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TODAY
Sunny
High 78
Low 50

WEEKEND
Sunny
High 80
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The man behind the mask bids good-bye to the bird

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USC Symphony's second performance features soloist Gail Niwa.
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NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONWIDE

Mandela tries to educate about sub-Saharan Africa
WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid the cheers and plaudits that have greeted him on his state visit, South African President Nelson Mandela is offering a sober analysis of the humanitarian crises facing not only his country but all sub-Saharan Africa.

Mandela highlighted that issue Wednesday night at a gala dinner in his honor and was expected to do the same today in an appearance before a joint meeting of Congress.

"Africa faces a terrible food crisis," Mandela said after receiving a \$100,000 prize for his leadership in the fight against hunger in Africa.

He said about 34 million people in the sub-Saharan region suffer from food shortages, mostly as a result of civil strife. He called it "the worst humanitarian crisis in modern times."

Scientists discover way to heal cartilage

BOSTON (AP) — Scientists have found a way to do what nature cannot: heal damaged cartilage.

In a report published today, a Swedish team describes a new approach that could help hundreds of thousands of people with bad knees and other bony joints resulting from sports injuries, falls, car accidents or other mishaps.

The treatment, used so far on 88 people in Sweden, involves growing the patients' own cartilage cells in test tubes, then injecting the tissue into the damaged joint.

It has been used so far only to repair knees. But if it proves as promising as its developers hope, the treatment could give doctors a major new tool for relieving the pain of joint injuries and stopping the crippling arthritis that often occurs years later.

TODAY

Today is Friday, Oct. 7, the 280th day of 1994. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Oct. 7, 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (The British forces, under Gen. John Burgoyne, surrendered 10 days later.)

On this date:

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress convened in New York to draw up colonial grievances against England.

In 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe died in Baltimore, Md., at age 40.

In 1868, Cornell University was inaugurated in Ithaca, N.Y.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra recorded Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" for RCA Victor.

NOTEBOOK

Goldwater Scholarship Competition Opens

Sophomores and juniors in mathematics, natural sciences and engineers who have a 3.75 cumulative GPA are invited to apply for the Goldwater Scholarship. This scholarship is for use during the 1995-96 academic year and covers the cost of tuition, books, fees and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,000. Junior scholars may receive support for up to two years; senior scholars may receive support for up to one year. A USC student has won a Goldwater Scholarship every year for the past three years. For more information, attend the Goldwater Information Session Monday at 4 p.m. in the Gressette Room (3rd floor of Harper College).

Consortium accepting applications for award

The South Carolina Women's Consortium is soliciting nominations for the annual "Flame of Justice" award honoring Mary Modjeska Montieth Simkins. The purpose of the award is to honor an outstanding citizen who has worked to improve the status and quality of life for all people in South Carolina. Criteria include taking personal action to bring about social justice, economic advancement and educational opportunities to all South Carolinians, educating the community about injustice, involving others in improving South Carolina and fighting for a better South Carolina through legislative or political action. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 30. Applications can be obtained by calling the Consortium at (803) 252-9813. The award will be presented on Dec. 5.

PICTURE THIS

Strange Hobbies—Distribution by Number Pursuing

The Official Star Trek Fan Club, 50,000

The Andy Griffith Rerun Watchers Club, 15,000

Fast Draw Competitions, 350



Source: The Encyclopedia of Associations

City Council votes to close lid on open containers

ERIN GALLOWAY Asst. News Editor

The Columbia City Council unanimously gave initial approval to an open container ordinance Wednesday night. At a public hearing at Keenan High School, opponents and proponents of the ordinance voiced their opinions on how it would affect Columbia residents.

Some supporters said they believe the ordinance will reduce alcoholism. Vince Ford, a member of the Fighting Back: Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, said the ordinance will beat alcoholism.

"By promoting [the St. Patrick's Day festival], we encourage the use and abuse of alcohol," he said.

USC Student Government President Brian Comer attended the hearing as an opponent of the ordinance.

"I honestly don't think we are going to stop alcoholism. I think that one of the problems is the enforcement of other laws, litter, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness," he said. John Stone, another opponent, said "it's an issue of what kind of place we want Columbia to be."

He compared the open container ordinance to outlawing

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automobiles in order to prevent speeding and car accidents.

