

**Jackson seeks direct election for judges**

The Rev. Jesse Jackson reiterated his call for popular elections for South Carolina judges during a speech at the State House on Tuesday.

Speaking on a range of issues from voter registration to racial profiling, the civil rights leader told those at a public forum that race, geography, gender and class can all be barriers to being elected to the bench under South Carolina's system.

Less than 7 percent of judges elected by the General Assembly are black, though 30 percent of South Carolina's population is black.

**GOP diversifies 2004 convention delegates**

The state Republican Party is sending more blacks, Hispanics and women to the GOP convention in August than it did four years ago.

Delegates to the state convention elected nine minority delegates to the national convention in New York. In 2000, no minorities were elected as delegates.

State Republicans also elected 31 women as delegates and alternates, up from six in 2000.

Nation

**White House agrees to let Rice testify**

WASHINGTON — President Bush agreed Tuesday to do what he had insisted for weeks he would not: allow National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to testify publicly and under oath before an independent panel investigating the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The White House also agreed that Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney would answer questions — together, in private — before the entire commission.

**Radio Flyer to move production overseas**

CHICAGO — Radio Flyer Inc., maker of the little red wagon loved by generations of children, plans to move manufacturing of its metal wagons to China.

The 87-year-old company said it would keep its headquarters and distribution business in Chicago but decided the Chicago plant where the metal wagons are built is too expensive to maintain.

With the plant closing later this year, Radio Flyer will lay off nearly half its 90 employees.

World

**Police arrest 8 terror suspects in raids**

LONDON — Police arrested eight men and seized half a ton of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer compound used in the Oklahoma City bombing, in raids by hundreds of officers — one of the biggest anti-terrorism operations in Britain since the September 11 attacks.

Home Secretary David Blunkett, who has warned for months that London is a prime terrorist target, said the arrests Tuesday were a "timely reminder" of the threat from al-Qaida.

But a Muslim leader warned that the headline-grabbing dawn raids risked demonizing the whole community.

**Helicopter crashes after rescue attempt**

MADRID, SPAIN — A helicopter evacuating tourists injured in a highway accident in the Canary Islands hit power lines and crashed Tuesday, killing all five people aboard the aircraft, officials said.

The accident occurred on Gran Canaria, part of the Spanish archipelago off northwest Africa, after a bus carrying 36 tourists, most of them Dutch, veered off an embankment.

Two medevac helicopters flew to the scene, and one of them struck power lines while taking off with two injured people, said Montse Fillol, a spokeswoman for the Canary Islands emergency rescue department. The helicopter burst into flames on impact.

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This day in History

1918: First daylight savings time goes into effect in the United States.

1965: United States orders first combat troops to Vietnam.

Extended Forecast

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
HI: 66 LO: 42	HI: 67 LO: 40	HI: 69 LO: 42	HI: 71 LO: 42	HI: 74 LO: 43

Coming Up @ USC

- Today**
- RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - "INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY":** Williams-Brice Building 125, 2-3:30 p.m.
  - RHODES/MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS WORKSHOP:** Harper College, Gressette Room, 3rd floor, 4 p.m.
  - I-COMM WEEK: HONORS NIGHT AND BUCHHEIT LECTURE BY GERALD BOYD:** Law Center Auditorium, 6 p.m.
  - GREEK WEEK: UNITY COOKOUT AND STEP-SHOW:** McBryde Quadrangle, 6 p.m.
- Thursday**
- NROTC BLOOD DRIVE:** Hamilton College Lounge, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - EPIDEMIOLOGY SEMINAR, "RESPIRATORY HEALTH OF FARMERS: EVALUATING EXPOSURES IN THE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH STUDY":** Health Sciences Building 103, 12:30 p.m.
  - STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION:** Business Administration Building, 6th floor, 4 p.m.
  - COLLOQUIUM, "SHAPES OF THE PROTON":** Jones Physical Science Center 409, Refreshments 3:45 p.m., Colloquium 4 p.m.
  - TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP:** Harper College Conference Room, 1st floor, 4 p.m.
  - GREEK WEEK: FIELD DAY WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:** Davis Field, 4 p.m.
  - MADELEINE DARMIENTO GRADUATE VIOLIN RECITAL:** School of Music 206, 4:30 p.m.
  - R. SULLIVAN/M. BUFFETT/B. BERG JUNIOR JAZZ RECITAL:** School of Music 006, 5:30 p.m.
  - THE MUSE'S WHISPER: WRITING WITH ZELDA:** McKissick Museum, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
  - PAUL SUTTON VOCAL RECITAL:** School of Music 206, 6 p.m.
  - I-COMM WEEK: "ETHICS: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN":** Swearingen Engineering Center, Amoco Hall, 6:30 p.m.
  - GREEK WEEK BASH COOKOUT AND POOL PARTY:** Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center, 7 p.m.
  - ANN COULTER, "LET'S HEAR THE OTHER SIDE":** Koger Center, 8 p.m.
  - APRIL FOOL'S DAY**
- Friday**
- I-COMM WEEK: "ETHICS IN SOCIETY: WHO CARES?":** Gambrell Hall 153, 2 p.m.
  - BEREA COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR AND CHAMBER SINGERS:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.

Stiles fascinated with royalty on, off screen

BOSTON — Julia Stiles may have portrayed a potential princess on film, but the actress is still fascinated by royalty.

"It's not that I'm curious because I'm searching for some sort of dirt on them; it's that I'm curious because I just wonder if their lifestyle is so different than mine," she said.

