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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press : Carolinas governors issue orders to ensure gas supplies

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SC State Wire

The governors of both Carolinas have issued executive orders designed to ease the impact on gasoline supplies and prices following a pipeline spill earlier this month in Alabama. The pipeline has been shut down for more than a week after a spill on Sept. 9 released 250,000 of fuel. News outlets report that gasoline prices in some areas of the Carolinas have increased in recent days. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley issued an order that will allow an increase in the number of fuel truck deliveries. An order issued by Gov. Pat McCrory in North Carolina waives some of the size and weight restrictions on gasoline tank trucks. McCrory says that should help protect consumers from excessive gas prices and ensure an uninterrupted supply of fuel.

Independent Mail : Gas prices jump in Anderson area

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/09/16/gas-prices-jump-anderson-area/90511060/>

Abe Hardesty

Steve Clark didn't like the price jump at the fuel pump Friday afternoon, but the Belton resident was braced for it. "My wife told me I'd be paying a lot more than I did last Friday. She was right," Clark said as he filled his pickup at the Stop-A-Minute convenience store on Anderson's Belton Highway around 4 p.m. The timing of Clark's fill up had nothing to do with news of the recent Colonial Pipeline gasoline leak that which has interrupted the normal flow of fuel in the pipeline that runs from refineries in Houston to Linden, New Jersey — crossing beneath Anderson County along the way. A recent leak of an estimated 250,000 gallons near Birmingham, Alabama, forced the fuel carrier to use fuel lines normally allocated to diesel fuel, slowing the flow of gasoline. The 5,500-mile Colonial Pipeline and the Plantation Pipeline are the two lines that transport gasoline from the refineries in the Gulf of Mexico region to the northeastern United States. Trucks transport gasoline to from 260 terminals on the Colonial pipeline, including one at Belton, to retail outlets throughout the eastern United States. The Colonial line, according to its website, supplies about 40 percent of the fuel to the eastern U.S. NOTE: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley issued an executive order Wednesday to increase the number of fuel truck deliveries and mitigate possible impacts on the state's fuel supply. The order also declared a state of emergency limited to complying with other states of emergency declared by Gov. Robert Bentley of Alabama and Gov. Nathan Deal of Georgia.

Greenville News : Gas prices rise, Haley issues executive order after Alabama pipeline spill

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/09/16/gas-prices-rise-upstate-stations-after-alabama-pipeline-spill/90495688/>

Amanda Coyne

Upstate drivers have noticed gas prices ticking up this week, sometimes by as much as 15 cents per

gallon in a day. The potential culprit: a pipeline spill in Alabama that released 250,000 gallons of fuel. The pipeline, operated by Colonial Pipeline, has been shut down since the spill occurred Sept. 9. On Wednesday, Gov. Nikki Haley (R-S.C.) issued an executive order to increase the number of fuel truck deliveries and mitigate possible impacts on the state's fuel supply. The order also declared a state of emergency limited to complying with other states of emergency declared by Gov. Robert Bentley of Alabama and Gov. Nathan Deal of Georgia. The pipeline cuts through the width of Alabama and Middle Georgia, but only takes a small swing through the Upstate before entering North Carolina. According to GasBuddy.com, the average price of regular grade gas in South Carolina rose by four cents between Sept. 9, when the pipeline was shut down, and Friday, when some Upstate drivers felt a jolt at the pump. The cost hike at some Upstate gas stations exceeded the state average; at the 7-Eleven station on Easley Bridge Road, regular gas went from \$1.79 per gallon on Wednesday evening to \$1.94 on Friday morning.

FOX Carolina: Gov. Haley declares emergency in SC, drivers rush to fill-up amid gas pipeline leak
<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33114377/gov-haley-declares-emergency-in-sc-amid-gas-pipeline-leak>

Amanda Shaw

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley issued an executive order on Friday after a gasoline pipeline leak has interrupted supplies on the East Coast and gas stations in the Upstate reported seeing heavy traffic at the pumps. The reason for the concern is a gas pipeline leak near Birmingham, AL. The Colonial Pipeline stretches from Texas to New Jersey and branches off throughout the Southeast. Fuel companies are advising drivers to fill up normally to avoid placing a strain on the fuel supply. Officials said they were seeing heavy traffic at fuel pumps in the Upstate on Friday. They warn that extra fill-ups increase the demand, impacting the price and availability at individual stations. The biggest concern for drivers seems to be cost. In many parts of the Upstate, gas prices rose from under \$2 a gallon Thursday to an average of \$2.09 on Friday, according to Gas Buddy estimates. The price at the pump may continue to rise.

NOTE: Earlier on Friday, Gov. Nikki Haley said an emergency was declared in the state to allow the Department of Transportation, Department of Public Safety and State Transport Police to suspect federal regulations that limit hours of during which commercial vehicles may drive. The purpose of the order, Haley said, is to ensure an uninterrupted supply of gasoline and other fuels can be moved on Georgia's highways.

WIS: Colonial Pipeline leak in Alabama could mean gas price hikes, shortages in SC
<http://www.wistv.com/story/33111533/colonial-pipeline-leak-in-alabama-could-mean-gas-price-hikes-shortages-in-sc>

Jeremy Turnage

A gas line leak in Alabama may soon affect gas prices and even supplies here in South Carolina. The Colonial Pipeline, which stretches from Houston to New York, was shut down in Helena, Alabama last week while pipe employees worked to contain and fix the leak. While pipe officials say there is no threat to the public as a result of the leak, the economic threat is potentially the bigger issue. Since the leak's discovery, 6,000 barrels of gas have leaked, which is an equivalent of 252,000 gallons of gas. According to CNNMoney, oil industry officials are expecting prices to rise and supplies to become potentially limited along the east coast as a result of the leak.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley, meanwhile, has also been proactive in her response. "The governor signed an executive order that increases the number of fuel truck deliveries into the state in an effort to minimize any potential impact on our consumers," Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams said. "As engineers work to repair pipeline issues, we will continue to monitor the developments in the region."

