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Weather Forecast

TODAY	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
High 53 Low 31	High 62 Low 36	High 67 Low 51	High 71 Low 46	High 66 Low 44

MRS. CLEAN



Claire Hughes / THE GAMECOCK

First-year biology student Samirah Ashraf washes the walls of the Salvation Army in Columbia as part Martin Luther King Jr. service day.

CRIME REPORT

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

**Malicious injury to real property, 12:57 a.m.**  
McBryde, 614 Sumter St.

Someone smashed a window in the building's stairwell. A security officer said he saw a man, aged 18 to 21, throw an object into the glass. Estimated damage: \$100.

Reporting officer: M. D. Evans

**Malicious injury to real property, 4:57 a.m.**  
Douglas, 614 Main St.

Someone discharged a fire extinguisher throughout the third floor of the building. The Columbia Fire Department responded, and Health & Safety and Tri-Tec were notified. Estimated damage: \$25.

Reporting officer: M. D. Evans

**Larceny of CD player; Auto break-in, 8 a.m.**  
S-26 Lot, 1200 Catawba St.

Someone gained entry to a vehicle and removed a Pioneer DEH-P3500 CD player. Estimated value: \$150.

Reporting officer: J. DuPre

**Malicious injury to private property, 5 p.m.**  
E-5 Lot, 1400 Wheat St.

Someone scratched the paint on a 1985 Chevrolet vehicle's hood, trunk and driver's side panel. Estimated damage: \$600.

Reporting officer: R. Baker

MONDAY, JAN. 16

**Illegal use of telephone, 3 a.m.**  
Roost, 1475 Marion St.

The victim, 19, said someone called her and made obscene comments to her.

Reporting officer: K. Morgan

**Assisting other agency, 7:30 p.m.**  
1335 Rosewood Dr.

Reporting officer M. J. Wilmington found the victim, 44, on Roundhouse Road near an adjacent parking lot. The man said a man, aged 30 to 50, stabbed him in the chest after the victim left work near Rosewood and Superior Streets. EMS and the Columbia Police Department responded. The victim was taken to Richland Memorial Hospital.

Globe wins establish 'Brokeback' as early Academy Award favorite

David Germain  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** — "Brokeback Mountain" is moseying along the Academy Awards trail, its four Golden Globe wins — best drama among them — positioning the cowboy love story for Oscar glory.

Homosexual and transsexual themes dominated Monday's Golden Globes with the key wins by "Brokeback Mountain," plus acting honors for the film biography "Capote" and the gender-bending "Transamerica."

But politics and music ran close behind at the Globes, second only to the Oscars in the hierarchy of Hollywood film honors.

Top prizes went to the corporate and government corruption thrillers "Syriana" and "The

Constant Gardener," the terrorism drama "Paradise Now" and the White House series "Commander in Chief," while the Johnny Cash film biography "Walk the Line" won three honors.

The four Globes for "Brokeback Mountain," the story of old ranch-hand buddies who conceal an ongoing homosexual affair from their families, included the directing award for Ang Lee.

The fact that "Brokeback Mountain" has found eager audiences across the country, including the conservative heartland, shows that Americans are willing to embrace stories of love in all forms, Lee said.

"It has proven you can never categorize a region or place or stereotype them," Lee said.

State

Non-prescription pills put behind counters

Sudafed and other cold medicines used to create the illegal drug methamphetamine would be placed behind the counter under a bill that received second reading Tuesday in the House.

"They would be back there with cigarettes and lottery tickets," said Rep. Joan Brady, the bill's sponsor.

The bill, introduced last year, passed 93-4 Tuesday.

The proposal affects about a dozen products that contain pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient in meth. People who go into stores and pharmacies to buy the cold medicine would need to sign a log that includes their name, address and how much of the product they purchased.

Nation

Supreme Court rules for assisted suicide

The Supreme Court on Tuesday blocked the Bush administration's attempt to punish doctors who help terminally ill patients die, protecting Oregon's one-of-a-kind assisted-suicide law.

It was the first loss for Chief Justice John Roberts, who joined the court's most conservative members — Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas — in a long but restrained dissent.

The administration improperly tried to use a federal drug law to pursue Oregon doctors who prescribe lethal doses of prescription medicines, the court said in a rebuke to former Attorney General John Ashcroft.

World

Al-Qaida terrorists die in airstrike Tuesday

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan** — At least four foreign terrorists died in the U.S. airstrike purportedly aimed at al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, the provincial government said Tuesday.

A statement by the administration of Bajur, the Pakistan's tribal region bordering Afghanistan, also said that 10 to 12 foreign extremists had been invited to dinner at the village hit in Friday's attack.

Pakistani intelligence officials have said Ayman al-Zawahri, Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant, had been invited to a dinner in the targeted village of Damadola to mark an Islamic holiday but did not show up and sent some aides instead.

CAROLINA BRIEF

Journalists to train on AMBER protocol

Journalists from around the country will be at USC today for training on the AMBER alert, the system that notifies the public when children are reported missing.

Nineteen television news directors and several online newspaper editors, all part of the Gannett News organization, will participate in an intensive daylong training led by USC journalism faculty. Cybele Daley, the deputy assistant attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice, will talk to the journalists about the importance of their role in making the system work effectively. The group is the largest to participate since USC, funded by a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, began training last fall.

USC is the nation's only DOJ-funded provider of AMBER alert simulation training for broadcasters and law-enforcement officials. During each session, participants work through scenarios and discuss topics, such as criteria for and legal ramifications of activating an alert, coordination between the media and law enforcement officials, public perception and how information should be released.

THIS WEEK USC

**TODAY**  
Student Government election filing concludes

**THURSDAY**  
Brenda Leonard cello recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206

**SUNDAY**  
Andrew Willis fortepiano recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206

Come to the interest meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in RH 302

**GAMECOCK BASKETBALL**

Men's Basketball vs. Florida  
Wed, Jan 25 @ 8pm

Women's Basketball vs. Georgia  
Thur, Jan 26 @ 7pm

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**January 31, 2006**

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