

EXTENDED FORECAST

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High 68 Low 56	High 66 Low 40	High 58 Low 35	High 61 Low 37	High 64 Low 40

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Look for the next full online edition on Tuesday

STATE

Social Security issue gives senators clout

Expected debate on Social Security in the Senate next year should give South Carolina's senators more exposure than newcomers usually warrant.

Sen. Lindsey Graham and Sen.-elect Jim DeMint, both Republicans, have worked on the issue for years and could have leading roles in the discussions about Social Security that President Bush made one of his second-term priorities last week.

The presidential push is a bit of relief for South Carolinians, some of whom fretted the state would lose clout in Washington as the Senate delegation went from being one of the nation's grayest to its greenest.

Judge denies trooper of plea in ticket scam

CONWAY — A judge has rejected a guilty plea by a former state trooper charged with running a ticket-fixing scheme.

Circuit Judge Roger Young on Wednesday refused to accept the plea by Redding C. Smith, after Smith said he did not profit from his actions.

Smith tried to plead guilty to misconduct in office and obstructing justice.

Authorities learned about the alleged scheme after a person complained he paid \$1,800 and his drunken driving charges were not dismissed, Hembree has said.

NATION

Inmates produce cell block cookbook

SPOKANE, Wash. — Talk about your Iron Chefs.

Proving that the steel bars of the Washington State Penitentiary are no barrier to fine dining, inmates at the Walla Walla prison have just produced "The Convict Cookbook," which includes recipes that can actually be made inside a cell without a stove.

Po' Mans Burritos, Cell Block Fudge or Jail Mix, anyone? How about Dope Fiend Sandwich or Prizzion Po Carcass Casserole?

Those are just a few of the tasty dishes featured in the 163-page book. There's a helpful glossary of prison slang in the back, too.

The cookbook grew out of a community college class on how to make the transition to the outside.

The soon-to-be-released classmates discovered they had such talents as cooking, writing and cartooning.

WORLD

Israeli police arrest nuclear watchdog

JERUSALEM — Heavily armed police commandos stormed a Jerusalem church compound and arrested nuclear whistle blower Mordechai Vanunu on Thursday.

"This is a disgrace to Israeli democracy!" Vanunu shouted to journalists as he was led into court.

"They want to punish me again. They cannot punish me twice. I suffered 18 years in prison. I have the right to be free."

Analysts said the arrest of Vanunu might be an Israeli attempt to suppress discussion of its nuclear program at a time of increasing international efforts to block Iran from going nuclear.

U.N. nuclear agency reports on S. Korea

VIENNA, Austria — South Korean nuclear experiments revealed earlier this year produced minute amounts of plutonium and near-weapons grade uranium but there was no evidence linking them to an attempt to make nuclear arms, the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Thursday.

The report, drawn up by the International Atomic Energy Agency and made available to The Associated Press, followed up on revelations that South Korea sporadically dabbled in uranium enrichment and plutonium reprocessing from the early 1980s to 2000.

Long-time Palestinian leader dead at age 75

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinians at home and abroad wept, waved flags and burned tires Thursday in an eruption of grief at the death of Yasser Arafat, the man they consider the father of their nation. The quick appointment of successors did little to dispel the huge question marks now hanging over Mideast peace efforts.

Although Arafat's death at 75 led some world leaders to talk about the possibility of a new era, the outlook was also shadowed by fears of a chaotic transition and a strengthening of Islamic militants.

The burial arrangements in themselves showed how disrupted the region is. The international funeral was to be held in Egypt, because few Arab leaders would travel to Israeli-controlled Palestinian land; Arafat was to be buried in the West Bank town of Ramallah because Israel refused to



BARBARA DAVIDSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Mourners kiss a poster of Yasser Arafat on Thursday, following the announcement of his death.

approve interment in Jerusalem; and most mourners from the Gaza Strip would be barred from traveling across Israeli territory to Ramallah, a security official said.

Workers in Cairo scrambled to lay new carpet and mow the lawn at a small mosque near the airport where dozens of foreign dignitaries will honor the Palestinian leader in a modest ceremony Friday morning, before Arafat's body is flown to Ramallah for a burial service.