WACH: Haley issues order after pipeline shut down could raise gas prices

<http://wach.com/news/local/haley-issues-order-after-pipeline-shut-down-could-raise-gas-prices>

Matthew Stevens

Governor Nikki Haley has issued an executive order following a fuel pipeline in Alabama being shutdown. Coastal Pipeline Company shut down a pipeline last week after more than 250,000 gallons of fuel spilled. The pipeline is used to send gasoline throughout the Southeast, including South Carolina. The pipeline disruption could potentially raise gas prices in the state. As a result, Haley issued the order Thursday which calls for the SCDOT, SCDPS and the State Transport Police to lift regulations that limits the hours that commercial vehicles can drive in order to ensure that gasoline can be transported without interruption.

WYFF4: Haley issues executive order in response to Colonial Pipeline emergency

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/haley-issues-executive-order-in-response-to-colonial-pipeline-emergency/41701124>

Janice Limon

As hundreds of contractors work to repair a gas pipeline leak after a quarter of a million gallons of gas spilled in Alabama, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has issued an executive order to deal with the emergency. The Colonial Pipeline stretches from Texas across the Southeast and into New Jersey for more than 5,000 miles. The repairs are centered in Shelby, where a section of the pipeline has been closed since Sept. 9 after a spill of roughly 250,000 gallons was discovered. The interruption to service could cause problems along the entire pipeline for days. The governors of Alabama and Georgia have already declared states of emergency. Haley issued an executive order on Wednesday because of the emergency in Georgia. The order cites that an emergency exists in South Carolina because of the Georgia state of emergency. She directs the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety and the State Transit Police to suspend the federal rules and regulations that limit the hours operators of commercial vehicles may drive in order to ensure the uninterrupted supply of gasoline.

WCIV: Gov. Nikki Haley signs order to ease impact of pipeline on SC gas prices

<http://abcnews4.com/news/business-news/gov-nikki-haley-signs-order-to-ease-impact-of-pipeline-on-sc-gas-prices>

Brian Troutman

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley has signed an executive order suspending federal regulations limiting the hours fuel truck drivers can deliver gasoline. The action from the governor is in response to the temporary shutdown of the fuel pipeline in Alabama, an event that experts say will impact Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. "The governor signed an executive order that increases the number of fuel truck deliveries into the state in an effort to minimize any potential impact on our consumers" said press secretary Chaney Adams. "As engineers work to repair pipeline issues, we will continue to monitor the developments in the region." "If prices rise, the effect could be felt the hardest in Tennessee, which is supplied by a spur off the leaky pipeline. Trade groups for service stations and convenience stores in Tennessee assured consumers that the pumps won't run dry. They said fuel wholesalers were hauling gasoline in from fuel terminals and refineries that don't depend on the downed pipeline.

WSPA: SC, NC, GA face gas shortages, price hikes after pipeline leak

<http://wspa.com/2016/09/16/east-coast-faces-gas-shortages-price-hikes-after-pipeline-leak/>

Motorists in parts of the country could pay a little more for gasoline in coming days because of the

shutdown of a leaking pipeline in Alabama. Experts say that any spike in service-station prices will be felt most in the Southeast and should only be temporary. Colonial Pipeline Co. doesn't expect to fully reopen its primary gasoline pipeline, which has spilled more than 250,000 gallons near Birmingham, until next week. The pipeline is used to send gasoline from refineries on the Texas Gulf coast to states in the Southeast and along the East Coast. Prices on futures contracts for wholesale gasoline rose about 2 percent in afternoon trading Friday to \$1.46 a gallon after rising 5 percent on Thursday. Colonial said that supply disruptions would be felt first in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal has declared a state of emergency. NOTE: SC Gov. Nikki Haley has issued an executive order to lift the restrictions on the hours fuel truck drivers can drive per the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations. Governor Haley's press secretary says "The governor signed an executive order that increases the number of fuel truck deliveries into the state in an effort to minimize any potential impact on our consumers. As engineers work to repair pipeline issues, we will continue to monitor the developments in the region."

Associated Press : Pipeline shutdown in Alabama could send gas prices higher

<http://bigstory.ap.org/516e1af3058e4e368bd3fa3e34c90b37>

David Koeing

Motorists in the Southeast and East could pay more for gasoline in coming days because of the shutdown of a leaking pipeline in Alabama. Experts say, however, that any spike in service-station prices should only be temporary. Colonial Pipeline Co. said Friday that it doesn't expect to fully reopen its primary gasoline pipeline until next week. It is one of two major pipelines that connect more than two dozen refineries in Texas and Louisiana with cities in the East, from Atlanta to New York. The Colonial pipeline provides nearly 40 percent of the region's gasoline and usually runs at or near full capacity. Prices on futures contracts for wholesale gasoline rose about 2 percent Friday to \$1.46 a gallon after rising 5 percent on Thursday. Colonial said that supply disruptions would be felt first in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. Tom Kloza, an energy analyst with the Oil Price Information Service, said some stations in the Southeast could run short on supply and boost their prices by 20 or 30 cents a gallon.

