
From: Smith, Austin
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2016 9:06 AM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: CCU

I've got a lot of information about higher ed in general, but I think the best thing we could send around on CCU would be Tim Hofferth's comments from the SFAA meeting. Along the same lines, I would like to identify a few folks in each body who care about keeping higher ed costs down and refocusing the system on educating South Carolina students – preferably including some folks who traditionally oppose us. You got any time tomorrow to huddle up on strategy?

From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Smith, Austin
Cc: Patel, Swati
Subject: FW: CCU

AS – do you have any more information to provide to friendlies re: CCU? KV

From: Patel, Swati
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:55 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: CCU

CCU articles are a good explanation of the issue and our position. Please forward if you think appropriate to friendlies. Austin may have more info you could share as well.

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From: [Moore, Camlin](#)
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:36 PM
Subject: Afternoon Clips – Tuesday, August 23, 2016

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: SC's Haley to stump for embattled NC Gov. Pat McCrory
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article97420272.html>

Jamie Self

Facing a tough re-election challenge, North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory will get some help on the campaign trail this week from his neighbor to the south. S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley will attend a fundraiser Thursday for McCrory in Fayetteville, Haley's office said. Aligning himself with Haley could help McCrory who has slid behind N.C. Attorney General Ray Cooper, his Democratic challenger, in the polls. N.C. Democrats hope to attract win over voters who are upset about a new state law that requires transgender people to use the bathroom of their birth sex. McCrory signed the controversial

legislation, known as HB2. Haley rejected a similar proposal in South Carolina, saying it was unneeded. N.C. Democrats also are banking on GOP disillusionment with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to help them in down-ballot contests against Republicans, including McCrory. Haley has criticized Trump repeatedly, including during her nationally televised GOP response to President Obama's January State of the Union address. Haley enjoyed a rising national profile and popularity after she pushed to remove the Confederate flag last summer from the State House grounds in the wake of the massacre of nine African Americans in a Charleston church.

The State: Coastal Carolina's football stadium plan OK'd amid outcry from Gov. Haley

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article97354587.html>

Jamie Self

Coastal Carolina University can move forward with a \$32 million plan to expand its football stadium after a state budget panel approved the project Tuesday, ignoring a higher education panel's veto of the proposal as too expensive. The S.C. Fiscal Accountability Authority approved the project by a 3-2 vote Tuesday. Coastal wants to add 11,486 seats to its stadium, which now has 9,214 seats. The school also plans to add restrooms, a hospitality suite and concession space. Gov. Nikki Haley and S.C. Treasurer Curtis Loftis opposed the project, noting the S.C. Commission on Higher Education had rejected proposals to expand the stadium four times. "If you override CHE today, then why have it?" Haley asked, adding the move would set a precedent for other universities and colleges to move forward on building projects without the commission's support. Approving the stadium project – a proposal that comes as Coastal moves into the Sun Belt Conference – would send a message to schools that they can lobby lawmakers directly for projects and ignore the commission's decisions, giving "every university the ability to say the CHE doesn't matter," she said.

NOTE: Haley vetoed that bill, but lawmakers overrode her veto. Haley said the commission recently had shifted its focus to provide more of a watchdog role over college and university spending. That role would be undercut if lawmakers approved the project despite the commission's veto, she added.

Post and Courier: \$31.8 million Coastal Carolina stadium project approved

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829756/318-million-coastal-carolina-stadium-project-approved>

Gavin Jackson

By a slim margin, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority approved a \$31.8 million expansion of Coastal Carolina University's Brooks Stadium for Chanticleer football but over the objection of Gov. Nikki Haley. Tuesday's contentious 3-2 vote cleared the way for the university to go forward even after the state Commission on Higher Education repeatedly rejected the costly expansion, citing the potential increases to student fees. Legislators earlier this year circumvented the commission's decision by adding two budget items related to the expansion. It was done to legally secure funding through the authority. Those budget provisos survived Haley's veto pen in June and her criticism Tuesday that the body was setting a bad precedent. "You have just given every university the ability to say 'CHE doesn't matter' and 'We'll just circumvent it, we'll get our lobbyist to it, the Legislature will approve it' and then it will happen," said Haley, who also heads the authority.

NOTE: State Treasurer Curtis Loftis joined Haley in voting against the plan, while the state's ranking budget writers, Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, and Rep. Brian White, R-Anderson, voted for it. The plan includes a \$22.9 million bond offering to fund the project, with the remainder coming from other university funds and private dollars.

NOTE: "One thing we need to bear in mind is we're not talking about an unfunded liability, those are actual liabilities we have to settle," Eckstrom said in opposition to Haley's stance. "We can speculate that this will turn into one."

WBTW: \$22.9M in bonds approved for CCU stadium expansion project

<http://wbwtw.com/2016/08/23/22-9m-in-bonds-approved-for-ccu-stadium-expansion-project/>

Meghan Miller

Coastal Carolina University is moving forward with the multi-million dollar expansion of Brooks Stadium, following a State Fiscal Accountability Authority meeting on Tuesday. SFAA spokesman Delbert Singleton told News13 the SFAA board voted to approve \$22.9 million in bonds for Coastal Carolina University to use on its expansion and renovation of Brooks Stadium. Singleton says Gov. Nikki Haley was the only person to not vote in favor of the move. The expansion of Brooks Stadium at Coastal Carolina University is needed to comply with an agreement between the university and the Sun Belt Conference. Coastal Carolina University Athletic Director Matt Hogue says the project, in all, will cost \$31.8 million, up from a previous \$29.9 million. Approximately \$22.9 million comes from bonds approved by the SFAA Tuesday and the rest from a "combination of private sources and debt service allocation previously approved by the Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees." Hogue says the expansion would put Brooks Stadium at 20,700 capacity. Approximately 1,100 seats previously cut from the project – totaling nearly \$2 million – have been re-added. Hogue says the school had the ability to re-add the seats if funding for them was privately sourced. University officials say they will immediately work with engineers and architects to put together plans for the bidding process. Those plans must first be approved by the state engineer in order to be put out to bid.

SC Political News:

The State: State will pay hike in SC employees' health care costs

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article97344347.html>

Jamie Self

The state will pick up the tab for the rising cost of health care for S.C. employees next year. The S.C. Fiscal Accountability Authority Tuesday approved the state paying the higher cost in employees' health plan — a 0.8 percent increase in the premium — passing on none of that cost to workers. Under the changes, the state's contribution to an employee's health plan will rise to \$363 from \$360 a month for the employee alone. For an employee's entire family, the state will pay \$900 monthly, up from \$893 last year. The amount that a state employee pays for health care insurance will remain the same as this year — almost \$98 a month for the employee only and almost \$307 monthly for a family. Last spring, S.C. lawmakers agreed to pick up the rising health care costs for state workers, who are being asked to pay more for their retirement plans.

Post and Courier: S.C. House tax policy reform group formed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829754/sc-house-tax-policy-reform-group-formed>

Schuyler Kropf

House Speaker Jay Lucas has appointed 14 members of the S.C. House of Representatives to serve on a Tax Policy Review Committee that will investigate reforming outdated portions of the state tax code. This committee will submit suggestions to the speaker before the beginning of the next legislative session in January. The group will hold its first meeting Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. in room 516 of the Blatt Building in Columbia. Speaker Pro-Tempore Tommy Pope, R-York, will serve as chairman. Lowcountry lawmakers on the panel include Rep. Joe Daning, R-Goose Creek; and Rep. Joe Jefferson, D-Pineville.

Aiken Standard: Rep. Bill Taylor among S.C. House members named to committee reviewing state's tax code

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160823/160829803/rep-bill-taylor-among-sc-house-members-named-to-committee-reviewing-state-2019s-tax-code>

South Carolina House Speaker Jay Lucas has appointed 14 members of the State House, including Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, to serve on the House Tax Policy Review Committee, a group tasked with

reviewing the state's current tax code. According to a news release sent Tuesday, the ad hoc committee will review the state's tax code and send its suggestions to the speaker before the start of the next legislative session. "Our outdated tax code needs a dramatic transformation in order to promote economic competitiveness and increase the size of our citizens' paychecks," Lucas said in the release. "Achieving this difficult task is long overdue, but necessary to ensure our tax code is fair for our taxpayers. A broader and flatter tax code will help continue to spur job growth and provide greater opportunities for South Carolina families." Speaker Pro-Tem Tommy Pope, District 47-York, will serve as chairman of the committee, according to the release.

Post and Courier: SC Republicans pick their Electoral College members

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829768/sc-republicans-pick-their-electoral-college-members>

Schuyler Kropf

The South Carolina Republican Party's Executive Committee has announced its nine potential voting members of the Electoral College. The nine presidential electors would cast their votes as part of the 538-member national Electoral College following the November 8 general election. The nine selected Saturday are: Glenn McCall of York County, statewide; State Chairman Matt Moore of Lexington County, statewide; Terry Hardesty of Berkeley County, 1st Congressional District; Jim Ulmer of Orangeburg County, 2nd Congressional District; Brenda Bedenbaugh of Saluda County, 3rd Congressional District; Bill Conley of Spartanburg County, 4th Congressional District; Shery Smith of Sumter County, 5th Congressional District; Moye Graham of Clarendon County, 6th Congressional District; Jerry Rovner of Georgetown County, 7th Congressional District. State Democrats are scheduled to make their picks Tuesday night as part of their party's executive committee meeting.

Post and Courier: Gulf War veterans being honored Saturday by Sen. Tim Scott

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829778/gulf-war-veterans-being-honored-saturday-by-sen-tim-scott>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott will host ceremonies honoring veterans of the 1990-91 conflicts known as Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm this Saturday in Charleston and Greenville. Each veteran attendee will receive a certificate of appreciation and a lapel pin in commemoration of their service. The two military operations became the U.S. and international coalition forces' response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Census Bureau statistics indicate about 77,000 South Carolina veterans served during the Gulf War period, from 1990 to 2001. "These were critical campaigns for freedom, and it is a privilege for me to honor the brave South Carolina veterans who selflessly sacrificed so much to answer the call of duty," Scott, R-S.C., said in a media release. He has done similar events for other period veterans. The Lowcountry event will be held at 3 p.m. in the North Charleston Convention Center, 5000 Coliseum Drive.

Morning News: Congressman Rice to visit Florence on Wednesday

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_b1efe038-6949-11e6-9dba-f722970f664f.html

Republican U.S. House Rep. Tom Rice will be in Florence on Tuesday morning for a meet-and-greet with constituents. The "Coffee with Your Congressman" event will happen at 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 24 at Venus Restaurant & Catering. The restaurant is located at 471 W. Palmetto Street in Florence. According to a release from Rice's office, the event is a key part of his outreach and constituent service in the 7th Congressional District. Constituents will have the opportunity to meet with Rice and discuss federal issues as well as upcoming legislation.

SC Agency News:

The Herald: Federal funds for Gold Hill/I-77 project approved

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/community/fort-mill-times/article97166747.html>

The SCDOT Commission approved approximately \$1.6 million in federal funds to help pay for the construction of a Pennies for Progress project at the Gold Hill/I-77 Interchange. This project includes upgrading the existing interchange to a design called "double crossover diamond interchange" or "diverging diamond interchange." This will be the first double crossover diamond interchange in the state, according to SCDOT. The total budget for this project is approximately \$14.1 million. In addition to the earmarked funds for this project, the county has also received \$825,000 through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and \$11.65 million from the Pennies 3 referendum. Anticipated construction for this project will begin summer/fall of 2017 with a project completion date in 2019.

WIS: SCDOT blames contractor for subpar work in I-26 widening project

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32817753/scdot-blames-contractor-for-subpar-work-in-i-26-widening-project>

Chad Mills

On Monday night, dozens attended a special meeting with questions about the I-26 widening project and the South Carolina Department of Transportation had answers. The project, which is more than a year behind schedule, has drawn criticism from both residents and Senator Nikki Setzler for the big delay, the bumpy results, and stretches of substandard work that are still being replaced leaving the SCDOT's top official apologizing for what's been done thus far. The \$75 million construction was to widen 10 miles of I-26 through Lexington County and Calhoun County in the Sandy Run area. "This has not been a showcase project for us," said SCDOT Secretary Christy Hall. "Our contractor struggled with this project." Boggs Paving, the North Carolina contractor working on the project, was blamed for the less-than-quality work by SCDOT Deputy Secretary Leland Colvin. According to Colvin, one of Boggs' leaders was indicted and convicted for a separate issue in North Carolina after he got the contract to do the work here. From that point, it was all downhill.

Post and Courier: Meeting to focus on preventing Ravenel Bridge jumpers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829741/meeting-to-focus-on-preventing-ravenel-bridge-jumpers>

Prentiss Findlay

Options for preventing Ravenel Bridge jumpers will be discussed Wednesday at a meeting of officials that will include state Department of Transportation Secretary Christy Hall. The mayors of Charleston and Mount Pleasant, legislators and representatives of mental health advocacy groups are expected to attend, DOT spokesman Pete Poore said. "DOT has not made any decisions," he added. The 2 p.m. meeting is scheduled at North Charleston City Hall. DOT has conducted engineering studies, gathered ideas and collected information to determine what steps it might take to improve safety on the south-bound side of the bridge, where the railing is about three feet tall. That's much shorter than the railing along the bridge's bike and pedestrian path. Some advocates have proposed a suicide hotline phone on the span, while others have suggested a taller barrier. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco has a net to catch jumpers. "By working together, we can determine what items can be implemented on the Ravenel Bridge to create barriers and counseling options for those in a state of crisis," Hall said recently.

Greenville News: Greenville family files lawsuit in prisoner's death

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/08/23/greenville-family-files-lawsuit-prisoners-death/89194568/>

Romando Dixon

A federal lawsuit against the South Carolina Department of Corrections alleges an inmate died of an untreated kidney infection that made him too weak to walk for at least seven days before he died. Victor Rogers, 27, died in March 2015 as an inmate at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville.

