City meters make progress

SmartCards, tokens part of upgrades applied around Columbia

BRAD MAXWELL STAFF WRITER

Parking meters in Columbia now accept SmartCards and tokens in addition to coins, the city said.

“Getting that the city progresses,” said Sandra Smith, city parking operations administrator. She said the new technology was part of a natural flow to grow with other cities that have already put the system in place.

One token is worth one hour at any of the Columbia’s 4,600 meters. The tokens can be bought in bags of 50 for $35.

All city meters except those on five blocks of Bull Street from Lady Street to Laurel Street now have a slot for the new SmartCard that can be purchased in amounts of $10, $15, $20, $100 and $150. The card includes a six percent bonus.

SmartCard users also get an extra six percent of the amount charged.

“If you purchase a $10 card, you get 26 hours and 40 minutes,” Smith said. “With the average person, the user will receive an extra one hour and 36 minutes added to the card.”

When the card is swept through the meter, the meter will read a tiny microchip embedded in the card and will display the remaining balance. Leaving the card in the meter will buy time in 20-minute intervals every few seconds. But the card will not charge more than the maximum the meter will take, which for most is two hours.

The wallet-size cards can be purchased along with tokens at the Parking Service Department’s Customer Service Office at 1222-B Hampton St. The cards can be re-charged at the same location.

“The cost of maintaining our beaches is a fraction of a cent per square foot,” said oceanographer Bill Eiser of the state Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

However, several homes, condominiums and a golf course on the island of Palms are threatened by beach losses. Eiser said the island’s western end of Pawleys Island would be vulnerable during a storm, Eiser said.

South Carolina’s beaches are the centerpiece of the state’s $16 billion tourism industry, the largest in the state. While the Atlantic hurricane season runs from June through the end of November, the high point of the season in South Carolina is generally from mid-August through early October.

In recent months, several beads compromised by erosion have been replenished with sand, a $40 million project to rebuild 25 miles of beach along southeastern South Carolina is in the works, Eiser said.

“Protecting the beach is a concern in terms of maintaining tourism,” said Brad Dean, tourism director of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Tourism is a $4 billion industry along the 60-mile stretch of beaches from Georgetown to the North Carolina state line, an area known as the Grand Strand.

Dean said there is no easy formula to calculate a return on investment for replenishing the beaches, but he believes 80-90 percent of Grand Strand tourists list the beach as a top reason for visiting.

“The cost of maintaining our beaches on an annual basis is a fraction of a cent per square foot,” Eiser said. “If it were me, I’d do a lot more every year to hold on to the beaches.”

“I don’t go until the game,” said Joel Talaferra, a fourth-year business student, said he uses the parking meters at Five Points and around the perimeter of campus.

“Parking is pretty easy,” he said.

Most parking in Columbia now accept tokens and SmartCards, wallet-sized cards embedded with microchips.

Students prep for ticket distribution

Students were able to get their hands on tickets for USC’s first football game today.

Tickets for the game, vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, will be available from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 201 of the Russell House.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, remaining tickets will be given out from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Last year, some students camped out for tickets, waking up before 4 a.m. to wait. Lines for tickets sometimes stretched out of the Russell House and wrapped around the building, in eager fans made sure they had seats.

“I’ve heard horror stories about waiting in line for tickets,” said first-year pre-pharmacy student Kerri Brown. “I’m definitely not getting up at 4 a.m. for a football ticket.”

Marc Lynes, a second-year psychology student isn’t getting up at 4 a.m. for this game, but he’ll be waiting in line Monday by 6 a.m., he said.

“I’m not missing this game for the world,” he said. “If I have to sneak in, I’m going.”

Lynes said he plans to camp-out for other games.

Will Grimm, a first-year business student from Camden, has been to USC games in the past, but said he’s excited to sit in the student section for the first time.

“It’s not like just sitting in the crowd,” he said.

Grimm said he wouldn’t get up early for the first game, but said he’d consider camping out for tickets to the biggest rival games.

Andrew Gaecle, athletics secretary for Student Body President Nick Payne, said he expects ticket distribution to run like it has in the past, with a morning rush and some lines.

“I’ve sat through it every year,” said the third-year international studies student.

“It’s not the most pleasant experience, but things will be moving. Just be prepared for a morning rush.”

Gaecle said lines are long in the morning, but tickets are normally left in the afternoon and sometimes on the next day.

Tickets for last year’s season opener, against the University of Central Florida, were available all three days, Gaecle said.

