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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley: American dream is alive and well in South Carolina
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140711/PC1603/140719867/1031&source=spreed>
According to South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, the American dream is alive and well in South Carolina. Haley, who is running for reelection in November, was campaigning in Moncks Corner Thursday, according to a story posted on The Berkeley Independent's website.

Note: "Driving through Moncks Corner today, I am so proud of the small town beauty you have created here," the governor said at the beginning of her address to the Moncks Corner Rotary Club at Gilligan's. "Small towns are the backbone of the American Dream and it is alive and well in South Carolina."

Post and Courier: Report: Fatality rate on South Carolina's rural roads highest in nation
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140711/PC1603/140719872/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina has the deadliest rural roads in the nation, according to a report released Thursday. The report by TRIP, a national transportation research group, said South Carolina's crashes and fatalities on rural roads are also nearly six times higher than on the rest of the state's roads.

Note: The topic of finding cash to fix South Carolina's roads has been popular lately, since Gov. Nikki Haley announced on July 1 she would present a plan to the Legislature in January that would address the issue.

Washington Post: Forget Obamacare. Common Core is the Republicans' new big enemy
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/07/11/forget-obamacare-common-core-is-the-republicans-new-big-enemy/>

Stephanie Grace

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal has never been one to hide his education bonafides. The wonkish former Rhodes Scholar has established himself as a leader in accountability-based education reform, and enthusiastically supported the Common Core standards.

Note: Other GOP governors with larger aspirations are fleeing too, including South Carolina's Nikki Haley, who also signed anti-Common Core legislation, and Wisconsin's Scott Walker, who's distanced himself but has not made a clean break.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: Sheheen posts \$1.7M on hand, Haley has \$4.5M
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=iECcVz4z

Seanna Adcox

Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen has \$1.7 million for his rematch with Gov. Nikki Haley, who touts a campaign-record fundraising quarter that boosted her available cash to nearly \$4.5 million. Campaign reports filed late Thursday show Sheheen's campaign raised more than \$500,000 in the quarter that ended July 1. Haley raised twice as much.

Post and Courier: Independent candidate for governor Tom Ervin boosts campaign with loan
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140711/PC1603/140719842/1005/>

Jeremy Borden

Gov. Nikki Haley's record quarterly fundraising haul of just over \$1 million, announced this week, was bested by independent gubernatorial candidate Tom Ervin. Most of Ervin's new cash, new quarterly filings show, was from a personal loan of about \$1.2 million. He raised \$61,945 from donors.

The State: Poll: Lindsey Graham favored by almost 50 percent

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/11/3559319/poll-lindsey-graham-favored-by.html?sp=/99/132/>

Cassie Cope

A right-leaning poll shows nearly half of likely S.C. voters favor re-electing U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham. About 49 percent of 750 likely S.C. voters polled said they would vote for the Seneca Republican, who is seeking a third term in November.

South Carolina News:

Aiken Standard: House committee approves MOX funding

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140711/AIK0101/140719915/1007/AIK0101/house-committee-approves-mox-funding>

Derrek Asberry

A United States House appropriations committee passed a bill Thursday evening that, if adopted, would provide \$345 million for construction of the Savannah River Site's MOX facility. The Energy and Water Appropriations bill has been debated all week, with members of the committee offering up amendments to the bill.

Associated Press: Energy officials discuss German waste in SC

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

U.S. Energy Department officials say the German government is paying researchers at the Savannah River Site near Aiken to study how to handle waste that might be sent to South Carolina. The research is focused on how to separate materials in the waste.

Anderson Independent: Some school districts continue to teach cursive despite state's standards

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/some-school-districts-continue-to-teach-cursive-despite-states-standards>

Sarah Freishtat

The state will not require students to learn cursive handwriting until the 2015-16 school year, but some local students will learn it next year through unconventional methods.

Greenville News: State's rural roads a deadly drive

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2014/07/10/states-rural-roads-deadly-drive/12507331/>

Tim Smith

South Carolina's rural roads are the most dangerous in the nation. And according to a national transportation research group, they are nearly six times more deadly than the state's other types of roads. In a report released Thursday by TRIP, a national transportation research group, South Carolina's rural roads had a fatality rate of 3.99 per 100 million miles of vehicle travel.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley has said she will propose a funding plan to lawmakers in January but has not released any details.

Local News:

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Spartanburg County Council moves closer to letting voters decide Sunday alcohol sales

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140710/ARTICLES/140719972/1112?Title=Referendum-on-Sunday-alcohol-sales-looks-likely>

Felicia Kitzmiller

A referendum on Sunday alcohol sales in Spartanburg County cleared a second hurdle on Thursday morning when county council again approved an ordinance to put the question before voters in November. Thursday's special called meeting lasted less than five minutes, and there was no discussion of the issue.

National News:

Wall Street Journal: 2014 Voter Turnout: GOP Has Advantage, But It's Not 2010

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2014/07/11/2014-voter-turnout-gop-has-advantage-but-its-not-2010/>

Janet Hook

The 2014 primary season, now more than half over, has been notable for its fierce and frequent intraparty battles among Republicans. It's been a messy sight, but the clashes may have had one salutary effect for the GOP: spurring turnout among the party faithful.

Politico: Democrats use impeachment talk to gin up donations

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/07/obama-impeach-democrats-donations-funding-108801.html?hp=r3>

Byron Tau

Republican threats to impeach President Barack Obama are guaranteed to generate two things: Democratic outrage and Democratic cash. Sarah Palin this week joined a long line of Republican firebrands in raising the specter of impeachment against the president, writing in a Breitbart.com op-ed:

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