WFXG: Flags to be flown at half-staff until noon on POW/MIA Recognition Day

<http://www.wfxg.com/story/33109572/flags-to-be-flown-at-half-staff-until-noon-on-powmia-recognition-day>

Dal Kalsi

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley has ordered that flags be flown at half-staff from sunup until noon on Friday in observance of POW/MIA Recognition Day. POW/MIA Recognition Day is a national holiday observed on the third Friday of September each year. It is a day to remember and honor US veterans who were prisoners of war and those service members who went missing in action. President Obama issued a proclamation about POW/MIA Recognition Day on Thursday.

Latin Post: Immigration Reform 2016: Arizona SB 1070 Lawsuit Ends with Urge for Police Reform: A Timeline of the Controversial Immigration Law

<http://www.latinpost.com/articles/124049/20160916/arizona-sb-1070-lawsuit-ends-with-urge-for-police-reform-a-timeline-of-the-controversial-immigration-law.htm>

Jose Serrano

The six-year legal battle over Arizona Senate Bill 1070 ended Thursday as a coalition of immigration rights groups and the state attorney general's office reached a deal restricting the bill's two remaining controversial elements. Plaintiffs in the case - led by the National Immigration Law Center, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund -

agreed to drop their appeal of a 2015 ruling that found nothing illegal with police officers verifying an individual's immigration status. At the time, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton said the law was racially neutral because there are ways of enforcing it without singling out minorities. In return, Arizona Atty. Gen. Mark Brnovich said law enforcement will be discouraged from demanding proof of residency from people suspected of being in the country illegally. The agreement also bills the state \$1.4 million in attorneys' fees for the plaintiffs.

NOTE: By the time South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley signed similar legislations on June 27, copycat bills in other states had either been defeated or faced litigation. Virginia and Kansas considered joining, but after watching the widespread backlash chose to distance themselves.

SC Political News:

The State: Judge finds Richland voter chief in contempt for not paying \$38,740 debt

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article102357092.html>

John Monk

Judge Joseph Strickland on Friday found Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration executive director Samuel Selph in contempt of court for not paying a long-standing legal debt of \$38,740 owed by the board. Strickland, the county master-in-equity, said he would delay punishing Selph until he sees what Richland County Council, which apparently must approve the payment, does when it meets on Tuesday. The implication was that if County Council takes steps to pay the debt, Strickland won't punish Selph. The long-standing nonpayment of a court-ordered legal fees debt of \$38,740 has made the elections board, the Richland County Council and the Richland County Legislative Delegation a subject of ridicule in some quarters.

Associated Press: Lawmakers applaud Senate action on Charleston deepening

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uZodUGA0

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In an unusual show of unity, all of the members of South Carolina's congressional delegation are applauding Senate passage of a bill that is key to the half-billion dollar deepening of Charleston Harbor. The Senate voted 95 to 3 to approve the Water Resources Development Act on Thursday. It includes \$200 million in federal money for the \$500 million deepening project. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2cTKuBh>) all seven members of the House delegation issued a joint statement applauding the move. U.S. Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott also praised the vote. The measure still must pass the House. The South Carolina Ports Authority wants the shipping channel deepened to 52 feet from 45 feet to accommodate larger container ships.

Times and Democrat: Harbor-deepening bill boosts Lake Marion water agency

http://thetandd.com/news/local/harbor-deepening-bill-boosts-lake-marion-water-agency/article_c964f81c-7e47-571e-a473-d682975bf08e.html

The U.S. Senate has passed the Water Resources Development Act, which advances the harbor-deepening project in Charleston and includes funds for the Lake Marion Regional Water Authority. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott said the legislation, which passed by a vote of 95-3 on Thursday, contains language he inserted making improvements to the Lake Marion Regional Water Authority. The authority serves areas in The T&D Region along the I-95 and I-26 corridors. "As our economy continues to grow alongside our population, it is critical that we ensure the proper water infrastructure is in place to meet the needs of our state. The improvements contained in this legislation will be very helpful in that regard," the South Carolina Republican said. The harbor-deepening project will make the Port of Charleston the deepest port on the East Coast at 52 feet. It will be able to accept

significantly larger ships coming through the now-expanded Panama Canal. These post-Panamax vessels will account for 62 percent of container shipping fleets worldwide.

The State: Advocates stress need of shelters for human trafficking victims

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article102225852.html>

Cynthia Roldan

Money has become one of the biggest obstacles to those fighting human trafficking in South Carolina.

During a quarterly meeting of Attorney General Alan Wilson's Human Trafficking Task Force, advocates voiced concern over the lack of money to build shelters for victims of human trafficking. The state's only shelter is a small one in Greenwood, said Shannon Piller, an investigator who runs Greenville County Sheriffs Office's human trafficking task force. As a result, Piller said he often has to place survivors in out-of-state shelters or those within the state that are designated for domestic violence victims. "The biggest thing with the shelter is not that we don't have funding," Piller said. "We need more (shelters) in the state." Marie Sazehn, an assistant South Carolina Attorney General, said the state also needs a shelter that specifically caters to under aged victims of sex trafficking. Having specialized shelters allows victims to receive services they need, like job training or counseling, Sazehn said. She added that there is also a need to create a central database that allows investigators and advocates to share information with each other. Piller said that kind of database has to be funded either through an agency or some kind of government organization.

