

EXTENDED FORECAST

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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DAY

Monday, February 14, 2005

STATE

Sanford says tax cuts will attract retirees

Gov. Mark Sanford thinks lowering the state's top income tax rate from 7 percent to 4.75 percent over several years is a good way to draw wealthy retirees to South Carolina and help small business owners statewide.

He says the move will boost the state's lagging economy and create jobs. While people who represent small businesses say cutting taxes would be a plus, some retirees aren't sure it's a good idea and want to make sure government programs are protected. Sanford has said lower tax rates are key to improving the bottom line for small businesses, which account for about 95 percent of the jobs in the state.

Clemson plan offers \$1,000 scholarships

CLEMSON — Clemson University will guarantee each of its freshmen a scholarship worth at least \$1,000 under a new financial aid program.

The Clemson Palmetto Pact should help keep some of South Carolina's brightest students stay in the state, university President James Barker said. Although 98 percent of Clemson's in-state freshmen already receive grants or scholarships, the new program will make sure everyone gets one, Financial Aid Director Marvin Carmichael said.

NATION

U.S. will not discuss North Korean nukes

WASHINGTON — Arguing it was burned before in one-on-one talks with North Korea, the United States said Friday it had no interest in resuming direct discussions on Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

The White House said it continued to support a six-nation process designed to negotiate the elimination of the communist country's nuclear armaments.

But with that process stalled, administration officials were beginning to discuss the possibility of referring the issue to the U.N. Security Council as an alternate approach.

The objective there would be to impose international sanctions to persuade North Korean leader Kim Jong Il to abandon his weapons program.

Wal-Mart to settle child labor charges

WASHINGTON — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, will pay \$135,540 to settle federal charges that it broke child labor laws, the Labor Department said Saturday.

The 24 violations, which occurred at stores in Arkansas, Connecticut and New Hampshire, had to do with teenage workers who used hazardous equipment such as a chain saw, paper balers and fork lifts.

Wal-Mart denied the allegations but agreed to pay the penalty. Child labor laws prohibit anyone under 18 from operating hazardous equipment.

WORLD

Protestors remember WWII devastation

DRESDEN, Germany — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Sunday warned Germans against forgetting history, as far-right supporters rallied in Dresden to protest a devastating Allied bombing in World War II that killed an estimated 35,000 residents 60 years ago.

The rally and fears of street clashes cast a shadow over a day of remembrance and reflection on the U.S.-British air raids, which set off firestorms and destroyed the centuries-old city center.

Drug cartel creates new inroads to U.S.

MONTERREY, Mexico — Mexico's Juarez cartel, once thought to be in decline after its former leader died during plastic surgery, has formed alliances to gain control of smuggling routes along nearly all of the U.S. border. Authorities believe it has even infiltrated President Vicente Fox's office. The Juarez cartel has become Mexico's most powerful drug gang, avoiding the arrests that other major gangs have suffered. Its only competitor in the drug trade is the Gulf cartel and its alliances.

BRIEFS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton, Belafonte remember Davis' life

NEW YORK — The stars of Hollywood joined the people of Harlem to bid farewell Saturday to actor and activist Ossie Davis, filling a Manhattan church with laughter and tears as a parade of admirers recalled his integrity, courage and devotion to family.

Friends, fans and family members crowded into the Riverside Church for the funeral, gazing at a video screen bearing his picture that was hung above an altar.

His wife of 56 years, actress Ruby Dee, sat in the front row, near where Davis' coffin stood covered in flowers. Former president Bill Clinton led a contingent of well-known mourners, including Spike Lee, Cornel West, Rachel Robinson and outgoing NAACP president Kweisi Mfume.

"He would have been a very good president of the United States," Clinton said. "I have only this to say: Like most of you here, he gave more to me than I gave to him."

Entertainer Harry Belafonte, Davis' friend for six decades, gave the eulogy.

"It is hard to fathom that we will no longer be able to call on his wisdom, his humor, his loyalty and his moral strength to guide us in the choices that are yet to be made and the battles that are yet to be fought," Belafonte said.

"But how fortunate we were to have him as long as we did."



MICHAEL KIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Singer and actor Harry Belafonte delivers a eulogy for actor and activist Ossie Davis during funeral services at Riverside Church in New York last Saturday.

