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Vote in the Student Government Runoff Elections today and tomorrow on VIP.

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ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

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USC baseball takes first two wins in new stadium

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“Field of Dreams” was the inspiration for the new stadium as the Gamecocks were invested in their new facility. “It was rough in the beginning,” Tanner said. “I was just sort of walking in all-in.”

A large crowd of more than 8,100 Gamecock supporters filled the new field as South Carolina kicked off the new $181 million ballpark in style with a dominating performance over the Duquesne Dukes.

“It was like we were in Omaha (at the College World Series) because there were so many people here,” starting pitcher Ryan Dymon said. “It’s something we’ve never experienced before.”

The pre-season All-American pitcher got things started early. The first pitch in Carolina’s brand new ballpark was a fastball right down the heart of the plate which Duquesne lead-off hitter Bill Torre fouled the ball into the glove of USC catcher Justin Dallen.

Strike one. The crowd roared in delight as USC’s new ballpark had officially been christened.

Four pitches later, Torre watched as Dymon’s signature fastball pasted the outside corner for strike three. USC’s first punch-out summed up how the day would go for the Gamecocks.

Dymon (1-0) struck out five more Dukes and combined with two other Gamecock pitchers to hold Duquesne’s offense to 0-2 hit one to hit as the Gamecocks cruised to a 11-0 victory in Carolina Stadium’s inaugural debut.

“I was trying to get it up there,” Dymon said. “My fastball’s obviously my best pitch. I tried to get my velocity up there and get them out.”

With South Carolina’s (2-0) solid pitching keeping DC at bay, Carolina’s offense collected 11 hits and handed two runners-up to propel the Gamecocks to the emotional

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“We would like to thank all of the dancers who came out and thank the university because we could not have done it without the support from everyone,” said Caroline Brackenhour, director of Dance Marathon. “The event is a big memorable experience just being there.”

— Compiled by Rebecca Cuzzo
A trip to Costa Rica did wonders for Sheila Liner’s smile. The sun and sightseeing had little to do with the improvements.

Liner spent years suffering from neglected dental work that led to sinus infections and a swollen face. She didn’t have the money to pay for the work.

At her boss’ suggestion, she contacted the American Dental Association, which directed her to the office of a neighbor. She ultimately had three root canals, crowns, three root canals, deep cleaning and partial dentures, for an estimated $14,000 after insurance — for the nine employees and students who have been recognized on the campus.


The blast at the mine, which had for years boasted an exemplary safety record, highlighted the precarious conditions that make China’s mining industry the deadliest in the world.

Survivors described how they tried to flee along tunnels to escape the choking carbon monoxide, but were overcome by the fumes.

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**Students grow food to feed hungry**

**National program helps local non-profit Harvest Hope Food Bank**

Kate Jones
The Daily Gamecock

**During hard economic times hunger becomes a growing problem. To help curb the problem of hunger, USC students spent their Saturday building a raised bed for a garden. Students will plant vegetables in the coming weeks. Students will also plant flowers and herbs, as well as fruit trees, such as: strawberries, peaches, and boysenberries. Students will also plant vegetable seeds in the garden. Students will also help harvest the crops, which will be donated to local food banks. Students will also help harvest the crops, which will be donated to local food banks.**

**D-Mack crunched his pretty good,” Tanner said. “I haven't seen balls go up to the batter's eye in batting practice.”**

**While the focus was obviously fixated on USC Saturday afternoon, a few fans had their minds on the Upstate and what potential reactions they may have.**

**“It feels like we'll be doing this for a long time,” said Parker.**

**Many of the students who turn to food banks are not homeless, Nevius said, but are single, working parents and the elderly.**

**With our economy, we have a growing number of hungry people,” Nevius said.**

**Katie Mulligan, a fourth-year international studies and economics student, is helping coordinate the project as part of her senior thesis for the Honors College.**

**“I was drawn to the project originally because of the economic times right now. There is an increase in homelessness, but even people who aren’t homeless, people who have lost their jobs and are having a tough time,” Mulligan said.**

**“They’re utilizing the food banks and soup kitchens and that sort of thing. This is a way for people to give back. If they’re already gardening in their backyards, it’s not much more of an effort but all together it adds up. It’s a way for everyone to contribute to their neighbors within the community.”**