In France, where Arafat died before dawn Thursday after 13 nights in a Paris military hospital, eight pallbearers carried his flag-draped coffin past an honor guard Thursday evening as a military band played the French and Palestinian national anthems and a Chopin funeral march.

Arafat's widow, Suha, stifled sobs as the coffin was transferred from a French military helicopter to the official French airplane heading to Egypt.

Though it had been expected for several days as he fell into a coma, Arafat's death stunned Palestinians and left them wondering who could possibly replace their leader of the last four decades.

Arafat had not anointed a successor, but within hours the Palestine Liberation Organization elected former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to replace him as its new chief, virtually ensuring he takes over as Palestinian leader, at least for now.

The Palestinian legislature also swore in Speaker Rauhí Fattouh as

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ARTS AND CRAFTS



JASON STEELMAN/THE GAMECOCK

Allison Shaw, a first year exercise science student, left, and Julia Anderson, a first-year graphic design student, design their own shorts with custom text on the second floor lobby of the Russell House on Monday.

caretaker president of the Palestinian Authority, the self-ruling power in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, though that position will likely have far less power than when Arafat held it. Fattouh is to serve for 60 days until elections can be held, though the law may be amended to allow parliament to choose the new president.

Thousands of Palestinians flooded the streets, many weeping and clutching Arafat's photo. Even members of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad militant groups, often critical of Arafat, mourned his death.

Safra Hassan gave birth to twin boys in Gaza a few hours after Arafat died and said she was naming them Yasser and Arafat. "I'm so proud that the name of Yasser Arafat will be in my house every day, just as the name of Yasser Arafat will be in every Palestinian house forever," she said.

Black smoke from burning tires rose across the Gaza Strip and gunmen fired symbolic volleys into the air. At Arafat's battered Ramallah compound where he will be buried, flags flew at half staff. The radio played somber music, church bells in the partly-Christian city rang out, and Quranic verses were played for hours over mosque loudspeakers.

The Palestinian Cabinet declared 40 days of mourning, and the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades in Gaza, a militant group linked to Arafat's Fatah movement and responsible for many suicide bombings in Israel, changed its name to the Martyr Yasser Arafat Brigades.

Palestinian refugees scattered in neighboring countries, for whom Arafat symbolized the dreams of returning to their homes in Israel, marched shouting "Death to Israel" and "We will return to Palestine." Some burned American and Israeli flags.

"It feels like I lost a father and a

good friend," said 55-year-old Mohammed Sbeiha in Jordan.

Though Israel sealed the West Bank and Gaza Strip and increased security at Jewish settlements, the mourning occasionally turned to violence as Palestinians threw rocks at Israeli cars and soldiers responded with tear gas and rubber-coated bullets, the army said.

Palestinians from across the West Bank will be allowed to attend the burial, but only a select official group will be let in from Gaza, according to a security official who asked to remain anonymous. Palestinian forces will be responsible for security inside Ramallah, but Israel will ring the city with troops.

The Palestinians originally insisted Arafat be buried in Jerusalem in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third holiest shrine, built on the hill worshiped by Jews as the site of the biblical Jewish temple.

Israel refused, fearing it would strengthen the Palestinians' claims to a city they envision as a capital of a future Palestinian state.

The Palestinians eventually agreed to lay Arafat to rest at his compound, the Muqata, battered and strewn with rubble from repeated Israeli raids. They will line his grave with soil from Al Aqsa, said Ahmed Ghneim, a Fatah leader, and bury him in a bare concrete box so he can be reinterred in Jerusalem whenever possible.

Security was at maximum around the airport and plainclothes officers were stationed at apartment buildings, mosques, and Cairo's main train station.

Egypt, the first Arab country to sign a peace treaty with Israel, has been mediating between Israel and the Palestinians in the four years of violence that broke out when the last Israeli peace talks with Arafat

collapsed.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Arafat's passing "could be a historic turning point for the Middle East" and President Bush called it "a significant moment in Palestinian history."

But both Sharon and Abbas, the new Palestinian chief, face severe pressures from their own hard-liners, and as is often the case in the Middle East, the first question is who is obligated to make the first move in the post-Arafat era. Israel is sure to be pressed for gestures to boost Abbas' credibility, while Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom says the new Palestinian leadership "will have to prove itself" before a peace process can go forward.

