

EXTENDED FORECAST

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SPORTS Check out our Web site one hour after Saturday's football game against Arkansas for a complete game recap from The Gamecock Sports section.

Look for the next full online edition on Tuesday

STATE

10 post office workers examined after scare

SENECA — A leaking package forced the closure of the U.S. Post Office here on Wednesday and sent a number of workers to the hospital to be examined.

About 10 workers were taken to Oconee Memorial Hospital for treatment and observation.

The package contained raw peppermint camphor or menthol had apparently leaked onto mail for the medical offices before it was sent to Columbia for investigation.

Court upholds ruling against group prayers

The Great Falls Town Council has suffered another setback in its appeal of a court decision that prohibits the group from opening meetings with a prayer that mentions Jesus Christ.

In July, a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled such prayers unconstitutional. The entire court refused to hear the town's appeal this week.

Darla Kaye Wynne, a Wiccan high priestess, sued the town after its leaders refused to open meetings only with nonsectarian prayers or to allow members of different faiths to lead the prayers.

NATION

Flier obesity fattens airlines' fuel costs

ATLANTA — A new government study reveals that airlines increasingly have to worry more about the weight of their passengers.

Heavier fliers have created hefty fuel costs, according to the government study.

Through the 1990s, the average weight of Americans increased by 10 pounds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The extra weight caused airlines to spend \$275 million to burn 350 million more gallons of fuel in 2000 just to carry the additional weight of Americans, the federal agency estimated in a recent issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

Reporter threatened with withholding name

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A federal judge Thursday threatened a TV reporter with criminal contempt for refusing to say who gave him an FBI videotape showing a city official taking a bribe.

U.S. District Judge Ernest Torres suspended a \$1,000-a-day fine he had imposed when he found Jim Taricani in civil contempt in March, saying it had not achieved its goal.

The WJAR reporter has come up with the money to pay \$85,000 in fines so far, the judge said.

Torres said, if necessary, he was prepared to accept jail time because "my source expects me to uphold my promise."

WORLD

Officials clamor after Arafat falls into coma

CLAMART, France — A gravely ill Yasser Arafat reportedly slipped into a coma and anxious Palestinian officials held an emergency meeting Thursday on how to prevent unrest while their 75-year-old leader was fighting for his life.

A swirl of reports that Arafat had been quashed by doctors at a French military hospital, who said he was alive. Arafat's aides said his condition was very serious.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia assumed some of Arafat's financial powers, a Palestinian official said.

U.N. envoy cautions of anarchy for Sudan

UNITED NATIONS — The top U.N. envoy to Sudan warned the Security Council Thursday that the vast region of Darfur could easily descend into anarchy with warlords in control unless African Union troops deploy quickly and peace negotiations speed up.

The 20-month conflict in the western region is changing in character, with the government not fully in control of its forces and a leadership crisis within the rebel movements, Jan Pronk said.

The United Nations has called Darfur the world's worst humanitarian crisis, saying the conflict has claimed 70,000 lives since March.

Ashcroft expected to resign from office

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft is likely to leave his post before the start of President Bush's second term, senior aides said Thursday.

Ashcroft, 62, is described as exhausted from leading the Justice Department in fighting the domestic war on terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Stress was a factor in Ashcroft's health problems earlier this year that resulted in removal of his gall bladder.

Ashcroft is expected to resign before Bush's Jan. 20 inauguration, said aides who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

They said there is a small chance he would stay on, at least for a short time, if Bush asked him.

The attorney general has not officially informed his staff of his future plans, spokesman Mark



U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft holds up a copy of "Report from the Field: The USA Patriot Act at Work."

Corallo said.

At a news conference, Bush said he hasn't made any decisions about his Cabinet.

Also sometimes mentioned is former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, but his spokeswoman said he's not interested. "Rudy Giuliani is not taking John Ashcroft's job," Sunny Mindel said.

San Francisco uses scraps for compost

BERKELEY, Calif. — Haute cuisine is going green in a program that recycles restaurant and household food scraps into high-grade compost for Northern California farms and vineyards.

More than 2,200 restaurants and food businesses and 75,000 households in San Francisco take part in the clean-plate, clean-environment project, which began on an experimental basis in the late 1990s and has since become a national model for food recycling.

From Rudolph Giuliani to Fisherman's Wharf, table scraps are deposited in green plastic cans and then converted into Four Course Compost.

The result is less waste in landfills, lower garbage pickup costs, vibrant vines and vegetables.

"Now you have restaurateurs that are excited about sending nutrients

DAY

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TUG OF WAR



JASON STEELMAN/THE GAMECOCK

Navy and Marines Service ROTC tugs the Army overboard to win the Tri-Service field day Thursday at the Blatt P.E. Center. The winner of this annual event between the NAVY/Marines, Air Force and Army ROTC branches receives "bragging rights for a year," first-year print journalism student and Army ROTC member Matt McClain said.

back to the farms and vineyards. That's exciting stuff.

That's role reversal," says Robert Reed of Norcal Waste Systems Inc., the San Francisco-based producers of Four Course Compost.

The food scraps come from burger joints as well as some of the city's fanciest restaurants, including Jardiniere and Boulevard.

"We love the program," says Jonathan Cook, supervisor of operations at the Metreon, an entertainment complex in San Francisco that has eight restaurants supplying compost fodder.

"It's increased the morale in the kitchens. People feel they're not throwing things out, they're doing something good for the environment while they're working."

Metreon restaurants are also saving about \$1,600 in garbage pickup fees every month, Cook says.

Former pop singer mending after crash

LONDON — Singer Marc Almond says he hopes to make a full recovery from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash last month.

A message posted on Almond's Web site says he's recovering in the hospital and "is confident he will get back to full health eventually, though he realizes it is going to take

time."