**While some students helped build the beds, others will help with planting the vegetables and some will volunteer at various food festivals and at the food bank. One problem Elliot has found so far is that there are more students than work. When the semester ends, however, that will change.**

**“With the semester over, my students are going to be free and probably gone,” he said. If there are any students who are going to be in the area during the summer, they might need some help harvest vegetable staff that is getting started this semester. That would be a great job for any students who are around to help out.”**

**Comments on this story? E-mail gamecocknews@usc.edu**
Federal stimulus money in South Carolina’s proposed budget plan will continue programs that fill prescriptions for HIV patients and seniors, provide free cancer screenings and fund construction of wheelchair ramps, agency officials said Friday.

The $5.6 billion budget approved late Thursday by the House Ways and Means Committee used federal money to restore much of what was cut since July from public schools, colleges and healthcare for the poor and disabled. The debate moves to the House floor.

The money gets people off waiting lists and prevents more service cuts, according to officials in the state’s health agencies. “This is not what we’d like to have, but it’s the best we can do in the circumstances. We’re not planning to raise taxes,” said House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Cooper, R-Piedmont. As for the stimulus money, he said, “It’s kinda hard not to take it. All the taxpayers in this state will have to help pay it back.”

The plan includes $1 million for an HIV prevention program that pays for 39 church-based education initiatives, and $2.4 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which fills prescriptions for uninsured residents who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid. Bambi Gaddist, executive director of the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council, said she was “deeply concerned” the money would be eliminated. “We’re elated about their incorporation,” she said. “We’ve got to have $2.4 million just to keep a lid on the epidemic. You want them to be well, working and contributing to the economy, not sick and dependent on Medicaid.”

Some programs scaled back during the budget cuts, but restored in the 2009-10 plan, include breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings and intensive, early intervention with mentally disabled children. The plan also restores programs cut completely, such as summer camp for disabled students.

End-of-life care for poor hospice patients too young to qualify for Medicare — a program that had been threatened for elimination — continues next year.
Re-vote could save SG from e-mail failure

Botted notification process demands return to election square one

Last week, the student body narrowly passed a amendment in favor of president and vice president down two candidates — or did we?

An injunction was filed last week that takes a shot at my race for Student Senate because I didn’t have a majority. It is required for the Elections Commission to send out an e-mail to every student on campus.

Don’t you think it’s kind of funny that the candidate was angry for losing... or that the majority of the student body’s vote was never taken into account? I have heard debates saying that this year was the most disappointing year of his life. I wonder why... Maybe it was because he didn’t get the e-mail that the student body voted AG.

The Elections Commission race was not won by the winner of this one. This is like making college football teams play in a non-semester bowl in national championship games and then going after the non-tournament teams on how instructions on how to vote. This is not right.

In essence, the basic right of the student body was vandalized last week. The Elections Commission did not follow up with University Technology Services and make sure they sent the e-mail list before going on their own position to appoint him. This is aussi

Without an entirely new discussion of this issue, the voters will be seeing a precedent of not following an Constitution and breaking itself on its own rules to make the easy way out. The students have been forced to have a vested interest in another election, so it is our turn. The winners will have a shadow of doubt cast over them in that they can’t know the outcome has been fair. This is an absolute notice of the voting times and procedures.

Now, some will say students who didn’t know of the election must have been eating under a rock for the past month. Many of the graduate students who live off campus don’t usually pick up a newspaper or see the times because they have been busy trying to get to class on time.

So are the SG elections on paper, online, or on campus, or the students who read the newspaper every day.

Because Student Government does not have the right to appoint the segment of the student body — the student body. These are the student body, and the entire student body was not notified of a fair chance to vote. Some say there is no answer for whether it is a fair chance. We have to look at the Commission or the university administration for answers. We need some justice of fairness and the rights of the student body to decide it. It is really a question of another election, Student Government will just live even more respect from the student body. On that note, let me check my e-mail to see if I have any important reminders from the Elections Commission.

Weekend frivolities, avoidable expenses keep students in pain

I am Ramen last week — now there’s a sure way you’ve fallen on hard times. Many students were all over campus with a reason to keep a secret: “They could make me go to the hospital.” And I knew...

