

EXTENDED FORECAST

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
High 59 Low 42	High 60 Low 43	High 47 Low 38	High 48 Low 38	High 53 Low 35

2

ON THE WEB www.dailygamecock.com

Look for these stories in Tuesday's online edition:

NEWS A look into the lives of the members of Higher Harmony, USC's male a capella group.

MIX If you don't want to be pinched, make sure to wear green Thursday. How to make sure you have a memorable St. Patrick's Day.

STATE

Census says degrees deliver higher wages

Census figures show that college degrees make a huge difference in what South Carolina workers take home in their paychecks. Data from the 2002 Census shows half the people with only a high school diploma made less than \$20,000 a year. And people without that level of education had to survive on less than \$12,000 a year.

Half of people with professional or doctoral degrees earned more than \$67,000 per year in 2002. And half the people with only a bachelor's degree earned more than \$37,000 a year.

Drug dealers ignore tax law, officials say

CHARLESTON — Ten years after it was created, a little-known law requiring marijuana dealers to pay taxes on pot sales has had little impact, officials say.

State officials say it appears not a single dealer has purchased the required stamps. Instead, the stamps have created a market and a demand among collectors.

The stamps are required for every gram of illegal drugs sold by a dealer in the state. They are similar to the stamps affixed to other vices taxed by the state, such as liquor and cigarettes.

NATION

Bush shifts emphasis from Social Security

WASHINGTON — Running into heavy resistance to his Social Security overhaul, President Bush has started emphasizing other parts of his domestic agenda and is promoting his foreign policy goals of defeating terrorism and spreading democracy.

Failure to generate more public support for his plan for individual investment accounts for Social Security seems to have thrown the rest of his agenda off stride.

Insurers sue clinics for alleged swindling

LOS ANGELES — Twelve state Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance plans have sued a group of Southern California health care clinics, physicians and others they say are involved in an elaborate scheme to perform unnecessary surgeries and bill insurers out of millions of dollars.

The suit was filed in cooperation with state and federal authorities, including the FBI, which had previously filed criminal charges against some of the defendants.

WORLD

Israel to dismantle West Bank outposts

JERUSALEM — Israel's Cabinet on Sunday affirmed it will dismantle 24 illegal West Bank settlement outposts but did not say when they will be removed and evaded a decision on the fate of 81 other such enclaves.

The decision fell short of U.S. and Palestinian demands for a speedy dismantling of all outposts, but Cabinet ministers said their removal must wait until after a planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip this summer.

Chinese army readies for attack on Taiwan

BEIJING — China's President Hu Jintao was named chairman of a government military commission on Sunday, capping a generational transfer of power, and told the 2.5 million-member People's Liberation Army to be prepared for war on the eve of the expected passage of a law authorizing an attack if Taiwan declares formal independence.

Hu's comments, made to military delegates at the national legislature, appeared aimed at underlining Beijing's determination to unify with democratically ruled Taiwan, which split from the Chinese mainland in 1949.

BRIEFS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain's William uninjured after fall

BIRDLIP, England — Prince William fell from his horse as he and his younger brother, Prince Harry, took to the polo field for a charity match Saturday in aid of victims of the Asian tsunami.

The princes, who organized the charity match, led opposing teams onto the field at the Longdole Polo Club in western England. Afterward, players and guests were invited to join William, 22, and Harry, 20, for tea.

Prince William wasn't hurt by his fall and quickly remounted and plunged back into action. But his team lost 12 goals to 7.

"It was just a bit of a slip and he was fine," said Matt Cudmore, one of Prince William's teammates. "We had a bit of a joke about it, and he got back on."

The sons of Prince Charles and Princess Diana said they were moved by the plight of victims of the Dec. 26 natural disaster that killed more than 170,000 people.

Ticket sales for the match raised about \$50,000 for the Tsunami Earthquake Appeal. Both princes have made private donations for relief efforts.



CHRIS ISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Britain's Prince William playing in a charity polo match in which he fell from his mount in the fourth and final chukka, Saturday.

Accuser's hard life vital in Jackson trial

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Michael Jackson's accuser has seen more tragedy in his 15 years than some people see in their entire lives.

When he was 10 years old, doctors diagnosed him with cancer. The next year, his parents divorced amid allegations that his father abused the entire family. Now the boy is at the center of a trial in which he accuses his one-time "best friend" of molesting him.

Through it all, the boy has found an outlet in performing. He has studied with comedians, aspired to dance and gushed about Jackson in a series of videotaped appearances, one of which was nationally televised.

Now he commands a new

DAY

Monday, March 14, 2005

MOVIN', ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON



JASON STEELMAN/THE GAMECOCK

Kim Amatryan, left, a first-year nursing student; Rosa Chan, a first-year biology student; and Kate Sandusky, a first-year sports management student, move back in to Patterson on Sunday after spring break. Dorms reopened Sunday at noon, while some dorms stayed open during the break.

spotlight: From the witness stand last week, the boy displayed a quick, sarcastic sense of humor and a stubborn refusal to let lawyers from either side challenge him.

When defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. disputed his testimony Thursday that Jackson hadn't helped him very much through his cancer, the boy bitterly dismissed several gifts the singer had provided.

Mesereau asked whether Jackson had bought the family a car.

"The same car he takes back in the middle of the time I really needed a car," the boy replied.

Didn't the boy's family stay at Jackson's Neverland ranch for free, Mesereau asked.

"Everyone stays at Neverland for free," the boy said.

The boy also resisted District Attorney Tom Sneddon's efforts to get him to repeat testimony he gave before the grand jury that indicted Jackson. The testimony Sneddon wanted him to repeat: that Jackson, while nude, told him it was "natural." The boy said he recalled Jackson's alleged statement only after Sneddon showed him the grand jury transcript.

