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Engineering senior Carl Whitesel (right) receives his \$500 reward check for his help in the apprehension of a vending machine burglar. Whitesel made a composite sketch of the criminal using USC Police computers.

Man tries to steal student's purse

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News Editor

An unidentified man tried to steal a student's purse this past week near Gambrell Hall, according to USC police reports.

About 10:30 Tuesday night, a female student, who wished not to be identified, was leaving Gambrell Hall with two of her friends.

Police say four men were walking across the Pickens Street bridge

toward the women who were walking down the steps on the south side of Gambrell.

As the two groups approached each other, police say one man separated from the males and rapidly approached the women.

Police say the man suddenly pushed the victim and grabbed her purse. Police say she grabbed her purse tightly and began screaming.

The suspect let go of the purse and ran toward College Street and

the Capstone area. Police say the three other men avoided the women and quickly walked toward the Capstone area.

A search of the area by police after the incident, however, did not turn up any signs of the suspect.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-8-inch, 140 pound, black male between the ages of 18 and 20. On the night of the incident, police say he was wearing blue jeans and a black T-shirt with a logo.

NEWS BREAKERS

INTERNATIONAL

India tests missile

NEW DELHI, India — India fired a medium-range surface-to-surface missile Saturday for defense purposes, news reports said.

It was the ninth test launch of the Prithvi missile since February 1988 and the third since the project was handed over to the Defense Ministry from the Science and Technology Ministry.

Prithvi, which means "earth" in Hindi, was launched in clear weather, 775 miles southeast of New Delhi on the Bay of Bengal coast, the Press Trust of India news agency said

Man can't be a nanny

LONDON — A Swedish youth cannot work as a live-in baby sitter in Britain because he is male, the Home Office said Sunday in ordering the young man to leave England.

An au pair, or resident baby sitter, must be an unmarried female aged 17 to 27 and without dependents, according to immigration rules, a Home Office spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Johan Egelstedt, 19, does not qualify, and must leave Monday.

ing a heckler at a Ku Klux Klan rally.

"I've seen the tape of the incident, and I believe the conduct he engaged in was privileged self-defense," Rock County District Attorney Perry Folts said Saturday.

Police arrested the television talk show host Aug. 16 after a scuffle during the rally he was taping for a show. John R. McLaughlin of Champaign, Ill., was charged with disorderly conduct in the fight.

Army builds tent city

FLORIDA CITY, FLA. — Army troops cleared 14 acres of parkland and a section of a demolished air base in Florida City, Fla., hoping to have a tent city up Sunday night for thousands of victims of Hurricane Andrew and for troops sent to help.

The crews were among 7,000 Army and Marine Corps troops ordered to South Florida by President Bush amid complaints the Federal Emergency Management Agency was dragging its feet in providing relief to hurricane victims.

In Washington, Bush told a hastily arranged news conference he understood the criticism but didn't feel such recriminations were useful.

Myrtle Beach Pavilion garage and a nearby parking lot.

There were racks and tables of clothes of every kind, jewelry, musical instruments, pictures, furniture, crutches, jet skis and toys, and all were bargains for the 4-5,000 shoppers who were out hunting for a special buy Saturday.

"I bought this Depression glass plate for 25 cents when it usually would cost \$10 in a store," Sandra Thomas of Lorris said. "This is my prize of the day."

S.C. crime rate drops

WASHINGTON — There was more bad news than good for South Carolina in the FBI's 1991 Uniform Crime Reports.

The good news is the violent crime rate dropped slightly from 1990. The bad news is crime increased nearly twice the national rate last year, and South Carolina remains fifth in the nation in the rate its citizens are victims of rape, murder and assault.

And state officials find little good news in a declining rate at which all crimes are being solved.

The crime rate index of selected violent and property crimes increased 1.3 percent nationwide, but 2.2 percent in South Carolina in 1991 compared to 1990, the report showed.

STATE

Largest garage sale in S.C.

MYRTLE BEACH — Thousands of bargain hunters turned out for South Carolina's largest garage sale that took up three levels of the

NATION

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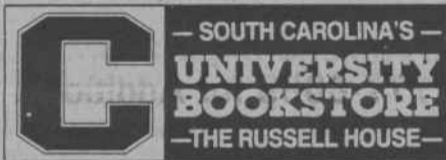
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