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2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Rock Hill Herald: Nikki Haley talks up record in Rock Hill stop

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/02/6484110/nikki-haley-talks-up-record-in.html>

Bristow Marchant

The lobby of Rock Hill's Holiday Inn was close to overflowing Sunday when the blue campaign bus pulled up to the front of the building with its police escort. Out stepped Nikki Haley to fire up the troops, just two days before she hopes the crowd waving her campaign signs turns out to give her a second term as South Carolina's governor.

Note: "We wanted everybody to see the goodness in us, but more importantly I wanted us to see it in ourselves," Haley said. "So, in addition to being the third-best state in the country to do business, we were just named the friendliest state in the country, and, the one I'm most proud of, the most patriotic state."

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Haley, Christie stump at the Beacon ahead of 2014 midterms

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141102/ARTICLES/141109961/1051/news?Title=Haley-Christie-stump-at-the-Beacon-ahead-of-midterms&tc=ar>

Jenny Arnold

It was politicians aplenty as Gov. Nikki Haley and other Republicans, including U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, made a stop at Spartanburg's iconic Beacon Drive-In on Sunday, two days before voters head to the polls.

Note: Taking the podium, Haley said four years ago, she asked voters to take a chance. This election, she's asking them not to go on her words, but on her accomplishments. "Now I'm saying go on my actions, our results, what we've done," Haley said.

Note: "I wanted us to be proud of who we are and what we were able to do," Haley said. She said she's proud that the state has been named the third-best in the nation for doing business. "And I'm most proud that we are the most patriotic," she said, with a smile, as the crowd cheered.

Note: "It's a great day in South Carolina," she said when asked about how the campaign was going, echoing the line she's had state employees recite as they answer the phone. "Two days to go. The energy is great. The support has been great. We are up in the polls, but none of it matters unless people get out there and vote."

WHNS (Video): Christie campaigns with Haley on Sunday

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/27185889/christie-to-campaign-with-haley-on-sunday>

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie joined South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley for two campaign stops in Spartanburg on Sunday. Christie and Haley attended morning service at U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy's church, First Baptist Spartanburg on East Main Street.

Note: He also campaigned for Haley in Charleston in September. He is among two potential 2016 GOP presidential contenders to join Haley on her get-out-the-vote bus tour that started Wednesday.

WSOC (Video): SC Gov. Nikki Haley campaigns in Rock Hill

<http://www.wsoc.tv/news/news/local/sc-gov-nikki-haley-campaigns-rock-hill/nhyJK/>

y as part of her statewide bus tour. Haley met with supporters at the Republican Party's headquarters as part of her 23-stop tour to gain support ahead of Tuesday's election. She met with voters and talked about the difference they can make when they get out to vote.

New Jersey Star-Ledger: Chris Christie boosted GOP candidates, his 2016 chances in national tour that ends today

http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/11/christie_travel_story.html

Matt Arco

The Chris Christie Tour Across America ends today, when New Jersey's governor caps a long interstate expedition by making last-minute pitches for voters to elect Republican governors. As chairman of the Republican Governors Association, Christie has trekked tens of thousands of miles this year, visiting 36 states and raising unprecedented amounts of campaign cash.

Note: While the race has remained close in New Hampshire, that is not the case in Iowa, where Christie showed up four times in recent months to support five-term governor Terry Branstad, comfortably sailing toward a record sixth term. Nor is it the case in South Carolina, where he's campaigned for incumbent Nikki Haley, who's ahead in the polls by at least 17 points.

Note: It helps that Branstad had helped secure the useful RGA chairmanship for Christie, and that Haley is seen as a possible VP on a Christie presidential ticket.

Associated Press: Two constitutional questions on ballot for voters

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141102/AIK0104/141109904/1002/AIK01/two-constitutional-questions-on-ballot-for-voters>

Susanne M. Schafer

There are two questions on Tuesday's Nov. 4 ballot about changing South Carolina's Constitution. The first question asks voters to decide whether nonprofit organizations should be allowed to hold a limited number of charity raffles.

Should charity raffles be legal? Under a measure approved by lawmakers in 2013, voters are being asked whether nonprofits can hold a limited number of legal charity raffles in South Carolina.

Should the governor appoint the state's adjutant general? South Carolina is the only state where its top military officer – the adjutant general – is elected by popular ballot. The current Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Bob Livingston, backs the change in the Constitution, as does Gov. Nikki Haley.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Upsets unlikely as SC voters head to the polls

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141101/ARTICLES/141109968>

Jason Spencer

The eyes of the nation will be watching contentious U.S. Senate battles all across the country on election night, but many of those eyes likely won't turn to South Carolina unless something unexpected happens.