The lawsuit alleges at least 12 individuals connected with the prison knew Rogers was experiencing "extreme physical pain but took no action to provide or request medical care" for him. The complaint named 17 defendants, including the director of the Department of Corrections, the warden of Lee Correctional, prison officers and medical staff. Department of Corrections officials do not comment on pending litigation, spokeswoman Stephanie Givens said Tuesday. The lawsuit, filed Monday on behalf of Rogers' family, alleges "illegal and unconstitutional actions" by the Department of Corrections led to Rogers' death. "Their illegal actions consist of their deliberate indifference to the obvious, serious medical needs of Victor Rogers while he was in their custody and care, and when they owed him a duty of care," the suit said.

SC After Recent Violence:

Post and Courier: Insurer to pay \$380,000 to settle Taser lawsuit against North Charleston
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829739/insurer-to-pay-380000-to-settle-taser-lawsuit-against-north-charleston>

Andrew Knapp

North Charleston's insurer has agreed to pay \$380,000 to an Iraq War veteran who said a police officer shocked him three times with a Taser for no reason. The recent settlement will end National Guardsman Brian Yates' excessive force lawsuit that a federal appeals court already had used to further define how police can use stun guns. As part of the agreement, the North Charleston Police Department and the officer, Christopher Terry, did not admit to wrongdoing. Terry had insisted that he fired the device during a December 2008 traffic stop because Yates was ignoring his orders and kept jerking away. The state's Insurance Reserve Fund, which backs North Charleston, negotiated the deal. It did not immediately comment on inquiries about the case. Brady Hair, a city attorney, said he was disappointed that the fund did not consult his office or the lawyers who defended North Charleston in the lawsuit. "The city believes the officer acted appropriately and used reasonable force based on the facts and circumstances of the encounter," Hair said. "We stand behind the officer's actions."

The Herald: Chester County approves cops at 3 high schools; deputies not on campus yet
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article97307842.html>

Andrew Dys

Chester County's three high schools will finally get deputies in the schools but it still hasn't happened yet. County council unanimously approved a deal between the sheriff's office and school district late Monday that hit snags during late negotiations, forcing the school year to open Aug. 15 without school resource officers in the three high schools. Although the council approved the deal, school officials have not yet signed it even though the school board approved it, so officers as of Tuesday are still not stationed at the schools. The district dropped deputies in 2015 in favor of private guards, saying the schools could have a presence on all campuses for the same money rather than having to share deputies among campuses. But the decision has been rife with controversy. Sheriff Alex Underwood blasted the decision in 2015 as not in the best interest of child safety, and many parents complained.

Post and Courier: Black and white South Carolinians' opinions split on police in schools
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829742/black-and-white-south-carolinians-opinions-split-on-police-in-schools>

Paul Bowers

After a white school resource officer was filmed pulling a black student from her desk and throwing her across the floor last fall, South Carolinians' opinions about the incident are split along racial lines, according to a survey. In the phone survey conducted by University of South Carolina researchers, a majority of black respondents — 81 percent — said Richland County made the right decision in firing

Deputy Ben Fields for his conduct at Spring Valley High School in Northeast Columbia. A plurality of white respondents — 43 percent — said firing Fields was the wrong decision. The phone survey of 334 randomly selected South Carolina adults began Oct. 29, three days after the Spring Valley incident and one day after Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott announced he was firing Fields. A student's cellphone video of the arrest had made national news by that time, and 95 percent of survey respondents said they had read or heard about it.

Savannah River Site/MOX:

Aiken Standard: MOX responds to Nuclear Regulatory Committee about construction violations
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160823/160829802/mox-responds-to-nuclear-regulatory-committee-about-construction-violations->

Thomas Gardiner

AREVA MOX Services, project management contractor for the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, or MOX, delivered a response letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Committee last week after receiving official notification of construction violations. In a letter dated July 25, 2016, the Nuclear Regulatory Committee notified MOX of violations connected to installation of ledgers. They were said to be undersize, less than specified length, undercut and had code prohibited joint design. Those ledgers are structural installations designed to support floor panels in a number of operations rooms. Due to the sensitive nature of MOX operations, details were not made available to the Aiken Standard. In a response, AREVA MOX Services identified shortcomings in operating procedures that contributed to the violations. According to the letter, the contract company failed to physically inspect the incoming materials in question and did not audit the company from which the ledgers were purchased.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Scoppe: School discipline, academics and the 18th horse
<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article97158492.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

AFTER I WROTE last week about our state's disturbingly broad disturbing schools law, I got a letter to the editor and a letter to me that both referred to the October incident when a Richland County sheriff's deputy tossed a student from her desk and arrested her. Both letters asked, essentially: How else was the deputy supposed to remove the student from the classroom if she wouldn't let go of the desk? And I remembered the story of the 18th horse. "Moral: The attitude of negotiation and problem solving is to find the '18th horse' — that is the common ground. Once a person is able to find the 18th horse, the issue is resolved. It is difficult at times. However, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution. If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any! Would be a good idea if all our politicians could do farmer math!" What else could the deputy have done at Spring Valley? What if that's the wrong question?

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Tropical Storm Gaston getting stronger in the Atlantic
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=C27BA3A6

SC State Wire

Tropical Storm Gaston is strengthening as it moves over the far eastern Atlantic. The storm's maximum sustained winds had increased Tuesday to near 65 mph (100 kph). The U.S. National Hurricane Center says additional strengthening is forecast and Gaston is expected to become a hurricane by Wednesday. Gaston is centered about 685 miles (1105 kilometers) west of the southernmost Cabo Verde Islands and is moving west-northwest near 21 mph (33 kph). Elsewhere in the Atlantic, Fiona is breaking up as a tropical depression and should gradually weaken over the next

couple of days. Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 30 mph (45 kph). The National Hurricane Center has discontinued its advisories. Meanwhile in the Pacific, Kay is expected to become a remnant low later on Thursday.

Greenville News: Report: SC household income plunged over seven-year period

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2016/08/23/report-sc-household-income-plunged-over-seven-year-period/89220780/>

Rudolph Bell

The median household income in South Carolina dropped 11 percent between 2007 and 2014, according to a new report on state economies. The report from the Joint Economic Committee in the U.S. Congress includes various data points showing how South Carolina's economy has fared since the Great Recession. It says South Carolina's inflation-adjusted median household income declined from \$50,500 before the recession in 2007 to \$44,900 in 2014, according to the latest data available. For the country as a whole, median household income dropped 6 percent over the same period, from \$57,400 in 2007 to \$53,700 in 2014. The report also says...

Associated Press: Jury finds man not guilty in 1991 rape-murder retrial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentquid=bgsZMeKb

SC State Wire

A jury on Tuesday found a man not guilty in his retrial in the rape and murder of a 77-year-old woman a quarter-century ago, after DNA evidence pointed to another man. Anthony Wright was sentenced to life without parole in the October 1991 slaying of his neighbor Louise Talley, whose nude body was found face-down on a bedroom floor in her North Philadelphia home. Talley had been raped and then stabbed 10 times in the neck, chest and back with a kitchen knife. Jurors spent less than two hours deliberating Tuesday before returning with the not guilty verdict. The district attorney's office agreed to a new trial in 2014 at the request of Wright's defense team, led by the Innocence Project, after DNA tests showed that sperm found inside Talley's body belonged to a former Philadelphia-area crack addict who died in a South Carolina prison. The testing also showed that only Talley's genetic material was inside clothing that homicide detectives alleged Wright told them he wore and that was found inside his bedroom in his mother's house.

Local News:

Associated Press: Deputies: Mom killed newborn by putting him in refrigerator

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentquid=FCoy8U9m

SC State Wire

A South Carolina mother killed her 4-day-old son by putting him in the refrigerator for three hours, authorities said. Angela Blackwell is charged with homicide by child abuse. During a brief court appearance on Tuesday, the judge explained that because of the severity of the charges no bond could be set at this initial hearing, in accordance to state law. She only nodded and shook her head, leaving the small courtroom after a few minutes without a sound. Blackwell, 27, was arrested Monday, nearly six months after her son died. Investigators said they have spent that time taking statements and getting forensic tests done on the baby. An autopsy showed that the boy, William David Blackwell, died from hypothermia with asphyxiation from being placed in the cold, according to Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker. First-responders tried to revive him on Feb. 27, but he was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Associated Press: The Latest: No bond for mom accused of putting son in fridge

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentquid=0ZvQ89x0

SC State Wire

Bond has been denied for a mother charged with killing her infant son by putting him in the refrigerator for several hours. A magistrate judge made that determination during a brief hearing Tuesday for 27-year-old Angela Blackwell. She is charged with homicide by child abuse, and it will be up to a circuit court judge to determine if she can be released from jail on bond. Blackwell appeared in court with a public defender. Her next court date is Nov. 10. Blackwell was arrested Monday. Deputies say she was at her home February 27 when she put her 4-day-old son in the refrigerator and shut the door. After three hours, she took him out and sought medical attention. Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker says William David Blackwell died from hypothermia and asphyxiation.

The Herald: Chester Co. baby died after mother put him in fridge for 3 hours, warrant states
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article97307057.html>

Teddy Kulmala

Just four days after little William Blackwell took his first breaths of life, he died after his mother placed the newborn in a refrigerator for three hours, according to authorities. Angela Blackwell, 27, of 534 Rose St. in Chester, was arrested Monday and charged with homicide by child abuse, officials have said. She remains in the Chester County Detention Center without bond. William died from hypothermia with asphyxiation from being placed in the cold, according to Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker. The incident happened Feb. 27, just four days after William was born. Investigators say Blackwell put her infant son in the refrigerator for three hours and didn't seek medical attention until after she removed him from the fridge, according an arrest warrant.

Associated Press: 2 dead, 1 hurt in house fire near Dillon

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zIH5kdxk

SC State Wire

Authorities are investigating the cause of a house fire that killed two people and injured a third near Dillon. Dillon County Coroner Donnie Grimsley tells local news outlets that firefighters received a call about 11 p.m. Monday to respond to a fire at a home in the Riverdale community just east of Dillon. Witnesses told WPDE-TV (<http://bit.ly/2c2q2SR>) that they heard an explosion and then saw the house in flames. The names of the two dead people were not immediately released. Authorities say a third person was taken to the Joseph Still Burn Center in Augusta, Georgia.

Morning News: Latta Police Chief Crystal Moore suspended, mayor confirms

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_47faff4a-694a-11e6-bd1e-37aca314a3c6.html

Jessica Imbimbo

Latta's Police Chief Crystal Moore was suspended from her position Tuesday morning, according to Mayor Earl Bullard. It is the second time that Moore, who is running for sheriff of Dillon County, has been removed from the post. Moore, who is gay, received national attention in 2014 when Bullard fired her. She was reinstated after a state investigation. Bullard confirmed that an interim police chief has been named. Town Administrator Jarett Taylor said Assistant Police Chief Derrick Cartwright will act as interim police chief for the next five days. Taylor said it was the council's decision to suspend Moore and choose Cartwright as the interim chief. Moore said she is discussing the matter with her lawyer and said she has "no comment at this time." Bullard declined to comment on the nature of Moore's suspension, but Taylor said Moore's suspension was not without cause.

Associated Press: Openly gay police chief suspended from job in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qJfkuW5m

Jeffrey Collins

The openly gay police chief of a small South Carolina town has been suspended from her job for five days, but the town administrator said it has nothing to do with her sexual orientation. Latta Town Administrator Jarett Taylor said he can't give the exact reason for Moore's suspension because it's a personnel matter. "But I can tell you, we don't care what sexuality you are. If you can work, we'll let

you work," Taylor said. Taylor said Moore is welcome to release the reason for her suspension. Moore declined to talk about it with a reporter Tuesday and her lawyer did not return a phone message. The town's investigation into Moore is finished and she is welcome back to the force next Tuesday unless some other information emerges, Taylor said. Moore was fired two years ago, after nearly two decades working in Latta, because of her sexuality. Taylor, who also sits on the Town Council, was instrumental in helping get her job back. Taylor recorded Latta's mayor after he fired Moore saying he would rather have a drunk watch his grandchildren than a gay person.

Post and Courier: Charleston area advocates, leaders seek community support in walk against domestic violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829745/charleston-area-advocates-leaders-seek-community-support-in-walk-against-domestic-violence>

Gregory Yee

Charleston area advocates are teaming up to raise funds and support for victims of domestic violence. Project Unity USA is partnering with Real Men Against Domestic Violence — a statewide nonprofit that provides domestic violence awareness, prevention and education — and My Sister's House to hold a walk Sept. 24 across the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge. The Hope Walk Against Domestic Violence will begin at 8 a.m. on the Charleston side of the bridge, 66 Columbus St., and will end in Mount Pleasant. A \$25 registration fee is required. Funds will go to My Sister's House, which is the tri-county area's only shelter for victims of domestic violence, and to other organizations that will be selected by a committee. Fees will jump to \$30 for those who register the day of the walk.

Associated Press: Deputies: 21 go to hospitals in bus pepper spray incident

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LnlQVlj

SC State Wire

Authorities say 21 Richland County students were taken to hospitals to be checked after pepper spray was used during a fight on a school bus. Sheriff's Lt. Curtis Wilson tells local news outlets the fight broke out between groups of male and female students going to Westwood High School Tuesday morning. One of the female students used pepper spray during the incident. Authorities are checking surveillance video to determine what happened. It's not clear whether she was using the spray to defend herself or to attack other students. Wilson says it's not illegal to have pepper spray and whether students can carry it on a bus is up to individual school districts. He says it's legal to use pepper spray only for protection.

