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Lancaster native Julie Roberts performs at 3 Rivers Music Festival on Saturday.

CAROLINA BRIEF

Reporters honored at award ceremony

USC's School of Journalism and Mass Communications awarded its first Taylor-Tomlin Award for Investigative Journalism Thursday, April 20, to reporters Ron Menchaca and Glenn Smith for their March 2005 series, "Tarnished Badges," in The Post and Courier.

Shirley Staples Carter, director of the school, and Columbia businessman Don Tomlin Jr. presented the award at the school's Student Honors and Awards Night. A \$5,000 prize accompanies the award.

THIS WEEK @ USC

TODAY

Scott Price Faculty Piano Recital: 7:30 p.m., School of Music 206

Late Night Carolina: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center

TUESDAY

Reading Day Women's Leadership Institute: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Russell House

WEDNESDAY

Faculty Senate Meeting: 3 p.m., Law School Auditorium

Kappa Alpha Order Initiation: 5 p.m., Rutledge Chapel

North Pole students return to classes

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Students were encouraged to return to North Pole Middle School Monday with the assurance that police would patrol the halls following the weekend arrest of six seventh-graders suspected of plotting a deadly attack.

Nine other seventh-graders also were suspended in possible connection with the elaborate scheme to kill faculty and classmates using guns and knives at the school officials said.

"We're going to have school," said principal Ernie Manzie. "We feel that all the students involved are not at school, so we feel it's safe."

The town of 1,600 people is about 14 miles southeast of Fairbanks in Alaska's interior and is home to many military families from nearby Eielson Air Force Base and the Army's Fort Wainwright.

State	Nation	World
<p>Low highway funds might delay roadwork</p> <p>State highway commissioners say some roadwork will have to wait if lawmakers don't provide some money for the agency.</p> <p>"We are in dire straits; there's no question about that," said Commissioner Bob Harrell Sr., chairman of the Transportation Department board's finance and administration committee.</p> <p>The financial crunch is a result of increases in the cost of materials used to build roads, lack of growth in the agency's primary funding source — gas taxes — and lower-than-anticipated federal highway revenues, said Mo Denny, the agency's chief financial officer.</p>	<p>Nagin wins black vote in runoff mayor race</p> <p>NEW ORLEANS — In a complete reversal of support from four years ago, Mayor Ray Nagin scored heavily with black voters and was practically abandoned by whites as he and Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu won spots in a runoff election for mayor of New Orleans.</p> <p>Slightly more than half of the overall vote was attributed to black voters, who favored the top two candidates, according to a consulting firm analyzing data for the city's redevelopment authority.</p> <p>In predominantly white precincts, Nagin trailed behind several other candidates with less than 10 percent, according to GCR & Associates Inc.</p>	<p>On tape, bin Laden threatens U.S., Europe</p> <p>CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden issued new threats in an audiotape broadcast on Arab television Sunday and accused the United States and Europe of supporting a "Zionist" war on Islam by cutting off funds to the Hamas-led Palestinian government.</p> <p>He also urged followers to go to Sudan, his former base, to fight a proposed United Nations peacekeeping force.</p> <p>His words, the first new message by the al-Qaida leader in three months, seemed designed to justify potential attacks on civilians — something al-Qaida has been criticized for even by its Arab supporters.</p>

Three U.S. soldiers, 27 Iraqis killed as politicians begin work on new government

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents killed three American soldiers in the Baghdad area Sunday and fired mortars near the Defense Ministry in a spree of violence that killed at least 27 Iraqis as politicians began work on forming a new government.

The largest Sunni Arab party raised new allegations of sectarian killings — one of the most urgent issues facing the new leadership.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said the next government must

decommission sectarian militias and integrate them into the national armed forces, warning that the armed groups represent the "infrastructure for civil war."

Sunday's deaths raised to eight the number of U.S. troops killed in the past two days.

At least 61 American service members have died in April, putting it on track to pass January — with 62 — as the deadliest month this year. It represents a jump over March, which with 31 deaths was the lowest monthly toll for the Americans since February

2004. The three soldiers were killed Sunday when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb northwest of capital, the U.S. command said.