Hugh Grant moves toward retirement

LONDON — Hugh Grant says he's lost interest in acting and is heading into retirement.

Grant, who plays heartthrob Daniel Cleaver in "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," was quoted Thursday by the Evening Standard's Metro magazine as saying film acting is a "miserable experience." "I am sort of semiretired," he said. "I keep thinking I'm going to write a brilliant script."

Grant, whose screen credits include "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "Notting Hill" and the first "Bridget Jones" movie, gained international notoriety when he was caught in a car with Hollywood prostitute Divine Brown in 1995.

The 44-year-old actor, who took his new girlfriend, heiress Jemima Khan, to this week's London premiere of "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," told the magazine he didn't feel pressure to settle down.

COMING UP @ USC

TODAY
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE
SPEAKER SERIES: Swearingen
Engineering Center, 2:30-4 p.m.

SATURDAY
USC FOOTBALL vs. FLORIDA:
ESPN2, 7 p.m.
AUDITIONS FOR "THE VAGINA
MONOLOGUES": Russell House,
third floor lobby, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY
USC MEN'S SOCCER vs.
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL: Stone
Stadium, 1 p.m.

MONDAY
CAROLINA vs. CLEMSON
BLOOD DRIVE: Russell House
Ballroom
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
WEEK

TUESDAY
PRE-MED ACADEMIC & CAREER
EXPLORATION SERIES: Towers
Classroom, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
TIGER BURN

USC BRIEFS

MFA students to present plays

USC's Theater South Carolina will showcase the talents of two MFA directing candidates with the Columbia premieres of two plays by nationally known playwrights.

Suzan-Lori Parks' drama, "In The Blood," directed by Vincent A. Masterpaul, runs Nov. 18-21; and John Guare's comedy-drama, "Landscape of the Body," directed by Stephen Davis, runs Dec. 1-4.

The productions will be performed at Longstreet Theatre, with curtain times at 8 p.m. for each performance. Tickets are \$5 for general seating and will be available at the door.

Both shows contain adult language and content. For more information, contact USC's department of theatre and dance at 777-4288.

Try-outs Saturday for 'Monologues'

Auditions for "The Vagina Monologues" will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. on the third floor lobby of the Russell House. There will also be an interest meeting for those looking to get involved to raise \$6,000 for charity.

All interested in being a part of the production and events to raise money to help stop violence against women are encouraged to attend. Women looking to audition do not need to bring a monologue to read.

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

POLICE REPORT



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
 - Nonviolent
- NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)
- Violent
 - Nonviolent
- CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS
- Violent
 - Nonviolent

Reports taken from the USC Police Department.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9

Grand Larceny of Golf Carts, 1000 George Rogers Boulevard, Williams-Brice Stadium

The victim said someone stole three Club Car golf carts worth \$3,200 each. Reporting officer: R. Baker

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

Malicious Injury to Personal Property, 1400 Wheat St.

The victim said someone slashed his left rear tire. Reporting officer: J. Silcox

Reckless Driving, Possession of Altered Driver's License, Minor in Possession of Liquor, Blossom Street Garage, 1300 Blossom St.

While doing a property check, officers Silcox and Brewster, on foot, saw the subject improperly start his vehicle, make an improper stop and drive at high speed through the garage. Reporting officer J. Simmons initiated a traffic stop. The subject said he was

in a hurry to get home. Simmons asked him if he had an altered driver's license, he said yes, and gave consent to search the vehicle. A search yielded three bottles of vodka, a bottle of Dewar's, a bottle of Crown Royal, a bottle of red wine and a bottle of Jack Daniels in the back.

Disorderly Conduct, Intersection of Greene and South Main streets

While reporting officer J. Simmons was stopped at a red light, the subject approached him from the rear and began pulling the rear passenger side door handle. Simmons turned his car around and got out with the subject, who smelled like alcohol, had blurred eyes and slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet. He said, "I'm drunk. I want you to drive me home." The subject began using profanity, at which point he was arrested.

Larceny of Laptop, McBryde, 618 Sumter St.

The victim said someone stole his Dell Inspiron worth \$900 and a

Compaq laptop worth \$1,500. The room was unlocked. Reporting officer: G. Kerwin

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