"He is overwhelmed by the amount of support shown and says it has been a big help," said the message, posted Wednesday.

Almond, 48, of 1980s duo **Soft Cell**, was a passenger on a motorcycle that collided with a car in London's financial district on Oct. 17. Police said the singer suffered severe head injuries when he was thrown from the bike.

Soft Cell earned a No. 1 hit in Britain and major U.S. airplay in 1981 with "Tainted Love," their synthesizer-laden cover of a classic Gloria Jones soul song.

Almond and fellow band member David Ball broke up in 1984, and Almond began a successful solo career.

He scored a major hit with a 1989 duet with Gene Pitney on Pitney's "Something's Gotten Hold of My Heart."

Roker says surgery not a magic bullet

NEW YORK — NBC's **Al Roker** reports on his health since his gastric bypass surgery, and the potential dangers and benefits involved in the procedure, in an hour-long special to air Friday night on "Dateline NBC."

Roker, the weatherman on the network's "Today" show, underwent gastric bypass surgery two and one-half years ago.

"For anybody who thinks that this is a magic bullet, you do this

and it's done. You're making a mistake. It's not," he says.

In the four-part report, "Weighing the Risks," Roker talks to teens, parents and a physician about some possible dangers, and whether teens have a tougher time dealing with emotional and physical changes that come with the surgery.

John Mellencamp to perform at game

DETROIT — **John Mellencamp** will perform at halftime of the Thanksgiving Day game between the Detroit Lions and the Indianapolis Colts.

Mellencamp will perform for the NFL and the United Way on Nov. 25. He'll sing "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A." and his new single, "Walk Tall."

Accompanying Mellencamp on "Walk Tall" will be singer-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds.

The theme of the halftime show will be "Join the Team: Millions of People Giving Back in Hundreds of Ways to Celebrate One America."



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POLICE REPORT



Reports taken from the USC Police Department.

MONDAY

① **Larceny of Moped, Preston College, 1323 Greene St.**

The victim said someone stole his bright red moped. The front fender was missing and the rear storage was broken. The reflectors were gone as well. The victim said it was worth \$1,000 when it was new, but only about \$500 when it was stolen.

Reporting officer: G. Kerwin

② **Larceny of a Projector, 1305 Greene St. Annex, Currell College**

The victim said someone stole a Boxite projector from a locked room. The projector was worth \$2,875.

Reporting officer: J. Widdifield

TUESDAY

③ **Grand Larceny of Laptop Computer, Recovery of Laptop Computer, Thomas Cooper Library, 1322 Greene St.**

The complainant said somebody stole a Gateway laptop worth \$1,300 from the computer lab. Someone from

USC Custodial Services later found it lying in a parking lot.

Reporting officer: J. Widdifield

WEDNESDAY

④ **Burglary, Possession of Tools of Crime, Possession of Master Key, Roost Cafeteria, 1320 Heyward St.**

During a routine property check, officer Adams observed Jonathan Hunter inside, who became startled by the presence of a police officer and ducked into a nearby closet. Officer Alexander called the individual out three times before he left his cover. He placed Hunter into investigative detention pending further investigation.

The officers found several screwdrivers and a pair of pliers on Hunter, as well as a state master key and a two-way radio. Hunter said he had a guy on lookout duty outside. Hunter gave a description matching that of Jonah Cummings, who officer Harrelson found outside with a

COMING UP @ USC

TODAY

CAROLINA RALLY: Colonial Center, 6-9 p.m.

USC VOLLEYBALL vs. LSU: Basketball Practice Facility, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

USC FOOTBALL vs. ARKANSAS: Williams-Brice Stadium, 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

USC VOLLEYBALL vs. ARKANSAS: Basketball Practice Facility, 1:30 p.m.

USC STRENGTH MEET: Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center, 2-4 p.m.

MONDAY

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BEGINS THIS WEEK

USC BRIEFS

Lawyer to speak on due process

Frank Dunham, the lawyer who represented **Yaser Hamdi**, the U.S. citizen and suspected enemy combatant who was held in solitary confinement without charges for three years, will speak at 8 p.m., Nov. 17, at the School of Law.

Dunham, a federal public defender from eastern Virginia, will speak at 8 p.m. in USC's School of Law auditorium. He will focus on the importance of, and need for, due process and the balance between protecting national security and the rights of citizens. The event is free and open to the public.

Library, J-school gets new director

Kim Bowman has been named director of development of the USC College of Mass Communications and Information Studies.

Bowman will head fundraising for the college, helping lead a drive that would allow the college to relocate to a renovated facility at the heart of the Columbia campus.

About 1,500 undergraduates are enrolled in the journalism school, majoring in print and electronic journalism, advertising, public relations and visual communication.

WUSC vinyl fair set for Saturday

WUSC-FM will be holding its first vinyl fair Saturday from 1-6 p.m. in Russell House room 322.

The fair will be selling about 3,000 pieces of vinyl and more than 200 CDs.

A \$10 entrance fee covers the price of a WUSC tote bag and vinyl and CD selections.

For more information, contact Rachal Hatten at 777-5468 or Marti Hause at 777-7172.

Auditions planned for 'Monologues'

Auditions and an interest meeting for "The Vagina Monologues" will be held Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. on the third floor lobby of the Russell House. All interested in being a part of the production and events to raise money to help stop violence against women are encouraged to attend.

For more information, e-mail Gabrielle Sinclair at pregenius42@yahoo.com.

matching two-way radio.

⑤ **Assault and Battery, Capstone, 902 Barnwell St.**

The victim said she and the suspect were arguing when the suspect struck her openhanded several times. There were no physical marks on the victim, who said she didn't want to press charges.

Reporting officer: M. Denard