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NCOCG News

Action against city over Panthers deal faces dismissal

Charlotte Observer: A judge was poised to dismiss a complaint filed on behalf of former TV reporters against the city of Charlotte over closed-door negotiations with the Carolina Panthers about stadium improvements.

Read more at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/72234>

Suit over city-Panthers met in court in late May

Charlotte Observer: The case between four former media members and the City of Charlotte, over negotiations between the city and the Carolina Panthers for stadium improvements, was by a judge late in May.

For more information visit: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/71648>

Newsmen returned to limelight in open meetings challenge

Charlotte Observer: Three reporters from the 1970s brought an action in April asking that the city of Charlotte be found in contempt of an open-meetings order they helped to secure in 1973.

For more information visit: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/72236>

An ugly glimpse of how things work in Raleigh

Southern Pines Pilot: But I was also a newspaper editor once upon a time, and know from experience that when things are kept in public view, government runs more honestly.

Read more at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/72238>

House bill good on improving transparency, but Senate should tighten

Winston-Salem Journal: North Carolina's Open Meetings Law appears to provide strong protection of the public's right to see its government in action. In fact, however, the law has too many loopholes that allow secrecy.

Read the full story at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/70760>

Superintendent public position

Greenville Daily Reflector: It would appear that the Pitt County Board of Education has embraced the unfortunately common practice among elected bodies to pull the curtains closed when an open, transparent process would better serve the community.

Read the full story at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/70326>

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