Independent Mail : Tri-County celebrates \$42M project

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/09/16/tri-county-celebrates-42m-project/90504518/>

Mike Eads

A decade's worth of planning and wrangling paid off Friday for Tri-County Technical College President Ronnie Booth as local dignitaries gathered on the school's main campus to break ground on a new \$42 million student center. "I was foolish – I had no idea how long it takes to get things done," joked Booth, referring to conversations in 2005 with fellow administrators about the need for the center. "That's when we started seriously asking what we were going to do, so it's been a long time coming. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham led contingent of Upstate politicians, including state House Ways and Means chairman Brian White, an Anderson Republican, Anderson County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn and state Rep. Bill Sandifer, a Seneca Republican, all of whom tossed shovelfuls of ceremonial dirt with Booth.

McClatchy DC: SC Rep. Clyburn says it's time to expose Trump 'for the fraud that he really is'

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article102251047.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Rep. Jim Clyburn called Donald Trump "a fraud" who is "on a mission" to delegitimize President Barack Obama's presidency on Friday after the Republican nominee finally acknowledged that the president was born in the country after years of leading the efforts to prove otherwise. "These are in-your-face kind of efforts on the part of one man who is misusing the media in order to heap indignities upon the president of these United States," the South Carolina Democrat told reporters at a hastily assembled press conference with members of the Congressional Black Caucus after Trump made his remarks. Clyburn warned that Americans may wake up the day after the election regretting "what we could have done and did not do" if Trump becomes president. "Let's do what is necessary now to expose this man for the fraud that he really is," he said. The chair of the caucus, Rep. G. K. Butterfield, D-N.C., demanded that Trump apologize to Obama.

Post and Courier: Trump leads in Charleston County, GOP poll says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160916/160919528/trump-leads-in-charleston-county-gop-poll-says>

Schuyler Kropf

A poll paid for by the Charleston County Republican Party gives GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump a slight lead over Democrat Hillary Clinton among local voters. Trump is at a 38 percent level of support in the survey of 500 likely voters in the county, with Clinton at nearly 36 percent. About 23 percent were undecided. Charleston GOP Chairman Larry Kobrovsky said he contracted the poll to give the party a snapshot of the race here after Democrat Barack Obama carried Charleston in the two previous presidential elections. One significant takeaway, he said, is that while Obama had enthusiastic support, including from young people, Clinton isn't drawing the same levels this year. "I don't see that this time," Kobrovsky said. "Charleston County is legitimately in play."

SC Agency News:

WYFF4: SC prisons to use tracking device to locate contraband cellphones

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/sc-prisons-to-use-tracking-device-to-locate-contraband-cellphones/41700650>

Tim Waller

The South Carolina Department of Corrections has received early approval to use a device that can track the location of contraband cellphones. The Cell Phone Interdiction System, or CPIS, can pinpoint cell signals within a few feet, according to SCDOC Director Bryan Stirling. "We will be able to triangulate those signals and find out exactly where the cell phone is," Stirling said. He said CPIS has been used by other state prison systems with great success. "They say they virtually have no need for cellphones anymore. The inmates don't want to buy the cellphones and waste their money because they find them so quickly," Stirling said. Stirling said the technology will cost \$1.2 million. He also plans to utilize a Managed Access System that will restrict calls from contraband phones. "For example, my phone would be allowed to go through, but the contraband cellphone would not be allowed to go through," Stirling said. Last year, more than 4,000 cell phones were confiscated from South Carolina prison inmates.

Post and Courier: S.C. uninsured rate improves but still among nation's highest

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160916/160919491/sc-uninsured-rate-improves-but-still-among-nations-highest>

Derrek Asberry

The uninsured rate in South Carolina continues to improve but still ranks among the highest in the nation, according to data released this week by the U.S. Census Bureau. South Carolina's uninsured rate for 2015 dropped to 10.9 percent, which ties it with New Mexico for the 13th highest in the nation. The Palmetto State recorded an uninsured rate of 15.8 percent in 2013 and a 13.6 rate in 2014. The nation's uninsured rate has dropped to 9.1 percent, down from 10.4 percent in 2014 and 13.3 percent in 2013. Ray Farmer, the director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance, said earlier this month that one of the reasons the uninsured rate keeps dropping is because insurers cannot deny or limit coverage based on a consumer's health status. That is in large part due to the federal Affordable Care Act, which covers about 216,000 South Carolinians and allows residents to access tax credits and subsidies to purchase policies.

Associated Press: South Carolina, New Mexico among highest rates of uninsured

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=c7hwdgCl

SC State Wire

New numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau show while the rate of people who don't have health

insurance in South Carolina is improving, the state still has one of the highest rates of uninsured in the nation. About 11 percent of South Carolinians don't have health insurance. That ties the state with New Mexico for the 13th-highest rate of uninsured nationwide. Still the South Carolina rate is down from almost 16 percent three years ago. The Post and Courier reports (<http://bit.ly/2d5QyHxiy>) part of the reason for the drop is the Affordable Care Act which allows some people to get subsidies and tax credits for buying insurance. Critics of the act, including U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, say the act has meant fewer insurance options for consumers.

Greenville News : DDSN director: There's 'Substantial risk' from lack of med training

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/16/ddsn-director-theres-substantial-risk-lack-med-training/90467476/>

Tim Smith

The director of the state's disabilities agency says there is "substantial risk across the system" because of the apparent lack of training of some workers in administering medications. But Beverly Buscemi, director of the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, told DDSN commissioners Thursday that she does not know how many providers are not training workers or whether employees without training are handling medications or assisting vulnerable adults in self-administering drugs. Buscemi issued a directive Aug. 31 telling providers and DDSN boards that if employees are not certified as a medication technician, they should not be administering medications, and if they are not certified in medication assistance they should not be helping clients to self-administer medications.