The State: Girl used pepper spray on bus, deputies say; 21 students taken to hospital

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article97314312.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

An argument involving several high schoolers — both males and females — led to a girl using pepper spray on a Richland County school bus Tuesday, deputies said. Deputies responded to Hard Scrabble Road and Sloan Road at about 8:45 a.m. after the bus driver called law enforcement, sheriff's spokesman Lt. Curtis Wilson said. They found that an ongoing altercation between two students had led to an argument on the bus involving several teenagers, Wilson said. After one girl used pepper spray, 21 students were taken to local and area hospitals for observation, Wilson said. Whether the girl was trying to defend herself or attack someone was not immediately clear. "Obviously, it affected more than one student on that bus," Wilson said. "Whether it was her intention I don't know." There were no injuries reported, Wilson said. "Slowly but surely they're being released from the hospitals," he said. As of 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, only three students had returned to school, Wilson said.

Sun News: Ten of 13 suspended lifeguards had problems with certifications

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article97384852.html>

Chloe Johnson

The lifeguard company that used to guard Myrtle Beach from 67th Avenue North to 77th Avenue North will likely not make it back on the sand this year. Myrtle Beach Lifeguards was pulled from the beach at the beginning of the month after the city began investigating whether all the company's guards had the correct certifications, which signify that guards have met Red Cross standards. City Manager John Pedersen said that after a review, 10 of the 13 guards were found to have issues "Out of the 10 that didn't have [certifications] ... there was a mix of folks that previously had certifications that had expired and folks that never had been certified," Pedersen said. At City Council's workshop Tuesday morning, Myrtle Beach Lifeguards owner Gene Hudson and his lawyer, Stephen Goldfinch, defended the company and emphasized its 38-year history. "We'd like very much to go back to work," Hudson told City Council Tuesday morning. "The whole company is out of work, all the lifeguards."

Post and Courier: Third dead manatee reported in Charleston area in two weeks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829764/third-dead-manatee-reported-in-charleston-area-in-two-weeks>

Prentiss Findlay

Another manatee apparently has been found dead in the Charleston area, making it the third death of its kind in two weeks. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources learned of a sighting of a dead manatee Tuesday morning. The manatee was seen floating in the Intracoastal Waterway near Garris Landing and Awendaw. DNR sent two staff members to the area to search for the carcass, but they had not found it as of late Tuesday morning. Adult manatees can grow to about 10 feet long and weigh up to one ton. Despite their large size, tracking one down can prove tricky. "Tides move them," said Phil Maier, DNR coastal reserves and outreach director. "If he's up in the marsh somewhere or stuck on a bank, it could be difficult and it could take a while to find them." If confirmed, it would be the third manatee death in the area in less than two weeks. Last week, biologists said they were concerned about whether manatees ate something toxic in the sea grass or other vegetation.

The State: Richland County wants residents to fight mosquitoes, help stop Zika

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article97362582.html>

Bristol Marchant

To stop the spread of Zika in South Carolina, Richland County is asking residents to fight the growth of the mosquito population. Richland County called Tuesday on the public to work to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can breed. The push is part of a coordinated push by county health departments to stop Zika from spreading through South Carolina by halting the insects that carry the disease. "If everyone took a few minutes each week to walk around and make sure all standing water has been emptied, it would make things so much better," said Tammy Brewer of the county. "We have to work together." As of Aug. 22, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control had identified 38 Zika cases in South Carolina – 37 travel-related cases and one sexually transmitted case. Pregnant women are most at risk as the disease leads to severe birth defects and pregnancy complications.

Associated Press: Detour: Delta flight briefly diverted to Myrtle Beach

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentquid=UFImSTCo

SC State Wire

A warning light indicating a possible mechanical problem forced a Delta flight from Norfolk, Virginia, to Atlanta to briefly divert to Myrtle Beach. Michael Thomas of Delta says that the Monday morning flight diverted when a warning indicated a possible issue with the aircraft's auxiliary power system. The plane carrying 160 passengers and six crew members landed at Myrtle Beach International Airport about 8 a.m. on Monday. The aircraft was checked out by ground mechanics and, after a short delay, resumed its flight to Atlanta.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Many donors to Clinton Foundation met with her at State

<http://bigstory.ap.org/82df550e1ec646098b434f7d5771f625>

Stephen raun and Eileen Sullivan

More than half the people outside the government who met with Hillary Clinton while she was secretary of state gave money — either personally or through companies or groups — to the Clinton Foundation. It's an extraordinary proportion indicating her possible ethics challenges if elected president. At least 85 of 154 people from private interests who met or had phone conversations scheduled with Clinton while she led the State Department donated to her family charity or pledged commitments to its international programs, according to a review of State Department calendars released so far to The Associated Press. Combined, the 85 donors contributed as much as \$156 million. At least 40 donated more than \$100,000 each, and 20 gave more than \$1 million. Donors who were granted time with Clinton included an internationally known economist who asked for her help as the Bangladesh government pressured him to resign from a nonprofit bank he ran; a Wall Street executive who sought Clinton's help with a visa problem and Estee Lauder executives who were listed as meeting with Clinton while her department worked with the firm's corporate charity to counter gender-based violence in South Africa.

Associated Press: Trump aides covertly fought freeing of Ukraine prisoner

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e7acd0dbb64c4bcd8e29736b99b1224c>

Jeff Horwitz and Chad Day

For more than three years, lobbyist Jim Slattery worked in Washington to secure the release in Ukraine of the imprisoned political rival of the country's then-president. He said the work was sometimes harder than expected. "I had a sense that there were people working on the other side," he said, "but they were doing it pretty secretly." Slattery's hunch was right. His unknown opponent: The consulting firm run by Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and his deputy Rick Gates, now the campaign's liaison to the Republican National Committee. Manafort resigned last week, shortly after disclosures by The Associated Press about his firm's covert lobbying on behalf of Ukraine's pro-Russian government at the time. The U.S. Foreign Agents Registration Act requires people working on behalf of foreign political leaders to disclose their efforts to the Justice Department, but neither Manafort and Gates nor U.S. lobbyists they directed did. Working on the other side, Slattery filled out the required paperwork describing contacts with Congress and State Department officials including specific phone calls and emails and the topics of their discussions.

National News:

Associated Press: Ex-host sues Fox claiming sexual harassment, retaliation

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2a8f8e0dfb7f4a5495f6579926e1d8d5>

Jake Pearson

A former Fox News host has sued the network, its ousted chairman and other top executives, claiming they retaliated after she detailed unwanted sexual advances made by her onetime boss, Roger Ailes. Andrea Tantaros described Fox in the lawsuit, filed Monday in New York, as a "sex-fueled, Playboy Mansion-like cult." She said after she complained last spring about Ailes, one of his top deputies, William Shine, warned her that Ailes was a "very powerful man" and that she "needed to let this one go." Shine was promoted to co-president of Fox News after Ailes resigned last month amid other allegations of sexual harassment. Ailes "may have been the primary culprit, but his actions were condoned by most senior lieutenants, who engaged in a concerted effort to silence Tantaros by threats, humiliation, and retaliation," the lawsuit said.

Associated Press: Obama vows support for Louisiana after the 'cameras leave'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/0f2f3add6bdc41ed9de1dcf636d55348>

Kevin Freking

Standing amid piles of waterlogged debris, President Barack Obama on Tuesday promised a sustained national effort to rebuild flood-ravaged southern Louisiana "even after the TV cameras leave" on a visit aimed in part at stemming campaign-season criticism that he's been slow to respond to the disaster. As he toured a battered neighborhood and spoke to local officials, Obama tried to buck up beleaguered residents of the water-soaked region. "This is not a one-off, this is not a photo-op issue," Obama said. "I need all Americans to stay focused on this ... I know you will rebuild again." Obama's visit was a reminder of the political dangers and opportunities that natural disasters can pose. The president has been criticized for waiting until after he returned from his New England vacation to tour the Gulf Coast flooding. The timing, amid a heated presidential campaign, drew barbs from some local officials and Republicans political opponents, including GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump

Associated Press: Prisoner not seen publicly since 2002 at Gitmo hearing

<http://bigstory.ap.org/86ae658959ab41ebdb23806f6765599>

Robert Burns

The first high-profile al-Qaida terror suspect captured after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 appeared Tuesday at a U.S. government hearing called to determine whether he should remain in detention at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Abu Zubaydah, a Palestinian not seen publicly since his capture by the CIA in 2002, sat expressionless during the brief hearing. Zubaydah was also the first to vanish into the CIA's secret "black site" prison network and was subjected to "enhanced interrogation." The review panel issued no immediate ruling on his status. He has been held at Guantanamo Bay since September 2006. The U.S. contended that Zubaydah, 45, was one of the most senior figures in al-Qaida when he was captured in Pakistan. It has since dropped that claim. Zubaydah's lawyers deny he was a member of al-Qaida.

World News:

Associated Press: Turkey launches new artillery strikes at IS in Syria

<http://bigstory.ap.org/409dfe4dd8d948fcb93bf6d8c81600cc>

Suzan Fraser

Turkey's artillery shelled Islamic State group targets across the border in Syria for the second consecutive day on Tuesday, a senior Turkish official said, amid reports that Turkey-backed Syrian rebels were preparing an offensive against an IS-held border town in northern Syria. The latest developments have thrust the town of Jarablus into center stage in the ongoing Syrian civil war. The Ankara official said the Turkish shelling came after mortar rounds, believed to have been fired by the militants from Jarablus, landed on Turkish territory. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government regulations, did not provide further details. Turkey has increased security measures at its border opposite the Islamic State-held Jarablus, deploying tanks and armored personnel carriers in recent days. Syrian activists have said that hundreds of Turkish-backed Syrian opposition fighters are gathered in the Turkish border area of Karkamis in preparation for an attack on Jarablus.

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From: Smith, Austin
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 1:56 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: FW: Coastal Carolina Proviso

From: Tim [mailto: [REDACTED]@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 4:43 PM
To: Smith, Austin
Cc: Baker, Josh
Subject: Fwd: Coastal Carolina Proviso

Auston

Here are a few of our thoughts on vetoing the CCU Proviso from the CHE perspective. Please use as you see fit.

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From: Thomas Layzell <[REDACTED]@comcast.net>
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To: Tim T [REDACTED]@msn.com>
Cc: Rich Rhoda <[REDACTED]@comcast.net>
Subject: Coastal Carolina

Rich and I offer the following thoughts on points to include in veto language:

1. The proviso undermines CHE's statutory responsibility to review and consider higher education capital projects, and encourages other attempts to bypass CHE as it fulfills its legal responsibility to develop a coordinated, efficient, and responsive higher education system.
2. CHE has not approved the institution's plans for the stadium to date because of concerns about the viability of the financial plans for the project, particularly the extent of private funding for the project.
3. Che remains ready and willing to work with Coastal Carolina to develop a sound financial plan for the stadium project that will protect both the state and future generations of students. The established review process must be allowed to proceed without interference.
4. More than ever, SC needs a globally competitive educational system. CHE plays an essential part in the development of such a system, and its efforts to fulfill its responsibilities must be recognized and respected.

From: Tim [REDACTED]@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Smith, Austin; Gary Glenn; Dianne Kuhl
Subject: Re: stadium veto

Rebecca

I will verify with Gary Glenn and get right back to you.
Also, I am working on a letter from me supporting the Governor's veto and will advance that to you as well...
Thanks!

Tim

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[REDACTED]@msn.com

On Jun 10, 2016, at 9:36 AM, Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Smith, Austin;Dianne Kuhl
Subject: Fwd: Confirmation
Attachments: Confirmation.PDF; ATT00001.htm

Rebecca

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Thanks!

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From: Gary Glenn <gglenn@che.sc.gov>
Date: June 10, 2016 at 1:40:58 PM EDT
To: 'Tim T' [REDACTED]@msn.com>
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From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 3:15 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: RE: Veto 26-27 Packet - CCU Football Stadium

This is great.

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 2:56 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine; Mottel, Haley
Cc: Smith, Austin
Subject: Veto 26-27 Packet - CCU Football Stadium

Veto Packet for 26-27:

- (1) Talking Points
- (2) CHE memo on stadium decision
- (3) CHE confirmation of approving all other projects
- (4) Good article summarizing the decision (references Rep. Rita Allison): <http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article75510407.html>
- (5) Letter from Hofferth - TBD

Let me know what else you need on this one.

From: [REDACTED]@msn.com>
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To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Smith, Austin;Dianne Kuhl
Subject: Re: Confirmation
Attachments: Letter to General Assembly ver 2.docx; ATT00001.htm

Rebecca

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Have a great weekend!

Tim Hofferth

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 4:58 PM
To: Smith, Austin
Subject: RE: VETO 26-27 - CCU Football Stadium

Thank you!

From: Smith, Austin
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 4:23 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: VETO 26-27 - CCU Football Stadium

With comments

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From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Smith, Austin
Cc: Patel, Swati
Subject: FW: CCU

AS – do you have any more information to provide to friendlies re: CCU? KV

From: Patel, Swati
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:55 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: CCU

CCU articles are a good explanation of the issue and our position. Please forward if you think appropriate to friendlies. Austin may have more info you could share as well.

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From: [Moore, Camlin](#)
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:36 PM
Subject: Afternoon Clips – Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Afternoon Clips – Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: SC's Haley to stump for embattled NC Gov. Pat McCrory
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article97420272.html>

Jamie Self

Facing a tough re-election challenge, North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory will get some help on the campaign trail this week from his neighbor to the south. S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley will attend a fundraiser Thursday for McCrory in Fayetteville, Haley's office said. Aligning himself with Haley could help McCrory who has slid behind N.C. Attorney General Ray Cooper, his Democratic challenger, in the polls. N.C. Democrats hope to attract win over voters who are upset about a new state law that requires transgender people to use the bathroom of their birth sex. McCrory signed the controversial legislation, known as HB2. Haley rejected a similar proposal in South Carolina, saying it was unneeded. N.C. Democrats also are banking on GOP disillusionment with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to help them in down-ballot contests against Republicans, including McCrory. Haley has criticized Trump repeatedly, including during her nationally televised GOP response to President Obama's January State of the Union address. Haley enjoyed a rising national profile and popularity after she pushed to remove the Confederate flag last summer from the State House grounds in the wake of the massacre of nine African Americans in a Charleston church.

