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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Augusta Chronicle: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley tours peach orchards damaged by freeze

<http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2014-05-05/south-carolina-gov-nikki-haley-tours-peach-orchards-damaged-freeze>

Meg Mirshak

Freezing temperatures in late March ruined the early South Carolina peach harvest, leaving consumers waiting until July for summertime's tasty fruit. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley toured the damage Monday at J.W. Yonce and Sons Inc. peach orchards, a leading producer in the state's prime peach growing region.

Note: "You're looking behind me at what looks like a beautiful orchard, but if you look close to the trees, there are no peaches on them. They are bare," Haley said.

Post and Courier: Canadian biopharmaceutical company to bring 60 jobs to North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140505/PC05/140509695/1010/canadian-biopharmaceutical-company-to-bring-60-jobs-to-north-charleston>

Warren L. Wise

A Canadian biopharmaceutical company that develops novel treatments for cancer and hormonal diseases will soon create jobs in North Charleston. Quebec-based Aeterna Zentaris will bring 60 workers through a \$1 million investment when it sets up in the SCRA Applied Research Center on International Boulevard near Charleston International Airport.

Note: The move is "further proof that South Carolina is attracting cutting-edge research and development," Gov. Nikki Haley said.

Times and Democrat: Aeterna Zentaris selects Charleston for new U.S. operations

http://thetandd.com/business/aeterna-zentaris-selects-charleston-for-new-u-s-operations/article_974c21ae-d479-11e3-8a86-0019bb2963f4.html

Aeterna Zentaris Inc., a specialty biopharmaceutical company developing novel treatments in oncology and endocrinology, has selected Charleston County for the company's newest North American business and global commercial operations. The \$1 million investment is expected to create 60 new jobs.

Note: "We are excited Aeterna Zentaris chose Charleston to be the home of their new North American business and global commercial operations – further proof that South Carolina is attracting cutting-edge research and development. We celebrate their decision to invest \$1 million and to create 60 new jobs," Gov. Nikki Haley said.

WCBD: Aeterna Zentaris Selects Charleston, S.C. as New Location for its North American Business and Global Commercial Operations

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/25427955/aeterna-zentaris-selects-charleston-sc-as-new-location-for-its-north-american-business-and-global-commercial-operations>

Aeterna Zentaris Inc., a specialty biopharmaceutical company engaged in developing novel treatments in oncology and endocrinology, today announced that it has selected Charleston, South Carolina as its new location for the Company's North American business and global commercial operations.

Note: Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina stated, "We are excited Aeterna Zentaris chose Charleston to be the home of their new North American business and global commercial operations - further proof that South Carolina is attracting cutting-edge research and development. We celebrate their decision to invest and to create new jobs in the Charleston area."

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Biden to South Carolina for Democratic fundraiser

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

Josh Lederman

Vice President Joe Biden is heading to the key 2016 state of South Carolina to raise money for Democrats. The South Carolina Democratic Party says Biden will headline a lunch in Columbia on Friday. Biden is also delivering a commencement address that day at the University of South Carolina.

CNN: First on CNN: Biden to raise money for South Carolina Democrats

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/05/05/first-on-cnn-biden-to-raise-money-for-south-carolina-democrats/>

Peter Hamby

Vice President Joe Biden will headline a fundraiser for the South Carolina Democratic Party on Friday, a source familiar with the event told CNN. Biden, who has kept his name in the 2016 mix even as Hillary Clinton consumes much of the presidential oxygen, will be in the early primary state to deliver the University of South Carolina commencement address on May 9.

The State: Pat McKinney debuts Lt. Gov. ad

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/05/3428484/pat-mckinney-debuts-lt-gov-ad.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Andrew Shain

Pat McKinney, one of four Republicans vying for the GOP nomination for lieutenant governor, debuted his first TV ad on Monday. The ad introducing the Charleston developer and political newcomer to the voters will air over two weeks on broadcast and cable stations, his campaign said. The ad buy is about \$200,000.

The State: Bakari Sellers has pair of fundraisers next week in DC, NY

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/05/3428081/bakari-sellers-has-pair-of-fundraisers.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

S.C. Rep. Bakari Sellers, a Democrat running for lieutenant governor, told supporters Monday that he has a pair of out-of-state fundraisers next week. Sellers will visit Washington, D.C., for a May 14 event at the home of John Jameson, founder of campaign phone strategy firm Winning Connections.

Post and Courier: Lee Bright goes after Lindsey Graham in TV ad

<http://politics.postandcourier.com/2014/05/05/lee-bright-goes-after-lindsey-graham-in-tv-ad/>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Senate candidate Lee Bright is out with a campaign ad focusing on what he said are “numerous occasions where Lindsey Graham has conspired with liberal Democrats – and sometimes the Republican establishment – to subvert the will of the people and the Bill of Rights.”

The State: Sally Atwater debuts SC schools chief ad

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/05/3427946/sally-atwater-debuts-sc-schools.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Sally Atwater, the widow of famed GOP strategist Lee Atwater, started airing her first statewide television ad Monday in her bid for S.C. Superintendent of Education. Atwater is among eight Republicans vying in the June 10 primary for the seat being vacated by Republican Mick Zais, who decided not to seek a second term.