Post and Courier: Local officials propose spending \$150 million more to build part of I-526

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160916/160919554/local-officials-propose-spending-150-million-more-to-build-part-of-i-526>

Diane Knich

Charleston city and county officials quietly developed a plan to use \$150 million in local money to pay for improvements near the new port terminal in exchange for moving forward with the extension of Interstate 526 across Johns and James islands. The plan, detailed in a Thursday letter County Council Chairman Elliott Summey and Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg sent to members of the S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank board, involves money from the county's proposed half-cent sales tax. That means that before voters even have had a chance to weigh in on the \$2 billion November referendum, the county has offered to alter the project list. Summey, in response to questions from The Post and Courier at a press conference Wednesday, said his plan for I-526 included building the road in phases. He said it did not include any changes to a list of projects that would be funded by the half-cent sales tax if voters approve it.

SC Law Enforcement News:

Independent Mail: Officer injured in Upstate police chase

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/09/16/officer-injured-upstate-police-chase/90515480/>

Mike Ellis

A 32-year-old Greenville man was arrested early Friday morning after sheriff's deputies were led on a chase that injured a Honea Path police officer. Quincy Jonathan Wilson is charged with failure to stop for blue lights, possession of a stolen vehicle, reckless driving, driving under a suspended license and an open container violation, according to warrants and citations. The pursuit began around 4 a.m. Friday near South Main Street and Shockley Ferry Road when an Anderson County Sheriff's Office

deputy tried to pull over a black Scion for speeding and drifting into the opposite lane, said Lt. Sheila Cole of the Sheriff's Office. The driver, later identified as Wilson, drove off after the deputy attempted to stop the car, Cole said.

Associated Press : Indictments: Former officers coerced sex; ignored cases

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1aXcEnDU

Jeffrey Collins

Four former South Carolina police officers who worked in the criminal investigations division for Horry County coerced women into sex or ignored nearly 100 cases they were supposed to be investigating, according to indictments released Friday by a state grand jury. At least four lawsuits have been filed against one of the officers, Troy Large. One of the lawsuits accuses him of ignoring the case of a woman who said she was raped and then demanding she participate in a nude catfight or else he would make sure she lost visitation with her children. Large is charged with six counts of misconduct in office and five counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Indictments against him said he coerced women into sexual acts and had inappropriate relationships with victims in cases he was investigating. Large denied coercing women into sex in a deposition in one of the lawsuits. He couldn't be reached for comment Friday. The three other officers indicted Friday all face misconduct in office charges.

Associated Press: The Latest: Indictments show 88 cases not investigated

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IJ798ovT

SC State Wire

Indictments say a South Carolina police officer failed to properly investigate 88 cases assigned to him over four years. A state grand jury charged former Horry County Police officer Darryl Williams with misconduct in office. The indictment released Friday says Williams also worked for the Department of Social Services on county time. Williams was one of four Horry County officers indicted. The documents say officer Todd Cox closed or made inactive more than a dozen cases without investigating them fully. They involved crimes ranging from child abuse to attempted murder. The indictments accuse detective Troy Large of using threats to get several victims in cases he was investigating to commit sexual acts. They also allege that Luke Green had a sexual relationship with an informant and sexual contact with a suspect during an arrest.

Sun News : Grand jury indicts 4 former Horry police officers; 2 face sexual misconduct charges

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article102290497.html>

Audrey Hudson

Several former Horry County Police officers were indicted by a grand jury Thursday, according to the S.C. Attorney General's office, including former Detective Allen Large. Also indicted were former officers Luke Green, Todd Cox and Daryl Williams. Large was indicted on five counts of criminal sexual conduct third degree and six counts of misconduct in office. The indictments allege that Large knowingly used coercion to engage in sexual battery with multiple victims and knowingly engaged in inappropriate relationships with victims of cases he was investigating. The Sun News reported that Large confessed during a March deposition to encouraging women to participate in nude catfight videos, but he has denied sexually harassing or assaulting four women who have filed lawsuits against him and the Horry County Police Department.

Sun News: Two new names emerge in Horry police misconduct case

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article102245972.html>

Chloe Johnson

Former Horry County police officers Todd Cox and Luke Green largely stayed out of the spotlight as Detective Allen Large's story unfolded. However, both men were indicted Thursday night by an Horry County grand jury. Cox has been charged with 16 counts of misconduct in office. Prosecutors say he closed cases without proper investigation and left other cases without an investigator. Green is charged with three counts of misconduct, which say he engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationships with two confidential informants and made inappropriate sexual contact with a suspect during an arrest. Neither man could be reached for comment by online message. The Sun News could not locate a current phone number or address for Green. When contacted at home, Cox told a reporter from The Sun News she was trespassing and to leave his property.

Sun News: Former cop who sued county for discrimination indicted by grand jury

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article102222457.html>

Audrey Hudson

A former Horry County Police detective who sued the agency for racial and religious discrimination was indicted late Thursday by an Horry County grand jury on several counts of misconduct in office. The nine indictments accuse Daryl Williams of failing to properly investigate multiple alleged crimes, according to the S.C. Attorney's General office. Williams is also accused of working for a separate state agency while employed by the county police, and using his police vehicle and work time to conduct business for that unnamed agency. The charge is a misdemeanor offense punishable by up to 10 years in jail, which means Williams faces a maximum 90 years if convicted, according to a statement from the attorney's general office.