Avery opposition reveals deep-rooted religious prejudice

To the Student Government Senate, USC Administration and Student Body, I want to share my disappointment and disinterest at the handling of the appointment hearings for Frank Avery. It has come to my attention that Mr. Avery was attacked, blacked and hounded from his appointment to the Constitutional Council, not because of objective problems or concerns with his qualifications, but because he may or may not share the same ideological religious views as those in power.

Mr. Avery’s religious or secular world view should play absolutely no role whatsoever in an appointment of this manner for it to have nothing to do with the job description. Members of the Senate have clearly shown their bias against a large minority on this campus — the secular students who contribute and play an integral part in a diverse Carolina community.

Regardless of Mr. Avery’s religious views, his bigotry and intolerance displayed toward non-religious students on this campus is unacceptable. If Avery justified in being scrutinized during his pursuing future actions to satisfy this type of minority intolerance. Secular students, faculty and administrators should pay close attention to these matters and lead support for Mr. Avery. As an openly secular student I want to make my effort to this university and the state of South Carolina, and all the most feasible ideas and initiatives real to implement if they were to be elected. Just read Meridith Ross and Taylor Cain’s campaigns. They are focused on real issues and not preening as students. They are just beginning on making the students’ voices heard what they want to say.

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Ross, Cain make case for Student Government posts

As Student Body Treasurer-elect and a wholeheartedly endorse the President and Taylor Cain for Student Body President. While Drew Kirkwood and Alex Strum are individuals who should be admitted to e-mail views@postandcourier.com. Letters must be 100 words in length and must conform to the legal standards of USC Student Media.
Family dysfunction can be a tricky thing. Lay it on too dramatically and it gets depressing, but lay it on too light and it all the characters suddenly become quirky and one-note.

Laid by a truly remarkable ensemble cast, Jenny Lumet’s screenplay for “Rachel Getting Married” fully understands the limits of dysfunction and, as actors, the ensemble makes the characters believable and live, aching with old wounds that never feel superficial. The script manages its moments of deft comedy, its glimpses at heart and love, and finds the right balance between the dark corners of troubled family histories. Lumet’s “Rachel Getting Married” pairs the joy of a wedding, a celebration of love, against the pain of repression emotions.

Watching the film often feels like walking through a minefield. At every turn of the plot lurks the danger of an invisible, choosing proper focal points and letting scenes evolve with a calm pace that captures the complexities of each character.

There may be individual sequences in the film, particularly a rehearsal dinner where everyone makes a toast, that go on a bit too long. And yet, all these pieces coalesce and extraneous to the narrative blend together seamlessly. Nothing feels too detached or related.

As the camera slowly trade around rooms and characters talk over each other, it creates a very realistic ambiance. It’s a wonderful exercise in naturalism, and as it goes on it feels almost transparent.

Instead of just using the handheld camera as a way to generate a “home video” vibe, Demme makes choices that are tasteful and won’t put off the characters’ most intimate moments. He’s careful.

“Rachel Getting Married.” It bubbles like a glass of celebratory champagne. “Rachel Getting Married.” It guarantees to find his soulmate out of 25 ladies from which one man, who has never met a single one of them, would be true romantics tune in weekly to get feelings by the dramatic background music, “Every generation imagines itself to be more love and wiser than the one that comes after it.” — George Orwell
VIETNAM VETS PROTEST FONDA

Demonstration outside
Broadway play based
on war-related remarks

Veena Doibiki
Associated Press Writer

It’s been decades, but Jane Fonda still can’t shake her “Hanoi Jane” image from the Vietnam War.

About a dozen Vietnam veterans and other protesters on Saturday picketed the theater where the 71-year-old actress is starring in the Broadway play “33 Variations,” telling passers-by that she had once visited their Communist enemy in Hanoi.

“Jane Fonda is a traitor,” said Dan Maloney of the College of Charleston. “She technically is in violation of the law.”

Fonda was tagged with “Jane Fonda is a traitor,” “Jane Fonda is a traitor,“ and “Hanoi Jane” by the pickets, many of whom were veterans.

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Whiteboard

By Bobby Sutton / The Daily Gamecock

Aries

You may not get your way, modify your plans or do what you want to do, especially if you don't like it when you don't accomplish or what you've accomplished or what you want to do.