It was a fitting send-off for the acclaimed actor and civil rights activist, with rousing music provided by Wynton Marsalis, a poem from Pulitzer Prize winner Maya Angelou, and songs from the choir at his alma mater, Howard University. The funeral service lasted more than three hours.

"Ossie was my hero, and he still is," said Alan Alda, a friend of the family for 44 years. "Ossie was a thing of beauty." Burt Reynolds, his co-star on the television show "Evening Shade," recalled Davis as a friend who could make everything seem right. "I want so badly someday to have his dignity, a little of it anyway," Reynolds said.

Davis died Feb. 4 in a hotel room in Miami Beach, Fla., where the 87-year-old actor was working on a film. During his lengthy career, Davis worked as an actor,

COCKY?



JASON STEELMAN/THE GAMECOCK

A small crowd gathered to watch this red-tailed hawk eat a squirrel in front of the Russell House on Thursday evening. Curious students moved to within 20 feet of the hawk before it flew away clapping the squirrel carcass in its talons.

writer, director and producer, while giving equal time to the civil rights struggle.

Earlier, Dee listened as their seven grandchildren offered memories of Davis, ending with a poem that their grandparents often performed together. Daughter Hasna Muhammad, inviting mourners to join their family, pulled out a camera to take a picture of the congregation.

The lights in the church were then dimmed for a slide show of Davis and his family, with musical accompaniment by his son-in-law. The crowd burst into applause at the end of the presentation.

Amallah Shabazz, the daughter of slain activist Malcolm X, recalled from the pulpit the famous eulogy delivered by Davis at her father's funeral.

"Harlem has come to bid farewell to one of its finest hopes," she said, quoting the man she knew as Uncle Ossie. "Ditto."

Ninety minutes before the noon service began, a line stretching several blocks had formed outside the church, filled with children, parents and grandparents. For the residents of Harlem, it was a chance to say goodbye to a friend and neighborhood fixture.

"For as long as I can remember, all you had to do is drop the name Ossie on people, and they knew you were talking about Ossie Davis," said businessman and family friend Earl Graves. "It's easy to believe there was only one Ossie who lived in Harlem."

Aguilera engaged to music executive

LOS ANGELES — Christina Aguilera might be getting what a girl wants.

The Grammy-winning singer is engaged to her boyfriend of two years, music executive Jordan Bratman, Aguilera's representative, Meghan Prophet, told The Associated Press on Saturday night.

Bratman, 26, proposed to the 23-year-old pop diva on Friday night while the two were vacationing at an undisclosed location, Prophet said.

"No wedding plans have been set yet," she said.

Bratman presented Aguilera with a diamond ring designed by jeweler Stephen Webster, according to Prophet.

The engagement initially was confirmed to the magazines People and US Weekly.

Aguilera, whose hits include "What a Girl Wants" and "Genie in a Bottle," won a Grammy as best new artist in 2000, another in 2002 for best pop collaboration with vocals for her cover of "Lady Marmalade" with Lil' Kim, Mya and Pink, and a third award last year for female pop vocal performance on "Beautiful."

Gibbons' husband files for separation

LOS ANGELES — The husband of TV host and producer Leeza Gibbons has filed for legal separation from his wife of 14 years, citing irreconcilable differences.

But Stephen Meadow isn't seeking divorce and is hoping for an eventual reconciliation, his lawyer said Friday.

"He still loves her," Rosaline L. Zukerman said. "He hopes that things work out and they can get back together."

Meadows has been separated from Gibbons since Jan. 28, according to papers filed Monday in Superior Court. The couple were married Feb. 14, 1991.

Gibbons' publicist, Leslie Garson, said the couple "care very much about each other and there's no animosity. They're very committed to and involved with their children, and if there is a

possibility of reconciliation they will explore it."

Meadows is seeking joint custody of their sons Troy, 13, and Nathan, 7. The original court document said he also was seeking spousal support from Gibbons but that was a clerical error and an amended petition will be filed Monday, his attorney said.

"He wants to make it very clear that he is not asking for support. They have both waived support," Zukerman said.

Meadows is seeking a separation of property as outlined in a 2002 postnuptial agreement.

Gibbons, who also has a daughter by a previous marriage, spent a decade as a host on "Entertainment Tonight" and had a daytime talk show called "Leeza" from 1993 to 2000.

