

Service held to honor Kimberly Hampton

EASLEY(AP) - More than 1,000 people turned out Saturday to say farewell to the U.S. Army helicopter pilot who was shot down in Iraq last week.

Kimberly Hampton of Easley was remembered as a leader by Lt. Col. Terry Morgan, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Commander. Morgan told the gathering that Hampton was a hero on the battlefield.

Hampton was the first female pilot to die in action in Iraq.

The service was held at Rock Springs Baptist Church. After the funeral, Hampton's casket was driven to Robinson Memorial Gardens. All along the route, people from the community lined up, waving flags as the cars drove by.

USC Sumter could get four-year status

COLUMBIA (AP) - USC's president is no fan of the idea of making its Sumter campus a four-year college, but legislators are poised to do just that.

The Sumter two-year college does not offer a bachelor's degree program and now serves about 1,200 mostly nontraditional students who have been out of high school for years. The average student is 28 and attends only part-time.

Local governments have pledged a combined \$250,000 a year to help the school make the transition to four-year status.

USC President Andrew Sorensen takes a dim view of the notion. In a pointed November letter, Sorensen told USC-Sumter dean Les Carpenter the school lacks the academic gravitas to be a four-year school.

Nation

Researchers find way to block extra mucus

WASHINGTON (AP) - Researchers have found a compound that blocks the production of excessive mucus, which could point the way to better treatments for asthma, chronic bronchitis, cystic fibrosis and other diseases.

Scientists working with asthmatic mice found that excess mucus production could be sharply reduced or eliminated using a peptide called MANS. It blocks the protein that causes the excess secretion.

The findings of the research team, led by Kenneth B. Adler of North Carolina State

University, are reported in the February issue of the journal Nature Medicine. Their paper was published Sunday in the journal's online issue.

Adler said it could take time before such a treatment would be ready for testing in people.

World

Canadian ranchers defend beef industry

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA (AP) - Canadian ranchers view the land where they make their living as an uninterrupted range over which cattle, feed and processed beef move back and forth freely between Canada and the United States.

The Canadian ranchers insist the North American cattle industry is so intertwined that it makes little sense to differentiate between American and Canadian beef. They say they're angry about American finger pointing following the discoveries last year of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, in an Alberta Black Angus cow and a Washington state Holstein traced to Alberta.

Pope cancels Ash Wednesday service

VATICAN CITY (AP) - In the latest sign of concern over his frail health, Pope John Paul II has canceled his traditional Ash Wednesday service at a Rome basilica, the Vatican said Saturday.

This year the pope will preside over a prayer ceremony, which will include a blessing and smudging of the ashes on the faithful in a Vatican auditorium the morning of Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.

John Paul, 83, no longer walks in public ceremonies, a result of the progression of Parkinson's disease and hip and knee problems. Over the past year, he began delegating assistants in several ceremonies to read some of his speeches.

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Extended Forecast

Weather forecast table for Tuesday through Saturday, including high/low temperatures and icons for rain, sun, and clouds.

Coming Up @ USC

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR MUSIC LESSONS THROUGH USC'S COMMUNITY MUSIC PROGRAM. SPRING DANCE CLASSES TAUGHT BY UNIVERSITY CONSERVATORY BEGIN BLATT P.E. CENTER open through semester, continue to April 25. CAROLINA STUDENT JUDICIAL COUNCIL RECRUITMENT BEGINS, www.csjc.org, continues through Feb. 6.

Jan 13, 2004

UNIVERSITY ORIENTATION, 1600 Hampton St. Annex, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Faculty and Staff.

Jan. 14, 2004

ACCOUNTING CONCEPTS, 1600 Hampton Street Annex, 9 a.m. to Noon, Faculty and Staff.

Advertisement for USC calendar events featuring the Gamecock mascot and contact information for gamecocknews@gwm.sc.edu

'The Return of the King' is Critic's Choice

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The final installment of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy claimed best picture and best director honors Saturday at the Critics' Choice Awards, while "Mystic River" star Sean Penn was named best actor and Charlize Theron took the best actress honor as a serial killer in "Monster."

