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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: SC drops suit against feds over MOX plant

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/02/3423580/sc-drops-suit-against-feds-over.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

Satisfied with recent federal assurances, South Carolina on Friday dropped a lawsuit intended to save a \$10 billion nuclear fuel factory near Aiken from President Obama's budget ax.

Note: The plant has employed about 1,500 people since construction began in 2007, and state leaders say the jobs are important. Gov. Nikki Haley says the federal government should honor its commitment to South Carolina and finish the facility.

Aiken Standard: South Carolina drops MOX lawsuit

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140503/AIK0101/140509889/1004/south-carolina-drops-mox-lawsuit>

Derrek Asberry

The state of South Carolina announced on Friday that it is dismissing its lawsuit filed against the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration in support of the Savannah River Site's MOX program.

Note: "It's a facility that (Washington) D.C. started, and with plutonium sitting there ... and now you're going to stop MOX?" Haley questioned at the time. "They're hurting the people of South Carolina, and we're not going to sit back and take it."

Associated Press: SC withdraws lawsuit over nuclear fuel funding

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6S5mPqI3

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina dropped a lawsuit Friday aimed at saving a nuclear reactor fuel project at the Savannah River Site after the Obama administration agreed to keep funding the plant through the current fiscal year.

Fort Mill Times: SCRA Congratulates Winners of Governor's Awards

<http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2014/05/02/3455804/scra-congratulates-winners-of.html>

SCRA today congratulated the recipients of the South Carolina Academy of Science's Governor's Awards for Excellence in Science. Governor Nikki Haley recently presented five awards to researchers from Clemson University and the University of South Carolina (USC). Each award recognized excellence in a different area of science.

2014 Campaign Cycle news:

The State: Democrats: Voters will recall Haley's record, not attack ads

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/02/3423860/democrats-voters-will-recall-haleys.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

They say S.C. voters have not forgotten how, on Republican Gov. Nikki Haley's watch, a state agency failed to prevent hackers from stealing millions of taxpayers' personal information, parents learned late about a tuberculosis outbreak in an Upstate school, and the state's child welfare agency missed abuse that led to child deaths.

Note: But those ads feature the same attacks that Haley's campaign and the state GOP have leveled against Sheheen and continue to make. "South Carolinians from all walks of life are shocked to learn that Vince makes his money trying to reduce jail time for violent criminals – a fact that he has long tried to cover up by fighting ethics reform and refusing to disclose who pays him," Godfrey said.

Greenville News: Huckabee endorses Campbell for lieutenant governor

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/05/02/huckabee-endorses-campbell-lieutenant-governor/8605665/>

Ron Barnett

Former Arkansas governor and 2008 presidential candidate Mike Huckabee endorsed Mike Campbell for lieutenant governor Friday, saying his history as son of the late Gov. Carroll Campbell and experience as a businessman make him the best choice in the Republican field for the state's second-highest office.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Big raise for state lawmakers?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140503/PC1002/140509784/1021/big-raise-for-state-lawmakers>

Editorial

The state Senate Finance Committee has endorsed a plan to give legislators another \$12,000 a year - and by the backdoor to boot. You have to wonder how many taxpayers would endorse that kind of pay hike. Are our lawmakers really doing that good of a job?

Times and Democrat: MOX makes sense for security and economy of S.C.

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/mox-makes-sense-for-security-and-economy-of-s-c/article_560a22a2-d264-11e3-bd06-0019bb2963f4.html

Editorial

As much of the load as South Carolina has been asked to bear with regard to constructing the nation's nuclear arms and dealing with the waste that building atomic weapons produced, plus the continuing story of our state as a storage site for both weapons-grade and other nuclear waste, maybe we should just say to the federal government: Give us break.

Post and Courier: Don't rush law school vote

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140503/PC1002/140509785/1021/dont-rush-law-school-verdict>

Editorial

Judges know that some trials require a lot of court time to be resolved fairly and accurately. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education is wise to take the extra time it needs to judge who should be training lawyers in Charleston. The licensing committee of the CHE on Thursday deferred its vote on whether to license InfLaw to operate the Charleston School of Law.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Associated Press: With 1 year in Senate, Scott in 1st statewide race

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UoWL3MBY

Meg Kinnard

After more than a year in the U.S. Senate, South Carolina Republican Tim Scott will soon be in his first statewide race. Gov. Nikki Haley picked Scott as a replacement when Jim DeMint left the Senate in 2013. Before that, Scott had served about two years in the U.S. House and stints in the South Carolina Legislature and on Charleston's County Council.

South Carolina News:

The State: Wilson: No 'immunity' for SC's legislators

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/02/3422925/harrell-v-wilson-ethics-complaint.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Saying "this decision is too important to shoot from the hip," Circuit Court Judge Casey Manning said Friday he will take a week or more to rule whether the state attorney general's office can investigate potentially criminal ethics violations against S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell without first getting an OK from the House Ethics Committee.

Post and Courier: Judge delays ruling on House Speaker Bobby Harrell ethics case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140502/PC1610/140509885/1177/judge-delays-ruling-on-house-speaker-bobby-harrell-ethics-case>

Jeremy Borden

Judge Casey Manning on Friday delayed his decision on whether Harrell must face his legislative peers or a

court over allegations that stem from whether the Charleston Republican used his campaign account for personal gain and his position to benefit his company.

Anderson Independent: Realtor exec: S.C.'s market on the mend

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/may/02/realtor-exec-scs-market-mend/?partner=RSS>

Nikie Mayo

The CEO of the South Carolina Association of Realtors told business leaders Friday that the state's residential real estate market is finally starting to bounce back from the hit it took during the recession. Kremydas spoke at the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly breakfast meeting at Tucker's restaurant.

Post and Courier: Forest Service official: Growing fire costs dampening agency's future

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140502/PC1610/140509872/1177/forest-service-official-growing-fire-costs-dampening-agencys-future>

Robert Behre

A historic home slowly crumbles outside McClellanville. Large South Carolina landowners have trouble getting state help with controlled burns. Recreation opportunities are scarce on some of the state's largest public lands.

National News:

Politico: No joy from 2014 Democrats on job numbers

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/05/april-jobs-numbers-democrats-2014-106296.html#ixzz30fBg9Vcw>

David Nather

Finally, the Democrats got a jobs report that beat the expectations. So why aren't they celebrating it more in their re-election campaigns? Because they know it could also be a trap. Sure, Friday's jobs report was pretty good — 288,000 jobs were created in April, when the expectation was 215,000. Until now, the recent jobs reports have been kind of "meh."

Associated Press: Obama Asks Attorney General to Review Death Penalty

<http://time.com/86671/obama-asks-attorney-general-to-review-death-penalty/>

Nedra Pickler

President Barack Obama on Friday called the botched execution of an Oklahoma inmate "deeply troubling" and announced that he's going to ask the attorney general to analyze problems surrounding the application of the death penalty in the United States.

Associated Press: VA Senator backs not-yet-2016 candidate Clinton

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_HILLARY_CLINTON_KAINE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-05-02-23-47-05

Jeffrey Collins

Hillary Rodham Clinton isn't in the 2016 presidential race - at least not yet. But that's not stopping a U.S. senator from throwing his early support behind her potential candidacy. Tim Kaine of Virginia was in Columbia, South Carolina, on Saturday, speaking before a group of Democratic women.

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