Prosecutors allege that Jackson, 46, molested the then-13-year-old cancer survivor at Neverland in 2003, gave him alcohol and conspired to hold his family captive to get them to rebut a damaging TV documentary in which Jackson said he shared

his bed with children.

The boy testified Wednesday that his affection for the singer was real at the time of the "Living With Michael Jackson" documentary, but that Jackson told him what to say. One authentic moment came when he put his head on Jackson's shoulder, the boy testified.

The boy's initial contact with Jackson came through performing. Prosecutors say he met Jackson through the owner of a comedy club where the boy attended a camp to learn standup; the defense says it may have been through a woman he met at a dance school.

Soon after they met, the boy began appearing in videos for Jackson's private collection. In one video, shot in 2000, the boy said he likes a part of Neverland featuring music videos because "when I grow up I want to be the greatest dancer in the world."

Two years later, Jackson called him to Neverland to appear in "Living With Michael Jackson." That led to even more recorded appearances.

On the day the documentary aired, Feb. 6, 2003, the boy and his family were with Jackson at a luxury hotel in Miami. The boy testified that the singer met privately with him several times, once for an "audition" in which each performed a role.

"He was the principal of the school and I was a student who got in trouble because a girl said I stole something," the boy

testified Thursday.

Disney picks Iger to succeed Eisner

LOS ANGELES — The Walt Disney Co. said Sunday its president, Robert Iger, will succeed Michael Eisner as chief executive after another top contender for the job dropped out of the running.

The company said Iger was unanimously elected by the board and will take charge Sept. 30. Eisner will step down on that day, a year earlier than he had previously announced, the company said.

"Bob is an experienced, talented and visionary leader who has made crucial and substantial contributions toward Disney's strong performance," Disney board chairman George Nitchell said in a statement. "On behalf of the entire Board, I want to express how excited we are at the prospect of Bob leading this extraordinary company and talented management team to new levels of financial and creative success in the years ahead."

EBay Inc. Chief Executive Meg Whitman, who was competing with Iger for the CEO slot, withdrew her application on Friday after interviewing with the Disney board earlier in the week. Henry Gomez, spokesman, told The Associated Press on Sunday.

"After considering it during the week, she decided she wanted to stay at eBay," Gomez said.

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.

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

● Larceny of Autographed Football
Russell House Ballroom, 1400 Greene St.

The complainant told reporting officer M. Winnington that someone removed an autographed football signed by Lou Holtz from the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. The complainant said the reason for the delay in filing the report was to be sure that other members did not secure it elsewhere. Estimated value: \$75.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

● Simple Possession of Marijuana
Rutledge Room 303, 902 Sumter St.

Reporting officers B. Baker and G. Kerwin reported in reference to possible drug use. The officers arrived and found the door open. They announced their

presence and knocked on the door with no response. The officers could detect the odor of marijuana coming from the room. The officers entered the area and could hear the subjects talking inside their rooms down the hall. The officers announced their presence again in the hall area. The officers saw Andrew Coyner Smith throw a small plastic baggie from the room window. The officer asked Smith what he threw out of the window and he replied, "I would rather not tell you." Cpl. Brewster recovered a small plastic bag from below the window. The baggie contained a green, leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Smith admitted throwing the baggie from the window, and said the baggie and its contents were his. Smith told the officers that he did not know if there were any more drugs in the room. Richland

County K-9 Unit responded and searched the room. The K-9 Unit found a small bottle containing contents believed to be marijuana and two glass pipes for smoking. The subject was arrested and transported to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

● Disturbing Schools
Carolina Gardens, Apartment D-3, 101 Pickens St.

Reporting officer D. Adams responded to locate William Jerome Clement, who was not a resident at Carolina Gardens. Clement entered the victim's residence without permission, became loud and boisterous and pulled the phone cord out of the phone jack. When the victim tried to reinsert the cord, he grabbed the victim. Clement was arrested.

COMING UP @ USC

TUESDAY

Evan T. Simmons MM
Percussion Recital: 6 p.m.
School of Music 206.

Sarita Jacqueline Maxwell
Doctoral Tuba Recital: 4:30 p.m.
School of Music 206.

WEDNESDAY

Neil Cameron Britt Student
Composition Recital: 6 p.m.
School of Music 206.

Sidney Randolph Tyner MM
Saxophone Recital: 7:30 p.m.
School of Music 206.

THURSDAY

Jessica Ann Walsh MM
Clarinet Recital: 4:30 p.m.
School of Music 206.

FRIDAY

Harmony Ann Hoverman Junior
Vocal Recital: 6 p.m. School of Music 206.

Baseball: USC vs. Arkansas: 7 p.m. Sarge Frye Field.

USC BRIEFS

Sorensen to take Bow Tie Bus Tour

USC President Andrew A. Sorensen will visit Sumter, Kingstree and Lake City today as part of the third Bow Tie Bus Tour to discuss the progress of the university's research campus with students, educators, community leaders and USC alumni. Among Sorensen's stops are Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter and a meeting with students and teachers at Williamsburg Academy in Kingstree.

Service program seeks nominations

The Office of Community Service Programs is accepting recommendations for the annual USC Service Learning Awards. The awards are given to students, faculty, staff and community leaders for their outstanding dedication to community service and service learning. To complete the recommendation form, go to www.sa.sc.edu/ocspl. Recommendations can also be dropped off at Community Service Programs suite 227. Student awards will be given at the annual Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony. Faculty recognition will be announced at the General Faculty Meeting.

Educational fund lauds fire marshal

The Environmental Health & Safety Department mourns the death of Joe Maxheimer, a USC fire marshal. An educational fund for Maxheimer's daughter is being established at the Carolina Collegiate Federal Credit Union. For more information, contact Alison Rosenberg at 777-5269.