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2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Anderson Independent: Gov. Haley campaigns in Anderson

http://www.independentmail.com/news/gov-haley-campaigns-in-anderson_85963419

Kirk Brown

Haley's campaign bus arrived outside Mama Penn's restaurant on North Main Street shortly after 1:30 p.m. She was joined by several other GOP candidates, including U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, state superintendent of education candidate Molly Spearman and Henry McMaster, who is running for the lieutenant governor's seat.

Note: "We passed the largest transportation bill in two decades — \$1 billion for our roads and bridges — and we did it without raising taxes," Haley said.

Note: "Four years ago I asked you to take a chance on me. Now I am going to ask you if we made a difference," Haley said. "Look at our results. Look at what we've done for South Carolina. And the beautiful part is we are just getting started."

Times and Democrat: Haley: 'Completely focused' on bringing jobs to rural S.C.

http://thetandd.com/news/haley-completely-focused-on-bringing-jobs-to-rural-s-c/article_b075ce44-6251-11e4-9e2d-db39bf89d897.html

Martha Rose Brown

Gov. Nikki Haley is promising to continue efforts to recruit manufacturers to rural areas such as Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun counties if she's re-elected.

Note: "I have completely focused on rural South Carolina over the last three-and-a-half years because I think they deserve it. I think we have to look at that if we want to look at South Carolina as a whole," Haley said during a recent interview.

Note: Haley said since she became governor, there have been 10 industry announcements in Orangeburg County. "That is what we're going to continue to do. It takes longer to get a project into a rural area, but we've probably put more time into those," she said.

Associated Press: Snow doesn't deter Haley supporters in Upstate

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

Seanna Adcox

A surprising early snow isn't stopping supporters from joining South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley on the campaign trail in the final stretch to Election Day. Haley's campaign bus is traveling Saturday in the Upstate, with stops in Greenwood, Abbeville, Anderson, Clemson and Greenville.

Note: Haley urged everyone to vote, saying that while she's ahead in the polls, "polls don't vote."

Associated Press: Christie joining Haley on SC campaign bus tour

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NmS5ylp5

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is joining South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley as she campaigns in the Upstate. Haley spokesman Rob Godfrey says Christie and Haley are attending U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy's church in Spartanburg on Sunday. Christie will then campaign with Haley at The Beacon Drive-In, a Spartanburg landmark that's become a must-stop for candidates.

Associated Press: Haley, Sheheen travel state in final campaign push

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

Seanna Adcox, Jeffrey Collins

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and her Democratic challenger, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, are traveling different parts of the state Saturday in a final get-out-the-vote push. A surprising early snow didn't stop supporters from coming to hear Haley, who was winding through the Upstate.

Note: "I know you could've stayed under the blankets, so I'm thrilled you came out," she told more than 100 people gathered in Greenwood, before heading on to Abbeville, Anderson, Clemson and Greenville.

FiveThirtyEight: Gubernatorial Forecasts: A Lot Of Really Close Races

<http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/governors-forecasts-a-lot-of-close-races/>

Nate Silver

Most of our focus this year has been on the battle for the U.S. Senate. But 36 states will hold gubernatorial elections Tuesday. We hope it's not too late to give you some polling-based forecasts of how they might turn out.

Note: Silver has the governor currently leading by 15.8 points with a 99% chance of winning the race on election day.

Post and Courier: What's on S.C. voters' minds

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141101/PC16/141109937>

Cynthia Roldan, Jeremy Borden, Schuyler Kropf

Tuesday may go down as the election in which South Carolina shrugged. Sandwiched between hotly contested U.S. Senate races in North Carolina and Georgia, the mood among South Carolinians has been mostly calm and predictable - a reflection of the state's solid status as a GOP stronghold.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley's record on jobs has much been front and center, and many are glad that's where her focus lies, while others see the need for change in education, health care and transportation. Haley has held a comfortable lead over Democratic contender Vincent Sheheen in the polls, but the past week has seen independent Tom Ervin throw his support behind the state senator from Camden.

