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City council member to challenge Benjamin

Mayor Steve Benjamin will face at least one challenger in this fall’s mayoral election — city councilman Mic Baddourah, multiple media outlets reported last week.

Baddourah was elected in the city’s third district last year and owns Moe’s Italian Grapevine, a restaurant on Rosewood Drive.

He also started sending mailers to Columbia residents last week that tout his business experience and claim Benjamin helped friends and campaign staffers land government jobs, though the mailer doesn’t reference the mayor by name.

“The people’s interests aren’t well-served when politicians award important jobs to friends or create new government positions for campaign workers,” Baddourah said in a statement, according to The State.

—Thad Moore, News Editor

First, second amendments square off in state bill

A bill in the state House may well have the First and Second Amendments squaring off.

The proposed legislation, which has garnered the support of at least 57 legislators, would ban South Carolina doctors from talking about gun safety with their patients. The State reported.

According to The State, many doctors, like pediatricians, talk to their patients in an effort to make sure guns are stored and used safely.

"[Gun rights supporters] are trying to get big government to come in and dictate what we can and cannot say, while at the same time, they are trying to tell big government to stay out of your right to own guns," Dr. Deborah Greenhouse, the president of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, told the newspaper.

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SC’s smallest school slated to close

South Carolina’s smallest school is planning to close this year and is trying to keep rural schools open despite their cost, The Post and Courier reported.

Edisto Beach Elementary currently has just nine students, a big drop from years past, which averaged between 10 and 40.

But jobs moved away, and so did island families. "The jobs are just not here anymore," Marta Strickland, who works as a principal a day each week, told the Charleston newspaper.

The fight to keep rural schools open despite their cost isn’t limited to Edisto Island, though. It’s happening a few miles down the road, further up the coast in McClellanville and elsewhere in the country.

“Residents are fiercely protective of their schools because they often are centers of their communities,” The Post and Courier reported.

—Thad Moore, News Editor

Crime Blotter

Reports from March 1 to March 15

Drug Equipment Violations — 2

Larceny/Theft from Building — 8

Teepass — 5

Vandalism/Destruction of Property — 10

Drunkenness — 5

Assault/Simple Assault — 1

Larceny/bhoplifting — 1

Larceny/Theft from Vehicle — 2

Harassment/Theft/Intimidation — 1

Drugs/Narcotics Violation — 2

Disorderly conduct — 1

Larceny/All Other — 1

Harassment (Phone Calls) — 1

Traffic/DUI — 1

—An officer witnessed a man walking on Barnwell Street early on the morning of March 8. The man was staggering from side to side as he approached Greense Street. The officer tried to talk with the man, but the man made multiple attempts to flee from the officer. Once the officer caught up to the man, it became apparent that the man had numerous hand questions and smelled strongly of alcohol. The man was cited for drunkenness and transported to Baptist Hospital after being evaluated by emergency medical technicians.

—Police were called to the Law Center around 11 a.m. March 8 after receiving reports of a man yapping. Once the officers approached the man, they could hear him repeatedly yelling that he was going to try out for the South Carolina football team. After obtaining the man’s information, the officers discovered he had been cited for trespassing three times previously. They then arrested the man for trespassing and took him to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

—Bates House Crime of the Week: Police were called to Bates House early on the morning of March 7. Upon arrival, an officer was told by a resident mentor that he had been awakened by a loud noise that turned out to be a resident yelling at his roommate. When the officer spoke to the top, he discovered that he was Dr. Strickland, who works as a principal a day each week. The resident was arrested for posning alcohol underage and issued a student conduct citation before being transported to Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

—Compiled by Amanda Coyne, Assistant News Editor

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Cybersecurity efforts a good move forward

With the recent scare of the South Carolina data breach, USC is at last stepping up to bat in its fight against cyber attackers and security systems. Over the next two years, Secure Carolina plans to double the number of cybersecurity students and spend the equivalent of $5 million updating the technology and policies.

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There's nothing anything worse than seeing $5 million on these computers going to waste, but the cybersecurity efforts, especially when accompanied by the policymakers, help to back up the latest controversial event: the Pioneer Valley Players' production of “The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told.”

Cara Phillips

The play, “The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told,” was a comedy written in 1998 by Paul Rudnick. Like many other contemporary comedians, the purpose of the play is to create humorous characters and situations while incorporating moral tenets of our society. Throughout the history of society, situations while incorporating themes of love, acceptance and unity. And if they choose to remain indignant and critical, we must be able to judge them and react to what they show us.

The Daily Gamecock

Teen pregnancy campaign does not solve issues

Parents-to-be need support, not shaming

Despite the never-ending proliferation of TV shows such as teen drama “90210” and reality show “Mom,” teenage pregnancy has long been a problem in the United States. According to New York’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the U.S. teenage pregnancy rate declined 26 percent in the last decade. And yet, in a recent survey, Mike Bloomberg’s administration has decided the next step in their comprehensive sex education and providing birth control within city schools is to create a “groundbreaking” campaign that will shame teenagers into thinking twice about the consequences of a relationship and putting them into the risk of whomever activities that could potentially be an accidental pregnancy.

Using tactics more akin to those used to “fight the war on drugs,” Bloomberg has decided to create a “bathroom device” that will display to students and children of supposed teenagers that they will face growing up in the idea of providing a number and playing a game to encourage abstinence. The way to control escape, anyone could be to “back the bag” or have their parent-to-be, particularly a future of people using EBT cards at strip clubs, liquor stores, casinos, etc., are rampant.

