

EXTENDED FORECAST

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
High 74 Low 46	High 75 Low 51	High 77 Low 58	High 76 Low 53	High 57 Low 35

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Look for The Gamecock online starting Jan. 18, 2005.

STATE

Tupperware Corp. to lay off 250 workers

HEMINGWAY — Tupperware Corp. will lay off nearly half its workforce when it moves work to other plants to save money, company officials say.

About 250 of the plant's 515 workers were told Friday of the layoff, said company spokeswoman Jane Garrard. Those employees will work until early March.

About 30 employees are eligible for voluntary retirement packages and the company will offer career transition services to laid-off employees, company officials said.

Williamsburg County had the state's second-highest unemployment rate at 17.5 in November.

Community mourns loss of councilwoman

GREENWOOD — A former McCormick County councilwoman, her husband and two children have died in a plane crash in Greenwood County, authorities said.

Robin Strom, her husband James and their children Bradley, 11, and Brittney, 15, died Friday night when their small plane went down in a densely wooded area near Bradley, Coroner Jim Coursey said.

The four-seat Piper PA-28 was heading to Greenwood from McCormick when it crashed near U.S. Highway 221 and state Highway 10, about 200 yards off the road, Coursey said.

NATION

Submarine wrecks near Guam, kills one

HONOLULU — A nuclear submarine that ran aground about 350 miles south of Guam, killing one crewman and injuring 23 others, was due back at its home port in Guam on Monday, according to a Navy spokesman.

There were no reports of damage to the USS San Francisco's reactor plant, but the extent of damage to the 360-foot submarine would be determined when it gets to port, said Jon Yoshishige, spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The vessel was moving under its own power.

Record snowfall hits the Sierra Nevada

RENO, Nev. — Areas of the Sierra Nevada, famous for paralyzing amounts of snowfall, have been hit with a dumping like they haven't seen in generations.

The string of moisture-laden storms has dropped up to 19 feet of snow at elevations above 7,000 feet since Dec. 28 and 6 1/2 feet at lower elevations in the Reno area. Meteorologists said it was the most snow the Reno-Lake Tahoe area has seen since 1916.

Storms also have caused flooding in Southern California and Arizona, deadly avalanches in Utah and ice damage and flooding in the Ohio Valley.

WORLD

16 militants charged with plotting terror

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan charged 16 Islamic militants on Sunday with plotting terror attacks, including strikes against the U.S. and Israeli embassies in Amman.

The suspected cell members were detained between August and September, but details about the allegations against them, surfaced only after they were charged at the office of Jordan's military prosecutor. One of the suspects remains at large.

No details were available on how the men were arrested or how the plots were foiled.

Iranian leader urges torture investigation

TEHRAN, IRAN — Iran's president called Sunday for an investigation into journalists' allegations they were tortured into confessing to charges such as insulting sacred beliefs and endangering national security after publishing articles critical of conservatives in the government.

About 20 journalists from print, Internet and other media outlets have been detained in Iran since a crackdown on the pro-reform press was launched in September. Several of those journalists told a presidential commission last month that they were tortured.

Nemcova recovering in Prague hospital

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Czech supermodel Petra Nemcova, injured in the Asian tsunami, has returned to Prague for further treatment, a news agency reported.

Nemcova, who appeared on the cover of the 2003 Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue, was vacationing in Thailand with her boyfriend, photographer Simon Atlee, when the waves swept through their beach hut. She reportedly clung to a tree for eight hours as the water swirled around her.

Atlee, 33, a well-known fashion photographer, remains missing.

Nemcova had been recovering from her injuries, including a broken pelvis, in a Thai hospital. She arrived in Prague on Saturday and was to be hospitalized there for at least a few days, the CTK news agency said.

Nemcova, 25, has appeared in magazines including Sports Illustrated, Marie Claire and Vogue, and also has modeled for Victoria's Secret.

Singers perform to raise tsunami relief

AUSTIN, Texas — For Willie Nelson, picking and singing to raise money for relief efforts from the Asian tsunami is a natural gesture.

"There really are a lot of people who would like to do something," Nelson said. "We're glad to offer those people opportunities to help



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Willie Nelson performs at a sold-out fundraiser in support of tsunami victims.

out in different ways."

The Austin Music Hall performance Sunday by Nelson and others sold out in less than seven hours, generating \$75,000 for the Red Cross, UNICEF and CARE.

The event joins a slate of concerts organized around the world, including New York City, India, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Grammy-winning singer Gloria Estefan announced plans to raise \$100,000 at a concert next month at Donald Trump's exclusive Mar-A-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Fla. Trump allocated 100 tickets to be sold at \$1,000 apiece, with proceeds going to the Gloria Estefan Foundation, which will earmark the money to the relief fund.

Performers at the Austin concert include Kelly Willis and Bruce Robison, the Joe Ely Band, Patty Griffin, Alejandro Escovedo, Ray Price and Spoon.

Michael Hall, a local musician and Texas Monthly writer who

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MOVING BACK IN



JASON STEELMAN/THE GAMECOCK

Katherine Harris, left, a first-year exercise science student, and Jessica Newman, first-year psychology student unpack for their Spring semester in Patterson.

suggested the idea to Nelson, said so many people wanted to perform that he was "beating people off with a stick."

"People want to do it because they want to be part of something. They see something so horrible and want to be part of something to make it less horrible," he said.

Connick Jr. to star in Broadway show

NEW YORK — Harry Connick Jr., the crooning heartthrob and jazz stylist, will star next season in a Broadway revival of "The Pajama Game," one of the musical theater's biggest hits of the 1950s.