The State: Coastal Carolina's football stadium plan OK'd amid outcry from Gov. Haley

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article97354587.html>

Jamie Self

Coastal Carolina University can move forward with a \$32 million plan to expand its football stadium after a state budget panel approved the project Tuesday, ignoring a higher education panel's veto of the proposal as too expensive. The S.C. Fiscal Accountability Authority approved the project by a 3-2 vote Tuesday. Coastal wants to add 11,486 seats to its stadium, which now has 9,214 seats. The school also plans to add restrooms, a hospitality suite and concession space. Gov. Nikki Haley and S.C. Treasurer Curtis Loftis opposed the project, noting the S.C. Commission on Higher Education had rejected proposals to expand the stadium four times. "If you override CHE today, then why have it?" Haley asked, adding the move would set a precedent for other universities and colleges to move forward on building projects without the commission's support. Approving the stadium project – a proposal that comes as Coastal moves into the Sun Belt Conference – would send a message to schools that they can lobby lawmakers directly for projects and ignore the commission's decisions, giving "every university the ability to say the CHE doesn't matter," she said.

NOTE: Haley vetoed that bill, but lawmakers overrode her veto. Haley said the commission recently had shifted its focus to provide more of a watchdog role over college and university spending. That role would be undercut if lawmakers approved the project despite the commission's veto, she added.

Post and Courier: \$31.8 million Coastal Carolina stadium project approved

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829756/318-million-coastal-carolina-stadium-project-approved>

Gavin Jackson

By a slim margin, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority approved a \$31.8 million expansion of Coastal Carolina University's Brooks Stadium for Chanticleer football but over the objection of Gov. Nikki Haley. Tuesday's contentious 3-2 vote cleared the way for the university to go forward even after the state Commission on Higher Education repeatedly rejected the costly expansion, citing the potential increases to student fees. Legislators earlier this year circumvented the commission's decision by adding two budget items related to the expansion. It was done to legally secure funding through the authority. Those budget provisos survived Haley's veto pen in June and her criticism Tuesday that the body was setting a bad precedent. "You have just given every university the ability to say 'CHE doesn't matter' and 'We'll just circumvent it, we'll get our lobbyist to it, the Legislature will approve it' and then it will happen," said Haley, who also heads the authority.

NOTE: State Treasurer Curtis Loftis joined Haley in voting against the plan, while the state's ranking budget writers, Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, and Rep. Brian White, R-Anderson, voted for it. The plan includes a \$22.9 million bond offering to fund the project, with the remainder coming from other university funds and private dollars.

NOTE: "One thing we need to bear in mind is we're not talking about an unfunded liability, those are actual liabilities we have to settle," Eckstrom said in opposition to Haley's stance. "We can speculate that this will turn into one."

WBTW: \$22.9M in bonds approved for CCU stadium expansion project

<http://wbtw.com/2016/08/23/22-9m-in-bonds-approved-for-ccu-stadium-expansion-project/>

Meghan Miller

Coastal Carolina University is moving forward with the multi-million dollar expansion of Brooks Stadium, following a State Fiscal Accountability Authority meeting on Tuesday. SFAA spokesman Delbert Singleton told News13 the SFAA board voted to approve \$22.9 million in bonds for Coastal Carolina University to use on its expansion and renovation of Brooks Stadium. Singleton says Gov. Nikki Haley was the only person to not vote in favor of the move. The expansion of Brooks Stadium at Coastal Carolina University is needed to comply with an agreement between the university and the Sun Belt Conference. Coastal Carolina University Athletic Director Matt Hogue says the project, in all,

will cost \$31.8 million, up from a previous \$29.9 million. Approximately \$22.9 million comes from bonds approved by the SFAA Tuesday and the rest from a "combination of private sources and debt service allocation previously approved by the Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees." Hogue says the expansion would put Brooks Stadium at 20,700 capacity. Approximately 1,100 seats previously cut from the project – totaling nearly \$2 million – have been re-added. Hogue says the school had the ability to re-add the seats if funding for them was privately sourced. University officials say they will immediately work with engineers and architects to put together plans for the bidding process. Those plans must first be approved by the state engineer in order to be put out to bid.

SC Political News:

The State: State will pay hike in SC employees' health care costs

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article97344347.html>

Jamie Self

The state will pick up the tab for the rising cost of health care for S.C. employees next year. The S.C. Fiscal Accountability Authority Tuesday approved the state paying the higher cost in employees' health plan — a 0.8 percent increase in the premium — passing on none of that cost to workers. Under the changes, the state's contribution to an employee's health plan will rise to \$363 from \$360 a month for the employee alone. For an employee's entire family, the state will pay \$900 monthly, up from \$893 last year. The amount that a state employee pays for health care insurance will remain the same as this year — almost \$98 a month for the employee only and almost \$307 monthly for a family. Last spring, S.C. lawmakers agreed to pick up the rising health care costs for state workers, who are being asked to pay more for their retirement plans.

Post and Courier: S.C. House tax policy reform group formed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829754/sc-house-tax-policy-reform-group-formed>

Schuyler Kropf

House Speaker Jay Lucas has appointed 14 members of the S.C. House of Representatives to serve on a Tax Policy Review Committee that will investigate reforming outdated portions of the state tax code. This committee will submit suggestions to the speaker before the beginning of the next legislative session in January. The group will hold its first meeting Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. in room 516 of the Blatt Building in Columbia. Speaker Pro-Tempore Tommy Pope, R-York, will serve as chairman. Lowcountry lawmakers on the panel include Rep. Joe Daning, R-Goose Creek; and Rep. Joe Jefferson, D-Pineville.

Aiken Standard: Rep. Bill Taylor among S.C. House members named to committee reviewing state's tax code

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160823/160829803/rep-bill-taylor-among-sc-house-members-named-to-committee-reviewing-state-2019s-tax-code>

South Carolina House Speaker Jay Lucas has appointed 14 members of the State House, including Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, to serve on the House Tax Policy Review Committee, a group tasked with reviewing the state's current tax code. According to a news release sent Tuesday, the ad hoc committee will review the state's tax code and send its suggestions to the speaker before the start of the next legislative session. "Our outdated tax code needs a dramatic transformation in order to promote economic competitiveness and increase the size of our citizens' paychecks," Lucas said in the release. "Achieving this difficult task is long overdue, but necessary to ensure our tax code is fair for our taxpayers. A broader and flatter tax code will help continue to spur job growth and provide greater opportunities for South Carolina families." Speaker Pro-Tem Tommy Pope, District 47-York, will serve as chairman of the committee, according to the release.

Post and Courier: SC Republicans pick their Electoral College members

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829768/sc-republicans-pick-their-electoral-college-members>

Schuyler Kropf

The South Carolina Republican Party's Executive Committee has announced its nine potential voting members of the Electoral College. The nine presidential electors would cast their votes as part of the 538-member national Electoral College following the November 8 general election. The nine selected Saturday are: Glenn McCall of York County, statewide; State Chairman Matt Moore of Lexington County, statewide; Terry Hardesty of Berkeley County, 1st Congressional District; Jim Ulmer of Orangeburg County, 2nd Congressional District; Brenda Bedenbaugh of Saluda County, 3rd Congressional District; Bill Conley of Spartanburg County, 4th Congressional District; Shery Smith of Sumter County, 5th Congressional District; Moye Graham of Clarendon County, 6th Congressional District; Jerry Rovner of Georgetown County, 7th Congressional District. State Democrats are scheduled to make their picks Tuesday night as part of their party's executive committee meeting.

Post and Courier: Gulf War veterans being honored Saturday by Sen. Tim Scott

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829778/gulf-war-veterans-being-honored-saturday-by-sen-tim-scott>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott will host ceremonies honoring veterans of the 1990-91 conflicts known as Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm this Saturday in Charleston and Greenville. Each veteran attendee will receive a certificate of appreciation and a lapel pin in commemoration of their service. The two military operations became the U.S. and international coalition forces' response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Census Bureau statistics indicate about 77,000 South Carolina veterans served during the Gulf War period, from 1990 to 2001. "These were critical campaigns for freedom, and it is a privilege for me to honor the brave South Carolina veterans who selflessly sacrificed so much to answer the call of duty," Scott, R-S.C., said in a media release. He has done similar events for other period veterans. The Lowcountry event will be held at 3 p.m. in the North Charleston Convention Center, 5000 Coliseum Drive.

Morning News: Congressman Rice to visit Florence on Wednesday

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_b1efe038-6949-11e6-9dba-f722970f664f.html

Republican U.S. House Rep. Tom Rice will be in Florence on Tuesday morning for a meet-and-greet with constituents. The "Coffee with Your Congressman" event will happen at 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 24 at Venus Restaurant & Catering. The restaurant is located at 471 W. Palmetto Street in Florence. According to a release from Rice's office, the event is a key part of his outreach and constituent service in the 7th Congressional District. Constituents will have the opportunity to meet with Rice and discuss federal issues as well as upcoming legislation.

SC Agency News:

The Herald: Federal funds for Gold Hill/I-77 project approved

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/community/fort-mill-times/article97166747.html>

The SCDOT Commission approved approximately \$1.6 million in federal funds to help pay for the construction of a Pennies for Progress project at the Gold Hill/I-77 Interchange. This project includes upgrading the existing interchange to a design called "double crossover diamond interchange" or "diverging diamond interchange." This will be the first double crossover diamond interchange in the state, according to SCDOT. The total budget for this project is approximately \$14.1 million. In addition to the earmarked funds for this project, the county has also received \$825,000 through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and \$11.65 million from the Pennies 3

referendum. Anticipated construction for this project will begin summer/fall of 2017 with a project completion date in 2019.

WIS: SCDOT blames contractor for subpar work in I-26 widening project

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32817753/scdot-blames-contractor-for-subpar-work-in-i-26-widening-project>

Chad Mills

On Monday night, dozens attended a special meeting with questions about the I-26 widening project and the South Carolina Department of Transportation had answers. The project, which is more than a year behind schedule, has drawn criticism from both residents and Senator Nikki Setzler for the big delay, the bumpy results, and stretches of substandard work that are still being replaced leaving the SCDOT's top official apologizing for what's been done thus far. The \$75 million construction was to widen 10 miles of I-26 through Lexington County and Calhoun County in the Sandy Run area. "This has not been a showcase project for us," said SCDOT Secretary Christy Hall. "Our contractor struggled with this project." Boggs Paving, the North Carolina contractor working on the project, was blamed for the less-than-quality work by SCDOT Deputy Secretary Leland Colvin. According to Colvin, one of Boggs' leaders was indicted and convicted for a separate issue in North Carolina after he got the contract to do the work here. From that point, it was all downhill.

Post and Courier: Meeting to focus on preventing Ravenel Bridge jumpers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829741/meeting-to-focus-on-preventing-ravenel-bridge-jumpers>

Prentiss Findlay

Options for preventing Ravenel Bridge jumpers will be discussed Wednesday at a meeting of officials that will include state Department of Transportation Secretary Christy Hall. The mayors of Charleston and Mount Pleasant, legislators and representatives of mental health advocacy groups are expected to attend, DOT spokesman Pete Poore said. "DOT has not made any decisions," he added. The 2 p.m. meeting is scheduled at North Charleston City Hall. DOT has conducted engineering studies, gathered ideas and collected information to determine what steps it might take to improve safety on the south-bound side of the bridge, where the railing is about three feet tall. That's much shorter than the railing along the bridge's bike and pedestrian path. Some advocates have proposed a suicide hotline phone on the span, while others have suggested a taller barrier. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco has a net to catch jumpers. "By working together, we can determine what items can be implemented on the Ravenel Bridge to create barriers and counseling options for those in a state of crisis," Hall said recently.

Greenville News: Greenville family files lawsuit in prisoner's death

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/08/23/greenville-family-files-lawsuit-prisoners-death/89194568/>

Romando Dixon

A federal lawsuit against the South Carolina Department of Corrections alleges an inmate died of an untreated kidney infection that made him too weak to walk for at least seven days before he died. Victor Rogers, 27, died in March 2015 as an inmate at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville. The lawsuit alleges at least 12 individuals connected with the prison knew Rogers was experiencing "extreme physical pain but took no action to provide or request medical care" for him. The complaint named 17 defendants, including the director of the Department of Corrections, the warden of Lee Correctional, prison officers and medical staff. Department of Corrections officials do not comment on pending litigation, spokeswoman Stephanie Givens said Tuesday. The lawsuit, filed Monday on behalf of Rogers' family, alleges "illegal and unconstitutional actions" by the Department of Corrections led to Rogers' death. "Their illegal actions consist of their deliberate indifference to the obvious, serious

medical needs of Victor Rogers while he was in their custody and care, and when they owed him a duty of care," the suit said.

SC After Recent Violence:

Post and Courier: Insurer to pay \$380,000 to settle Taser lawsuit against North Charleston
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829739/insurer-to-pay-380000-to-settle-taser-lawsuit-against-north-charleston>

Andrew Knapp

North Charleston's insurer has agreed to pay \$380,000 to an Iraq War veteran who said a police officer shocked him three times with a Taser for no reason. The recent settlement will end National Guardsman Brian Yates' excessive force lawsuit that a federal appeals court already had used to further define how police can use stun guns. As part of the agreement, the North Charleston Police Department and the officer, Christopher Terry, did not admit to wrongdoing. Terry had insisted that he fired the device during a December 2008 traffic stop because Yates was ignoring his orders and kept jerking away. The state's Insurance Reserve Fund, which backs North Charleston, negotiated the deal. It did not immediately comment on inquiries about the case. Brady Hair, a city attorney, said he was disappointed that the fund did not consult his office or the lawyers who defended North Charleston in the lawsuit. "The city believes the officer acted appropriately and used reasonable force based on the facts and circumstances of the encounter," Hair said. "We stand behind the officer's actions."