Note: The top of the ticket in the Palmetto State features a contentious race between Republican Gov. Nikki Haley and Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen. Haley has a comfortable lead in all the polls.

Associated Press: Midterm Elections: On the ballot in 50 states

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/03/6484397/midterm-elections-on-the-ballot.html>

South Carolina: Republican Nikki Haley is expected to easily win re-election for governor, increasing her national visibility in the Republican Party. Republicans Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott also are on track to retain their U.S. Senate seats.

The State: Fewer voters for midterms, but Election Day snags possible

http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/02/3785747_fewer-voters-for-midterms-but.html?rh=1

Cassie Cope

Turnout on Election Day Tuesday is expected to be roughly the same as four years ago. But there still may be lines at the polls in some areas, including Lexington County. Wordy sales tax proposals on the ballot in some areas, including Lexington, could cause lines at some polling places. The state's new voter ID law also will be in place for the first time in a general election.

Note: Heading into the weekend, roughly the same number of absentee ballots had been submitted as in 2010. That suggests the governor's race has similar voter interest as in 2010, when Republican Gov. Nikki Haley beat Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen by 4.5 percentage points.

WCBD: African American vote could decide midterm election

<http://www.counton2.com/story/27188089/african-american-vote-could-decide-midterm-election>

Travis Rice

As Election Day looms near, candidates in every political race are becoming more vocal on what might be the difference maker Tuesday. Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen is calling for a large turn out of African American voters.

WHNS: Sheheen to stop in Greenville Monday

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/27187781/sheheen-to-stop-in-greenville-monday>

Dal Kalsi

SC gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen will make a stump stop in Greenville on Monday as part of his final 30-city tour leading up to Election Day. Sheheen's campaign said the SC state senator will launch "get out the vote" efforts with staffers and volunteers at 1300 East Washington Street Suite J at 11:45 a.m.

Island Packet: Sheheen rally set for Hilton Head on Monday

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/03/3408568/sheheen-rally-set-for-hilton-head.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen will attend a rally at 3 p.m. Monday at Port Royal Plaza Shopping Center at 95 Mathews Drive, Hilton Head Island, according to a news release. The rally is one of several campaign stops around the state by Sheheen before Tuesday's elections.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Times and Democrat: Officials: Time for new K-12 school; public had chance for input

http://thetandd.com/news/officials-time-for-new-k--school-public-had-chance/article_15922bf6-6306-11e4-b902-8f98216e85a3.html

Ryanne Persinger

The mayor of Denmark says he recognizes the need for a new school in his city but would have preferred to see more public involvement in the plan to build a K-12 facility with federal loans that have been applied for by a private foundation.

Note: Earlier this year Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed a bill introduced by Rep. Bakari Sellers (D-Denmark) that would have helped Denmark get a new K-8 school and make upgrades to the high school.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: No guns for abusers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141103/PC1002/141109901>

Editorial

When a poll shows that 81 percent of voters in South Carolina, a state where citizens love their guns, agree that domestic abusers have no business possessing guns, it's worth noting. And it's worth doing something about. After all, South Carolina ranks second among states for the number of women who are killed by men they know.

Rock Hill Herald: The race for junior U.S. senator

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/02/6483243/the-race-for-junior-us-senator.html>

Editorial

In the race for junior U.S. senator from South Carolina, we had a hard time choosing between incumbent Tim Scott and American Party candidate Jill Bossi. But we give Scott a slight edge because of his experience in politics and his knowledge of the issues. But we also were impressed by Bossi and the goals of the new American Party.

Times and Democrat: S.C. is model for voter ID laws in U.S.

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/s-c-is-model-for-voter-id-laws-in-u/article_709d8264-6281-11e4-9edd-57a100054a42.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Voter ID laws; OUR OPINION: South Carolina offers best example for national model. The midterm election has refocused attention on voting laws and, in particular, on voter-identification statutes in a number of states.

New York Times: Why Do We Still Care About the Confederate Flag?

http://op-talk.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/03/why-do-we-still-care-about-the-confederate-flag/?_r=0

Hanna Kozlowska

In the run-up to the midterm elections, with deep divides between conservatives and liberals, observers say political debates are losing substance. It's an increasingly "us-versus-them" kind of scene, the "Divided States of America," as NBC's Mark Murray put it in a recent article.

Note: South Carolina's Republican Gov. Nikki Haley recently got herself into hot water when she defended the flag standing on the grounds of the South Carolina State House.