Connick will play the role originated in 1954 by John Raitt, according to Jeffrey Richards, a co-producer of the revival. Richards called Connick "an actor of enormous charisma and skill, a wonderful singer and a bona fide star."

The performer, best known these days for his role as Leo, the duplicitous husband on television's "Will & Grace," will begin rehearsals after Labor Day. The musical will open sometime in November, Richards said Saturday.

"The Pajama Game," which has a score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, tells the story of labor unrest in an Iowa pajama factory and the romantic involvement between the plant supervisor (the role Connick will play) and a union activist, portrayed in the original by Janis Paige.

No other casting has been announced, although Richards said the production will be directed and choreographed by Kathleen Marshall, represented on Broadway by "Wonderful Town."

Adler is writing two new songs for the score, which includes such hits as "Hey There," "Small Talk," "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway." The original book by George Abbott and Richard Bissell

will be revised by playwright Peter Ackerman, who co-wrote the screenplay for the movie "Ice Age."

Connick appeared on Broadway with his band in 1990, and he wrote the score for "Thou Shalt Not," a musical based on Emile Zola's novel "Therese Raquin," transplanted from France to New Orleans. It had a three-month run on Broadway in 2001.

Comedian gets star on Hollywood walk

LOS ANGELES — Comedian Soupy Sales, who once said a pie in the eye was worth two in the sky, saw his proclivity for pie-tossing pay off with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

"I appreciate this from the bottom of my heart, and I appreciate you all coming here in the rain," Sales, who was seated in a wheelchair, said Friday.

The rain forced the ceremony to be held inside the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, with Hollywood's honorary mayor, Johnny Grant, setting up the 79-year-old comic's classic schtick.

"Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. had pies thrown in their face by Soupy Sales and I want to belong to that club," Grant said. He then got down within Sales' reach and took a pie in the face.

The star was the walk's 2,274th. Celebrities attending included actor Peter Marshall and actress Nancy Allen.

Sales, whose given name is Milton Supman, was born in North Carolina. He got his start as a radio scriptwriter and standup comic, going on to host immensely popular local children's shows in Cincinnati, Detroit, New York and Los Angeles. He also has made guest appearances on numerous TV shows, occasionally appeared in films and twice had hit records, with the novelty songs "The Mouse" and "Spy With a Pie."

"Not everybody is going to like what you're doing and people are going to have criticism and sometimes it's hard not to take their opinions personally."

SIERRA MACHADO
BASSIST IN GUITAR SHOW, ON BEING IN A BAND

COMING UP @ USC

TODAY
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
SPRING SEMESTER

WEDNESDAY
THE GAMECOCK NEWSPAPER
INTEREST MEETING: Russell House
305, 7 p.m.
SPJ MEMBERS MEETING: Davis
College 209, 7 p.m.
SPRING ROOM CHANGE BEGINS

THURSDAY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS.
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON:
Colonial Center, 7 p.m.
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF
SERVICE FORUM

FRIDAY
LAST DAY TO CHANGE
COURSES WITHOUT A "W"

SATURDAY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS.
FLORIDA: Colonial Center, 2 p.m.
MEN'S BASKETBALL vs.
TENNESSEE: Colonial Center, 7
p.m.

USC BRIEFS

Newspaper to host interest meeting

The Gamecock will hold an interest meeting to recruit new writers, designers and copy editors Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Russell House room 305.

No experience is necessary, and positions are open to students of all majors.

The Gamecock is seeking three paid staff writers and one paid copy editor. The design staff is seeking one full-time, paid designer and a part-time designer.

Students interested in writing columns or covering USC sports are also encouraged to apply.

Journalist group holds induction

The USC chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will have its monthly members meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Davis College room 309.

The meeting will include a short ceremony inducting new members into the society, as well as an update on the chapter's plans for the semester that include conferences, workshops and professional mentoring projects. All are welcome.

Dodenhoff to work in development

Michelle Dodenhoff was named assistant vice president for university development Friday making her responsible for directing and coordinating USC's fund-raising efforts.

Dodenhoff had 11 years of experience working with fund-raising and outreach capacities at Tulane University.

Reporting officer: C. Knoche.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

Clary Act/Information, 1800 Greene Street

Two victims reported to the Columbia Police Department that they were approached by a light-skinned black male wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and robbed at gunpoint. Both victims were unharmed.
Reporting officer: P. Jones.

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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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

1 Suspicious Activity, 500 Sumter Street

The victim reported that someone might have tampered with her milk, which was left in the lounge, a common area. The milk had a "sweet" taste. It was collected as evidence.
Reporting officer: M. Weiss.

MONDAY, DEC. 20

2 Grand Larceny of Electronics, Coker Life Sciences, 715 Sumter Street

Someone stole a Nikon digital camera worth \$800 and a Toshiba laptop worth \$400.
Reporting officer: M. Winnington.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

3 Malicious Injury to Personal Property, Delta Zeta Sorority House, 514 Lincoln Street (Not pictured on map)

Someone pulled up the shrubbery

on the east side of the house and threw it in the roadway. The shrubs died when they were replanted. The shrubs were worth \$30. Total cost of plants and labor was \$96.
Reporting officer: B. Timbers.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

4 Grand Larceny of Movies, East Quad, 1400 Blossom Street

Someone stole 39 DVDs worth \$585, 11 X-Box games worth \$440, a CD worth \$20, a Nikon digital camera worth \$400 and an X-Box worth \$150. Police lifted fingerprints from the scene.
Reporting officer: C. Knoche.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

5 Grand Larceny of Television, South Quad, 500 Sumter Street

Someone stole a gray, flat screen, 17-inch Tech View TV worth \$1,300, as well as a pair of red-and-black Nike shoes worth \$140.