Twenty-seven Iraqis also died in other violence Sunday, including seven killed when three mortars hit just outside the heavily guarded Green Zone in Baghdad, not far from Iraq's Defense Ministry. Police Lt. Maitham Abdul-Razzaq said it was hard to identify the seven dead because the powerful blasts and shrapnel severed their limbs and destroyed their identification cards.

Weather Forecast

TODAY	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.
High 92 Low 67	High 90 Low 63	High 69 Low 51	High 77 Low 53	High 77 Low 55

CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
Information, minor in possession of beer, 1 a.m.
Russell House, 1400 Greene St.

Upon initiating a traffic stop, the subject, 20, took responsibility for having beer in his possession.
Reporting officer: D. Davis

Malicious injury to real property, 8:47 a.m.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 509 Lincoln St.

The complainant, 57, said someone spray-painted two lions.
Estimated value: \$300
Reporting officer: C. Taylor

Grand larceny of laptop, 2 p.m.
2718 Middleburg Plaza

The complainant said someone removed two Dell Inspiron 600 laptops.
Estimated value: \$4,638
Reporting officer: D. Adams

Nepal's fractured opposition united only by dislike of king

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KATMANDU, Nepal — The protesters crowding a Katmandu road in a whistling, seething mass Sunday were clearly unified in their quest to force Nepal's king from power.

They roared their approval as a straw effigy of King Gyanendra was burned. They cheered demonstrators who dared to confront police. They chanted for a return of democracy and an end to royal rule.

"Gyanendra go now!" they shouted. But that is where agreement ends.

Watching the demonstration from the stump of a roadside tree, recently chopped down by protesters to create a roadblock, a young lawyer saw little but contradiction.

"These people don't agree on anything — only that the king should be gone," said Khamraj Khadka, 26, waving his hand at the 5,000 or so protesters.

Two weeks of demonstrations have regularly brought tens of thousands into the streets around Katmandu, and smaller crowds in other cities across this Himalayan nation, but under that surface unity is a deeply fractured political scene.

Politicians ousted when the king seized absolute control in February 2005 want back in power with a restored parliament, but are widely despised for ineffectiveness and corruption. Maoist rebels want to end generations of feudal-style rule, but have a long history of brutality in areas under their control.

Many in the crowds of demonstrators know they've had enough of their king, but have thought little about what could come after.

The political parties and the Maoists — although recent allies in a campaign to oust the king — have

been bitter enemies for years and still openly trade insults, leading many observers to worry the country could descend into chaos.

While the king is desperately isolated, sealed behind the red brick walls of his palace and kept in power only by the loyalty of his security forces, his opponents find themselves make little effort to hide that they can barely stand one another.

"Do I trust the Maoists? Of course not — at least not completely," said Jhala Nath Khanal, a top official of the Communist Party of Nepal and a key intermediary between the opposition's seven-party alliance and the guerrillas. "They talk about democracy now, but violence is a part of their philosophy."

The feelings are mutual.

"The very character of the seven-party leaders fluctuates," Matrika Prashad Yadav, a high-level Maoist leader arrested in 2004, said in a jail interview. "If they're talking to the foreign powers they say one thing. If they talk to us they say another thing ... So the people do not trust them."

Still, they have worked together effectively since late last year. Together, they have organized more than two weeks of protests and a general strike that has brought much of normal life to a halt and left Gyanendra badly weakened.

When the king tried to calm the situation Friday by offering to restore multiparty democracy, his opponents — Maoists, politicians and protesters — scoffed.

Nepal has become, in many ways, a nation of political cynics.

Many Nepalis supported the king when he seized power, saying he had to bring order to a chaotic, corrupt political scene and defeat the Maoists, whose 10-year insurgency has killed more than 13,000 people.

Cultural Awareness Commission Brings you: **Cultural Trivia:** Who was the "founding father" of Czechoslovakia? Answer: Tomas Masaryk