Hollywood stars stall fashion shows

NEW YORK — Fashion designers love it when celebrities wear their clothes on the red carpet — and celebrities love getting fabulous outfits from the designers.

But Hollywood stars and music divas stole some of the spotlight at New York Fashion Week, prompting some observers to ask: Is a catfight brewing on the catwalk?

Celebrities at New York Fashion Week are nothing new, said Suze Yalof Schwartz, Glamour's executive fashion editor at large, but the growing number of paparazzi and entourages have made the situation harder to deal with.

"Celebrities come to support the designers who give them free clothes, and some (celebrities) are even paid to go," Schwartz told The Associated Press on Friday. "The key is for them to stand at the end of the runway, pose once for the paparazzi, make sure the photographers get their glamour shot and then be done."

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.

MONDAY, FEB. 7

① Fire (Non-Suspicious) Student Government Parking Lot, 1423 Whaley St.

The victim said that as he began to drive his vehicle, the vehicle shut off and caught fire. Reporting officer S.M. Simmons and CFD responded. CFD made sure the blaze was extinguished. The vehicle was towed to the City Garage impound lot.

② Auto Break-in/Attempted Larceny from Auto

Senate Garage, 1600 Senate St. The victim said someone entered his secure vehicle and moved several of his items around. The driver-side door was left open, and nothing appeared to be missing.

Reporting officer: N. DeHaai.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

③ Accidental Damage Capstone Meters

The complainant said that while loading a wheelbarrow into a van, the back right-rear window was broken out when the complainant attempted to close the van's rear door.

Reporting officer: A.L. Broadus.

④ Accidental Damage Pay level of Bull Street Garage, 611 Bull St.

The complainant said the subject admitted to causing damage to the crossing arm. While driving into the pay level, the subject was on a cell phone and ran into the crossing arm. Lt. Jay Willis of parking enforcement arrived at the scene.

Reporting officer: C. Taylor.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

⑤ Minor in Possession of Beer/Altered Driver's License 814 Mark Buyck Way (Not pictured on map)

While on patrol, reporting officer J.M.H. Harrelson observed the subject

COMING UP @ USC

TODAY

Carolina Trombone Collective: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206.
Student Government General Elections: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. online at vip.sc.edu or in SG's Russell House office.

TUESDAY

Joseph Rackers Faculty Piano Recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206.

WEDNESDAY

Assembly Saxophone Quartet: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206.

THURSDAY

Brenda Heidhoff Leonard Doctoral Cello Recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206.

FRIDAY

Spring 2005 Seminar Series: 4 p.m. Jones Physical Science Center 006.
Dance Marathon: 7 p.m. Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center.

USC BRIEFS

Garnet & Black sponsors contest

For its fourth issue, Garnet & Black magazine is sponsoring a short-story contest that requires all stories to start with the following sentence:

"This is probably worth it," Jordan said, about to crawl under the train.

Submissions should be less than 1,500 words and e-mailed as an attachment to gandbe@gwm.sc.edu by Tuesday, March 1. The top three will be published in March's issue. The first-place winner will receive \$50 and the second-place \$25. For more information, contact Editor in Chief Mary Pinckney Waters at 777-1149.

Shiraz to discuss hip-hop culture

Yasmin Shiraz, a nationally acclaimed author and successful entrepreneur, will discuss her new book, "The World of Hip-Hop—An Insider's View," at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Russell House Theater. In 1994, Shiraz launched the urban-entertainment college publication, Mad Rhythms. For more information, contact Cerrisa Moore or Teddy Clark at 777-5061.

Theater to show Tubman program

Carolina Productions is sponsoring "Harriet Tubman: The Chosen One" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Russell House Ballroom.

"Tubman" is a one-woman show that takes the audience back through history with the story of the Underground Railroad and how one woman's remarkable determination made history. For more information, contact Telca Markosky at 777-3950.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

⑥ Clary Act/Information 1900 block of Greene Street
The victim said someone approached her while she was walking and asked her for her purse. She gave the subject her purse out of fear, and she ran from the scene. As the subject ran, he shouted, "I have a gun!" The subject is described as a black male with no facial hair wearing dark clothing.

Reporting officer: A. Mitchell.

Cultural Fact: "Who is the lead Fugees rapper who was born in Haiti and released the album, "The Carnival" in 1997?"

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