The Herald: Chester County approves cops at 3 high schools; deputies not on campus yet
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article97307842.html>

Andrew Dys

Chester County's three high schools will finally get deputies in the schools but it still hasn't happened yet. County council unanimously approved a deal between the sheriff's office and school district late Monday that hit snags during late negotiations, forcing the school year to open Aug. 15 without school resource officers in the three high schools. Although the council approved the deal, school officials have not yet signed it even though the school board approved it, so officers as of Tuesday are still not stationed at the schools. The district dropped deputies in 2015 in favor of private guards, saying the schools could have a presence on all campuses for the same money rather than having to share deputies among campuses. But the decision has been rife with controversy. Sheriff Alex Underwood blasted the decision in 2015 as not in the best interest of child safety, and many parents complained.

Post and Courier: Black and white South Carolinians' opinions split on police in schools
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829742/black-and-white-south-carolinians-opinions-split-on-police-in-schools>

Paul Bowers

After a white school resource officer was filmed pulling a black student from her desk and throwing her across the floor last fall, South Carolinians' opinions about the incident are split along racial lines, according to a survey. In the phone survey conducted by University of South Carolina researchers, a majority of black respondents — 81 percent — said Richland County made the right decision in firing Deputy Ben Fields for his conduct at Spring Valley High School in Northeast Columbia. A plurality of white respondents — 43 percent — said firing Fields was the wrong decision. The phone survey of 334 randomly selected South Carolina adults began Oct. 29, three days after the Spring Valley incident and one day after Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott announced he was firing Fields. A student's cellphone video of the arrest had made national news by that time, and 95 percent of survey respondents said they had read or heard about it.

Savannah River Site/MOX:

Aiken Standard: MOX responds to Nuclear Regulatory Committee about construction violations
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160823/160829802/mox-responds-to-nuclear-regulatory-committee-about-construction-violations->

Thomas Gardiner

AREVA MOX Services, project management contractor for the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, or MOX, delivered a response letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Committee last week after receiving official notification of construction violations. In a letter dated July 25, 2016, the Nuclear Regulatory Committee notified MOX of violations connected to installation of ledgers. They were said to be undersize, less than specified length, undercut and had code prohibited joint design. Those ledgers are structural installations designed to support floor panels in a number of operations rooms. Due to the sensitive nature of MOX operations, details were not made available to the Aiken Standard. In a response, AREVA MOX Services identified shortcomings in operating procedures that contributed to the violations. According to the letter, the contract company failed to physically inspect the incoming materials in question and did not audit the company from which the ledgers were purchased.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Scoppe: School discipline, academics and the 18th horse

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article97158492.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

AFTER I WROTE last week about our state's disturbingly broad disturbing schools law, I got a letter to the editor and a letter to me that both referred to the October incident when a Richland County sheriff's deputy tossed a student from her desk and arrested her. Both letters asked, essentially: How else was the deputy supposed to remove the student from the classroom if she wouldn't let go of the desk? And I remembered the story of the 18th horse. "Moral: The attitude of negotiation and problem solving is to find the '18th horse' — that is the common ground. Once a person is able to find the 18th horse, the issue is resolved. It is difficult at times. However, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution. If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any! Would be a good idea if all our politicians could do farmer math!" What else could the deputy have done at Spring Valley? What if that's the wrong question?

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Tropical Storm Gaston getting stronger in the Atlantic

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=C27BA3A6

SC State Wire

Tropical Storm Gaston is strengthening as it moves over the far eastern Atlantic. The storm's maximum sustained winds had increased Tuesday to near 65 mph (100 kph). The U.S. National Hurricane Center says additional strengthening is forecast and Gaston is expected to become a hurricane by Wednesday. Gaston is centered about 685 miles (1105 kilometers) west of the southernmost Cabo Verde Islands and is moving west-northwest near 21 mph (33 kph). Elsewhere in the Atlantic, Fiona is breaking up as a tropical depression and should gradually weaken over the next couple of days. Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 30 mph (45 kph). The National Hurricane Center has discontinued its advisories. Meanwhile in the Pacific, Kay is expected to become a remnant low later on Thursday.

Greenville News: Report: SC household income plunged over seven-year period

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2016/08/23/report-sc-household-income-plunged-over-seven-year-period/89220780/>

Rudolph Bell

The median household income in South Carolina dropped 11 percent between 2007 and 2014, according to a new report on state economies. The report from the Joint Economic Committee in the U.S. Congress includes various data points showing how South Carolina's economy has fared since the Great Recession. It says South Carolina's inflation-adjusted median household income declined from \$50,500 before the recession in 2007 to \$44,900 in 2014, according to the latest data available. For the country as a whole, median household income dropped 6 percent over the same period, from \$57,400 in 2007 to \$53,700 in 2014. The report also says...

Associated Press: Jury finds man not guilty in 1991 rape-murder retrial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bgsZMeKb

SC State Wire

A jury on Tuesday found a man not guilty in his retrial in the rape and murder of a 77-year-old woman a quarter-century ago, after DNA evidence pointed to another man. Anthony Wright was sentenced to life without parole in the October 1991 slaying of his neighbor Louise Talley, whose nude body was found face-down on a bedroom floor in her North Philadelphia home. Talley had been raped and then stabbed 10 times in the neck, chest and back with a kitchen knife. Jurors spent less than two hours deliberating Tuesday before returning with the not guilty verdict. The district attorney's office agreed to a new trial in 2014 at the request of Wright's defense team, led by the Innocence Project, after DNA tests showed that sperm found inside Talley's body belonged to a former Philadelphia-area crack addict who died in a South Carolina prison. The testing also showed that only Talley's genetic material was inside clothing that homicide detectives alleged Wright told them he wore and that was found inside his bedroom in his mother's house.

Local News:

Associated Press: Deputies: Mom killed newborn by putting him in refrigerator

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FCoy8U9m

SC State Wire

A South Carolina mother killed her 4-day-old son by putting him in the refrigerator for three hours, authorities said. Angela Blackwell is charged with homicide by child abuse. During a brief court appearance on Tuesday, the judge explained that because of the severity of the charges no bond could be set at this initial hearing, in accordance to state law. She only nodded and shook her head, leaving the small courtroom after a few minutes without a sound. Blackwell, 27, was arrested Monday, nearly six months after her son died. Investigators said they have spent that time taking statements and getting forensic tests done on the baby. An autopsy showed that the boy, William David Blackwell, died from hypothermia with asphyxiation from being placed in the cold, according to Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker. First-responders tried to revive him on Feb. 27, but he was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Associated Press: The Latest: No bond for mom accused of putting son in fridge

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0ZvQ89x0

SC State Wire

Bond has been denied for a mother charged with killing her infant son by putting him in the refrigerator for several hours. A magistrate judge made that determination during a brief hearing Tuesday for 27-year-old Angela Blackwell. She is charged with homicide by child abuse, and it will be up to a circuit court judge to determine if she can be released from jail on bond. Blackwell appeared in court with a public defender. Her next court date is Nov. 10. Blackwell was arrested Monday. Deputies say she was at her home February 27 when she put her 4-day-old son in the refrigerator and shut the door. After three hours, she took him out and sought medical attention. Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker says William David Blackwell died from hypothermia and asphyxiation.

Post and Courier: Charleston area advocates, leaders seek community support in walk against domestic violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829745/charleston-area-advocates-leaders-seek-community-support-in-walk-against-domestic-violence>

Gregory Yee

Charleston area advocates are teaming up to raise funds and support for victims of domestic violence. Project Unity USA is partnering with Real Men Against Domestic Violence — a statewide nonprofit that provides domestic violence awareness, prevention and education — and My Sister's House to hold a walk Sept. 24 across the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge. The Hope Walk Against Domestic Violence will begin at 8 a.m. on the Charleston side of the bridge, 66 Columbus St., and will end in Mount Pleasant. A \$25 registration fee is required. Funds will go to My Sister's House, which is the tri-county area's only shelter for victims of domestic violence, and to other organizations that will be selected by a committee. Fees will jump to \$30 for those who register the day of the walk.

Associated Press: Deputies: 21 go to hospitals in bus pepper spray incident

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LnlItQVlj

SC State Wire

Authorities say 21 Richland County students were taken to hospitals to be checked after pepper spray was used during a fight on a school bus. Sheriff's Lt. Curtis Wilson tells local news outlets the fight broke out between groups of male and female students going to Westwood High School Tuesday morning. One of the female students used pepper spray during the incident. Authorities are checking surveillance video to determine what happened. It's not clear whether she was using the spray to defend herself or to attack other students. Wilson says it's not illegal to have pepper spray and whether students can carry it on a bus is up to individual school districts. He says it's legal to use pepper spray only for protection.

The State: Girl used pepper spray on bus, deputies say; 21 students taken to hospital

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article97314312.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

An argument involving several high schoolers — both males and females — led to a girl using pepper spray on a Richland County school bus Tuesday, deputies said. Deputies responded to Hard Scrabble Road and Sloan Road at about 8:45 a.m. after the bus driver called law enforcement, sheriff's spokesman Lt. Curtis Wilson said. They found that an ongoing altercation between two students had led to an argument on the bus involving several teenagers, Wilson said. After one girl used pepper spray, 21 students were taken to local and area hospitals for observation, Wilson said. Whether the girl was trying to defend herself or attack someone was not immediately clear. "Obviously, it affected more than one student on that bus," Wilson said. "Whether it was her intention I don't know." There were no injuries reported, Wilson said. "Slowly but surely they're being released from the hospitals," he said. As of 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, only three students had returned to school, Wilson said.

Sun News: Ten of 13 suspended lifeguards had problems with certifications

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article97384852.html>

Chloe Johnson

The lifeguard company that used to guard Myrtle Beach from 67th Avenue North to 77th Avenue North will likely not make it back on the sand this year. Myrtle Beach Lifeguards was pulled from the beach at the beginning of the month after the city began investigating whether all the company's guards had the correct certifications, which signify that guards have met Red Cross standards. City Manager John Pedersen said that after a review, 10 of the 13 guards were found to have issues. "Out of the 10 that didn't have [certifications] ... there was a mix of folks that previously had certifications that had expired and folks that never had been certified," Pedersen said. At City Council's workshop Tuesday morning, Myrtle Beach Lifeguards owner Gene Hudson and his lawyer, Stephen Goldfinch,

defended the company and emphasized its 38-year history. "We'd like very much to go back to work," Hudson told City Council Tuesday morning. "The whole company is out of work, all the lifeguards."

Post and Courier: Third dead manatee reported in Charleston area in two weeks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160823/160829764/third-dead-manatee-reported-in-charleston-area-in-two-weeks>

Prentiss Findlay

Another manatee apparently has been found dead in the Charleston area, making it the third death of its kind in two weeks. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources learned of a sighting of a dead manatee Tuesday morning. The manatee was seen floating in the Intracoastal Waterway near Garris Landing and Awendaw. DNR sent two staff members to the area to search for the carcass, but they had not found it as of late Tuesday morning. Adult manatees can grow to about 10 feet long and weigh up to one ton. Despite their large size, tracking one down can prove tricky. "Tides move them," said Phil Maier, DNR coastal reserves and outreach director. "If he's up in the marsh somewhere or stuck on a bank, it could be difficult and it could take a while to find them." If confirmed, it would be the third manatee death in the area in less than two weeks. Last week, biologists said they were concerned about whether manatees ate something toxic in the sea grass or other vegetation.

The State: Richland County wants residents to fight mosquitoes, help stop Zika

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article97362582.html>

Bristol Marchant

To stop the spread of Zika in South Carolina, Richland County is asking residents to fight the growth of the mosquito population. Richland County called Tuesday on the public to work to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can breed. The push is part of a coordinated push by county health departments to stop Zika from spreading through South Carolina by halting the insects that carry the disease. "If everyone took a few minutes each week to walk around and make sure all standing water has been emptied, it would make things so much better," said Tammy Brewer of the county. "We have to work together." As of Aug. 22, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control had identified 38 Zika cases in South Carolina – 37 travel-related cases and one sexually transmitted case. Pregnant women are most at risk as the disease leads to severe birth defects and pregnancy complications.

Associated Press: Detour: Delta flight briefly diverted to Myrtle Beach

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UFImsTCo

SC State Wire

A warning light indicating a possible mechanical problem forced a Delta flight from Norfolk, Virginia, to Atlanta to briefly divert to Myrtle Beach. Michael Thomas of Delta says that the Monday morning flight diverted when a warning indicated a possible issue with the aircraft's auxiliary power system. The plane carrying 160 passengers and six crew members landed at Myrtle Beach International Airport about 8 a.m. on Monday. The aircraft was checked out by ground mechanics and, after a short delay, resumed its flight to Atlanta.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Many donors to Clinton Foundation met with her at State

<http://bigstory.ap.org/82df550e1ec646098b434f7d5771f625>

Stephen raun and Eileen Sullivan

More than half the people outside the government who met with Hillary Clinton while she was secretary of state gave money — either personally or through companies or groups — to the Clinton Foundation. It's an extraordinary proportion indicating her possible ethics challenges if elected

president. At least 85 of 154 people from private interests who met or had phone conversations scheduled with Clinton while she led the State Department donated to her family charity or pledged commitments to its international programs, according to a review of State Department calendars released so far to The Associated Press. Combined, the 85 donors contributed as much as \$156 million. At least 40 donated more than \$100,000 each, and 20 gave more than \$1 million. Donors who were granted time with Clinton included an internationally known economist who asked for her help as the Bangladesh government pressured him to resign from a nonprofit bank he ran; a Wall Street executive who sought Clinton's help with a visa problem and Estee Lauder executives who were listed as meeting with Clinton while her department worked with the firm's corporate charity to counter gender-based violence in South Africa.

