boot on the foot and caught it and threw a few, so I think I'm ready to go."

Defensive end Stephen Spurrier said he'll be full go. "But he's doing well, and he's back in Columbia, and I think he'll be at the game Saturday," Spurrier said in his Tuesday press conference. "Now it's rehab and rest and so forth. And however long it takes, I think they wait and see. But he's doing well, and he's back in Columbia, and I think he'll be at the game Saturday, so we're looking forward to that.

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