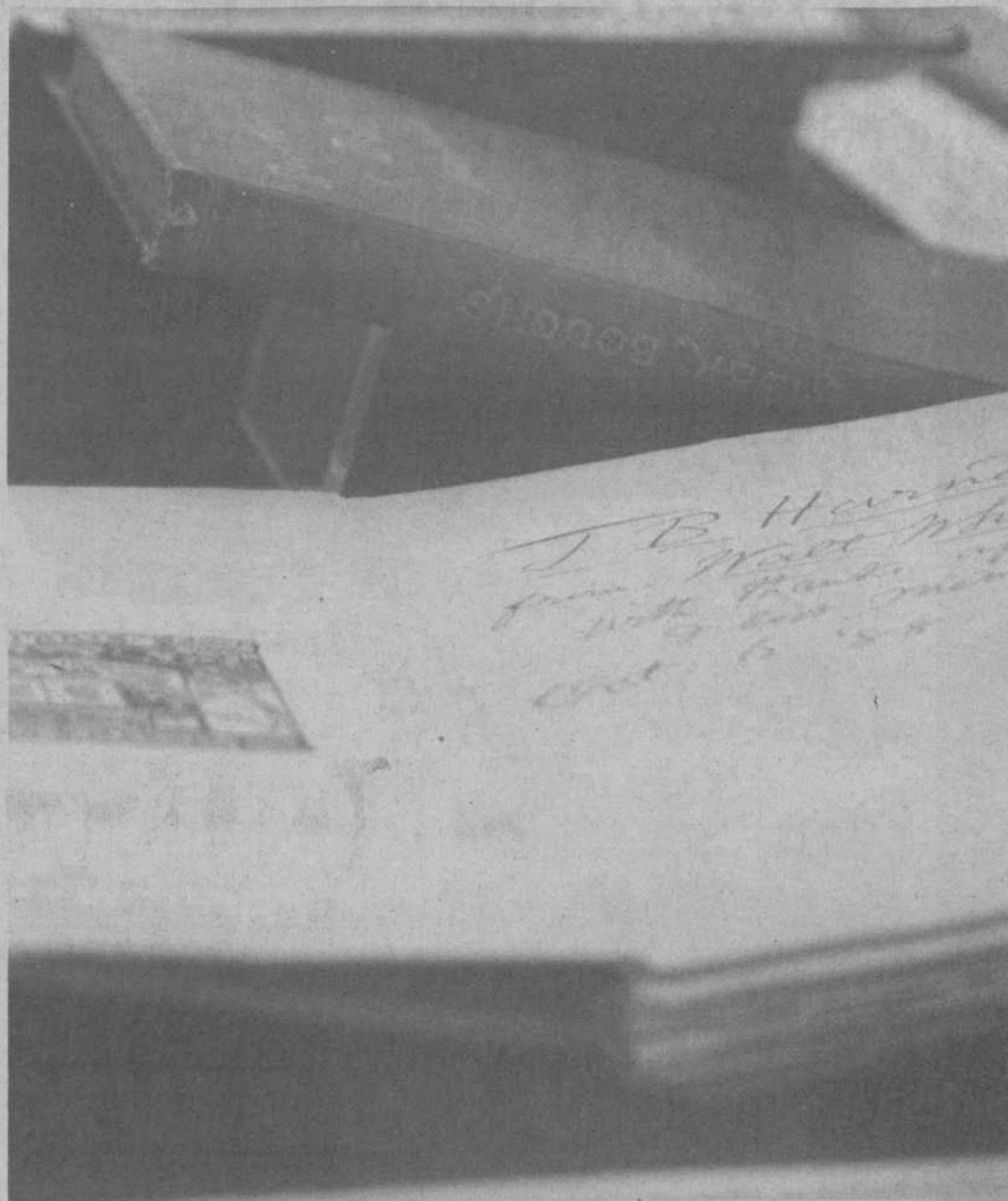


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WHITMAN'S SAMPLER



An exhibit in the Thomas Cooper Library celebrating "Leaves of Grass" by Walt Whitman includes signed copies of the book. "Leaves of Grass" is considered by many to be one of the most important pieces of prose in American literature.

CAROLINA BRIEF

USC institute to push arts collaborations

USC has established an arts institute to encourage collaboration among the arts disciplines and to make the university's cultural arts more visible in the community.

English professor Kwame Dawes has been named director of the new initiative, which has received the backing of Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Tayloe Harding, dean of the School of Music.

The institute is based on a program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The institute's budget is \$225,000 per year for four years. Its mission is to encourage and oversee interdepartmental art projects, increase student involvement, and launch a Web site that will consolidate information about arts-related activities, events and outreach.

S.C. poets to convene at annual summit

The South Carolina Poetry Initiative at USC will play host to the state's largest gathering of poets at its annual Poetry Summit, Sept. 23-24.

Billed as a "poetry extravaganza" by Kwame Dawes, executive director of the S.C. Poetry Initiative, the summit will begin with "A Poet's Night in Columbia" Friday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. at Mangia! Mangia! in West Columbia. Participants will meet and have dinner with poets Terrance Hayes and Lucinda Grey.

Events on Sept. 24 will include poetry readings, discussions and an open-mic session from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art.