Associated Press: Trump aides covertly fought freeing of Ukraine prisoner

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e7acd0dbb64c4bcd8e29736b99b1224c>

Jeff Horwitz and Chad Day

For more than three years, lobbyist Jim Slattery worked in Washington to secure the release in Ukraine of the imprisoned political rival of the country's then-president. He said the work was sometimes harder than expected. "I had a sense that there were people working on the other side," he said, "but they were doing it pretty secretly." Slattery's hunch was right. His unknown opponent: The consulting firm run by Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and his deputy Rick Gates, now the campaign's liaison to the Republican National Committee. Manafort resigned last week, shortly after disclosures by The Associated Press about his firm's covert lobbying on behalf of Ukraine's pro-Russian government at the time. The U.S. Foreign Agents Registration Act requires people working on behalf of foreign political leaders to disclose their efforts to the Justice Department, but neither Manafort and Gates nor U.S. lobbyists they directed did. Working on the other side, Slattery filled out the required paperwork describing contacts with Congress and State Department officials including specific phone calls and emails and the topics of their discussions.

National News:

Associated Press: Ex-host sues Fox claiming sexual harassment, retaliation

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2a8f8e0dfb7f4a5495f6579926e1d8d5>

Jake Pearson

A former Fox News host has sued the network, its ousted chairman and other top executives, claiming they retaliated after she detailed unwanted sexual advances made by her onetime boss, Roger Ailes. Andrea Tantaros described Fox in the lawsuit, filed Monday in New York, as a "sex-fueled, Playboy Mansion-like cult." She said after she complained last spring about Ailes, one of his top deputies, William Shine, warned her that Ailes was a "very powerful man" and that she "needed to let this one go." Shine was promoted to co-president of Fox News after Ailes resigned last month amid other allegations of sexual harassment. Ailes "may have been the primary culprit, but his actions were condoned by most senior lieutenants, who engaged in a concerted effort to silence Tantaros by threats, humiliation, and retaliation," the lawsuit said.

Associated Press: Obama vows support for Louisiana after the 'cameras leave'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/0f2f3add6bdc41ed9de1dcf636d55348>

Kevin Freking

Standing amid piles of waterlogged debris, President Barack Obama on Tuesday promised a sustained national effort to rebuild flood-ravaged southern Louisiana "even after the TV cameras leave" on a visit aimed in part at stemming campaign-season criticism that he's been slow to respond to the disaster. As he toured a battered neighborhood and spoke to local officials, Obama tried to buck up beleaguered residents of the water-soaked region. "This is not a one-off, this is not a photo-op issue," Obama said. "I need all Americans to stay focused on this ... I know you will rebuild

again."Obama's visit was a reminder of the political dangers and opportunities that natural disasters can pose. The president has been criticized for waiting until after he returned from his New England vacation to tour the Gulf Coast flooding. The timing, amid a heated presidential campaign, drew barbs from some local officials and Republicans political opponents, including GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump

Associated Press: Prisoner not seen publicly since 2002 at Gitmo hearing

<http://bigstory.ap.org/86ae658959ab41ebdb23806f6765599>

Robert Burns

The first high-profile al-Qaida terror suspect captured after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 appeared Tuesday at a U.S. government hearing called to determine whether he should remain in detention at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Abu Zubaydah, a Palestinian not seen publicly since his capture by the CIA in 2002, sat expressionless during the brief hearing. Zubaydah was also the first to vanish into the CIA's secret "black site" prison network and was subjected to "enhanced interrogation." The review panel issued no immediate ruling on his status. He has been held at Guantanamo Bay since September 2006. The U.S. contended that Zubaydah, 45, was one of the most senior figures in al-Qaida when he was captured in Pakistan. It has since dropped that claim. Zubaydah's lawyers deny he was a member of al-Qaida.

World News:

Associated Press: Turkey launches new artillery strikes at IS in Syria

<http://bigstory.ap.org/409dfe4dd8d948fcb93bf6d8c81600cc>

Suzan Fraser

Turkey's artillery shelled Islamic State group targets across the border in Syria for the second consecutive day on Tuesday, a senior Turkish official said, amid reports that Turkey-backed Syrian rebels were preparing an offensive against an IS-held border town in northern Syria. The latest developments have thrust the town of Jarablus into center stage in the ongoing Syrian civil war. The Ankara official said the Turkish shelling came after mortar rounds, believed to have been fired by the militants from Jarablus, landed on Turkish territory. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government regulations, did not provide further details. Turkey has increased security measures at its border opposite the Islamic State-held Jarablus, deploying tanks and armored personnel carriers in recent days. Syrian activists have said that hundreds of Turkish-backed Syrian opposition fighters are gathered in the Turkish border area of Karkamis in preparation for an attack on Jarablus.

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From: Smith, Austin
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 11:11 AM
To: Peters, Hal
Subject: Re: CCU

Correct

On May 18, 2016, at 10:37 AM, Peters, Hal <HalPeters@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

So we have no say in this currently?

It rests solely with CHE and then with JBRC?

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From: Smith, Austin
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No, Coastal has not gone before SFAA. They had an initial approval for half that amount last fall, and then they came back with a revised proposal that doubled the cost. With the revised proposal, they haven't cleared the CHE hurdle (then they would have to go before JBRC):

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article75945117.html>

From: Peters, Hal
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 10:22 AM
To: Smith, Austin
Subject: CCU

Did Coastal Carolina University recently receive a \$39,000,000.00 bond from SFAA to expand or build a stadium?

Do you have any details about this you can share with me so I can relay it to a constituent?

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From: Julie Carullo <jcarullo@che.sc.gov>
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Subject: RE: CCU Referral
Attachments: CHE_05-15-2016^CCU Stadium Expansion.pdf

Thank you, Hal. I have attached for your reference a statement from the Commission released following last month's meeting where the project was considered. As you may be aware, we shared this with Austin and Josh following the meeting.

Have a great afternoon,
Julie

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From: Peters, Hal [<mailto:HalPeters@gov.sc.gov>]
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Hey Julie,

FYI, referring this to CHE.

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Governor Haley,

I am writing in support of Coastal Carolina University's request for a football stadium expansion. The expansion is a requirement for CCU having been accepted into the Sunbelt Conference but conversely will generate millions in incremental annual revenues. What a great opportunity for the university and the state. Recently, however, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has declined their request multiple times and has failed to provide any clear guidance.

In response, the university has reduced the project budget by 21 percent, has demonstrated a clear ability to meet its debt obligations, has provided historical student growth trends that are some of the highest in the nation, and provided third party estimates of significant economic benefits to the region and the state.

I must say that having read the commission's comments on this decision, their logic seems very weak and the outcome feels unfair, the commissions process and criteria are undefined and vague, and seem to be more about regional rivalry than concern for the state as a whole.

If CCU is unable to meet its commitments to the Sunbelt Conference by expanding the stadium, they will have to forgo contracts with power-five schools and millions of dollars of revenue will be lost. It will do reputational and economic harm to both the university, and the state of South Carolina. Conversely, approval of the expansion will bring incremental jobs and investment into the state for a lifetime.

On a personal note, I was raised in SC and graduated from CCU when it was affiliated with USC. I also have a MBA from Clemson at Furman MBA program. Recently, I retired as an executive with Rolls-Royce and now reside in Mount Pleasant. All this to say, I have an affection for South Carolina and all of its universities.

I hope that you will also be able to support Coastal Carolina University in their efforts to grow.

Sincerely,

Thomas Loehr

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From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 6:30 PM
To: Patel, Swati;Veldran, Katherine;Mottel, Haley
Subject: veto talking points

One page legislative talking points have been sent to Josh/Austin for review and approval for the following vetoes:

- 6 – Rutledge Moving Cost Study
- 7 – Confederate Relic Room Relocation Study
- 8 – Welcome Center Mowing
- 10 – HHS Rate Reduction Notice
- 11 – Coyote Tagging
- 16 – Air Quality Improvements (Proterra)
- 21 – DNR Outreach Education
- 25 – Osprey Village
- 26-27 – CCU Football Stadium
- 29 – State Aviation Fund
- 31 – Richland Recreation Pool
- 36 – Driving Tours

The documents have been saved in a folder on the S-Drive (Policy Shop > Budget > FY1617 > Veto > Leg Talking Points).

There is one more that needs to be done (28 – SUTA), and I will get with Josh in the morning, because more background info is needed.

From: Garryrolandsmith [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 8:38 PM
To: Mottel, Haley
Subject: Re: Vetoes 26-27 - CCU

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 13, 2016, at 5:33 PM, Mottel, Haley <HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Rep. Smith,

I have attached a number of materials related to Vetoes 26-27. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this information further.

Thank you for all of your help and support!

Thank you,
Haley

Haley Mottel
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<The State Article.pdf>

From: Smith, Austin
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 12:14 PM
To: Mottel, Haley
Subject: FW: Capital Projects Considered List - CHE

From: Smith, Austin
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 12:11 PM
To: Baker, Josh
Subject: Fwd: Capital Projects Considered List - CHE

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tim <[REDACTED]@msn.com>
Date: June 15, 2016 at 9:25:04 AM EDT
To: Auston Smith <austinsmith@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Capital Projects Considered List - CHE

Auston
Per our conversation this morning...
Tim

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gary Glenn <gglen@che.sc.gov>
Date: June 15, 2016 at 9:20:04 AM EDT
To: Tim <[REDACTED]@msn.com>
Cc: Julie Carullo <jcarullo@che.sc.gov>, Lil Hayes <LilHayes@schouse.giv>
Subject: Re: Capital Projects Considered List - CHE

Tim,
It's also important to recognize the number of projects approved that received directed state support. We staff approve those because the legislature has already approved the use of the funds for the specific purpose of the project. We noted in blue cells those where CHE approved. That is a significantly lower number of actions.

The CCU project as submitted was like no other on the list. It was the only one that proposed to fund an ancillary activity initially with total support from student tuition and even as amended, primarily with student tuition. The supporting documents continued to be questionable and the assumptions made by the institution were not adequately supported.

This project was by far the exception to the projects considered by CHE.

I've copied Lil. We should consider sending this to Kara as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2016, at 9:45 PM, Tim [REDACTED]@msn.com> wrote:

Ok...lets talk in the morning.
Have a great evening!

Tim Hofferth
[REDACTED]@msn.com

On Jun 14, 2016, at 9:41 PM, Gary Glenn <gglenn@che.sc.gov>
wrote:

Morgan and I worked on it together. I approved
everything before it was sent.

Gary S. Glenn
Interim Executive Director and Director of Fiscal Affairs
SC Commission on Higher Education
Phone: (803) 737-2155
Email: gglenn@che.sc.gov

From: Tim [REDACTED]@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:34 PM
To: Gary Glenn
Subject: Re: Capital Projects Considered List - CHE

Gary
You should be dealing with Kara directly on this
issue, she's NOT looking to help us and Morgan
doesn't have the history.
All of this should be going through you.
Tim

Tim Hofferth
[REDACTED]@msn.com

On Jun 14, 2016, at 9:22 PM, Gary Glenn
<gglenn@che.sc.gov> wrote:

Here's the question and answer
provided.

G

Gary S. Glenn
Interim Executive Director and Director of
Fiscal Affairs
SC Commission on Higher Education
Phone: (803) 737-2155
Email: gglenn@che.sc.gov

From: Morgan Odonnell
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 6:18 PM
To: 'Kara Brurok'
Cc: Gary Glenn; Julie Carullo
Subject: RE: Capital Projects Considered
List - CHE

Kara – Yes, this includes any projects that have been denied. Please see the end of the list for the CPIP projects that were either moved to Year Two, and thus not considered for approval this year, or were removed completely from the CPIP due to various factors with the particular projects. There were no other non-CPIP projects that were denied since 9/23/2015.

Morgan O'Donnell –
803.737.3921

From: Kara Brurok
[\[mailto:KaraBrurok@schouse.gov\]](mailto:KaraBrurok@schouse.gov)
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 6:08 PM
To: Morgan Odonnell
<modonnell@che.sc.gov>
Cc: Gary Glenn
<gglenn@che.sc.gov>; Julie Carullo
<jcarullo@che.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Capital Projects
Considered List - CHE

Morgan,

Does this show those that have been denied as well? It's hard for me to look at this on my phone so if it's there, forgive me.

Kara

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Morgan Odonnell
<modonnell@che.sc.gov>

Date: 6/14/16 6:02 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Kara Brurok
<KaraBrurok@schouse.gov>

Cc: Gary Glenn
<gglenn@che.sc.gov>, Julie Carullo
<jcarullo@che.sc.gov>

Subject: Capital Projects Considered List - CHE

Kara,

Forwarded to you on behalf of Julie Carullo. This is the list of projects considered by staff and/or Commissioners since 9/23/2015. We have highlighted the actions taken specifically

related to the Brooks Stadium
Expansion project at Coastal
Carolina. If you have any
questions, please don't hesitate
to contact me. Thanks,

Morgan O'Donnell

SC Commission on Higher
Education

modonnell@che.sc.gov

803-737-3921

From: Ryan Burnaugh <RyanBurnaugh@schouse.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 4:32 PM
To: Mottel, Haley
Subject: FW: Please Override Vetoes #26 & #27

Importance: High

FYI.. this just went to all House at 4:26 pm

Subject: Please Override Vetoes #26 & #27

Importance: High

We *strongly* encourage you to vote to *override Governor Haley's veto #26 and veto #27.*

The transition by Coastal Carolina University to the Sun Belt Athletic Conference is a very important move that has very positive economic consequences for the Myrtle Beach area. Already, in just the first few months of Sun Belt participation, the area's tourism industry has received in excess of \$1,000,000 of publicity value (based on industry-standard ad equivalency measurements). We anticipate the sporting events that the Sun Belt will bring to the area could be worth millions of dollars of economic impact during the slower times of the year (i.e. when we need additional visitors). We also anticipate the conference will host meetings in our area, including their annual meeting, which will bring additional economic impact. In summary, the move to the Sun Belt Conference is a positive move that will help our economy by bringing additional visitors and positive publicity.