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" beat out nine other films to take the top honor, one of a leading four awards claimed by the film. It also won for best acting ensemble. Peter Jackson was honored as best director.

The awards are given by the Broadcast Film Critics Association to honor the finest in cinematic achievement. Winners are selected by written ballots in a weeklong voting period in mid-December.

Stewart speaks out on new Web site

NEW YORK (AP) - True to her perfectionist reputation, Martha Stewart is using a stylish and highly detailed personal Web site to tell her side of the story as her high-stakes trial approaches.

Crisis-management experts say the site, Marthataalks.com, is remarkably thorough. It is updated almost daily with letters from fans, supportive newspaper editorials and fresh pictures of the domestic style maven.

Stewart is accused of lying to investigators and her own investors about why she sold ImClone Systems Inc. stock in 2001 just before it dropped sharply on a negative government report about an



PHOTO COURTESY KRT CAMPUS

The third and final "Lord of the Rings" takes best picture.

experimental ImClone cancer drug. A guilty verdict could land her behind bars and severely damage the brand she has stamped on thousands of books, magazine covers and home products.

Aiken brings sellout, donation to school

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - "American Idol" star Clay Aiken returned to his alma mater to present a \$20,000 donation to the school and perform during halftime at a men's basketball game.



Aiken

University of North Carolina at Charlotte and East Carolina on Saturday was the first sellout of the season, and hundreds of teenage fans were waving signs in Aiken's honor.

Aiken, who was runner-up in the popular "American Idol" television show last year, graduated from Charlotte in December. His first album, "Measure of a Man," debuted No. 1 and went double-platinum.

Wayne Brady pushed aside for Tony Danza

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "The Wayne Brady Show" will not be back for a third season because of low ratings, Buena Vista Television has announced. The syndicated show remains

This day in History

1876: Call of the Wild author Jack London is born in San Francisco.

1900: The Detroit Automobile Company completed its first commercial vehicle, the delivery wagon, which was designed by Henry Ford.



HI: 56 LO: 39

in production and will air through May.

The comedian won best talk show host and "The Wayne Brady Show" tied for best talk show with "The View" at last May's Daytime Emmy Awards.

Brady also received a Primetime Emmy last September for his work in ABC's improv show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

Buena Vista will try its luck with another performer. Actor Tony Danza ("Taxi," "Who's the Boss?") will host a talk show beginning this fall, a Buena Vista spokesman said Friday. The series was planned before the decision to cancel Brady's series was made.

Hip-hop discussion planned for Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, Busta Rhymes, Erykah Badu and Lil' Romeo are expected to attend a Jan. 31 event at Texas Southern University sponsored by the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network.

The artists will lead discussions about the hip-hop industry, the importance of voting and other issues such as the spread of HIV and AIDS.

Organizers hope the event will draw 10,000 people, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday.

The Houston summit will be followed by similar voter registration and community awareness

A hip-hop summit in Philadelphia registered 11,000 new voters last summer and an April event in Detroit drew 17,000 participants.

USC Briefly

Volunteers wanted for MLK service day

The Office of Community Service Programs is looking for volunteers for the Sixth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service to be held on Jan. 19, 2004, at USC. The OSCP has made it a goal to double the numbers of student, faculty and staff volunteers to more than 1000 and to quadruple the hours of service to the Columbia Community. Members of the USC community who wish to volunteer for the day or to become one of the peer leaders at a service site may register at the OSCP Web site, www.sa.sc.edu/ocsp.fice.

Newman Club to sell Inferno tickets

The USC Newman Club will be selling tickets to the Friday, Feb. 6 Columbia Inferno hockey game

from now until Jan. 27. The hockey game, to be played against the Florida Everblades, begins at 7:30 p.m. Blaze, the Inferno's mascot, will help the students sell tickets Jan. 20-21 in front of the Russell House between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each, and a portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to the renovation of the St. Thomas More Student Center, located on USC campus. Call Maria Giomi at 926-3843 or Ryan Herald at 318-3391 for tickets or questions.