THIS WEEK @ USC

TODAY
USC Jazz Trio performance: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206.

North Campus Katrina Donation Drive: 4-7 p.m. all north campus buildings.

SUNDAY
Cornelia Freeman September Concert Series, Program No. 3 — Slavic/Russian: 3 p.m. School of Music 206.

Ryan Lewis doctoral percussion recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206.

TUESDAY
Andrea Price-Baxley doctoral voice recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206.

State

FBI file shows threats against Thurmond

While Strom Thurmond was much-loved by many in South Carolina during his record 48 years in the Senate, there were those who went beyond disagreeing with the one-time segregationist and threatened his life, according to newly released FBI files.

Threatening telegrams, results of handwriting tests and summaries of interviews with suspects are among the 836 pages of documents made public this week.

The State, which requested Thurmond's FBI file after the former senator died in 2003, counted 31 threats investigated from 1958 to 1989, the years covered in the released pages. The documents do not show whether any of the threats led to prosecution.

In a 1976 letter to Thurmond, postmarked from Greenville, a man said he despised the senator and his politics. "I would give my cool seat in hell to be able to pull the trigger," the man wrote.

Nation

Eleven Ohio children found locked in cages

WAKEMAN, Ohio — Sheriff's deputies found 11 children locked in cages less than 3 1/2 feet high inside a home, but a couple denied they had abused or neglected the children.

A judge on Monday put the children — who range in age from 1 to 14 and who have various disabilities, including autism — in foster homes.

The children were found in nine cages built into the walls of the house near this small city in northern Ohio, according to the Huron County Sheriff's Office.

Sharen and Mike Gravelle are adoptive or foster parents for all 11 children, officials said. Prosecutors were reviewing the case, but no charges had been filed as of Monday night.

County Prosecutor Russell Leffler said the Gravelles claimed a psychiatrist recommended the cages.

One of the boys said he'd slept in the cage for three years, Sommers said.

World

Despite new attacks, Protestant ire fading

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Protestant mobs attacked police officers with Molotov cocktails and hijacked cars in rioting that ran into early Tuesday, but police and other emergency services said the Protestant rage of the past three nights was fading.

"It was very noticeable last night. The tension was greatly reduced," said Chris Kerr, a commander of Belfast's hard-pressed firefighting service.

On Monday evening, hundreds of Protestant men and youths continued to menace motorists, block roads with burning vehicles and barrage police units with everything from paint-filled balloons to firecrackers in several parts of Belfast and outlying towns.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland said 10 more officers were wounded overnight, raising the police's four-day injury toll to 60. They reported arresting 63 suspected rioters from Saturday afternoon through Tuesday.

POLICE REPORT

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

Grand larceny, 5 p.m.

Jones Physical Science Center, 712 Main St.

Someone entered a locked room in the building and removed six Adam AQT200 digital scales secured by table locks. Estimated value: \$1,500.

Reporting officer: D. Adams

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

Simple possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of pistol, unlawful carrying of a pistol, 10:30 p.m.

Reporting officer J. Claypoole approached a white Lexus after it sat through a light cycle at Sumter and Greene streets, drove through two lanes of traffic and pulled over on Sumter Street. Claypoole asked for the driver's ID and called for more officers. Upon further questioning the driver, investigator Gooding noticed a handgun under the driver's seat. The car's five occupants were searched for more weapons. One passenger was found to have a bag containing a leafy substance, which he later admitted was marijuana. The driver, Carlton Harris, 19, admitted to owning the gun. The weapon was unloaded at the time of the stop.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

Larceny of bicycle, 3 a.m. Columbia Hall, 918 Barnwell St.

Someone stole a blue-and-silver Hardrock bicycle with a USC bike decal. Estimated value: \$250.

Reporting officer: S. Wilcox

Trespass after notice, assisting other agency, 8:10 a.m.

National Advocacy Center, 1600 block of Pendleton St.

The complainant saw Eugene Bouknight, 40, and Randy Graves, 49, on USC

property believing they were attempting to enter a trailer near The Inn at USC. Reporting officer J.M. Simmons made contact and placed the men in investigative detention. Background checks revealed Bouknight had been previously warned about trespassing, and Graves had a warrant for shoplifting and public drunkenness. Bouknight was arrested and taken to Richland County Detention Center. Graves was turned over to Columbia police.

Trespass after notice, giving false information to police, 9:10 a.m.

1614 College St. While on routine patrol, reporting officer L. Welch saw Brian Stanhope, 32, trying to use a payphone. Upon contact, Stanhope denied having ever been warned about trespassing on USC property, denied having an ID and said he was a student. All three statements were false. He was arrested and taken to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

Auto break-in, larceny of stereo, 9:45 a.m.

USC Band Hall, 511 Main St.

The victim said someone forced open her Jeep Wrangler's passenger-side door and removed a JVC CD stereo. Estimated value: \$300.

Reporting officer: M.J. Winnington

Suspicious activity, 8 p.m. Columbia Hall, 918 Barnwell St.

The complainant said items were being shot out of a window as if they were being fired from a "potato cannon." Reporting officer M.A. Winnington responded but was unable to determine from which window the items were being launched.



Reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department.

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