Expanding the football stadium is essential to this move. We believe that an expanded stadium could also lead to hosting a college football bowl game in the Myrtle Beach area. A bowl game would bring substantial economic benefits to our area and we have already been in communication with two parties interested in possibly bringing a bowl game to our area once stadium capacity is sufficient.

Because of the substantial economic benefits of an expanded football stadium and the sound, sensible plan put forth to pay for that stadium, we encourage you to vote to override vetoes #26 & #27.

With warmest regards, I am,

Brad Dean
President & CEO

Sent from my mobile device

Brad Dean

IAmSecond.com

(843) [REDACTED]

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From: Sen. Tom Young <tom@tomyoungforsenate.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Mottel, Haley
Subject: Session Ends, Kids Count, Ethics, and Roads -- Update from Sen. Tom Young -- June 7 to June 22, 2016



Session Ends, Kids Count, Ethics, and Roads – Update from June 7 to June 22, 2016

Good afternoon! The State Senate concluded the 2016 session last Wednesday night and will not meet again in statewide session until December after the November elections. One of my goals as your state senator is that you find this legislative update informative, and I appreciate any feedback. If I can help you with an issue, please let me know. We have been very busy in recent weeks assisting many constituents with a variety of issues. Thank you for allowing me to serve our District!

Budget Vetoes Recap

Governor Haley’s Budget Vetoes: On June 8, Governor Haley vetoed 51 line items and provisos in the final version of the two bills related to the budget passed by the General Assembly. The vetoed items totaled more than \$41 Million. To see the two separate veto messages, go [here](#) for the General Appropriations Act and [here](#) for the Capital Reserve Fund.

Clarification – Sustaining versus Overriding Budget Vetoes: When a budget veto is sustained, that means the vetoed appropriation is not part of the final budget. When a budget veto is overridden, that means the vetoed appropriation is part of the final budget despite the Governor’s veto. At least a two thirds vote in both the House and the Senate is needed for an override. All the budget veto votes start in the House. If the House sustains a budget veto, then the Senate does not vote on that vetoed appropriation.

Votes on Budget Vetoes: The House of Representatives met and voted to sustain 12 of the 51 budget vetoes. The 39 overridden vetoes then went to the Senate. The Senate voted to override 38 of the 39 budget vetoes and one veto was carried over because it was a duplicate. Thus, the General Assembly sustained 12 budget vetoes. I voted to sustain 31 of the 38

vetoed that the Senate considered. The Senate only considers any veto that the House overrides. If you have a particular veto for which you want to know more information, please let me know.

Budget Vetoes -- Sustained: The General Assembly voted to sustain 12 of the 51 budget vetoes. All of those were sustained in the House so those vetoes did not come to the Senate for consideration. Of the remaining 39 that came to the Senate, the Senate voted to override all of them except for one that was carried over as it was a duplicate. I voted to sustain 31 of the 38 budget vetoes that the Senate considered. The budget vetoes that were sustained included a proviso directing the Dept. of Administration to perform a feasibility study on the relocation of the Confederate Relic Room to the Charleston area; a proviso changing the local funding match rate for a swimming pool in Richland County; \$75,000 in funding to the Human Affairs Commission for community relations councils; and a proviso directing how grass should be maintained around State Welcome Centers located on interstate highways.

Budget Vetoes -- Overridden: The General Assembly voted to override 38 of the 51 budget vetoes. Those that were overridden included funding for renovations to the historic Fireproof Building in Charleston; for outreach education for the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR); for engineering costs associated with the expansion of the Coastal Carolina football stadium; for driving tours of historic African American sites; for the Gibbs Museum of Art at the University of Charleston; for business incubator programs through the Department of Commerce; for a coyote bounty program through DNR; and for parks and recreation improvements for the local governments in all 46 counties.

State Government News

Roads: On June 7, Governor Haley signed the roads bill. The bill allows for more than \$2 billion to be borrowed for major interstate and bridge fixes and allows the Governor to appoint all eight members of the S.C. Department of Transportation's controlling commission. Legislators will confirm those commissioners. The commissioners will select the SCDOT secretary who will then report to the commission. No taxes are increased under this law. Instead, existing revenue will be leveraged into bonds. Having the money from the bonds will allow SCDOT to use other existing funds totaling another \$2 billion over the next decade for more road and bridge improvements. When she signed the bill, the Governor noted that the bill still did not achieve the reform that the state needs for improving the state's roads and bridges and the system associated with it. To see the Governor's signing statement, go [here](#).

Ethics -- Income Source Disclosure and Independent Investigations: Last Wednesday, the General Assembly passed two ethics reform provisions as follows: (1) Income source disclosure requirements of private income sources meaning income reported to the Internal Revenue Service (public income source and amount already is disclosed); and (2)

independent investigations by the State Ethics Commission and its staff of alleged legislative ethics complaints against legislators. If the State Ethics Commission decides that charges should be brought, then it releases all of the evidence to both the public and to the House or Senate Ethics Committees. The respective committee then decides whether the legislator violated the law, and if so, sets the punishment. Governor Haley is expected to sign the bills on Thursday of this week.

Shoreline Management: The General Assembly passed S.139 which establishes that coastal South Carolina's baseline, or construction boundary, does not move seaward. In doing so, the bill is viewed as a means to protect coastal resources and communities.

FOIA Bill: The FOIA legislation failed in the Conference Committee where it was with the law enforcement dashcam video bill. The Conference Committee could not agree on whether to include the FOIA provision with the dashcam language as part of the Conference report to the Senate and the House. Efforts to pass both FOIA and dashcam legislation will have to start again in January.

Foster Care Legislation: Two bills related to foster care and their status at end of session were as follows:

- Did not pass -- H.4492 requires the Department of Social Services to provide 10 days notice of permanency planning and child abuse and neglect hearings to foster parents, as well as inform them of the right to address the court by submitting a written report and/or live testimony. The Senate adjourned due to lack of a quorum at nearly midnight last Wednesday night while the Conference Report on this bill was being debated. I supported the bill and the Conference Report.
- Passed and enacted --- H.4546 broadens permissions for foster parents adding definitions in the Children's Code related to the standard of care of a "reasonable and prudent" parent and requiring court consideration of local foster care review board recommendations in permanency planning cases.

Georgia CWP Reciprocity: Governor Haley signed this bill into law on June 3. With its enactment, there is now concealed weapon permit (CWP) reciprocity between South Carolina and Georgia. Like other states with whom our state has concealed carry reciprocity, Georgia concealed carry permitholders must abide by South Carolina concealed carry laws while in South Carolina and South Carolina permitholders must abide by Georgia's law while in Georgia. To see details on Georgia's CWP carry laws, go [here](#).

Kids Count - Report on Children in South Carolina: Earlier this week, the 2016 KIDS COUNT report was released showing that South Carolina is ranked 41st in the nation as to the overall well-being of our state's children. This is the highest spot for our state in the 27 year history of the

rankings. To see the numbers specific to South Carolina, go [here](#). To see the full report, go [here](#). Since the rankings began, South Carolina has never been better than number 42 until this year. States that consistently rank high in the annual report have an educated workforce, more students graduating from high school on time, and higher paying jobs than our state. Many of these problems are the direct result of generational poverty in our state. Improving the overall educational attainment of our state's citizens is critical to decreasing generational poverty in South Carolina. This is one reason why the third grade reading requirement and 4 year old kindergarten legislation which the General Assembly passed in 2014 is very important. I welcome your feedback.

Commerce -- State Receives Award: Earlier this month, South Carolina was one of 6 states to receive Area Development's Golden Shovel award for major economic development announcements. To learn more, go [here](#).

Local Farm Produce: The S.C. Department of Agriculture has a website that will provide information as to where to buy local produce. To see that, go [here](#).

DHEC -- Zika Virus: With the summer fast approaching, more media coverage has focused on the Zika virus in the United States. South Carolina DHEC has a Zika virus information page on its website. As of June 21, 2016, there is one confirmed travel case of Zika virus in South Carolina. To learn more at the DHEC information page, go [here](#). To see the toolkit and outreach materials from DHEC, go [here](#).

Communications with Constituents

Frequency of Email Updates: Because the legislature is out of session, my legislative updates will not be sent as frequently as they have been since January of this year. However, I will strive to provide at least a couple of updates per month over the summer into the fall.

End of Session Town Meetings: I plan to hold end of session town meetings in the district. Based on constituent requests, I will hold those after the summer vacation season ends. The dates, times, and locations will be provided in the future email updates.

Local District News

Absentee Voting - June 28 primaries: For this month's June 28th runoff primary elections, in person absentee voting will continue this week at the Aiken County Voter Registration and Elections Office in the County Administration Building from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday. To learn more about absentee voting by mail or in person, go [here](#). If you have questions, call 642-2028.

Windsor Area Ground Water Concerns: Several constituents in the Windsor area have contacted members of our legislative delegation in the

past few weeks about ground water supply concerns in the Windsor area. Members of the delegation have contacted DHEC about these concerns. DHEC has responded that many private wells are drilled into a shallow aquifer at less than 150 feet deep. According to DHEC, public water providers and agricultural users typically drill wells at a much deeper depth. DHEC says that complaints from private well users are typical for this time of the year in areas around the state. DHEC also cites that a ground water study is being done in Aiken County now to be completed in 2018. (See link further down herein for more information on this study.) Senator Setzler, Representative Taylor, and I plan to meet with DHEC on these issues again this summer to further address constituent concerns.

Groundwater Study -- Aiken County: The USGS is currently performing an extensive groundwater study in Aiken County to develop a groundwater-flow model that can be used by Aiken County water managers to manage current and projected reported and unreported demands on groundwater resource and to ensure the highest quality of groundwater. To learn more, go [here](#).

Aiken County Public Library Summer Reading Program: The annual summer reading program for children through the 5th grade has started at the Aiken County Public Library, the Nancy Carson Library in North Augusta, and other Aiken County library branches. The Program runs through early August. Children who read the required number of books will receive a medal and a certificate of completion. Reading is essential to doing well in school. Please encourage as many young people as you can to read this summer. For more information, call the Aiken County Public Library at 642- 2020 or go [here](#).

Congratulations to Larry Frelin -- Marine of the Year!: Local resident Larry Frelin was recently recognized as Marine of the Year in South Carolina. Congratulations to Mr. Frelin!

Aiken County Veterans Affairs Officer: Major Dwight Bradham is the Aiken County Veterans Affairs Officer. He can be reached at 642-1545 by phone and at dbradham@aikencountysc.gov by email. If you have any veteran-related issue, please call the office for assistance. You can follow that office on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/AikenVA and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/VA_Aiken.

Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary: This 3,250 acre property is located 5 miles Northwest of Jackson in Aiken County along the Savannah River. The property includes numerous Carolina bays, walking trails, and a wide variety of wildlife including 217 bird species such as Bald Eagles, Wood Storks, Cooper's Hawks, and Red-headed Woodpeckers. In addition, a 120 acrea area is on the National Register of Historic Sites as the location of George Galphin's Trading post operated from 1750 until the end of the Revolutionary War. To learn more and how

to visit, go [here](#).

Cardiac Arrest: Recently, a friend sent me a link to this [website](#) with a step by step instruction of how to react in a cardiac arrest situation. Please take a few minutes to review it.

Grass Cutting in the SCDOT Right of Way: Grass is growing in right of ways around our district. In Aiken County, DOT contractors have started cutting the grass on the interstates and on secondary roads. If you are aware of an area where high grass is obstructing vision for drivers as they enter or exit certain roads in our County, please call the SCDOT at 641-7665 or let me know and I will pass on the information.

Congressman Wilson's Local Office -- Veteran

Assistance: Congressman Wilson can also assist veterans. The local number to the Aiken County office is (803) 642-6416.

Elections - Poll Managers Needed for November General

Election: Aiken County Voter Registration and Elections needs additional poll managers for the November elections. Basic requirements include being able to work a 14 hour day on election day; experience in using a Windows operating system on a personal computer; internet access for training and communications with County Elections office; and reliable transportation. If you are interested or need more information, call 642-2030 to let the Elections office know of your interest or to answer questions.

Volunteer in Local Schools: If you would like to help with educating our children, consider volunteering in our local schools. To learn more, go [here](#). Thank you to the Aiken Downtown Rotary Club for putting together this list of opportunities.

SC Help -- Primary Residence Foreclosure Avoidance

Assistance: Several Aiken County residents have received assistance under a federal program instituted in 2011 in several states including South Carolina providing one time assistance to homeowners who risk foreclosure. The program [loans](#) up to \$36,000 in one time aid to homeowners who have fallen behind on mortgage payments for a variety of reasons. Acceptable causes include: unemployment, underemployment, a sharp reduction in self-employment income, a divorce, death of a spouse, unexpected medical bills from a catastrophic illness or injury, or damages stemming from the October 2015 floods. The home involved must be the applicant's primary residence and there is a cap on the size of the original mortgage loan amount. The money is collected back from the homeowner after the homeowner is back on his or her feet. To learn more or to apply, go online [here](#) or call 1-855-435-7472.