Note: "This is a strong community," said Hensley, who said he will be voting for Haley. "Nikki Haley ... she has brought jobs to South Carolina," Hensley said. "Those jobs unfortunately didn't come to this town." But he hopes they will soon.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Candidate questionnaires:

[SC gubernatorial candidates talk about their viewpoints](#)

[US House District 4 candidates discuss their views](#)

[State attorney general candidates address ways to reduce crime](#)

[SC comptroller general candidates stress need for responsible spending](#)

[SC education superintendent candidates focus on improving school standards](#)

[US Senate candidates outline their priorities](#)

[Lieutenant governor candidates want to improve quality of life for seniors](#)

The State: Governor's race: Haley looks for a mandate

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/01/3779510/sc-governors-race.html>

The key number to watch for in Tuesday's race for governor? Incumbent Gov. Nikki Haley's margin of victory. Polls have shown the Republican, who narrowly defeated state Sen. Vincent Sheheen in 2010, leading in every survey this year. Since 2010, Haley has spent four years calling Sheheen "Vince," claiming responsibility for the recovering economy and raising money - \$8 million-plus.

Post and Courier: South Carolina to secede and join Reagan Country?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141101/PC1603/141109889>

South Carolina to join United States of Reagan? A controversial ex-columnist from Florida has hit on a unique idea that is sure to grow followers from South Carolina's archest of arch-conservatives.

Harrell-Tinkler-Wilkins 7 Degrees of Separation: Last week's fight over the election for former House Speaker Bobby Harrell's old seat shows how incestuous South Carolina politics can be.

A hot local race: One of the most contested Lowcountry races is taking place in one of its most obscure offices -the Charleston County Register of Mesne Conveyance.

Final day gubernatorial schedules

Republican Nikki Haley: Sunday: 12:30 p.m., Spartanburg, the Beacon restaurant with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie; 3:30 p.m. Rock Hill.

Politico: A Bush plays in Iowa, but not Jeb

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/11/george-hw-bush-joni-ernst-iowa-senate-elections-2014-112410.html#ixzz3HvHJuZGM>

Maggie Haberman

George H.W. Bush's endorsement Saturday of Iowa Republican Senate hopeful Joni Ernst was a rare nod

from the former president. It came as his successor, Bill Clinton, hit the trail in the Hawkeye State for Democrat Bruce Braley, and after his son, potential 2016 candidate Jeb Bush, steered clear of early presidential states Iowa and New Hampshire this election season.

Note: But while he's visited South Carolina to campaign for Gov. Nikki Haley, Jeb Bush has stayed away from Iowa and New Hampshire this year. His father is openly encouraging him to run.

Anderson Independent: Campaign notes: Graham explains 'white men' comment

http://www.independentmail.com/news/campaign-notes-graham-explains-white-men-comment_35458217

Nikie Mayo, Sarah Freistat, Kirk Brown

Graham reportedly joked last month that "white men who are in male-only clubs are going to do great in my presidency." His remark to the Hibernian Society of Charleston was recently leaked to CNN.

Donors who give small amounts go untracked: Sandy Addis, a candidate for the Anderson School District 5 Board of Trustees, received eight \$99 contributions to his campaign from unidentified donors, according to a pre-election campaign report. The eight contributions total \$792.

New Sheheen ad features Ervin: State Sen. Vincent Sheheen's campaign has put out a [new ad](#) including Tom Ervin, the lawyer and Anderson radio station owner who, until last week, was also in the governor's race.

S.C. lacks 'reflective democracy': South Carolina ranks 42nd among U.S. states and the District of Columbia in terms of how the gender and race of its leaders align with its population, according to a new study.

Times and Democrat: Sheheen says he will 'lift up entire state'

http://thetandd.com/news/sheheen-says-he-will-lift-up-entire-state/article_855b45dc-6250-11e4-8089-e3bcb0ade514.html

Martha Rose Brown

As he seeks to become South Carolina's next governor, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen says Orangeburg County is poised to play a "pivotal role" in the success of the state. During an interview, Sheheen said the purpose of his campaign is to "share with people how we can restore honest leadership and accountability to state government."

Associated Press: Sheheen urging black voters to the polls

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=SA3fbWo1

Jeffrey Collins

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen is spending the final days of the campaign crisscrossing South Carolina, trying to get voters to go to the polls. Sheheen started his day Saturday at the New Zion AME Church, south of Bishopville. He had five more stops planned.

The State: SC Democrats say grassroots, data keys to Tuesday vote

http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/01/3783874_sc-democrats-say-grassroots-data.html?rh=1

Jamie Self

S.C. Democrats say a more robust and better informed grassroots campaign than the one the party fielded four years ago could eke out an unexpected win Tuesday.

