Hartman, co-chair of fundraising English and Spanish,” said Amy that offers medical services in both Columbia.

and all to their Salsa con Salsa event, around the patio, eager to welcome one loaded guacamole onto their burritos.

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proceeds were donated directly to the Street, as well as Wednesday night. All

$300,000 — $50,000 per year — to her Salsa con Salsa event.

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days leading up to the event on Green Street, as well as Wednesday night. All proceeds were donated directly to the Good Samaritan Clinic. Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the clinic provides free medical consultations, along with medicine and training.

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The NRCC will no longer contribute money or other support to Sanford, who has been in a tight race with Democratic candidate Elizabeth Colbert Busch. The two have recently been polling within points of each other. Colbert Busch has the support of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

According to Hartman, though the Amigos del Buen Samaritano group has been at USC for four years, this is the first year members have held the Salsa con Salsa event.

“This is a new event, and we’re looking for people to enjoy themselves and see the effect that the clinic has on Columbia,” she said. “We’re always looking for more students to join us.”

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If USC signs on with the Clemson bill, university officials worry they’ll lose leverage, saying joining it could close the door on conversations with legislators.

USC faces regulation — with or without state funding — are usually delayed about a year and a half. USC is required to take the lowest bidder for supplies and equipment, although it might prefer other offers, and it can’t hire short-term faculty for longer than a year because of “pretty stodgy” state rules, Pastides said.

If USC wanted a new microscope, he said, it would have to take bids and accept the lowest offer, even if it didn’t meet a researcher’s needed specifications or another required less maintenance.

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State oversight’s effects on building projects was on display Wednesday, as university trustees approved three projects — for much-needed training laboratory space, a studio for broadcast journalism students and pedestrian safety on Greene Street — that USC had hoped to move forward with months earlier, said Derek Gruner, USC’s campus planning director.

They were pushed back, though, because USC, along with other state agencies, couldn’t get state approval in December, Gruner said, moving them back a cycle.

If projects don’t get immediate approval from the state Commission on Higher Education or Budget and Control Board or are held up with questions from their members, they’re deferred to the next meeting, which can be months out. Such delays can prove costly for the university, Pastides said.

“Time is money, as they say,” he said.
In his inaugural address earlier this year, President Barack Obama said, “Our journey must not just continue until we find a better way to welcome the striving, hopeful immigrants who still see America as a land of opportunity.”

Long journey toward immigration reform may be coming to a close. The Senate introduced a comprehensive immigration bill this week that will hopefully enable concrete reform and inadequate immigration policy.

The bill, of course, is not perfect and will see some resistance but it is the most adequate reform effort yet and should be passed.

The bill seeks to secure the border with Mexico. Current undocumented alien residents would not be able to gain legal status until the government guarantees that 90 percent of attempted crossings are stopped. But that benchmark is reached, anyone here since at least December 2009 would be able to apply for a $125 fee and, after passing a background test, be granted registered provisional immigrant status. After that, they must wait a 10-year period to become a legal resident and, if they pass that, they will be granted full citizenship.

This process is cut to five years for farm workers and those covered under the DREAM Act.

The bill gives more money and power to the Department of Homeland Security to secure the borders. It makes E-Verify mandatory for all employers, produces a plan to verify a list of undocumented immigrants who have been here since December 2011 and have not committed a serious crime, easing the burden of the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the flood-of-border-security need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process. The funds for the border-security section need to come from somewhere, and $1.6 billion over 10 years isn’t so expensive that undocumented immigrants simply will not be able to pay that expense, but there have to be some costs associated with the process.

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Through subsequent administrations, these policies increased it even further, taking it over 100 percent for the first time since 1929, when we as a nation made a commitment to the securing of our nation’s GDP — dropping down to about 57 percent under President Bill Clinton’s economic policies — but looked to the future as we entered the millennium.

Back then, when we as a nation made a conscious decision to run down “Debt Mountain” as fast as we could. Former President George W. Bush left office with the debt at more than 50 percent of GDP, and President Obama increased it even further, taking it over 50 percent.

We’ve already seen many of the effects of this debt policy, namely in the form of higher prices for everyday goods. If you’ve ever wondered why the prices of everyday goods keep rising, you can think inflation, a phenomenon where money loses its value over time. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we’ve seen 35 percent inflation since 1929, and we’ve already seen 30 percent in that time.

