

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 O USC

TODAY

Alvoy 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 Apr. 2006, McKissick Museum

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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.

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, was leaving the lot in her vehicle but a records check revealed previous, when she discovered a computer

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.

Malicious injury to real property,

2 p.m.

300 Sumter St.

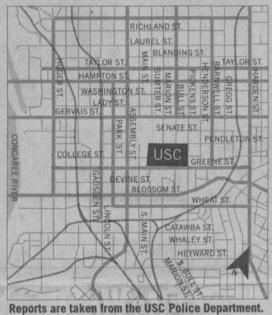
Facilities Management reported that someone sprayed paint on a Estimated value: \$200

Found property, 5:05 p.m. 1600 Hampton St.

Parking Lot

A 31-year-old woman said she

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.



washing machine overflowed and caused damaged 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.

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Possible bacteria found at coastal area hospital

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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 Burkholderia positive for 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,

and 1200 Catawba St.

Dumpster and a bus stop nearby. Reporting officer: A. Mitchell

SUNDAY An Evening of Chamber

Music: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206

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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

Reporting officer: J.M. Harrelson

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

Chi Omega House, 515 Gadsden St. Reporting officer M.J. Winnington responded to a fire alarm. A second-floor

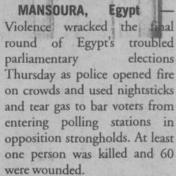
Reporting officers M.J. Winnington and J. Widdifield arrived around 10:10 p.m. and found Philip Smith, 49, yelling at students entering the back of the building. Winnington asked him to leave, only to find him at the scene an hour later. Smith was arrested and taken to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

but hundreds of buildings were on the verge of collapse and yards were full of broken glass, metal shards and bourds studded with rusting nails. Before the hurricane, some

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

World

Police clash with voters during Egypt's election



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 the and 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.

Haiti kidnappers seize bus carrying 14 children

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Associated Press.

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Afred de Montesquiou THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 \$50,000 for their release. The police said they did not appear children are aged 5-17.

> Also Thursday, gunmen shot and kidnapped U.S. missionary Phillip Snyder as he

> Glow Ministries 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 48year-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.

the Western Haiti, 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.

children to school when several was driving on a road north of armed men stopped it, boarded it and drove off down the capital, Doussous said. Snyder, 48, is the president a main road heading west from Port-au-Prince, the capital, of Police Commissioner Francois International, Henry Doussous told The

"We do not consider these kidnaps to be politically motivated," said Doussous. "This is purely criminal activity, the gangs need 1 money."