Note: Republican Gov. Nikki Haley, who narrowly defeated Sheheen four years ago, is heavily favored in their rematch, as evidenced by the fact that every poll issued this year has found Haley leading Sheheen.

The State: SC Senate candidates have an eye on history

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/01/3779512/us-senate-races-in-sc.html>

S.C. voters will elect two U.S. senators Tuesday. One is poised to make history, according to the polls. The other recently said that if he's re-elected, he "may just jump in" to presidential politics for 2016.

Note: Republican Tim Scott of Charleston, appointed to the Senate by GOP Gov. Nikki Haley when tea party icon Jim DeMint resigned, is ahead in the polls and thus set to make history.

The State: SC House: Columbia rematch tops SC House races

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/01/3783746/sc-house-columbia-rematch-tops.html>

This year of rematches means another contest in Columbia's S.C. House District 75 between Republican incumbent state Rep. Kirkman Finlay III and Democrat Joe McCulloch. When the two met in 2012, the race was so close — and the election so bungled — that it took two days for the winner to be known.

Anderson Independent: Unchallenged legislators have raised most campaign cash

http://www.independentmail.com/news/unchallenged-legislators-have-raised-most-campaign-cash_42060714

Kirk Brown

Brian White and Bill Sandifer don't need to worry about the outcome of Tuesday's election because no one is running against the two veteran members of the South Carolina House of Representatives. The lack of opposition has not stopped them from raising and spending the most campaign cash among candidates vying for the 11 state House seats in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: More protections needed to make S.C. attractive to military retirees

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/01/3783757/more-protections-needed-to-make.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Maj. Gen. Lawrence Wells was stationed three times at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter during his 35 years in the military, twice as a fighter pilot and most recently as commander of Ninth Air Force.

Note: "We've lost our last three (retiring) wing commanders" at the 20th Fighter Wing based at Shaw, said Stephen Creech, a former Sumter mayor who now serves on the S.C. Military Base Task Force, which was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to protect and expand missions at the state's six major military installations.

Note: With South Carolina being a small state – less than 5 million people – building a skilled labor pool should be a priority, Gov. Nikki Haley said. While the governor said she supports tax relief for veterans and retirees, she did not throw her support behind a specific bill.

Note: "As a military wife and someone who believes we should lower income taxes for all South Carolinians, Governor Haley would certainly support efforts that work to reduce the tax burden on our veterans, including eliminating income taxes on retirement pay. These veterans and their families sacrifice for our freedoms and our quality of life, we owe it to them to do the same," her spokesman Doug Mayer said in a statement.

The State: As SC heads toward likely legalization of gay marriage, people speak

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/01/3783970/voices-as-south-carolina-heads.html>

John Monk

As numerous judicial rulings make it clearer each day that South Carolina's Gov. Nikki Haley and Attorney General Wilson are running out of courts in their fight to deny gays the right to get married, conversations – some anguished – are continuing about the subject in churches, workplaces and families.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Keep Haley on the 'jobs' job

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141102/PC1002/141109892>

Editorial

Gov. Nikki Haley made job creation and economic development the hallmark of her first term, and the results have been impressive. Since she took office in 2011, there have been announcements for more than 400 companies providing nearly 57,000 new jobs. When the governor said that "jobs, jobs, jobs" would be her top priority, she meant it.

Sumter Item: My guide to the 2014 mid-term elections

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/my-guide-to-the-2014-mid-term-elections,235199?>

Graham Osteen

I'm a resident of Georgetown, so I can't cast my vote for the renewal of Sumter County's Penny for Progress or approval of Sunday alcohol sales in restaurants.

Governor's race: It's Nikki Haley in a landslide. She's obviously been good at creating a pro-business environment that has created jobs, and as long as my old boss from The (late, great) Columbia Record - Bobby Hitt - is Secretary of Commerce, she has my vote.

The State: Vote for merit in the military: Yes on SC Constitutional Amendment 2

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/01/3781666/editorial-vote-for-merit-in-the.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

WE WOULD never suggest that South Carolina should do something just because everyone else is doing it. That begs the question our mothers used to ask us about following our friends headlong off a cliff. But when we hold to a centuries-old tradition that has been abandoned by 49 other states, our federal government and every country in the free world, it's worth considering whether it makes sense.