Sun News: Former Detective Allen Large indicted for criminal sexual conduct

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article102239397.html>

Audrey Hudson

Former Horry County Detective Allen Large was indicted by a Horry County grand jury late Thursday on five counts of criminal sexual conduct for allegedly coercing victims whose cases he was assigned to investigate to engage with him in sexual situations. Large was also indicted on six counts of misconduct in office. Combined, the two charges and 11 counts carry a maximum penalty of 110 years in jail, according to a statement issued by the S.C. Attorney's General office. The indictments are the results of a 10-month investigation conducted by the S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED), which also resulted in charges against three other former Horry County police officers in unrelated matters of misconduct of office. Large is the target of four lawsuits filed against the Horry County Police Department by women identified as Jane Does alleging that he coerced them to participate in a genre of pornography called catfighting.

Aiken Standard: Aiken Public Safety, couple calling former officers to give expert testimony in traffic stop lawsuit

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160916/160919667/aiken-public-safety-couple-calling-former-officers-to-give-expert-testimony-in-traffic-stop-lawsuit>

Maayan Schechter

Attorneys representing current and former police officers with the Aiken Department of Public Safety plan to call a former officer to testify on behalf of the agency and the City of Aiken over an alleged unconstitutional traffic stop and search in 2014. In new court documents filed on Thursday, records state attorneys representing four current and former police officers with Aiken Public Safety, the agency itself, its Chief Charles Barranco and the City of Aiken will call Jack Ryan as an expert witness. Ryan is listed online as a Rhode Island attorney and co-director of the Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute, described as a network of risk management professionals dedicated to

the risk management of public safety/criminal justice through training, policies, procedures and legal support. It also states Ryan has 20 years of experience as a police officer with the Providence Police Department in Providence, Rhode Island.

LGBT Laws:

Greenville News : Columbia could join hunt to host NCAA postseason tournaments

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/sports/college/usc/2016/09/16/columbia-could-join-hunt-host-ncaa-postseason-tournaments/90518446/>

Willie T. Smith

The loss of NCAA postseason events in North Carolina has many cities looking to fill in the gaps at the end of the 2016-17 season. North Carolina lost the right to host seven postseason NCAA events due to the state's HB2 law that makes "it unlawful to use a restroom different from the gender on one's birth certificate, regardless of gender equity." Now it's time to add Columbia to the list — probably. University of South Carolina Athletics Director Ray Tanner admits there is a strong possibility the school and city will make a run at hosting the first and second rounds of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament that has been scheduled to take place in Greensboro, North Carolina. But there are a few things that have to be figured out.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Historic Columbia's annual jubilee honors black history

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0WBGCDVk

SC State Wire

An annual event this weekend in Columbia is honoring black history and culture in a very special place. On Saturday, Historic Columbia is presenting the 38th Annual Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture. The free outdoor festival brings artisans, dancers, musicians and storytellers together to celebrate South Carolina's black history and culture on the grounds of the newly re-opened Mann-Simons Site. The site was a collection of commercial and domestic spaces owned and operated by the same African-American family from at least 1843 until 1970. It's now re-opened after more than a decade of research, archaeological digs and renovations. This year's Jubilee features live music, stand-up comedy, historic storytelling and artist demonstrations of broom and sweet grass basket making.

Associated Press : Gullah Geechee panel holds meeting on North Carolina coast

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SC State Wire

A four-state commission working to preserve the culture of slave descendants on the sea islands along the nation's southeast coast is holding its meeting in North Carolina. The Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission meets Saturday in Southport south of Wilmington. During the meeting the commission will discuss its work to preserve the sea island culture found in communities running from North Carolina to northeast Florida. The corridor is one of almost 50 heritage areas nationwide and was established by Congress a decade ago. The culture is known as Gullah in the Carolinas and Geechee in Georgia and Florida. It has its own creole language, history, cooking and crafts and is a culture based on fishing and farming.

The State: SC's Charles Joyner, renowned Southern historian and author, dies

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article102332592.html>

Sarah Ellis

One of South Carolina's and the country's most distinguished historians, who shed light on Southern culture and the intersection of black and white heritage, will be remembered as an inspiration to his contemporaries, historians and storytellers to come behind him. Charles Joyner, known as "Chaz" by many of those close to him, had a "generosity of spirit and warmth that allowed him to connect to people no matter who they were," said his friend and contemporary Dan Carter. Joyner, a longtime professor at Coastal Carolina University, died Tuesday at the age of 81 in Myrtle Beach. Joyner is widely respected for his acclaimed book "Down by the Riverside: A South Carolina Slave Community," which chronicles slave life in the Lowcountry's All Saints Parish community. Published in 1984, it is considered by some to be the finest and most intimate book ever written on slavery.

Island Packet: What we know: Raheel Siddiqui and USMC's investigation of Parris Island

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/bg-military/article102313012.html>

Wade Livingston

The death of Raheel Siddiqui has raised questions about how recruits are trained at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. His death has spawned command investigations, inquiries from a member of Congress and the dismissal of high-ranking officers and other depot personnel. Here's what we know about the circumstances of Siddiqui's death and the investigations surrounding it...

Local News:

The State: Convicted baby killer Cutro remains complex figure, author of new book says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article102202167.html>

Cliff Leblanc

Author David Hechler already had written extensively about child abuse when the prosecution of an Irmo daycare operator came to his attention in 1995 while he was on a fellowship at Columbia University in New York City. A friend of Hechler's, who had been hired by the 5th Circuit Solicitor's office as an expert consultant in child abuse in a case against Gail Cutro. She told him he would find Cutro's case "interesting." That tip would set Hechler on a path that would propel him through more than two decades of research, family interviews and extraordinary access to the Cutros and prosecution team. His 600-plus-page online book outlasted its original publisher. "In Good Hands" is Hechler's account of allegations that Cutro, outwardly a mousy and gentle woman, could have killed two infants and shaken a third to the point of brain damage – all within an 8-month stretch in 1993.