The process of reduction is the only impact we see from our growing debt. Debt is the destroyer of innovation. It’s a common thread between the collapse of great powers like Carthage, Rome, Spain and France, among others. And don’t think for a moment that debt and inflation is an “old” problem modern nations no longer face. It was one of the leading factors in the collapse of the Soviet Union, and a mounting threat today.

As Americans, we’re playing the world’s most dangerous game of “hot potato” by merely passing a little debt from generation to generation. It’s almost our generation’s turn to catch the potato — will we pass it on to the next generation, or will we just hope it doesn’t go off and we can pass it to the next generation?
Andreoli crowned 2013 USC Idol

Eight talented students compete for title Wednesday night

Mary Cathryn Armstrong

SIMON Cowell may not have been present in the Russell House Ballroom, but even the urbane Englishman himself would have been impressed by all of the talent USC students had to offer. Carolina Productions hosted its annual USC Idol Final Wednesday night. After which a group of vocalists who’s been through the city in the past several years shared a stage shaped like the three top points of a star.

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Country star brings sass, style to audience of ‘Blown Away’ tour

Chloe Gould

Thursday, April 18, 2013

THE DAILY GAMECOCK

It started with hot pink, spiky and studded knuckle gloves and black mask. She was dripping in chains and a deep purple, from-cropped gown dragged on the ground behind toweling satins. A few songs later, there was a homey and fried jean shorts — a few sunflowers twirling in blue skies and white clouds on the screen.

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After the dramatic video entrance, complete with a spawning whale and crashing cloud, he offered a sly comment to the crowd.

“OK, that was pretty cool,” he said.

She was a lot of favorites from the start: “Umb It,” “Wasted,” “Two Black Cadillacs” and “Last Name.”

In the middle of the radio-hit rundown, Underwood sang “I Told You So,” a Randy Travis cover she said she learned as a little girl. It was beautiful.

Underwood sang before she took the stage, she was in her tour bus watching the latest episode of “American Idol,” the show she won in its fourth season. She has it recorded, she assured, and added that she never thought she would make it through the first round of auditions, way back before “Some Hearts.”

It was a set-up for two of the most meaningful songs for Underwood, she said: “Temporary Home” and “Jesus, Take the Wheel.”

It was after the sentimental duet that Underwood changed into her cut-off jean shorts and climbed into a fake-stick rail. She sang “All-American Girl” — when a trailer daim called “Garcia’s Veggie Burgers” flashed on the screen — and threwlein to the audience as a jumbo beach balls skipped through the seas and confetti fell from the rafters during “One Way Ticket.”

The show balanced dramatics and vocal performance very well. Underwood’s voice was really, very strong. She only had one back-up vocalist, Andrea Thomas, helping her through an aerial and a gimnastic set — a departure from the typical.

After she channeled past one more back of sars in “Before He Cheats,” she circled back to the tornado scene for the tour’s title track “Blown Away.”

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Today

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Aries

Even in the face of challenge, get your head above your shoulders. The cold winds are blowing, but you’re working with a home-cooked meal and cozy couch time. Save travel for later.

Taurus

Decide what you want. There’s a disagreement between you and others. There’s a potential conflict of interests. You have more friends than you realized.

Cancer

You’re curious, and you’re too busy to think about something you may not need. Think it over. Your energy is best spent making money. Limit your guest list or spend making money. Your energy is best spent making money.

Leo

Watch those nickels and dimes. Don’t bring them in, possibly the hard way. Walking relieves tension. Move quickly and with keen eyes. Assert your desires today and tomorrow.

Virgo

You’re more confident and more sensitive. Resist the splurge temptation, if possible the hard way. Walking relieves tension. Move quickly and with keen eyes. Assert your desires today and tomorrow.

Scorpio

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Sagittarius

It’s getting adventurous for you after two days. Don’t overlook career obligations; handle them before washing away. Listen to feedback. Get friends to help, and you get to spend time with them before dashing off. Listen to feedback. Get friends to help, and you get to spend time with them before dashing off.

Capricorn

New opportunities develop. Right now, it’s better to receive than to give. Minimize risks. Make big changes without spending money. Consult distant associates for encouragement.

Aquarius

You still have paperwork to finish. Continue to increase savings in the coming week. Assume responsibility. Talk about your feelings. Provide facts. You’ll have more help. Uncork a new opportunity.

PISCES

Pay off another debt. Don’t believe everything you’ve learned. Watch out for misunderstandings or errors. Work out the details with your partner, and you get your heads together behind closed doors.

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