Cancer

You folks don't always agree on everything. Well, in your case, that's probably a good thing. Always agree on everything is a sure way to kill all your dreams.

Leo

They probably think they're overpowering you, but don't let that stop you. As you go on, you can actually have what you did. You can't help but be a little bit jealous that they're right. You can buy almost anything, but when times get tough, you pull together. Keep working at it and you'll get it done, whether you want to or not. You've had your plan. You won't have to wait too long to work on it.

Virgo

What you did.

Scorpio

You won't have to wait too long to work on it. That's because you're very motivated now. You're also motivated because you were born knowing what to do. You've had your plan. You won't have to wait too long to work on it.

Sagittarius

That's a better idea.

Pisces

Slow down! Don't trust those impulses! Unless, of course, you're getting something really cheap.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES You may not know exactly how you’ll accomplish your goals, but don’t let that stop you. Imagine you’re already there, and just jet down when you do.

TAURUS You can advance your career if you want to take on a real challenge. This test requires that you go public about what you’ve achieved or what you want to do.

GEMINI Push hard and get further than you ever thought possible. This is an important test. This is an important voyage.

CANCER As you go over your plans, you have to deal with reality. If you don’t like it when you don’t accomplish or what you’ve accomplished, you have to deal with it. You won’t have to wait too long to work on it.

LEO Encourage your partner to be bold, dance free, and whatever else seems to work. Don’t stand in this person’s way.

VIRGO You’re certainly keeping busy but where is your big reward? You won’t have to wait too long to work on it. That’s a better idea.

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The Colonial Life Arena saw its first overtime action of the season on Saturday night when the Gamecocks hosted the Arkansas Razorbacks. Once again, the Gamecocks prevailed in a thrilling contest, 82-78.

Senior guard Zam Fredrick, Carolina's second leading scorer with 13.5 points per game, struggled throughout the contest in his worst shooting performance of the season. In regulation, he shot just 2-for-13 from the floor and recorded just five points. Overtime was a different story. After missing a game-winning three-point attempt at the end of regulation, Fredrick made the first two baskets for Carolina in the extra period, coming as a three-pointer that gave USC a lead. In the first 90 seconds of overtime, Fredrick matched his total in the previous 40 minutes. He finished with 12 points, seven total in the previous 40 minutes.

The Trojans started fast against USC but didn’t put the Gamecocks away as Richard Biggers made four of eight three-point attempts for a 16-12 lead. Only to see the Gators take the lead back to four points, 20 offensive rebounds in the first half and a five-run rally in the first four minutes of the second half for the Gamecocks to send Carolina into overtime. The five-run rally in the first four minutes of the second half was what made Sarge Frye Field a game of the decade.

USC fanbase to witness history that surrounded that chapter in the amazing book that is Carolina baseball.

And obviously, the locker rooms; player's lounge and weightlifting area are reason enough for a potential recruit to want to play for USC or Alabama.

But that wasn’t good enough for me. The large USC crowd did not allow us to shine for ourselves and myself and my team were in love with the Gamecock fans. There was simply too much tradition in that game, 3,500-seat ballpark to go with it. Each time a fan entered Sarge Frye Field, the memories would rush back. The fire rain one of the ninth inning to delay Miami in the 2002 Super Regionals, marking Carolina's return to the College World Series for the first time in two years.

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BASKETBALL  Continued from 10

The Gamecocks next take the hard court in their final SEC road game of the season, playing Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss. Wednesday night, before coming home next Sunday for a Senior Day matchup with Kentucky at the Colonial Life Arena.

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getting out of the inning. Troy threatened for the first time in the top of the fourth, as consecutive singles with one out gave the Trojans runners at the corners. A running grab of a foul pop by Felmter grabbed the second out of the inning, but allowed Troy base runner Felicia Hammer lead off the fourth for Carolina, after a scoreless bottom of the inning. Troy threatened for the first time in the top of the fourth, getting out of the inning.

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WOMEN  Continued from 10

a win on Senior Day in Columbia, S.C.

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Troy’s Felicia Hammer led off the fourth for Carolina, Troy’s Felicia Hammer led off the fifth with a single, prompting Compton to go to the bullpen and bring on freshman right-hander Katie Ely, who was able to get out of the inning without yielding a run.

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