

## The Fun Five

Friday, April 4, 2008

### Things to do and where to do them

#### Seek revenge

OK, we'll admit it. We fell for your April Fool's Day prank. The Oreo cookies you offered sure looked delicious ... until we bit into them and got a mouthful of mint toothpaste. We've been planning our revenge ever since. Come to our blog ([charleston.net/friday5blog](http://charleston.net/friday5blog)) for complete instructions on how to reset your co-worker's keyboard to an alternate (Dvorak) layout. Revenge is a dish best served cold, and in case you were wondering, that phrase looks like this — "Ybvbntb ok - cokh wbku kbyvbc g.zc" — when typed in the "Dvorak for left hand" keyboard layout. *Muh-huh-huh ...*

#### Play some games

This week is the first Saturday of the month, which means the people at Here Be Books in Summerville (Oakbrook Plaza Shopping Center at Ladson and Dorchester roads) are hosting another game night. Cards, board games, whatever. Here Be Books says the goals of its game nights are to "have some fun, socialize, maybe make some new friends." Drinks and snacks are available at the store, and you can bring games with you. [herebebooks.com](http://herebebooks.com), 695-1498, [info@herebebooks.com](mailto:info@herebebooks.com).



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The 2007 Bridge Run.

#### Enjoy the Bridge Run

The Cooper River Bridge Run is a big-time road race, but for most of the people who will cross the bridge Saturday morning, prizes aren't even a consideration. They do it for the fun. Always wanted to take part? To borrow a slogan: Just do it. Walk-in registration for the event (\$30 for run or walk) ends today, but you can register at the Bridge Run Expo (Gaillard Auditorium, 77 Calhoun St.) as late as 8 p.m. Don't feel like running/walking 10 kilometers? Get out on the route and make a party of it. This is Charleston, after all.

### **Shop the festival**

Summerville's Flowertown Festival has plenty of music and food, but what draws lots of people in from out of town are the arts and crafts vendors who set up in Azalea Park. Unlike some touring crafts and decorating shows, admission to the festival is free. Even the parking is free — until it runs out. Parking in the garage at Short Central will cost you, and some property owners near the festival will charge you for a spot close to the action, but once you're there, you're good for the day. It's a pretty good deal for a full day of entertainment.

### **Opera fever: Catch it!**

Giacomo Puccini's 1896 opera, "La Boheme," isn't exactly the feel-good hit of the season: Starving artists in 1830s Paris struggle to eat, keep warm and find love, and the climax of the story involves the death of a beloved-but-tubercular seamstress. But the music is beautiful and the opera remains one of the most popular on the planet. You can watch it live in a free simulcast from The Met in New York at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Charleston County Main Library on Calhoun Street.

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