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High 56 Low 32	High 58 Low 47	High 70 Low 51	High 64 Low 31	High 55 Low 32

FANDANGLERS



A collection of ceiling fan pull starters created by Professor Bob Lyon are displayed at the USC Department of Art's annual holiday art sale, which lasts through Saturday.

CAROLINA BRIEF

USC to give diplomas to 2,300 at graduation

USC expects to hand more than 2,300 graduates their diplomas when commencement takes place Dec. 12 at the Colonial Center.

Cokie Roberts, a National Public Radio analyst and ABC News commentator, will give the address.

Roberts has received three Emmy Awards for her television work and received the Edward R. Murrow Award for her work with public radio.

One thousand seventy-five baccalaureate degrees will be given to USC-Columbia students. Sixteen law degrees and 79 doctoral degrees will also be awarded.

The ceremonies will be broadcast on ETV live on Dec. 12 beginning at 3 p.m. USC will also have streaming video of the ceremony at www.sc.edu/commencement.

THIS WEEK at USC

TODAY

Alvay Louis Bryan Jr. *doctoral viola recital*: 4 p.m. School of Music 206

Devin K. Farmer *junior piano recital*: 5:30 p.m. School of Music 206

Marina Lomazov *studio recital*: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206

Fall 2005 Seminar Series — Kirk S. Schanze, "Conjugated Polyelectrolytes: Self-Assembly, Amplified Quenching and Application to Biosensors": 4 p.m. Jones Physical Science Center 006

SATURDAY

Junichiro Harada *doctoral piano recital*: 5:30 p.m. School of Music 206

William Terwilliger *violin and viola studio recital*: 7 p.m. School of Music 206

Pets in America exhibit: runs through Apt. 22, 2006, McKissick Museum

SUNDAY

An Evening of Chamber Music: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206

POLICE REPORT

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

Assistance rendered, 8:58 a.m. Longstreet Theatre, 1300 Greene St.

A 53-year-old woman said she felt dizzy and fell, possibly hitting her head. First Responders and EMS arrived, and the woman was taken to Palmetto Baptist hospital.

Reporting officer: T. Brewster-Gooding

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

Disorderly conduct, trespassing after notice, 2:04 a.m.

Spring Sports, 1316 Heyward St. John Floyd, 69, was found during a routine property check. Floyd had no ID, but a records check revealed previous trespassing notices. Floyd began to yell profanities at the officer and was arrested.

Reporting officer: D. Adams

Information; Larceny and recovery of wallet, 11:30 a.m.

Seawells, 1125 Rosewood Dr. A 28-year-old woman said someone took her wallet, and a 21-year-old man said he found a wallet in the back of his truck, the ID inside of which matched the woman. The victim said she canceled all of her cards the day of the larceny.

Reporting officer: M.A. Winnington

Malicious injury to real property, 2 p.m.

300 Sumter St. and 1200 Catawba St. Facilities Management reported that someone sprayed paint on a Dumpster and a bus stop nearby. Estimated value: \$200

Reporting officer: A. Mitchell

Found property, 5:05 p.m.

1600 Hampton St. Parking Lot. A 31-year-old woman said she was leaving the lot in her vehicle when she discovered a computer hard drive on her floor board. The woman said it was not hers and she had no idea where it came from. There were no signs of forced entry into the vehicle, and nothing was missing from the interior. The HP Pavilion a305W hard drive was put into evidence for safe keeping.

Reporting officer: J.M. Harrelson

Information, accidental damage, 9:32 p.m.

Chi Omega House, 515 Gadsden St. Responded to a fire alarm. A second-floor



Reports are taken from the USC Police Department.

washing machine overflowed and caused damage to the first-floor kitchen ceiling and wiring, which triggered the fire alarm.

Trespassing after notice, 11:30 p.m.

School of Music, 1051 Assembly St. Reporting officers M.J. Winnington and J. Widdifield arrived around 10:10 p.m. and found Philip Smith, 49, yelling at students entering the back of the building. Winnington asked him to leave, only to find him at the scene an hour later. Smith was arrested and taken to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

Haiti kidnappers seize bus carrying 14 children

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

Gunmen hijacked a school bus carrying 14 children Thursday, and a U.S. missionary was abducted while driving outside Haiti's capital, police said.