Times and Democrat (Guest Column): State of S.C. agriculture: Technology, agritourism have big impact

<http://thetandd.com/business/state-of-s-c-agriculture-technology-agritourism-have-big->

impact/article_87b8b348-6307-11e4-94e6-f7ba670e2ce8.html

Hugh Weathers

Each year in conjunction with The Times and Democrat's farming special section, we invite the South Carolina commissioner of agriculture to assess the state of agriculture in the state. Following is Commissioner Hugh Weathers' column for 2014.

Post and Courier: End scofflaw government

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141103/PC1002/141109902>

Editorial

President Obama has promised to take unspecified executive action to ease the status of illegal immigrants as soon as the election is over, a sign he thinks the move will be so unpopular that there might be a backlash against his Democratic Party.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Income tax on military retirement pay issue in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=I4dsYfD6

The chairman of the S.C. Military Base Task Force says a state income tax exemption for military retirement pay will be one of the panel's top priorities when legislators return in January. Beaufort County attorney William Bethea told The State newspaper (<http://bit.ly/1s5ugF4>) that the income tax exemption and in-state tuition for veterans without a one-year waiting period are the top priorities for the task force.

Sun News: Developer, business owners file lawsuit against SC Ports Authority

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/02/4579343_developer-business-owners-file.html?sp=/99/134/&rh=1

Erin Moody

Nancy Vista remembers the day Gov. Mark Sanford came to Port Royal to announce plans for the recently shuttered Port of Port Royal. It was a warm spring day in 2005, and the town was in a festive mood. The Port Royal businesswoman had her photo taken with Sanford.

Local News:

Greenville News: Voters decide sales tax question on Tuesday

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/11/01/voters-decide-sales-tax-question-tuesday/18327013/>

Rudolph Bell

Greenville County voters have a big decision to make on Tuesday besides helping to pick South Carolina's next governor, U.S. senators and other high officials. They'll also vote on whether to impose a 1 percent sales tax in order to pay for a major upgrade to the county's road network.

Times and Democrat: Hospital's Ebola alert system activated, quickly cleared

http://thetandd.com/news/hospital-s-ebola-alert-system-activated-quickly-cleared/article_2e5de47e-6255-11e4-9aba-5f009521c8d9.html

Gene Zaleski

The Regional Medical Center's Ebola virus alert system has been activated at least a couple of times with patients being cleared immediately following the alerts, RMC trustees were told during the group's Tuesday meeting.

Post and Courier: McGinley and school board part ways over irreconcilable differences - most of them dealing with race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141102/PC16/141109931>

Brian Hicks

Nancy McGinley had lost the school board. It was apparent by Monday afternoon - when the board hastily canceled its regularly scheduled meeting - that it was all over. Charleston County School Board members had spent the afternoon discussing the superintendent's performance review.

Post and Courier: Mount Pleasant company connects veterans through online service

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141102/PC05/141109960>

Warren L. Wise

In 1999, Desert Storm veteran Dale Sutcliffe asked his father-in-law, a Korean War veteran, if he would attend a hypothetical reunion with his old Army unit. "I'd be on the next plane to Korea to see those guys," Sutcliffe remembers his father-in-law, David Mozingo, saying.

Post and Courier: Owners of Mount Pleasant fixtures fear giant roundabout will swallow their businesses
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141102/PC16/141109956>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The roundabout will replace a traffic light at the intersection where Chuck Dawley dead ends and Coleman turns into Ben Sawyer Boulevard en route to Sullivan's Island. Like many issues stirring this booming town's political pot today, it is part of broader urbanization plans along Coleman and other major corridors aimed at controlling sprawl.

National News:

Politico: Final Senate survey: It's the GOP's to lose

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/11/2014-elections-senate-112440.html#ixzz3l0e6zT1Y>

James Hohmann

In the waning days of Election 2014, key Senate races that had been razor-close affairs for months have moved toward Republicans — from the open seats of Iowa and Georgia to challenges to incumbents in Arkansas and Alaska. Kentucky appeared to move off the map with Mitch McConnell — poised to replace Harry Reid as majority leader next year — opening a decisive lead.

USA Today: Obama plays narrow role in a last campaign

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/02/obama-2014-senate-campaign-detroit-wayne-state/18368179/>

David Jackson

For President Obama, the last and loneliest campaign is about to end. While Obama's Democrats struggle to keep control of the U.S. Senate — a battle with profound implications for his last two years in office — the president has been relatively absent from the campaign trail.

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