Associated Press: Loftis opponent: TV ads show political hypocrisy

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8Z1g5K74

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina Treasurer Curtis Loftis' primary opponent says the first-term Republican is a hypocrite for appearing in the same kind of TV ads he hammered his predecessor on in 2010. Brian Adams questions how Loftis can rationalize appearing in Future Scholar ads after pledging he would never do such a thing.

Post and Courier: Voter registration deadline is Saturday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140505/PC16/140509666/1177/voter-registration-deadline-is-saturday>

The State Election Commission is reminding voters they must be registered by this Saturday, May 10, to vote in the June 10 Democrat and Republican primaries. Among the issues you should settle, if applicable, is registering for the first time, updating your address if you've moved, name changes or other relevant information.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Associated Press: Dems undecided on taking part in Benghazi panel

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1q43Clpk

Bradley Klapper, Donna Cassata

The Obama administration and House Democrats said Monday they were undecided about whether to take part in or boycott an election-year investigation by Republicans into the Benghazi attack that killed four Americans. On Monday, Boehner said Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., would head the investigation.

Greenville News: Gowdy to chair special panel on Benghazi

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/05/05/gowdy-chair-special-panel-benghazi/8725659/>

Mary Troyan

Republican Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina will head a special House committee to investigate the 2012 attacks on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi. House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio named Gowdy to the post this afternoon.

South Carolina News:

Island Packet: Beaufort Marine earns Bronze Star for heroism

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/05/05/3094927/beaufort-marine-earns-bronze-star.html?sp=/99/257/266/#storylink=cpy>

Capt. William T. Paxton of VMFA-251 from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort received the Bronze Star today in a ceremony on base. Paxton, an F/A-18 Hornet pilot, along with a small command element, were inserted into enemy territory to support British and Afghan special forces and were pinned down by enemy fire Aug. 22, 2013, according to a base news release.

Associated Press: 1,000 ounces of gold recovered from sunken ship off SC coast

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/05/3428065/1000-ounces-of-gold-recovered.html#storylink=cpy>

Bruce Smith

An expedition to bring back the remaining gold from a steamship that sank in 1857 off South Carolina in one of the nation's worst maritime disasters has recovered almost 1,000 ounces of gold - the first gold recovered from the wreck in almost a quarter century.

Sun News: Harsh winter lingers into spring tourism in the Myrtle Beach area

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/05/05/4208300/harsh-winter-lingers-into-spring.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Dawn Bryant

The calendar may say spring, but the harsh winter weather is still having lingering effects on Grand Strand tourism. The delay in the warm-weather's arrival this spring prompted some to skip their usually spontaneous spring trips to what was still a chilly beach this year.

Local News:

Florence Morning News: Numbers indicate low crime in downtown Florence

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_fb7a9972-d3dd-11e3-8caf-0017a43b2370.html

Traci Bridges

There have been no major crimes reported in the core downtown area – a stretch encompassing the two most western blocks of Evans Street and Dargan Street, from Lyerly's Market to the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center – in the past six months.

Island Packet: Beaufort County Council to discuss next year's budget, possibility of tax increases

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/05/05/3094793/beaufort-county-council-to-discuss.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

Beaufort County leaders are considering a small tax increase for the next fiscal year to maintain current county services. County leaders will propose a .46 increase to the value used to calculate county taxes, called the millage rate, to County Council on Monday, according to a prepared budget presentation.

National News

Politico: Poll: GOP gains edge in midterms

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/05/2014-midterm-elections-gop-poll-106337.html?hp=I3>

Jonathan Topaz

Republicans are beating Democrats in a generic ballot for the 2014 midterm elections — a reversal from just two months ago, a new poll says. According to a Pew Research poll released Monday, 47 percent said they would vote for the GOP candidate in their district while 43 percent said they would vote for the Democrat.

The Hill: Reports: FBI looking into Oregon's O-Care rollout

<http://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/205186-reports-fbi-investigating-oregons-o-care-rollout>

Elise Viebeck

The FBI is investigating the botched rollout of Oregon's health insurance marketplace, according to multiple reports. Cover Oregon is considered one of the worst-functioning systems created under ObamaCare. State officials are currently in the process of transferring management of the exchange to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The Hill: Schumer predicts wage deal in six months

<http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/205163-schumer-predicts-minimum-wage-deal-in-next-6-months>

Rebecca Shabad

Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) on Monday said he predicts Congress will reach a deal on the minimum wage this year. "We'll get a deal on minimum wage within the next six months," Schumer said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." "There are lots of different areas where we can compromise."

USA Today: Supreme Court upholds prayer at government meetings

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/05/05/supreme-court-government-prayer-new-york/4481969/>

Richard Wolf

The Supreme Court on Monday narrowly upheld the centuries-old tradition of offering prayers to open government meetings, even if the prayers are overwhelmingly Christian and citizens are encouraged to participate.

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