Associated Press: Man charged, another sought in fatal Anderson home invasion

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

SC State Wire

Police have made one arrest and are looking for another suspect in a home invasion in Anderson that left a teenager dead. Lt. Tony Tilley of the Anderson Police Department tells local news outlets that 21-year-old Tavis Marquis Jackson of Abbeville is charged with first-degree burglary and may face additional charges the incident early Thursday morning. Police allege that Jackson was with 17-year-old Demacio Robertson of Greenwood when they entered a home. Robertson was shot from behind a bedroom door and killed by one of the residents of the home in what police say was a justifiable homicide. Authorities say a third person is thought to have been with Jackson and Robertson. Jackson is in jail and it was not immediately known if he had an attorney.

Post and Courier: Shootings leave North Charleston neighborhood residents frustrated, concerned for safety

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160917/160919591/shootings-leave-north-charleston-neighborhood-residents-frustrated-concerned-for-safety>

Angie Jackson

A resident of the Dorchester-Waylyn neighborhood enjoyed a few moments of quiet while sitting on her porch Tuesday. It's something she says she doesn't do often these days because recent gunfire has left her on edge. "Ever since January, it's not only this street, there's shootings all over the neighborhood. One after another," said the woman, who asked not to be identified for fear of retaliation. "Soon as I can get me some money together and find me a place that I can afford, I'm gone." Others who live nearby echoed the woman's concerns, saying they too question if it's safe to sit outside their homes. They like the neighborhood for its affordability, but they're fed up with hearing about shootings and seeing drug deals and teenagers standing on street corners. A shooting claimed the life of a 23-year-old man Sept. 7 on Ranger Drive in the North Charleston neighborhood that's situated just west of Interstate 26. The next day, a 22-year-old man was injured in a drive-by a block over on Houston Street.

The Herald: York County Council to again consider hiring 6 deputies for court security

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article102198417.html>

Andrew Dys

Almost three months after the York County Council declined to approve the sheriff's hiring six new deputies to bolster court security, the council will again take up Sheriff Bruce Bryant's request for more officers when it meets Monday night. Bryant asked the council earlier this year for the six positions, saying he had been forced to take deputies from patrol and other duties to fill mandated court security roles. Some councilmen said that open deputy slots for other jobs should be cut if new jobs were added, but Bryant kept pushing for the positions. The cost of hiring six new deputies is about \$220,000, plus the cost of benefits. Court security officers are not a choice but a requirement, Bryant said.

Post and Courier: Northwoods Mall to crack down on unsupervised teens today with new policy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160916/160919552/northwoods-mall-to-crack-down-on-unsupervised-teens-today-with-new-policy>

Warren L. Wise

The days of unattended bands of teenagers roaming Northwoods Mall on its two busiest weekend nights has come to an end. The North Charleston shopping center launched its Youth Escort Policy on Friday to crack down on marauding groups of unsupervised teens cruising the mall after 6 p.m. The change is in effect for Friday and Saturday only. Owned by the Tennessee-based CBL & Associates Properties Inc., the mall announced one month ago that youths ages 17 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at least 21 years old on those two nights starting Sept. 16. If not, and they don't leave when asked, they can be charged with trespassing. "The new policy will be enforced," the company said in a written statement. "The policy is in effect for all parts of the mall with the exception of the department stores and stores with exterior entrances."

Post and Courier: Crash damages Charleston 9 Memorial, firefighters, families call for support

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160916/160919540/crash-damages-charleston-9-memorial-firefighters-families-call-for-support>

Derrek Asberry and Gregory Yee

Ann Mulkey breathed a sigh of relief after seeing the Charleston 9 Memorial site Friday. A suspected drunken driver crashed into the site, which honors nine firefighters including Mulkey's son, Capt. Louis Mulkey, who died fighting an inferno at Sofa Super Store on Savannah Highway in 2007. But

the damage to the memorial was far less than originally feared, Mulkey said. "I just thank God he didn't knock over any of the markers," she said. "It's just a sad, sad thing. I hope and pray (the driver) get help." Police say Daniel James Doherty, a 38-year-old resident of Piper Drive in Charleston, struck a light pole near Wappoo Road and drove into the memorial around 11 p.m. Thursday.

Post and Courier: Diagnosis: Cheating and lies. A look at MUSC's Honor Council cases

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160917/160919497/diagnosis-cheating-and-lies-a-look-at-muscs-honor-council-cases>

Tony Bartelme

At least 76 students since 1999 have gone before Medical University of South Carolina's Honor Councils for cheating, lying, plagiarism and other ethical violations. Cheating and plagiarism were the two most common infractions, with 61 reported cases, a Post and Courier analysis of public Honor Council records shows. Seven students were expelled. Academic dishonesty plagues the entire education system but carries potentially higher stakes in medicine: Today's cheaters could become tomorrow's doctors; researchers have found that students who were disciplined in medical school were more likely to run afoul of state medical boards when they were doctors. The newspaper's analysis comes amid revelations that an MUSC Honor Council earlier this year voted to expel two medical students over testing irregularities. An MUSC dean reversed the decision, infuriating some students and faculty, sources told The Post and Courier. The two students have ties to high-ranking public officials.

