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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Hitt to continue as SC Commerce Secretary

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/11/25/hitt-continue-sc-commerce-secretary/70099862/>

Rudolph Bell

Robert M. "Bobby" Hitt III will continue as South Carolina's Secretary of Commerce into Gov. Nikki Haley's second term, Hitt and the Governor's Office confirmed. Haley and Hitt have a "tremendous partnership," announcing more than 57,000 jobs and \$14 billion in corporate investment over the past four years, said Haley spokesman Doug Mayer.

Note: "The governor looks forward to continuing this work with Secretary Hitt," Mayer said.

Area Development: China-Based Peak Corporation Invests \$6.6 Million In Manning, South Carolina, Manufacturing Plant

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/11-25-2014/peak-corporation-manufacturing-operation-manning-south-carolina632235.shtml>

China-based firm specializing in the design, manufacture and global distribution of an extensive line of automotive lifts, Peak Corporation is establishing its, 48,000-square-foot, U.S. manufacturing operations at 1931 Joe Rogers Blvd. in Manning, South Carolina. The manufacturer will invest \$6.6 million over five years, which is expected to result in the creation of 59 jobs in Clarendon County.

Note: "It's exciting to see an international company like Peak Corporation choose to do business in South Carolina. Their decision to establish their first U.S. facility in Manning is a testament to our reputation as a state with an elite workforce and a strong business environment. We welcome Peak to South Carolina, and congratulate them on investing \$6.6 million and creating 59 new jobs in Clarendon County," said Governor Nikki Haley.

WTMA: Kiswire, Inc. Planning Expansion of Newberry County Facility

<http://www.wtma.com/common/more.php?m=58&ts=1416941406&article=B0C0411874CF11E4B51EFEFDADE6840A&mode=2>

A manufacturer of steel cord and bead wire will add up to 45 new jobs in the next phase of an expansion of its Newberry County facility. Kiswire, Inc. will spend \$30 million to add 170,000 square feet to its Plating Operation Building on Twin Springs Road in Newberry, S.C.

Note: "Kiswire is a great South Carolina company that has been operating in our state for 15 years and their expansion is further proof that companies in the tire industry continue to find success here," said S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley in a statement.

SLED Releases Bobby Harrell Report:

Post and Courier: SLED releases investigative report on Bobby Harrell

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141125/PC1603/141129624>

Cynthia Roldan, Jeremy Borden

The State Law Enforcement Division released on Tuesday more than 40 pages of an investigative report that led to former Speaker Bobby Harrell's downfall. Harrell pleaded guilty in October to six counts of misusing his campaign account for personal benefit and resigned. He is required to pay \$30,000 in fines for the six charges and pay around \$94,000 to the state's general fund from misuse of campaign dollars.

The State: SLED releases edited investigative report on ex-Speaker Harrell

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/25/3835070/breaking-sled-releases-edited.html>

John Monk

SLED on Tuesday released an edited version of the 42-page investigative report that led to former S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell's guilty pleas in Richland County state criminal court earlier this fall and his resignation from office. The report was released to various news media organizations around noon Tuesday, pursuant to their requests under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

WCIV: SLED releases bulk of report in Bobby Harrell investigation

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/27480365/sled-releases-bulk-of-report-in-bobby-harrell-investigation>

The State Law Enforcement Division on Tuesday released a 42-page report of its investigation into former state Speaker Bobby Harrell. There are nearly 10 pages of redacted material in the release. According to the newly released documents, the investigation began in February 2013 after SLED received a request from the Office of the Attorney General to look into actions by Harrell.

WIS: Report: Bobby Harrell charged trip to Harry Potter theme park to campaign account

<http://www.wistv.com/story/27479647/report-bobby-harrell-charged-trip-to-harry-potter-theme-park-to-campaign-account>

Jeremy Turnage

The State Law Enforcement Division has released their full investigative report on former House Speaker Bobby Harrell following a Freedom of Information Act request. The 42-page report dated Dec. 5, 2013 is a report divided into seven sections. However, the final two sections of the report, which covers nine pages, were redacted.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Demonstrators gather in Charleston to protest Ferguson grand jury decision

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141125/PC16/141129627>

Dave Munday

About 50 people held up signs and chanted in front of the federal courthouse in Charleston Tuesday, a day after a grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri, decided not to indict a police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black teenager this summer. Several Charleston police officers and two Homeland Security units stood watch nearby, although the only time they had to take action was to remind people not to stand in the traffic on Meeting Street.

