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PIC OF THE DAY

— The Associated Press

TWO

LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

CALENDAR

What: Carolina Master Scholars Adventure series
Where: 8 p.m.
Where: RH Lobby
Cost: Free
What: Student Christian Fellowship Bake sale
Where: 10:30 a.m.
Where: RH Lobby
Cost: Free
What: Campus Advance Studies on the Word
Where: 1 p.m.
Where: Greene Street
Cost: Free
What: Alpha Lambda Delta meeting
Where: 3:30 p.m.
Where: RH 315
Cost: Free
What: Hill of the Lord worship service
When: 11 a.m.
Where: RH Theatre
Cost: Free

LOCAL

Bill lifts search restrictions

Officers in South Carolina would not need a warrant to search juveniles and adults on probation or parole under a bill approved Thursday by a House panel.

Law enforcement and crime victim groups hope the possibility of being searched by any officer in the state will deter people on conditional release from prison from committing more crimes.

“It makes logical sense, when we have a known felon on probation and/or parole, that we be able to curtail any further criminal activity,” said Laura Hudson, executive director of the S.C. Crime Victims’ Council.

NATIONAL

First lady open about obesity

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — First lady Michelle Obama framed her national campaign against childhood obesity in intensely personal terms Thursday, relating that her own daughters were starting to get off-track before the family’s pediatrician gave her a wake-up call and warned her to watch it.

“In my eyes, I thought my children were perfect,” the first lady said. “I didn’t see the changes.”

But the family’s pediatrician, she said, kept a close eye on trends in African-American children and “warned that he was concerned that something was getting off-balance.” The doctor “cautioned me that I had to take a look at my own children’s BMI, or body mass index, the first lady said.

INTERNATIONAL

TV dispute results in violence

CARACAS, Venezuela — Police fired tear gas to disperse thousands of students demonstrating in Venezuela’s capital Thursday, a fifth day of protests against President Hugo Chavez for forcing an opposition TV channel off cable and satellite.

Some of the protesters threw rocks at police in riot gear when officers moved to break up the rally outside the offices of the state-run electricity company.

Students, faculty and staff can get involved in the USC Haiti Relief efforts. Make a $10 donation or more to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund and receive a “Gamecocks Helping Haiti” T-shirt. T-shirts are available at the Information Desk on the second floor of the Russell House. Cash, check and CarolinaCard accepted for donations.

SUNDAY

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Where: 1 p.m.
Where: RH 203
Cost: Free
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Jan. 30 vs. Georgia 7pm

Women’s Basketball
Jan. 31 vs. Tennessee 2pm
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The 20-year-old country-pop star is up for eight awards, and she will embrace her unique, natural beauty as usual. Quite unlike all the super-tanned, platinum-haired mannequins walking around in mini-dresses nowadays, Swift will show off her soft hair, fair complexion, and unique features in a classic fashion. Expect a neutral, floor-sweeping gown, simple jewelry, and an elegant updo.

**Britney Spears**
Spear’s is only up for one award, but this event appearance is bigger than just a possible win. She has been getting a lot of cruel remarks concerning her hair, her weight and her overall lifestyle. Hopefully Spears embraces the classic gown look, instead of too-short dresses and spangly bodysuits. Online sources say that she has turned her life around in the past few months — finding love, exercising, and getting rid of her drug and alcohol problems. Here’s to hoping Spears makes a positive statement on the red carpet, and proves all of her critics wrong.

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The Necessities

Seven always-trendy wardrobe items perfect for women on a tight budget

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THE DAILY GAMECOCK

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ASSISTANT EDITOR

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The Scene

The White Mule, 1530 Main St.
9 p.m., $7 over 18
ELONZO WITH THE SEA WOLF MUTINY

New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.
8:30 p.m., $10
ISABELLE’S GIFT AND WHISKEY MOUNTAIN
MACHINE

Sterling Hall, 320 Senate St.
8:30 p.m., $10
STEEL INTO THE NIGHT

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Solution from 01/28/10

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Gemini  Energy reserves will run low if you don’t communicate your needs first. Satisfy your own desires so others can pile on the work. Greater responsibility for group management.