Foster Parent Recruitment: In March, Governor Haley, DSS officials, and foster parents launched a new statewide effort to find more families

willing to foster parents for children in need. To learn more, go [here](#).

Aiken County Legislative Delegation Office: The local legislative delegation office is staffed by the delegation secretary Jeannie Cadden in the Aiken County Government Building on University Parkway. Ms. Cadden works on both Aiken County and Edgefield County legislative and constituent matters. One of the services provided by our local delegation office is the processing of paperwork associated with becoming a notary public. If you need help with this or other matters, let me know by responding to this email or call Jeannie in the delegation office at 642-1694.

Campaign Information

Donate to Tom Young for Senate: If you have not done so and would like to donate to my Senate campaign fund, please go [here](#). Donations can be accepted in any amount up to \$1,000.00 per donor per election cycle. Thank you!

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, I have a Facebook page for Senator Tom Young. During the week, I post information from the Senate or elsewhere around the District, State, and County. If you are interested, please “like” the page to receive updates during the week from me on Facebook.

Other Topics of Interest

Faith Magazine article: A *Faith Magazine* article about my public service and faith can be seen [here](#).

SRS Retiree Association -- Retiree Resource Center Help: The SRS Retiree Association has established a SRS Retiree Resource Center in Aiken. To learn more about what services this office can provide, go [here](#).

SRS Deer Hunts: To apply to participate in annual SRS Deer Hunt program at the Savannah River Site, go [here](#).

Research Charities in South Carolina: Charitable donors may research organizations registered in South Carolina by visiting the Secretary of State’s website [here](#). You may learn a charity’s total revenue, program expenses, total expenses, net assets, and fundraiser costs. You can also call the Division of Public Charities at 1-888-CHARITI (242-7484) for more information.

Unclaimed Property -- Money for You?: The State Treasurer's Office maintains a link for residents to search for unclaimed property. Examples of unclaimed property include dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks (including paychecks), unclaimed insurance proceeds, forgotten utility deposits, uncashed dividend checks and unexchanged shares of stock. Some local residents have recently found unclaimed money

belonging to them on this website. To learn more, go here.

Medication Assistance Program: The LSCOG (Lower Savannah Council of Governments) partnering with local physicians and the United Way, has an ongoing free program to assist lower income Aiken County residents with obtaining medications. Participation is generally limited to those families with no prescription insurance and total household income of less than 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. To learn more, call 1-866-845-1550, ext. 6 or go here and scroll down to Medication Assistance Program.

Nonprofits and Raffles: Since last April, nonprofits may legally conduct raffles in South Carolina to raise funds for their charitable purposes. For the new law, the Secretary of State created a frequently asked questions list which can be seen here. If you have more questions, please call the Charities Division of the Secretary of State at (803) 734-1790.

Cardiac Arrest: For a step by step instruction of how to react in a cardiac arrest situation, go to www.heartrescuenow.com.

Special Needs Children – Help for Parents and Caregivers: The South Carolina Bar developed a handbook for parents of special needs children. An online version of the handbook is available here.

Teens and Texting: Texting while driving amongst younger drivers remains a problem. The State of South Carolina's anti-texting law went into effect on December 7, 2014. There is an anti-texting app which parents can use to keep their teen from texting while driving. To learn more, go here.

Constituent Information

Legislative Email Updates: Locally, three members of the House of Representatives, who represent portions of Aiken County within Senate District 24, send regular email updates. Their respective contact information to get on their email lists to receive their email updates are as follows:

- Rep. Bill Hixon (Dist. 83): bill@billhixon.com
- Rep. Bill Taylor (Dist. 86): bill@taylorschouse.com
- Rep. Don Wells (Dist. 81): dwells29801@gmail.com

Congressman Joe Wilson Contact Information: Congressman Wilson represents all of Aiken County. He has staff in Aiken County with office hours in Aiken and in North Augusta. His office number is 642-6416.

Speaking with Groups Around the District: If you are involved with a local group that would like for me to attend a meeting to provide a legislative update, please let me know.

State Government Resources: Several online resources are available to

you for learning more about our State Government. These resources include the following websites which can be accessed as follows: General Assembly's website -- go [here](#); Executive Budget Office -- go [here](#); State Library -- go [here](#); Legislative Audit Council -- go [here](#); Governor's Office -- go [here](#); and State Fiscal Transparency information, go [here](#).

Report Waste, Fraud and Abuse in State Government: To report waste, fraud and abuse in state government, you can call: 1-855-SC-FRAUD.

Tom Young's Website: My website can be reached at <http://www.senatortomyoung.com>. There are links to a variety of constituent services; the status of sponsored bills; and roll call votes. Please add my web site as a bookmark on your computer.

Small Business Help – SC Dept. of Commerce: The South Carolina Department of Commerce has helpful information for small business owners and employees. To learn more, go [here](#).

Save for College - Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan: South Carolina's 529 College Savings Plan Future Scholar offers special tax benefits for South Carolina residents. To learn more or to enroll, go [here](#).

Donate Life: You can register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor through the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles or [here](#).

Child Passenger Safety: To learn more about ways to keep your children or grandchildren safe in your car, go [here](#). The information at this link is provided in part by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety.

Request a Flag: If you would like to request a state or U.S. flag flown over the State Capitol in Columbia, please let me know at tom@senatortomyoung.com. Flags vary in cost according to their size and their material from which they are made.

State House Tours: Tours are available for the S.C. State House by calling (803) 734-2430 or by going [here](#). If you set a tour between January and June and it is on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, please let me know so I can do my best to see you. The State House is open on Saturdays for guided and unguided tours from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

South Carolina Tourism: To learn more about tourist attractions and tourism opportunities in South Carolina, go [here](#).

Thoroughbred Country-- South Carolina Regional Tourism Organization: To learn more about tourism in the four county region of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, and Barnwell, go [here](#).

SC BBQ Trail: According to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, our state is the birthplace of barbecue in the

United States and is the only state that offers all four official barbecue sauces. To see the official map with more than 200 restaurant listings, go [here](#). Another helpful site can be seen [here](#).

Aiken County Tourism: To learn more about tourism options in Aiken County, go [here](#).

Email Updates: If you know of people in or around District 24 who do not receive my updates but they would like to get them, please email their names and email addresses to me.

Road Issues: If you see a road problem such as a pothole needing repair, call the SCDOT at 641-7665 or Aiken County at 642-1532 to report the problem. You may also report the repair request online [here](#). If you do not get a prompt response, please let me know at tom@senatortomyoung.com or call me. Generally, most paved roads in the County are maintained by SCDOT and are identified on the road sign poles by a small black and white sign listing the road number, such as S-2-1669. Most unpaved roads in the County are maintained by the County.

Thank you for the opportunity and the honor to represent you. Please let me know if I can help you in any way or if you have questions about these or other issues. Your feedback is meaningful and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Young
649-0000 (o)
215-3631 (cell)

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Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 8:53 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine; Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Smith, Austin; Pisarik, Holly; Glaccum, David; Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian
Subject: RE: Legis/Policy Update for February 23, 2016
Attachments: 2.22.2016 Legis Policy Update.docx

Please see the attached updated information. Thank you!

February 23– 25, 2016

Tuesday, February 23

Senate:

- **9:00 am** -- Gressette Room 408 -- Finance Constitutional Subcommittee
 - Comptroller General's Office
 - Inspector General's Office
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Wednesday, February 24

Senate:

- **9:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Joint Bond Review Committee**
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Thursday, February 25

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 - No agenda posted
- **9:00 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- Senate General DSS Oversight Subcommittee**
 - Susan Alford, Director, SC Department of Social Services
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To: Veldran, Katherine; Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Smith, Austin; Pisarik, Holly; Glaccum, David; Schimsa, Rebecca

Cc: Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian

Subject: Legis/Policy Update for February 23, 2016

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February 22 – 26, 2016

Monday, February 22

No Meetings Scheduled.

Tuesday, February 23

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Thursday, February 25

Senate:

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 - No agenda posted
- **9:00 am** -- Gressette Room 209 -- Senate General DSS Oversight Subcommittee
 - Susan Alford, Director, SC Department of Social Services
- **9:30 am** -- Gressette Room 207 -- Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
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 - S.0550 – Peeler - DHEC Reorganization / Dept. of Behavioral & Public Health
- **10:00 am** -- Gressette Room 307 -- Judiciary Subcommittee
 - S.233 – Campsen - Prayer or Invocation Public Bodies
- **10:00 am** -- Gressette Room 209 -- Judiciary Subcommittee
 - S.173 – Kimpson - Electric Utilities and Communities
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Friday, February 26

No Meetings Scheduled.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 8:51 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine; Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Smith, Austin; Pisarik, Holly; Glaccum, David; Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian
Subject: Legis/Policy Update for February 24, 2016
Attachments: 2.23.2016 Legis Policy Update.docx

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- **At the Call of the Chair (1.5 hours after the House adjourns)**-- Blatt Room 521 -- Ways and Means Committee
 - FY 2016-2017 Annual Appropriations

Thursday, February 25

Senate:

- **9:00 am** -- Gressette Room 308 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee
 - Appointments:
 - Mr. Christopher D. Donato, SC Real Estate Appraisers Board
 - Mr. Jonathan T. Stackhouse, SC Real Estate Commission
 - H.3576 - Bannister - Youth Sports Organizations
 - S.1013 – Alexander - Licensure and Regulation of Real Estate Brokers, Salespeople & Property Mgrs
 - Regulations: LLR
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House:

- **8:00 am -- Blatt Room 110 -- Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee of the Legislative Oversight Committee**
 - Further discussion of DPS study
 - Further discussion of DJJ study
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 - H.4535 – Goldfinch - Repealed Sections
 - H.4863 – M.Smith - Prescription Drugs
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From: Byun, Claire <cbyun@thesunnews.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Adams, Chaney
Subject: Haley comments on CCU's stadium expansion

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From: Byun, Claire <cbyun@thesunnews.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:59 PM
To: Adams, Chaney
Subject: Re: Haley comments on CCU's stadium expansion

Thank you so much, Chaney. I really appreciate your quick response and all your help :)

On Thu, Jun 16, 2016 at 1:54 PM, Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov> wrote:



NIKKI R. HALEY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 9, 2016
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, [803-673-9437](tel:803-673-9437)
BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov

Gov. Nikki Haley Issues Budget Vetoes

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley today issued state budget vetoes for Fiscal Year 2016-17 during a Statehouse press conference.

Read the governor's veto messages here: <http://goo.gl/8Wj9gR>

For video of the full event, click here: <https://goo.gl/cbUpjD>

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From: Heather Gale <hgale@wpde.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Adams, Chaney;Godfrey, Rob
Subject: Question from WPDE in Myrtle Beach

Hello hello,

Hope you are well today. I saw this tweet (below) and was just wondering if you happen to have any information on it. This person is not affiliated with CCU, so that is where my curiosity lies. THANK YOU!

Chants  CCUStudent 41m41 minutes ago

Coastal's stadium officially passed. @nikkihaley made a strong push to try to stop it. She was over ruled

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From: Godfrey, Rob
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 2:15 PM
To: Adams, Chaney
Subject: Re: Draft: ICYMI: Coastal Carolina's Football Stadium Plan Approved Against Recommendation Of Commission On Higher Education

Good. Since it is just going to tv it can come from you. Copy me on it and we will handle. No need to use icontact

Rob Godfrey
Office of Gov. Nikki Haley

On Aug 23, 2016, at 2:11 PM, Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Coastal Carolina's Football Stadium Plan Approved Against Recommendation Of Commission On Higher Education

From The State

Haley: decision sends "message to universities that they can lobby lawmakers directly for support of projects and ignore the commission's decisions, giving 'every university the ability to say the CHE doesn't matter'"

*Coastal Carolina's football stadium plan OK'd amid outcry from Gov. Haley
Jamie Self
August 23, 2016*

"A state budget board approved Coastal Carolina University's \$32 million plan to expand their football stadium, ignoring a higher education panel's rejection of the project as too expensive.

"The S.C. Fiscal Accountability Authority approved the project in a 3-2 vote Tuesday with support from the state's chief budget writers in the House and Senate and the state's top accountant.

"Gov. Nikki Haley and S.C. Treasurer Curtis Loftis opposed the project, saying the S.C. Commission on Higher Education had rejected proposals for the stadium four times.

"'If you override CHE (the Commission on Higher Education) today, then why have it?' Haley asked, adding that the move would set a dangerous precedent for other universities and colleges looking to move forward on building projects without the commission's support.

"Approving the stadium project – a proposal that comes as the university moves to the Sun Belt Conference – would send a message to colleges and universities that they can lobby lawmakers directly for support of projects and ignore the commission's decisions, giving 'every university the ability to say the CHE doesn't matter,' she said.

"'How you will ever be able to say that you're conservative, accountable in any way setting standards for higher education?'

“Earlier this year, state lawmakers approved Coastal’s stadium project in the state budget and also exempted the Conway university from getting required approval from the S.C. Commission on Higher Education.

“Haley vetoed the bill, but lawmakers overrode it.

“Haley said the commission had recently shifted its focus to provide more of a watchdog role over college and university spending. That role would be undercut if lawmakers approved the project despite the commission having rejected it.”

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From: Godfrey, Rob
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:31 PM
To: Adams, Chaney
Subject: Fwd: REQUEST: Governor Haley statement on CCU stadium expansion

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Miller, Meghan A." <mmiller@wbtt.com>
Date: August 23, 2016 at 5:26:48 PM EDT
To: "'RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov'" <RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: REQUEST: Governor Haley statement on CCU stadium expansion

Hi Rob – I hope you're having a good week!

I was hoping to get a statement from Gov. Haley on the reason why she voted against approval of \$22.9M in bonds for Coastal Carolina University's expansion of Brooks Stadium today. Is one available?

Thanks!

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