It is not illegal to suggest that people, especially in a warm state like South Carolina, could achieve a degree of self-sufficiency. It is quite feasible to grow supplemental food on a homestead level. Aside about self-sufficiency on a quarter acre of land and related publications are on the market. Plants like cucumbers and tomatoes can grow on lattice work, leaned on one’s house, and to buy a tomato-canning kit from the garden, which costs only $20 at Lowe’s. While backyard gardeners and Hillary bring attention to the significant health and SNAP programs in South Carolina, they can bring the point out of poverty, not just create a “groundbreaking” situation. Self-sufficiency should be a right for any American to live in the country.

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However, many don’t seem to share the sentiment. During the past few years, numerous religious organizations as well as individuals and parents have petitioned and protested against the play, criticizing organizations as well as individuals and parents have petitioned and protested against the play, criticizing leaders and church members of various denominations and denominations. Many organizations have argued that the play is blasphemous, hateful, or victimize a group of people.

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Families need help, not shame

Health and SNAP problems in South Carolina

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Citizenship in a diverse world

While we were releasing on spring break last week, our surrogate father, the city of Columbia, released the latest controversial event: the Pioneer Valley Players Artistic Center School’s decision to perform a biblical play revised to gay characters. More specifically, the play portrays the two first couples to be “Adam and Steve” and “Jane and Maybel.” In the midst of the political amnesty and sexism against same sex couples, the two first couples were designed to give individuals of low income to supplement those nutritional requirements. SNAP was designed to aid individuals of low income to supplement those nutritional requirements.

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Rachael Weisz basically plays it safe as Evanora, the witch who eventually ends up on the wrong side of the house. She acquits herself well in a menacing role of the Wicked Witch of the East, who schemes behind everyone’s backs, including her own sister.

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South Carolina’s softball team couldn’t give its stadium the inauguration it was hoping for. The Gamecocks (16-9, 1-3 SEC) made a late comeback attempt but fell to No. 4 Alabama for the third straight time Sunday afternoon, losing 7-0 in the newly opened Beckham Field.

“We talk a lot about being relentless competitors, that’s what I want to see from my team for all seven innings, is them never giving up and fighting the whole game,” coach Beverly Smith said.

With USC trailing by five runs, junior right fielder Chelsea Hawkins started off the bottom of the sixth inning with a home run. Hawkins now leads the Gamecocks with six homers on the season.

A single and a double drove in two more runs, the Gamecocks loaded the bases with two outs on a walk and a hit. After a sacrifice bunt, sophomore center fielder Kristin Strout grounded out to end the inning.

In the seventh and final inning, USC scored a run on an RBI single and the winning run to the plate with one runner on base and two outs. But sophomore pinch hitter Olivia Lawton struck out to end the game.

“It’s good to know that we can fight back against a top-five team,” senior shortstop Anni Garcia said. “We know that we can keep up with a top-notch team, and that’s good.”

Garcia leads the Gamecocks in batting average this season. She had three hits and a walk in four trips to the plate Saturday and added two hits Sunday. Smith called her the team’s spark plug.

“It’s my job to get on base any way I can and to have quality at-bats every time I go up,” Garcia said.

South Carolina took a lead in the first inning on an RBI single by junior second baseman Dina Hatherly. In the third, Stuarts single in USC’s second run.

But Alabama (26-3, 4-2) answered by scoring four times in the top of the fourth. South Carolina starter Jordan Montgomery, recorded a career-high 10 strikeouts in the first inning on an RBI single.

Senior Nolan Belcher followed up Beal’s gem with a run since the opening series against Liberty. Without allowing a run and has not allowed a walk since the opening series against Liberty.

The Crimson Tide hit into a double play and torched Davidson 12-4 in the top of the fifth inning.

Thursday’s win was a first for the team to finally have its own space to play after practicing at a local high school and sharing a building for South Carolina to have such a challenging series against the defending national champion.

South Carolina played before a sellout crowd in each of the first three games at Beckham Field. Pregame festivities included a ceremonial first pitch by women’s basketball coach Dawn Staley on Saturday and football coach Steve Spurrier on Sunday.

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Gamecocks lose in new stadium’s debut

Senior LB Dantzler continued his hot start to the season with two home runs and six RBI against Davidson on Wednesday. Dantzler leads the team with six homers and 23 RBI.

Baseball wins SEC weekend series against Missouri

Senior Nolan Belcher has not allowed a run in 26.1 innings

Kyle Beck

Senior Nolan Belcher has not allowed a run in 26.1 innings so far for the Gamecocks this season. Since his no-hitter against Liberty, Belcher has pitched 18 innings without allowing a run. Belcher’s outstanding season has earned him a spot in the SEC’s starting pitcher of the week.

Belcher leads the SEC in innings pitched and strikeouts. He has a 1.61 ERA and a 0.92 WHIP, both of which are among the top in the SEC. Belcher’s performance has been crucial for the Gamecocks as they look to improve on their 16-9 record.

Belcher’s success has not only come on the mound, but also in the box. He has hit .321 with three home runs and 11 RBIs, making him a valuable contributor both on and off the field.

Belcher’s recent performances against Davidson and Alabama have been impressive, as he allowed just one hit and four walks combined over 13 innings of work. Belcher’s dominance on the bump has been a key factor in the Gamecocks’ recent success.

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