Post and Courier: South Carolina Health Cooperative on brink of collapse

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141125/PC16/141129623/1177/south-carolina-health-cooperative-on-brink-of-collapse>

Lauren Sausser

The South Carolina Health Cooperative, which provides health insurance benefits to some 500 small businesses in South Carolina, has become insolvent and can no longer pay claims for the 4,549 employees and dependents it covers. South Carolina Department of Insurance Director Ray Farmer said those beneficiaries should find health insurance elsewhere by Monday.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Protests erupt in cities across the nation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141125/PC1603/141129639>

Cynthia Roldan

Some Charleston residents will join the nation in protest today, following the lead of demonstrators in major cities that took to the streets after the Monday night announcement in Ferguson, Mo., that an officer would not be indicted for the death of an unarmed teenager.

Hartsville Messenger: Carolina Pines to partner with MUSC, spearhead new healthcare network

http://www.scnow.com/messenger/article_d9da4e46-74cf-11e4-b0b8-afccaa90c65c.html

Christopher McKagen

Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center will soon collaborate with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) for complex healthcare services and become the first hospital in a new, regional healthcare network. Capella Healthcare Inc., a Franklin, Tennessee-based company that announced in October plans to purchase the Hartsville hospital, made the announcement Tuesday.

Post and Courier: Trident Health resolves federal 'patient dumping' claim

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141125/PC16/141129616>

Lauren Sausser

Trident Health reached a \$40,000 settlement with the federal government last week to resolve an allegation that it failed to stabilize a patient at the Moncks Corner Medical Center. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a male prisoner was transported to the ER in Berkeley County on Feb. 12, 2012. He was 58 years old at the time.

Associated Press: SC sheriff's lawyers: Charges should be dismissed

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=niqz3jAp

Meg Kinnard

Attorneys for South Carolina's longest-serving sheriff will soon argue in court that some charges in a federal corruption case against their client should be dismissed. Next week, lawyers representing suspended Lexington County Sheriff James Metts and federal prosecutors will be in court to discuss the arguments, which are already filed in court.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

ABC News: John McCain 'Strongly Encouraging' Lindsey Graham To Consider 2016 Run

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/john-mccain-strongly-encouraging-lindsey-graham-2016-run/story?id=27133340>

Arlette Saenz, Jeff Zeleny

Sen. John McCain is prodding one of his closest allies in the Senate to consider a run for the White House – Sen. Lindsey Graham. In an interview with The Weekly Standard last month, Graham, R-S.C., said he might consider a presidential bid after this year's midterm elections if other candidates aren't promoting an aggressive foreign policy agenda.

Local News:

Sun News: Possible winter weather could impact travel for Grand Strand residents heading north east

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/25/4629880_possible-winter-weather-could.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Maya T. Prabhu

Wintry weather in the northern East Coast is expected to cause a snag in this week's holiday travel, making the trek for Grand Strand residents heading north more difficult. In the Myrtle Beach area, Wednesday morning will have the toughest traveling conditions, National Weather Service weather forecaster Dave Loewenthal said.

Rock Hill Herald: Chester plans special election to fill slain councilman's seat

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/25/6564138_chester-plans-special-election.html?rh=1

Andrew Dys

At Monday night's council meeting — the first since Williams, 69, was gunned down in what police say was a gang-related drive-by shooting — city staff told council members that state law requires the city hold a special election despite some council seats coming open later in 2015.

National News:

Associated Press: US economy grew at 3.9 percent rate in 3rd quarter

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/25/6563382/us-economy-grew-at-39-percent.html>

Martin Crutsinger

The U.S. economy grew at a solid 3.9 percent annual rate in the July-September period, even faster than first reported, giving the country its strongest six months of growth in more than a decade. The third quarter growth rate climbed from an initial estimate of 3.5 percent because of greater spending by consumers and businesses, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

Washington Post: Under Obama's immigration action, many of those protected from deportation will also be eligible for Social Security, Medicare, and other benefits

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/11/25/under-obamas-immigration-action-many-of-those-protected-from-deportation-will-also-be-eligible-for-social-security-medicare-and-other-benefits/>

Karen Tumulty

Under President Obama's new program to protect millions of illegal immigrants from deportation, many of those affected will be eligible to receive Social Security, Medicare and a wide array of other federal benefits,

a White House official confirmed.

National Journal: Chuck Schumer: Passing Obamacare in 2010 Was a Mistake

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/congress/chuck-schumer-passing-obamacare-in-2010-was-a-mistake-20141125>

Sarah Mimms

While Schumer emphasized during a speech at the National Press Club that he supports the law and that its policies "are and will continue to be positive changes," he argued that the Democrats acted wrongly in using their new mandate after the 2008 election to focus on the issue rather than the economy at the height of a terrible recession.

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