"Like, do they wake up every morning and really have their newspapers ironed so that they don't get ink on their hands? What do they do every day? I think that it's sort of the same reason that people are interested in the lifestyles of movie stars."

Stiles, 23, stars in "The Prince & Me," the story of a young Wisconsin college student who falls for the heir to Denmark's throne. Still, she said she doesn't see herself as American royalty.

"No, because I chose what I'm doing," she said. "I think that there's a big difference. I chose my profession, and I get so much out of it that if there are any sort of negative downsides to my job, then I understand that that comes from the territory and I can walk away, but I made that choice. Royalty, they're born into it."

Klein, Holmes hoping to wed — eventually

WASHINGTON — Popping the question was easy. Setting a date for the wedding — that's another story.

Chris Klein, who starred in "American Pie" and "American Pie 2," says it was only natural for him to propose to Katie Holmes ("Dawson's Creek") after dating for five years.

"I really believe it's the natural evolution of a relationship," said Klein. "As you grow up in your life, your relationships grow and mature. And that's the next step. Not because it has to be but because it's the next thing that should happen in order for us to grow and be together."

Klein proposed in December. The 25-year-old actor said he and Holmes, also 25, haven't yet been able to fit a wedding into their busy schedules.

Matchbox twenty embarking on hiatus

NEW YORK — The multi-platinum matchbox twenty is taking a break — sort of.

Members of the band, who just wrapped their tour in support of "More Than You Think You Are," have begun work on solo projects.

"If we didn't take a break and make solo records, it would be the end of matchbox," singer Rob Thomas said.

"If we went and made another matchbox album, it would be pretty stale right now."



Julia Stiles stars alongside Luke Mably in "The Prince & Me" from Paramount Pictures.

Thomas said matchbox twenty, which began as a bar band in Orlando, Fla., had no intention of ending its hugely successful collaboration.

"We're fortunate matchbox makes us happy. ... We're still having a good time with it," he said.

Leno will be staying up late 5 more years

NEW YORK — Late-night television's ratings king Jay Leno will be delivering rapid-fire jokes on NBC for years to come.

The network replaced his current deal, which expired at the end of next year, with a new contract that locks him in as "Tonight Show" host until the end of 2009.

Leno, who replaced Johnny Carson in 1992, eclipsed CBS rival David Letterman in the ratings during the 1995-96 season and hasn't looked back.

This season, both late-night hosts have increased their audiences, but Leno's margin of victory has gotten wider. Leno is averaging 6.2 million viewers a night, and Letterman 4.4 million.

The five-year agreement was said to be worth about \$100 million.

Godfather of Soul set to play New Zealand

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND — James Brown will perform in New Zealand after the government

granted the Godfather of Soul a special visa, despite a string of criminal convictions that would normally ban him from the country.

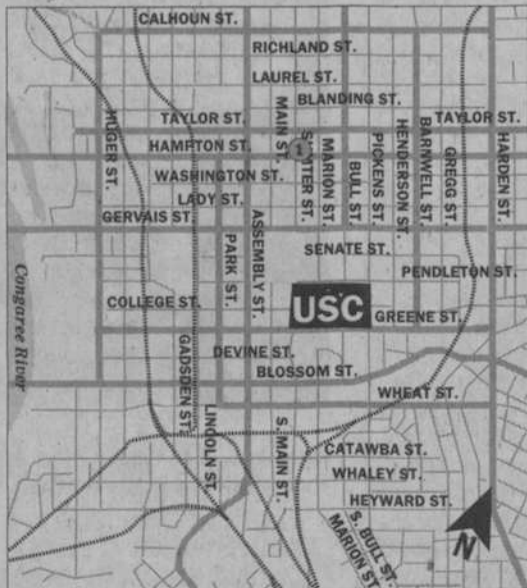
Brown, 70, received a special event work visa to perform a "one night only" show in the northern city of Auckland Wednesday night.

The singer faces a jury trial in South Carolina in a criminal domestic violence case involving his wife. Eight months ago, he was pardoned by a state board for seven convictions he had collected over 10 years, mostly involving weapons.

He has further convictions involving assault, drugs and high speed car chases.

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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

These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department.

Monday, March 29

① MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, LABORDE, 615 SUMTER ST. The victim said someone shattered the rear window of his vehicle. Estimated damage: \$500. Reporting officer: M. Denard.

USC Briefly Exchange students searching for hosts

Worldwide International Student Exchange is recruiting host families and local representatives to house foreign high school students studying in the U.S. for the 2004-2005 school year. For more information, call 800-601-9802.

Electronics recycling event set for Saturday

USC, along with a number of local sponsors, will be holding an electronics recycling event Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Only

household electronics will be accepted for recycling, including computers, monitors, TVs, printers, keyboards, fax machines, scanners and more. No appliances will be accepted. The electronics should be brought to the Colonial Center parking lot. For more information, call 800-768-7348.

Eton College Choir to perform Saturday

Patrons-Friends of the Arts at Ebenezer presents the Eton College Choir on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1301 Richland St. The concert will feature a traditional English choir of

men and boys under the direction of Ralph Allwood. Admission is free. For more information, contact Jim Johnson at 765-9430.

Conservative Coulter to sound off at Koger

Ann Coulter will be speaking tomorrow at the Koger Center for the Arts in a program called "Let's Hear the Other Side." The event begins at 8 p.m., and USC students can pick up free tickets with their USC IDs at the Russell House Information Desk. General admission is \$20. For more information, call 777-7130 or visit www.sa.sc.edu/cp.

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