"As for the idea of reducing substance abuse... masking the problem doesn't make the problem go away," Stone said. Reese Edwards, a USC political science major, agreed the ordinance will not solve the problem of alcoholism.

"Will this do anything to solve alcoholism? I don't think so," Edwards said.

He also emphasized that the ordinance doesn't make an effective use of police.

Although the Five Points Merchants Association supports the open container ordinance, Five Points bar owner Jeffrey

Widmer is against it.

"This will not solve the problem of alcohol abuse," he said. USC doctoral student Shickre Sabbagha said he believes the ordinance goes against his rights.

"It is my right to have a cup of beer outdoors," he said. Bob Medlock agreed and said "It's sad anytime we have to restrict civil liberties."

Sabbagha referred to the saying, "we saw where it (Prohibition) got us in the 20's."

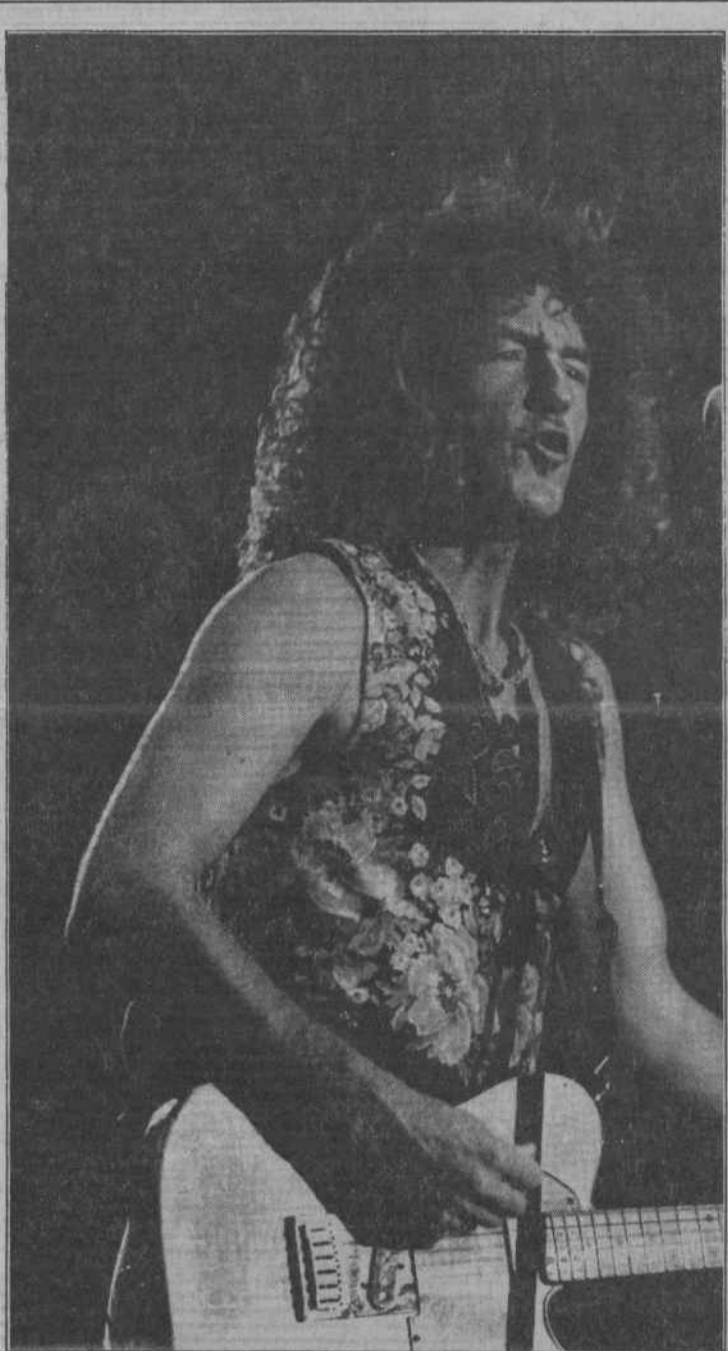
"If we are concerned with the noise, make that illegal. If we are concerned about the litter, make littering illegal. If we are concerned about bottles, make consumption by bottles illegal," Sabbagha said. "We shouldn't be forced to drink in bars."