The separate kidnappings came five weeks before national elections are to be held to restore democracy and stability in this strife-torn,

impoverished nation. But police said they did not appear to be politically related.

The bus was taking the children to school when several armed men stopped it, boarded it and drove off down a main road heading west from Port-au-Prince, the capital, Police Commissioner Francois Henry Doussous told The Associated Press.

Doussous said the captors contacted the children's families and demanded

\$50,000 for their release. The children are aged 5-17.

Also Thursday, gunmen shot and kidnapped U.S. missionary Phillip Snyder as he was driving on a road north of the capital, Doussous said.

Snyder, 48, is the president of Glow Ministries International, based in Zeeland, Mich., about 90 miles west of the state capital of Lansing, according to the group's Web site.

The kidnap victim's wife, Amber Snyder, 38, said in a phone interview with the AP from Zeeland that she received a brief telephone call from her husband Thursday afternoon, where he told her that he had been kidnapped and shot.

"He sounded strained," she said. "He told me he wasn't being hurt."

Amber Snyder said the Red Cross was able to examine her husband.

She said a boy, about 7 or 8 years old, may have been kidnapped along with her 48-year-old husband. She said the father of the boy, who was being taken to obtain a medical visa so he could have eye surgery, also may have been kidnapped and released. She said the one of the

couple's sons, who lives in Haiti, was acting as a negotiator with the kidnappers.

Doussous said police believe the two kidnappings are unrelated. The police commander spoke with Snyder's kidnappers by phone, who said they want \$300,000 for the American's release. The kidnappers also put Snyder himself on the phone with the police commander.

Amber Snyder said her husband's family has worked in Haiti for more than three decades in helping the poor.

Doussous said police believe the kidnappers brought Snyder to the Port-au-Prince slum of Cite Soleil, a base for armed gangs blamed for much of the recent violence in the capital.

Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, has a long history of instability. Elections are slated for Jan. 8, to elect a president and parliament. A rebellion ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in February 2004.

"We do not consider these kidnaps to be politically motivated," said Doussous. "This is purely criminal activity, the gangs need money."

State

Possible bacteria found at coastal area hospital

MYRTLE BEACH — The Grand Strand Regional Medical Center has sent letters to more than 3,500 patients warning them the mouthwash they received at the hospital could be contaminated with bacteria.

The mouthwash was sent to hospitals and other medical facilities across the country by Medline Industries of Mundelein, Ill., which recalled the product in late August.

The mouthwash was distributed in personal hygiene kits when patients were admitted between March 23 and Aug. 31. It has an identification code of RA05CRR and lot numbers 0503 through 0508.

The mouthwash tested positive for Burkholderia cepacia.

The bacteria poses little threat to healthy people, but others with health problems such as weakened immune systems or chronic lung diseases could be more susceptible.

Nation

New Orleans opens final closed district

NEW ORLEANS — The last neighborhood in New Orleans that had remained closed after Hurricane Katrina reopened Thursday with some residents of the Lower Ninth Ward saying they planned to abandon the area and others vowing to rebuild.

Residents were allowed in for the day to gather what belongings they could. Until now, people had been able to view the destruction only on bus tours. Residents still cannot stay in the neighborhood, which has no electric power.

The Lower Ninth Ward was the last section of the city to reopen, owing to the destruction wrought by the storm and floods after the London Avenue Canal levee breach.

The neighborhood remained treacherous. Streets were clear, but hundreds of buildings were on the verge of collapse and yards were full of broken glass, metal shards and boards studded with rusting nails.

Before the hurricane, some residents had decried growing violent crime in the ward, which has long had a reputation as one of the city's most dangerous areas.

World

Police clash with voters during Egypt's election

MANSOURA, Egypt — Violence wracked the final round of Egypt's troubled parliamentary elections Thursday as police opened fire on crowds and used nightsticks and tear gas to bar voters from entering polling stations in opposition strongholds. At least one person was killed and 60 were wounded.

Voters were met at the polls by lines of police in towns where ruling party candidates faced stiff competition from the opposition, and only people who said they would cast ballots for President Hosni Mubarak's National Democratic Party were allowed through.

The elections — considered a key test of Mubarak's openness to reform — have been plagued by battles between the government and the Brotherhood, Egypt's main Islamist group. The Brotherhood racked up seats in the two election stages last month, increasing its representation in the parliament by at least five times more than what it previously was.

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