Note: Adopting a system that supports the meritocracy for which the U.S. military is known is supported by Gov. Nikki Haley and her challenger, Sen. Vincent Sheheen

Post and Courier: McMaster for lieutenant governor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141102/PC1002/141109893>

Editorial

Henry McMaster isn't just amply qualified to be lieutenant governor. He's fully qualified to take over as governor if necessary. That makes him the obvious choice for voters in the lieutenant governor's race Tuesday.

Note: And though that job's only mandatory duties are presiding over the state Senate and directing the Office on Aging, Mr. McMaster told us he intends to work "hand in hand" with Gov. Nikki Haley to advance positive changes for the state across a wide front of issues.

Greenville News: Sheheen still best choice for governor

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/11/01/editorial-sheheen-still-best-choice-governor/18328287/>

Editorial

South Carolina voters face the same major choices for governor on Tuesday that they did four years ago, but this is an extraordinarily different race. Nikki Haley was elected in an extremely tight race for a Republican running in one of the country's most Republican-dominated states.

Rock Hill Herald: Lindsey Graham for U.S. Senate

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/01/6481258/lindsey-graham-for-us-senate.html?sp=/100/105/>

Editorial

In the race for senior U.S. senator from South Carolina, we endorse incumbent Lindsey Graham. The U.S. Senate could use more Lindsey Gramahs – especially if Republicans win a majority in Tuesday's election. Graham is a politician who genuinely occupies the middle ground, politically and philosophically.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Political and fundraising campaigns seize gaffes rather than issues

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141102/OPINION/411021014/1128/opinion?Title=Political-and-fundraising-campaigns-seize-gaffes-rather-than-issues>

Editorial

This is the current condition of politics in the Palmetto State – major flaps and fundraising campaigns over absolutely nothing.

Post and Courier (Guest Column): Pass referendum to assure continued school improvements

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141102/PC1002/141109907>

Joseph P. Riley Jr.

The successful passage of the Education Capital Improvement Referendum in 2010 has provided schools in Charleston County School District with major upgrades to alleviate overcrowding and improve safety and education outcomes. But the need is much larger than the current referendum project list.

The State: Sales tax is only real help available to fix Lexington County road woes

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/02/3781693/bolton-sales-tax-is-only-real.html#storylink=cpy>

Warren Bolton

WHILE LEXINGTON County's proposed Penny for Pavement tax plan has its shortcomings, there's a grim reality that voters need to understand as they consider whether to approve the measure aimed at addressing chronic congestion, traffic problems and road safety.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Can counseling stop domestic abuse?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141102/PC16/141109993>

Doug Pardue

Stephen wouldn't be here if he had a choice. As far as he's concerned, he didn't do anything wrong. "My ex-girlfriend got in an argument with me," he tells others sitting at a conference table in a drab office off Knox Abbott Drive, this town's main drag. "How'd it happen?" one of the others asks.

Post and Courier: VA nurses: Delayed care for vets ignored for years Charleston medical center

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141102/PC16/141109883>

Lauren Sausser

Two nurses who work at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center say their managers have for years ignored and covered up how veterans are forced to wait months for appointments - echoing the scandal at VA hospitals across the country earlier this year.

Local News:

Rock Hill Herald: Lancaster Co. to vote on extending 1-percent sales tax

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/01/6482066_lancaster-co-to-vote-on-extending.html?rh=1

Don Worthington

Until now, the tax has financed the new county courthouse. But if voters agree to keep paying the tax, the money will go to projects that include road repairs, improvements to the library system and the county's public safety radio system plus a forensics lab for the sheriff's office.

National News:

CNN: Republicans eye slim Senate majority

[http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/01/politics/gop-senate-midterms/index.html?](http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/01/politics/gop-senate-midterms/index.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fcnn_allpolitics+%28RSS%3A+Politics%29)

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Stephen Collinson

Republicans are spending the final weekend of campaigning before Tuesday's election sizing up the possibility of their first Senate majority in nearly a decade, but with key races still too close to call. Latest polls show some critical Senate races tightening, guaranteeing a night of drama and suspense on Tuesday, as Republicans strive for a net gain of six seats to capture the chamber.

FiveThirtyEight: Senate Update: Polls Point Increasingly To Republican Senate Win

<http://fivethirtyeight.com/datalab/senate-update-polls-point-increasingly-to-republican-senate-win/>

Nate Silver

By this point in an election year, when polls are coming in by the bucketload late in the evening, you can get a sense for which pollsters are taking fresh samples of public opinion and which are herding toward the conventional wisdom.

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