“It’s games against top Southeastern Conference schools that usually draw the biggest crowds and the biggest rush for tickets. A game two years ago against University of Florida sold out tickets on the first day.

For transfer students, the first football game can be an early test to a new school.

Lynes transferred here after a year at USC-Upstate. Joining him at 6 a.m. will be Justin Pettis, a third-year pharmacy student who spent two years at USC-Vanderbilt.

Pettis said he’d do whatever it takes to get to the game.

“It’s my first game ever,” Pettis said. “It’s Carolina football.”

Paige Slaughter, a second-year biology student, transferred here from USC-Sumter. She wants to experience the student section atmosphere after watching the game in the past from non-student sections.

“Everyone gets into it,” she said.

Not all students will grab tickets for the match-up against the Razorbacks.

Daniel Harris, a first-year international business student, said he doesn’t really watch football, but might go to the homecoming game.

“I don’t go until the team wins,” he said.

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Five Points could add to skyline

Six-story building would add condos, parking deck

Kathleen Karp
THE COLUMBIA TRIBUNE

The Five Points skyline could include a brand-new six-story building with Walgreens and two levels of public parking as early as 2009.

The structure, which would sit on the site formerly belonging to Kenny’s Auto, would have a Walgreens drug store and a bank on the ground floor, followed by two levels of public parking, and would be topped with 270 acres of public parking, and a six-story building with a project on less than two acres of property, the developers have to get past the planning commission in Columbia before they approved it, ” Swinson said. There were just certain details (the commission) though they should have before they approved it. Thomas said “They didn’t feel comfortable voting when there were still questions.”

Thomas said that the public will have several opportunities to voice their support or concerns for the project before the next hearing. “There are multiple public hearings any time there’s a rezoning,” Thomas said. “There will be at least two opportunities for the public to speak to city council, or you can send letters or an e-mail in advance. In the interest between the hearings, an urban planner from the city is working with Ken Simmons, the architect for the developers, and Doug Quackenbush, an architect for the Five Points Association, to plan the development. Swinson, who is developing the project along with Stan Harpe, has high hopes for the Kenny’s Auto location. “It’s a great site. Five Points is a central area to city development,” Swinson said.

Swinson said a lot of the specifics still depend on the decision of the planning commission. “What we’re proposing and what will eventually be there might be completely different,” Swinson said. “We’ll consider our options.”

Brewer said the project hit an additional roadblock to August when the city of Columbia said the developers might not be allowed to build over drainage tunnels on the site. “The plan was out-of-sync and they didn’t know what they were allowed to do,” Brewer said.

If the tunnels can’t be built over, the building will be modified to meet regulations but will lose 20 parking spaces, he said. Brewer said the Five Points Association, which has been working towards a preservation project getting a parking garage for about 20 years, is trying to make sure the project goes forward smoothly so that the parking space aspect is not abandoned. The developers “could say ‘we’re going to build a Walgreens and a bank and a big surface parking lot’”, Brewer said. “Are we excited about a Walgreens and a bank? Not necessarily, but we’re willing to live with it for two levels of parking.”

Swinson said it would be up to the city whether or not there would be meters on the public parking.

DT Michael, a fourth-year art studio student, said she often runs into issues with parking when she goes to eat at Five Points. Restaurants such as Sushi Yeah! but she’s not sure if she’d park in a parking garage. “If it’s free, then yaaah,” Michael said. “But if they’re gonna make you pay, then I probably wouldn’t.”

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The Five Points Association, which has been working towards non-oppose any six-story building but supports this development because of the parking it would provide, Brewer said. “It might stick out a little more, though, Brewer said.

But the Kenny’s Auto development will not pave the way for other structures.

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Celebrating South Carolina’s Heritage

WASHINGTON - Florida Democrats would forfeit their votes in selecting a presidential nominee unless they delay their state primary by at least a week.

The party has 30 days to submit an alternative to its planned Jan. 29 primary or lose its 250 delegates to the nominating convention in Denver next summer.

The state party chairwoman, Karen Thurman, said she would confer with state officials about the amendment. “It’s going to be a difficult discussion,” she said, because Floridians are wary of having their votes taken away.

Elected officials in Florida have said they would consider legal action and a protest at the convention if the national party barred the state’s delegates.

There is general agreement among Florida’s delegates that they would oppose the early primary date, which covers both the Democratic and Republican primaries. The Republican-controlled Legislature passed the change and the GOP governor signed it into law in an effort to give the state a more prominent voice in national politics.

But Florida Democratic leaders now are committed to staying in the primary chain because voter participation is crucial.

Democrats strip state of delegates for holding early primary

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Circus animals win in activist battle

Elephants benefit from fight between zoos and animal rights groups

SEATTLE - On a sunny summer day, Chai the elephant frolicked in the shade and bunches in the one-acre elephant exhibit at Seattle’s Woodland Park Zoo. Children leaned over the metal barriers, trying to read the charismatic creature.

In the nearby elephant barn, Watoto stretched her trunk to a net filled with vegetation and munched on her lunch before wandering back to the outdoor exhibit. Teenagers watch her, mimicking the movements of her trunk.

Zoos showcase such scenes as evidence of the healthy and happy experience of their elephants. Animal rights groups insist such enclosures as woefully small and harmful to the health of creatures they say are meant to mimic vast wildernesses.

Across the country, some zoos are bowing to pressure from animal rights groups and shipping their elephants to sanctuaries, while others build larger enclosures to ward off concerns about the animals’ living conditions.

Since 2000 some zoos, including Chicago, Detroit and San Francisco, have given up elephants entirely, consulting with university scientists. Other zoos are following suit, with no plans to replace aging animals after they die. In Alaska, publicity about Maggie, the 29-year-old elephant at Anchorage’s zoo, prompted the board to agree earlier this year to send her south. Seven other zoos in warmer climates are vying for the 25-year-old African elephant.

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Animal rights activists argue the enclosures need far more space. The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee has 2,700 acres for 23 elephants and the Performing Animal Welfare Society’s California sanctuary has 77 acres for eight elephants. There are about 45,560 square feet in an acre.

Elephants in the wild can travel dozens of miles in a day, but zoos cite studies showing they need to roam as much as they have space in their food and companionship.

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Island voyages cause controversy

Hawaii's first passenger services sets sail despite court cloud over concerns

Jaymes Song
The Associated Press

KAHULUI, Hawaii - Laid-off with people paying a discount fare of $5, the $95 million Hawaii Superferry made its maiden Sunday with a rushed launch for a three-hour voyage to Maui, the first passenger ferry service between the islands.

Legal problems threatened to beget the giant vessel as one of the whistles that environmentalists fear it will run over, so the company moved up the debut by two days.

More than 500 passengers and crew, and 110 crew, were aboard when the four-deck, blue-and-white vessel emerged with manta rays pulled away from the dock to a chorus of cheers.

“It’s beautiful,” exclaimed Stephen Imamoto of Honolulu, who was traveling with his wife and 6-year-old daughter. “I don’t like to fly... You can’t beat the price.”

The launch, originally set for Tuesday with fares 10 times that much, was moved up after the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled unanimously Thursday that the state officials had allowed the Superferry to start service, noting that the Supreme Court didn’t explicitly say the ship’s water jet propulsion system means there are no exposed propellers to strike aquatic animals.

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“This is really a slap in the face to the residents of Hawaii and to the state Supreme Court,” said Jeff Nekima, executive director of the Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter.

More than 19,000 people have signed up to take advantage of the $5 fare through Sept. 5.

The $95 million Hawaii Superferry launch from Honolulu Sunday for its maiden voyage.
"Garden" bridges divide

Saucy Southern glossy finds balance between conservation, sport

Pete Isacke

CHARLESTON - Rebecca Darwin, a Southerner who made her career as a New York magazine publisher, had recently settled into life as York magazine publisher, had recently from her offices in this coastal city. The magazine, which has guaranteed advertisers 100,000 copies each has published twice so far this year. The magazine plans two more editions this year, then six issues next year and 10 in 2009. "The first two issues have been very, very well received," said Pierre Manigault, board chairman of Evening Post Publishing Co., which owns the magazine. "I think it's really filling a void that existed." Manigault recently moved to Charleston from offices in Long Island, N.Y. Darwin said she plans to do things for a while," Darwin said

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Scientists go to extreme lengths to protect Maine puffin species

Robert F. Bukaty / The Associated Press

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It’s no secret that ‘character’ has become the watchword among coaches and personnel, meaning that no matter how fast, or strong, or smart you are, teams won’t want you if you can’t stay out of trouble. Just ask Adam Jones, Elijah Dukes or either of the Vick brothers.

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Out now on XL Recordings, "Kala" is the follow-up to 2005's breakthrough "Arular" from Marjanji "Marya" Arulpragasam, better known as M.I.A.

When someone creates an album like "Arular," a song made up of cross-cultural influences and gritty dance and rap, you don't really expect them to strike gold like that twice. Usually, a follow-up album will drop that doesn't do much for anyone, and that's that. However, M.I.A. is not the typical artist. She’s unlike the vast majority of artists in the world in that she never seems to have considered just putting out more of the same. "Arular" was not like anything most people had heard before in 2005. "Kala," though, is not like anything anyone has heard before in 2007.

With the Bollywood-faced rhythm of opening track "Bamboo Banga," M.I.A. makes herself clear. She did not make "Kala" to keep listeners comfortable. With "Kala," the complete and many layers of producer Diplo collide with beats straight out of a multicultural fair, culminating in an album that simultaneously transcends and flies in the face of traditional dance and hip-hop.

It’s this rebelliousness that either make or break "Kala" for new listeners. While "Arular" was by no means ordinary, "Kala" is just plain foreign. "Arular" facts like "Kala Boy" compared to this. When talking about M.I.A., it can be difficult to emphasize how different she sounds without pushing too many people away. "Kala" is not unapproachable, but it takes a certain ear. If you like T-Pain, that’s fine (kind of), but you can’t expect M.I.A. to cater to you like someone like T-Pain does. M.I.A. is making dance music to appeal to the entire world, not just a mainstream rap market.

That being said, if you approach M.I.A with a willingness to hear something new, you’ll reap the benefits. This is the best dance pop/hip-hop/rap/multicultural album of the year. Now M.I.A. has always been political. "Arular" was full of guerrilla references and references, but "Kala" carries more bite. Maybe it’s just the fact that the music itself sounds more foreign than ever, but "Kala" just feels like it has teeth.

Sing-song track "Boys" asks how many no money boys are rowdy, how many start a war and ends with a witty "want go? it’s the new warfaire!" These sorts of guerrilla references to African poverty and instability made widespread dance tracks can get confusingly

Her influences are obviously from countries that have been overrun with political turmoil for years, but the result is something that doesn’t all feel like hardship. Instead, "Kala" feels transcendent, an album that knows if people can dance through warlords and poverty, then the rest of us should have no trouble doing the same.

At this point, it still seems unclear as to whether M.I.A. would prefer people to dance or become freedom fighters. "Kala" is a dance album for which most of us will never visit. It’s aggressive, loud and (dead horse officially beaten) different. While her influences are worlds removed from much of her audience, she has now done twice in three years what few artists hope to achieve in a lifetime.

She has changed the way people think of music.

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"Talib Kweli Eardrum"

The first track from Talib Kweli's newest CD release "Eardrum" is "Eat to Live," a song about the lyricist’s proclamation that "You can’t exist unless you make it through the day.

Talib Kweli is a rapper who has been known for his change-inspiring lyrics and commitment to political awareness. He is known for his ability to keep his pupils awake during class. Kweli raps about a kid who "only got enough for a quart of water and a Now and Later," which explains why his finish is so hard to concentrate during class.

The second verse explains how the media and corporate America are feeding us a flawed value system that frightens most listeners towards simpler rap music where a majority of the focus of the music is placed on the beats and shifted away from the lyrical content. On "Eardrum," Kweli comes off as a passionate professor trying his best to keep his pupils awake without enervating on the integrity of his subject. The first four tracks are an immense introduction to the matters that trouble Kweli about the world today and a reminder of the strife he has overcome to build his niche in the rap game.

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**John Boudreau**

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**A Sophos fake user, “Freddi Staur,” invited 200 Facebook users to an online friend. 87 accepted the invitation, and of those, 82 “linked” personal information.**

**Sophos said Facebook’s privacy features “go far beyond” those of competing social networking sites. And in a statement, a Facebook spokesperson said “Facebook has long deployed technology that limits the availability of personal information and works to educate users about how to protect their data online.”**

**Facebook users are not thrilled that social-networkers to face dangers in such rapid succession, many of them talked to Riggle and the other comedians late into the night after shows.**

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Inside the Box • By Matthew Levant/E/Th e Daily Gamecock

Welcome to Falling Rock National Park • By Josh Shalek

HOROSCOPES
Aries You won't have time for talking or planning or maybe even for lunch. Do what needs to be done.
Taurus Your job isn't easy now. There's money but not enough. Luckily, you're good at this.
Gemini You're coming back to your responsibilities with new experience. Have a good answer prepared.
Cancer You're one of the folks assigned to keeping the information flowing. This is important because conditions are constantly changing.
Leo Don't argue with a lucky break if it happens to come your way. Gather up as much as you can of the booty and don't tell a soul.
Virgo You're in a good frame of mind to take charge of the situation. There are problems yet to solve but that's OK. That's your specialty.
Pisces Schedule a little extra private time for thinking. You can sort through the tangle much more easily without a bunch of distractions.

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Solution for 8/24/07

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Solution for 8/27/07

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10 Men-only network
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After learning of starting quarterback Blake Mitchell’s recent suspension for the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette, I decided to examine a future quarterback controversy that will probably develop as a result.

I know there are a lot of Blake Mitchell haters out there that are inwardly, if not outwardly, rejoicing over his suspension. All the geniuses crying, “We want Smelley!” last year, are probably going to get their wish.

Smelley will start next weekend unless Mitchell’s appeal of his suspension is successful. Count me as one who’s hoping the suspension is lifted.

At this point, the 2007 season has potential to get ugly quickly. Not because I think Smelley will play poorly against ULL, but rather because I think he’ll play well.

Hypothetically, what if Smelley plays brilliantly against the Ragin’ Cajuns this first game? That’s good, right?

No, I don’t necessarily think so.

Fate will be slamming for Smelley to start the following weekend’s game at Georgia. Spurrier will be pressured to start the young quarterback after a great opening performance.

He’s surprised if Spurrier keeps an eligible Blake Mitchell on the bench, but if he does, it could be the beginning of the end of the 2007 season.

I’ll be honest. I don’t think we will achieve our goal of playing a brilliant freshman in our starting quarterback. Spurrier has stated that our goal for the season is to “compete for the SEC Championship.”
Chris Smelley is not the quarterback to do that, at least not this year. If Smelley is our man, you can pretty much pencil us in for four losses.

Freshmen almost never have great success as starting quarterbacks in college football, much less in the SEC, redshirt or not. Trust me, I understand the fans’ desire to see Smelley. Everyone loves the backup quarterback. He’s the hotshot gunslinger from Alabama. He’s the “sexy” pick.

But the bottom line is that Blake Mitchell needs to be under center. I’m not condoning any of his past actions, but he gives us the best chance to win.

Take a look at these three stat lines:

1. 24-41 228 yards 1 touchdown 3 interceptions 98.7 passing efficiency
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3. 24-33 275 yards 0 touchdowns 0 interceptions 147.2 passing efficiency

Number one is the 2006 stat line of LSU’s JaMarcus Russell, the No. 1 pick in this past NFL draft, against the national champion Florida Gators.

Number two is the 2006 stat line of Ohio State’s Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith against the national champion Florida Gators.

Number three is the 2006 stat line of Blake Mitchell on the road against that same Gator squad.

Now let me ask you a question. Do you trust Steve Spurrier to make intelligent coaching decisions?

If you answered no, please join Britney Spears in the psych ward. If you answered yes, I’ve got one more question for you.

Do you think Spurrier, in all his infinite wisdom, should start a quarterback that doesn’t give us the best chance to win?

Obviously, the answer to that question is no. Whenever Spurrier decides to start against Georgia, it will be the quarterback that he thinks gives us the best chance to win.

I’m about 99 percent sure it will be Blake Mitchell, the same guy with who has proven he can play well in a hostile road SEC game (see stat line no. 3 above). However, if that one percent chance happens and our quarterback against UGA is Smelley, I’ll eat my words and trust in the Ol’ Ball Coach.

Until then I’m keeping my seat on the Blake Mitchell bandwagon nice and toasty. Anyone care to join?

USC senior linebacker Jasper Brinkley has been named to the list of players to watch for the 38th Rotary Lombardi Award. The award, established in honor of legendary coach Vince Lombardi, honors the nation’s top collegiate lineman.

The 6’3”, 262 pound Georgia native is on numerous award watch lists, including the Bronko Nagurski trophy and Walter Camp Player of the Year lists. Brinkley is a consensus preseason All-SEC first team pick.

Honors continue to roll in for linebacker Brinkley.

The USC men’s soccer team planned to use an exhibition game against Furman as a tune-up for their upcoming season. Instead, the Paladins used it as a confidence builder, with Furman’s Chris Davis scoring off a corner kick by Jeff Scannella. Furman tied things up on an Eric Baffour goal and took their first lead of the game early in the second half on a Patrick Murray shot. Trailing 2-1 in the 75th minute, the Gamecocks tied things up on substitute player Kevan Hawkins used a header off of Schreiber Beardson’s throw-in to score and knot things up at 2-2. However the Paladins had no time in reclaiming the lead three minutes later when Davis smacked a shot in to put Furman up for good.

Carolina opens the 2007 season at in-state rival Clemson on Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m.
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