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Libra  A favorite person makes work much easier. You appreciate their support and ideas. Some adjustments must be made, but they’re practical, and they open new doors.

Scorpio  Today offers new meaning to the phrase “chicken with its head cut off.” You’re on the mark all day. Sit down for dinner. You’ll need the rest.

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**SPORTS**

**Lady Gamecocks grab key win over Ole Miss**

**Magic of Colonial Life continues as Carolina knocks off another No. 1**

**James Kratch/AP/STAFF**

Don't expect Columbia's tennis bureau to have an easy time convincing a first-place team in the SEC to travel to the Garden State.

For the second time in three nights, a team atop the nation's rankings will come to Colonial Life Arena but will leave without a win, following Carolina's 4-3 victory over the Rebels Saturday night.

The Rebels, who entered the nation's top 25 for the first time in the league with No. 5, Tangmoeo, struggled physically and tactically, and Caro\n


**Tennis clubs prepare for critical weekend**

**Women ready for ITA Tournament in Fayetteville, Ark.**

Mallory Cage

**THE DAILY GAMECOCK**

Tuesday was not just a big night for Gamecock basketball.

The No. 17 South Carolina women's tennis team opened up its season that night with an easy win over Furman, but coach Arlo Elkins says that match was simply a warm-up for this weekend's ITA Tournament in Fayetteville, Ark.

"This weekend is the national team indoors and it's structured just like the NCAA tournament, which in we have regions and the women of that region goes on to play at another site. The second day the two winners play and if you lose the two losers play," Elkins said.

USC will start match play against No. 20 Michigan. Elkins says it was not Tuesday's win that the women benefitted from, but rather the chance to play in a match.

"We wanted to get a match in since we have some really tough matches coming up this weekend. It wasn't so much the win, but really just playing the match is what is really going to help us," Elkins said.

The team's last match was in October, so the opportunity to play in a competitive situation against a lower-ranked opponent was refreshing for the freshmen girls a chance to see what college match play is like and refreshed the veterans before having to enter the higher-pressure situation this weekend.

Even though their season just started last week, the team is looking to advance to the final stages of this tournament. If the Gamecocks win both of these matches this weekend, they will advance to the national team indoors in Madison, Wis.

"This tournament, this region you want to win so you can get to the national team indoors in Madison. It's a final sixteen so the experience can get to the national team indoors and it's national. Hoping to will his team to that, too."

**Men hope to avenge first loss of season against VCU**

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Tuesday was not just a big night for Gamecock basketball.

The No. 17 South Carolina women's tennis team opened up its season that night with an easy win over Furman, but coach Arlo Elkins says that match was simply a warm-up for this weekend's ITA Tournament in Fayetteville, Ark.

"This weekend is the national team indoors and it's structured just like the NCAA tournament, which in we have regions and the women of that region goes on to play at another site. The second day the two winners play and if you lose the two losers play," Elkins said.

USC will start match play against No. 20 Michigan. Elkins says it was not Tuesday's win that the women benefitted from, but rather the chance to play in a match.

"We wanted to get a match in since we have some really tough matches coming up this weekend. It wasn't so much the win, but really just playing the match is what is really going to help us," Elkins said.

The team's last match was in October, so the opportunity to play in a competitive situation against a lower-ranked opponent was refreshing for the freshmen girls a chance to see what college match play is like and refreshed the veterans before having to enter the higher-pressure situation this weekend.

Even though their season just started last week, the team is looking to advance to the final stages of this tournament. If the Gamecocks win both of these matches this weekend, they will advance to the national team indoors in Madison, Wis.

"This tournament, this region you want to win so you can get to the national team indoors in Madison. It's a final sixteen so the experience can get to the national team indoors and it's national. Hoping to will his team to that, too."

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"It's very important to play well on the road," USC coach Kent McElrath said. "It's very important to play well on the road. So we need these next few matches to get ourselves sharp. It's a matter of not getting too high when you win and too low when you lose."

The match against VCU is set to start at 9 a.m. Sunday.
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