Mel Jenkins, president of the Rosewood Community Council, however, sees drinking as a crisis.

"This is the time and place to make some changes. This idea [of an open container ordinance] is overdue," he said.

"There is not a crisis in the Rosewood area right now and we

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Homecoming, Carolina Style

Kevin Cronin, left, of REO Speedwagon, comedian Jaz Kaner and Gamecock football coach Brad Scott were headliners at this year's Cockfest at the South Carolina State Fair. The event was moved from Williams-Brice Stadium to the fairgrounds to help celebrate the 125th anniversary of the fair.

Alpha Delta Pi, above, and Sigma Phi Epsilon won the skit competition. The Gamecocks take on the ECU Pirates Saturday at 1 p.m.

Photos by Kim Truett

Cockfest '94 hits State Fairgrounds

LAURA HALL Staff Writer

Cockfest kicked off Homecoming weekend Thursday night at the State Fairgrounds.

As always, the USC band, the Coquettes, the cheerleaders and the football players were there to pump up spirit and the Greeks performed skits.

Brad Scott got loud cheers, as did Brandon Bennett, Boomer Foster and other team leaders. Scott asked everyone to come support the Gamecocks Saturday.

"We need everybody to come out there

to make a lot of noise and show people who's one of the toughest teams to play against," Scott said.

He reiterated his team motto, "Together We Will" and challenged fans to be supportive but not to think about more than one game at a time.

The Coquettes, who perform with the band on the field, showed off their new uniforms of black spandex shorts with red and silver sequined tops.

"It was a lot more fun, and it's about time we got new uniforms," said Michelle

Santiago, a Coquette and a music senior.

"We did what we wanted to do." The band provided music for the cheerleaders and played in their T-shirts instead of their uniforms.

"We like the opportunity to show off," said Elizabeth Caldwell, a Drum Major.

Skits are a tradition at Cockfest, and they inspire fierce competition between the paired sorority and fraternity groups. Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Phi Epsilon won the competition with their Little Rascals

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Man abducted at University of Florida, left nude

When two locals saw a Winter Park man running naked along 13th Street, they had no idea they would become participants in an odyssey involving kidnapping, robbery and threats to their own lives.

William James' story began Sunday at about 1:45 a.m. when he accepted a ride from a Lake Butler woman in the 3300 block of West University Avenue, and it ended about five and one-half hours later when a Hawthorne man and the same woman were charged with kidnapping and armed robbery. James, 28, came to Gainesville for the Gator's game against the Kentucky Wildcats and later went to a local bar to celebrate UF's victory.

After leaving the bar, James accepted a ride from Rhonda Nelson McLaughlin, 32. A man then appeared from the back seat, held James at knife point, robbed him and told him to disrobe.

"I don't know what happened, really," James said, "It was a pretty interesting evening after all."

Police reports show Nicholas John Barritt, 28, let him out of the 1985 Pontiac Grand Prix and left him standing naked along the 800 block of Southwest 13th Street.

But before the car left, James managed to puncture the

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rear tire with a pocket knife.

"Once I was out of the car, I was more angry than scared," he said.

A few moments later, two Gainesville men saw James walking naked along 13th Street and offered him a ride on the back of their truck. Gainesville police spokesman Lt. Don Dennis said the three men spotted the Pontiac driving slowly with a flat rear tire.

Barritt and McLaughlin were arrested and charged with kidnapping and armed robbery, Dennis said.

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Police arrest UVA Student Council President

Charged with embezzlement of Student Council money and forgery, former University of Virginia council president

Anne Bailey was arrested Wednesday by University Police officers at the city magistrate's office.

"I am innocent," Bailey said, refusing to comment further. "I believe she went in on her own," University Police Capt. William J. Morris said.

An investigation began some time in May when Central Fidelity Bank returned a \$300 check dated May 4, 1994 that council officers had questions about, Morris said.

Further investigation showed there was a check forged to gain money which was embezzled, Morris said.

Bailey allegedly forged the signature of Jason Morgan, then-Student Council vice president for services and finance, Morris said.

Morgan said he has known about the investigation since July.

"I'm not sure if something happened or not. Only she knows that," he said. "I am not in any way pointing a finger of guilt or innocence." Morgan said all council checks must bear the signature of both the president and the vice president for services and finance.

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