USC's Cowen named national associate

USC geographer Dr. David Cowen has been named a national associate by the Council of the National Academy of Sciences for "extraordinary service" to the National Academies.

Cowen is the second USC geographer to earn the prestigious dis-

tinction. Dr. William Graf, a USC Educational Foundation Professor, earned the honor in 2001. The professors are among only four geographers in the nation to be named national associates.

In 2001, the Council of the National Academy of Sciences established a "national associates" program to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions over time to the National Academies through pro bono service to the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine programs.

SG offers three \$500 scholarships

SG is offering three \$500 scholarships for USC undergraduates: the Freshman Council Marie-Louise Ramsdale Scholarship, Student Body President's Scholarship and Brian Comer Student Government Scholarship.

Applications are available now in Russell House 227 or at www.sg.edu/sgscholarships.htm and are due Feb. 18 by 4 p.m. The scholarships will be awarded at the annual Awards Day ceremony. For questions, call 777-3852 or mail highbj@gwm.sc.edu.

SG to hold interest meeting for elections

An informational meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 15 for students interested in running for a SG office. The meeting will be held in Russell House 303 at 5 p.m. Rachel Keisler, elections commissioner, encourages all students who want leadership positions and will show commitment, integrity and creativity to file for a position. Filing for office will begin Monday, Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. and end Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Keisler in the SG office at 777-2654.

Police Report



These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department.

Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

DAY CRIMES (6 a.m.-6 p.m.)
Violent (square)
Nonviolent (circle)

NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)
Violent (square)
Nonviolent (circle)

CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS
Violent (square)
Nonviolent (circle)

\$150. Reporting officer: J.M. Simmons.

Friday, Jan. 2

(2) CIVIL DISPUTE, 800 SUMTER ST., A-1 LOT The victim said he parked his vehicle in Chris Robinson's reserved parking spot and that as the victim was backing out of the spot, Robinson kicked the rear bumper of the victim's vehicle, causing no damage. Robinson said he placed his foot on the bumper only after the victim began backing his vehicle up in his direction. Reporting officer: J.M. Simmons.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

(6) SIMPLE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF LEGAL LIQUOR, DRIVING WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS; GADSDEN AND CATAWBA STREETS Reporting officer R. Baker observed Omar Ali driving his vehicle without headlights and swerving into

Baker's lane. Baker initiated a lawful traffic stop and could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from inside of the vehicle. Baker asked Ali if he had been drinking alcohol, and Ali replied with evasive answers. When asked, Ali consented to Baker searching his vehicle. Behind the front seat, Baker found an open one-liter bottle of Evan Williams whiskey in a brown paper bag. Ali was then placed under arrest. A search following the arrest turned up three plastic containers with a substance believed to be marijuana in Ali's jacket pocket. The content of the plastic containers yielded 2.1 grams of the substance. Reporting officers: R. Baker, G. Kerwin.

Thursday, Jan. 8

LARCENY OF TOOLS, CORNER OF BLOSSOM AND LINCOLN STREETS. (OFF MAP) The complainant said that between Jan. 7 and Jan. 8 someone took

a trailer containing miscellaneous tools. Approximate value of the tools will be provided by the complainant when they are found. Estimated value: Unknown. Reporting officer: T. Brewster.

(6) MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY, COMPUTER SERVICES GARAGE, 1244 BLOSSOM ST. The complainant said that between Jan. 7 and Jan. 8 someone spray painted several different images on the walls and in the stairwell of the garage. Estimated damage: \$20. Reporting officer: T. Brewster.

(6) ELECTRICAL FIRE, 814 HENDERSON ST. At 7 p.m. a small electrical fire caused moderate damage to an exterior lighting device as well as several panels of wood around the light. Consolidated Electrical Distributors responded to extinguish the fire. Estimated damage: \$5,000. Reporting officer: R. Baker.

Thursday, Jan. 1

(1) MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1423 WHALEY ST., S-6 LOT The

victim said someone caused minor damage to the left side of the rear bumper of her vehicle. Estimated damage: