

# EXTENDED FORECAST

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
High 70 Low 49	High 70 Low 61	High 77 Low 51	High 80 Low 56	High 85 Low 60

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## DAY

Monday, April 25, 2005

### STATE

#### Chlorine leak forces 20-home evacuation

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND** — About 20 homes in a private residential community here were evacuated Friday as a precaution after a chlorine cylinder at a public service plant began leaking, officials said.

Officials worked to evacuate nearby homes in the private community of about 9,000, Kristian said. There were no reported injuries.

#### Judge's DUI decision could affect others

A Richland County judge's decision to throw out breath test results in a drunken driving case could affect thousands of pending cases around the state, attorneys say.

Richland County Circuit Court Judge G. Thomas Cooper last week threw out test results in a drunken driving case and ruled that county jail was not keeping adequate maintenance records on its DataMaster machines.

### NATION

#### Study: Gene therapy reduces Alzheimer's

**WASHINGTON** — The first attempt at gene therapy for Alzheimer's patients appeared to significantly delay worsening of the disease in a few people who have tested it so far, scientists reported Sunday.

But if the approach pans out, researchers say delivering protective substances, called growth factors, into a diseased brain holds the potential to rescue some dying brain cells.

#### Commission finds too many tax breaks

**WASHINGTON** — As taxpayers recover from finishing their annual filing chores, a presidential commission studying the tax laws has reached the conclusion that there are just too many deductions and credits.

Two credits, a deduction and special savings plans help taxpayers cut college costs. Special urban and rural tax zones encourage investment and job creation. Dozens of other tax benefits help families raise children and save for retirement, encourage adoption, nudge drivers toward hybrid cars and push businesses to invest in new equipment.

### WORLD

#### Kidnapped Pakistani freed after 2 weeks

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan** — A Pakistan embassy official who was kidnapped in Iraq two weeks ago was freed Sunday, the chief Pakistani government spokesman said.

Malik Mohammed Javed was abducted April 9 after he left his residence in Baghdad to attend prayers at a mosque. The Pakistani government said after his abduction he was in the custody of a previously unknown Islamic militant group, Omar bin al-Khattab that had demanded a ransom for Javed's release.

#### Ecuador's ex-leader begins exile in Brazil

**BRASILIA, Brazil** — Ecuador's former president began his life in exile in Brazil on Sunday, ending a four-day drama that began when protesters accusing him of abuse of power drove him from office and forced him to take refuge in the Brazilian ambassador's residence.

Gutierrez's wife and one of his two daughters accompanied him to Brazil, which granted asylum to the 48-year-old cashiered army colonel.

BRIEFS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

## Beckhams consider newspaper litigation

**LONDON** — Soccer star David Beckham and his wife Victoria are considering taking legal action over a newspaper story about their marriage, a spokesman for the couple said Sunday.

The Beckhams failed late Saturday for a court order to bar the News of the World from publishing allegations by the couple's former nanny, Abbie Gibson.

Their lawyers had argued that Gibson's contract included a promise not to speak about the couple's private lives. But the News of the World said a judge ruled in its favor on grounds that the story was in the public interest.



CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British soccer star David Beckham and his wife, former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham, arrive for the MTV Movie Awards in Los Angeles in May 2003.

After the newspaper appeared Sunday morning, the Beckhams were "consulting our lawyers with a view to taking legal action," their spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Gibson told the News of the World she witnessed a series of rows between David Beckham and his wife. Gibson, who worked for the couple from August 2003 until she quit earlier this month, also claimed Victoria told her that her husband wanted to split up.

The marriage of Britain's No. 1 celebrity couple first hit the headlines a year ago when a former personal aide, Rebecca Loos, claimed she and Beckham had had a 10-day affair. He dismissed the claim as "ludicrous" and "absurd."

Victoria Beckham, a former member of the Spice Girls band, and her husband, who

## BLOWIN' IN THE WIND



NICK ESARES/THE GAMECOCK

Performances by USC Concert and Symphonic bands Sunday on the Horseshoe showcased student conductors amid unseasonal cold and windy weather.

plays for Spanish club Real Madrid, have three young sons.

#### Hubby's ex accepts Spears' pregnancy

**LOS ANGELES** — The ex-girlfriend of Britney Spears' husband says she isn't surprised to hear that the pop singer is pregnant.

"Hey, it was bound to happen," actress Shar Jackson told MTV News last week in her first interview since Spears and Kevin Federline announced the pregnancy April 12. "It was a goal, and it was conquered, moving on."

Jackson, who appeared in the sitcom "Moesha" and 2000 film "Love & Basketball," has two young children with Federline and said "he loves his kids to death."

Jackson said she is willing to let her kids have a relationship with Spears' child. "I mean, they're family, so if the other side of the family permits, then yeah," she said.

Jackson, who is starting a cosmetics line with a lip gloss called "He Cheated," has accused Federline of being unfaithful, but said she doesn't bear him any ill will.

#### Online ticket sales irk Vegas officials

**LAS VEGAS** — City officials are complaining that tickets given away for a concert featuring the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Weezer are being sold on the Internet.

"You get a couple of bums

who take advantage of the situation, and what starts off as a very nice gesture ... turns into a sleazy methodology of trying to make a buck from it," Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said.

The July 2 show is a celebration marking the city's 100th anniversary.

About 35,000 free tickets were quickly snapped up when they became available online last week. Minutes later, traders began offering tickets on eBay at prices that ranged from \$25 to \$70 per ticket.

"It's so unfair because the centennial committee wanted to present this very special event available to everybody free of charge," Goodman said.

Officials said an additional 5,000 tickets will be made available through Ticketmaster on May 16, while 10,000 were being distributed to hotels.

#### Chan talks AIDS on Vietnam visit

**HA LONG CITY, Vietnam** — Action film star Jackie Chan visited this communist country for the first time as a United Nations goodwill ambassador, promoting HIV/AIDS awareness in a nation where health experts warn infection rates are on the verge of exploding.

Chan, 51, visited a communal health center as well as a support group session for family members caring for loved ones with HIV/AIDS in

"I don't think anyone will be unhappy that Foreman grills are legal."

ADAM HARK  
FORMER RHA PRESIDENT ON LEGALIZATION OF PORTABLE ELECTRIC GRILLS IN USC RESIDENCE HALLS

## COMING UP @ USC

**TODAY**  
**LAST DAY OF CLASS**  
Adam Estes Graduate Bassoon/Clarinet Recital: 6 p.m. School of Music 206.

**TUESDAY**  
Graduate Vocal Ensemble: 6 p.m. School of Music 206.  
Jaeyoon Kim Doctoral Voice Recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**FINAL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN**  
"A Video Is Worth a Hundred Slides: Digitized Media in Education": noon-1 p.m. Computer Services 320.

**THURSDAY**  
"Ionic Currents from Dopamine Transporters": 4 p.m. Jones Physical Science Center 409.

## USC BRIEFS

#### Women's institute to hold discussion

The Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Issues will sponsor the Women's Leadership Institute on Tuesday from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Russell House Theater. USC women in leadership roles will share their experiences in advancing and achieving career success. The leadership institute will seek to promote awareness of women's challenges in career advancement through panel discussions and a networking luncheon. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 777-0169.

#### Business school to honor leaders

The Moore School of Business will sponsor the 2005 Business Leadership Awards Dinner on Friday at The Zone at Williams-Brice Stadium. The event is by invitation only. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45, or \$750 for corporate table of eight. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 777-2910 or e-mail grubbs@moore.sc.edu.

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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.

**APRIL 15**  
● Found Property  
Computer Parking Garage, 501 Sumter St.

The complainant found one white Healthways system 1500 exercise bike. The property was placed into evidence for safekeeping.  
Reporting officer: M. Winnington.

**APRIL 17**  
● Malicious Injury to Personal Property  
Bull Street Parking Garage, 611 Bull St.

While on routine patrol, reporting officer J. Widdifield observed that someone broke off the parking garage exit-gate arm on the Devine Street side.

**APRIL 18**  
● Fire (Non-suspicious)  
Cliff Apartments 503, 1311 Whaley St.

Reporting officers L.J. Welch and J.M. Simmons responded to a fire alarm call. The officers met with the complainant who said the fire occurred while she was cooking. The fire was extinguished before the officers' arrival. CFD responded with two units, and health, safety and evening services were notified. The fire caused only smoke damage. Overall estimated damage was minimal.

● Assistance Rendered  
Patterson Hall, 1520 Devine St.  
The complainant was disoriented and possibly had a seizure. First Responder, EMS and the fire department responded. Reporting officer: T. Brewster.

**APRIL 20**  
● Bull Street Garage, third level, 600 Bull St.  
Accidental Damage

The victim told reporting officer J.M.H. Harrelson that the barricade arm at the garage exit struck her vehicle's trunk. The victim said her vehicle's antenna broke, and the arm caused a 2-inch scuff mark on the trunk. Estimated damage: \$100.

**APRIL 21**  
● Grand Larceny of ATV/Larceny of Utility Trailer  
4 Medical Park Road

The victim said someone removed a green Honda ATV Rancher ES four-wheeler (estimated value: \$4,000) and one black 4X8 Lowe's utility trailer (estimated value: \$400).

## Cultural Fact:

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What is the most widely used flavoring agent in the Third World?

Answer: The chili pepper is the most widespread flavoring agent. It's a quarter of what humans use. It's best to consume the hot stuff which makes you sweat, lowering the body temperature through evaporation.