Post and Courier : Former Chief Justice considers penalties for former school communications director and her lawyer

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160916/160919485/former-chief-justice-considers-penalties-for-former-school-communications-director-and-her-lawyer>

Brenda Rindge

Four years after Berkeley County voters approved a \$198 million referendum to build and renovate schools, issues surrounding the referendum are still playing out in court. Former S.C. chief justice Jean Toal on Friday heard arguments on a motion to penalize former communications director Amy Kovach and employment lawyer Nancy Bloodgood, who represented Kovach in a civil suit filed in October. A key issue is whether the civil suit contradicted Kovach's admissions of wrongdoing in a 2015 plea deal. "My heart goes out to everybody in this," Toal said at the end of the two-hour hearing. "This is a sad, sad situation that's no-win for anybody." Toal did not issue a ruling Friday but said she aims to bring closure to the case soon. She was asked to hear the arguments by Chief Administrative Judge Roger Young.

Associated Press : Upstate man earns GED 60 years after dropping out of school

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SC State Wire

Mel Friesen figures by now he should be decrepit and unable to see or think clearly. Yet, Friesen managed to surprise even himself by enduring months of studying to achieve a GED certificate. He graduated just a few months ago. "Perhaps that was a lesson," said Friesen, whose 80th birthday was Sept. 2. "If I desire to do it, I may tackle it. It may turn out to be an achievement. You're only as old as you think you are. Taking the GED is "not easy at all and has a ton of tests required," Friesen's daughter, Laurie Hughes, said in an email to The Greenville News. "I'm proud of my father for his perseverance and especially at his age." A native of Toronto, Canada, Friesen had not been in a "studying-writing-test mode" for 60 years when he decided to take the GED exams. He dropped out of high school in the 11th grade - the highest grade level offered at the three-room high school he

attended in the farming community of Manitoba, Canada.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press : Trump closes door on one falsehood, opens door to another

<http://bigstory.ap.org/15a18ffda08d4de089a1a331d9412147>

Jill Colvin and Jonathan Lemire

Donald Trump is seeking to close the door on the false conspiracy theory that President Barack Obama wasn't born in the U.S. At the same time, he is peddling another lie by claiming that Democratic rival Hillary Clinton was behind it. There is no evidence that is true. Trump's political rise was based on the "birther" issue he championed over the years. He acknowledged Friday at a campaign event inside his new Washington hotel that Obama was indeed born in Hawaii. The turnabout came after numerous military veterans had expressed their support for his campaign. The televised spectacle exemplified the most extraordinary aspects of Trump's unorthodox candidacy: his ability to game the media, his embrace of conspiracy theories, and his pattern of repeating fallacies.

Associated Press: Trump: Disarm Clinton's bodyguards, 'let's see what happens'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e7468cc09b5c4e1aa97f543b598843e2>

Jonathan Lemire

Donald Trump was making his usual sarcastic call for Hillary Clinton's Secret Service agents to be stripped of their firearms when he added an aside to his rally remarks: "Let's see what happens to her." Soon after, Clinton's campaign said such a reference to violence was out of bounds. Trump has long incorrectly suggested his Democratic opponent wants to overturn the Second Amendment and take away Americans' right to own guns. In Miami on Friday, his riff about confiscating the agents' guns went further. "I think that her bodyguards should drop all weapons. They should disarm, right?" Trump asked the crowd. "Take their guns away, she doesn't want guns. Take their — and let's see what happens to her. Take their guns away. OK, it would be very dangerous."

National News:

Associated Press : The Latest: 2 dead, 2 cops among 5 wounded in Philly rampage

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fd71b9177ed34768b329002c460186c6>

Authorities say a man who went on a shooting rampage through the streets of Philadelphia wounded two police officers and five civilians and killed a woman before police fatally shot him. Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross says officers began chasing the man late Friday after he ambushed Sgt. Sylvia Young, striking her several times in the in the arm and protective vest. Ross says Ed Miller of the University of Pennsylvania police force also was wounded. Both were in stable condition early Saturday. Ross says the suspect also shot into a bar, striking a security guard in the leg, and used a woman as a shield before shooting her in the leg. He later shot into a car, striking a man and a woman. Police say the woman died and the man was in critical condition.

Associated Press: APNewsBreak: Docs detail government damage of Trail of Tears

<http://bigstory.ap.org/09a7b06873364d7fa019d635472fa82d>

Travis Loller Erik Schelzig

The U.S. Forest Service has ripped up a portion of the Trail of Tears in the Appalachian Mountains, reopening wounds for Native Americans who consider sacred the land where thousands of their ancestors died during their forced migration westward. The man-made trenches and berms were discovered last summer but the details about how it happened and those responsible hadn't been

publicly identified. In documents obtained recently by The Associated Press, the Forest Service acknowledged that an employee approved construction along a ¾-mile section of the trail in eastern Tennessee without authorization, an embarrassing blunder for an agency that was supposed to be protecting the trail for future generations. The \$28,500 in contracting work done in 2014 involved using heavy equipment to dig three deep trenches called "tank traps" and a series of 35 berms. It was meant to keep out all-terrain vehicles and prevent erosion, but agency officials now say it was done in violation of federal laws.

Associated Press: Obama aims to define his global leadership in last UN speech

<http://bigstory.ap.org/86566cc1f14d4467ac2839568cd4d777>

Josh Lederman

In one of his last major appearances on the world stage, President Barack Obama will try to define how his leadership has made the planet safer and more prosperous when he gives his farewell speech to the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday. Obama's challenge at the annual gathering of world leaders is to cast the past eight years as ones of overall progress, without glossing over the profound problems that have eluded his diplomacy. His successes in galvanizing action on climate change and encouraging democratic changes in Cuba and Myanmar are tempered by crises across the Middle East and North Korea's nuclear threat, which has only strengthened. Obama's U.N. ambassador, Samantha Power, said that when Obama came into office in early 2009, the U.S. was isolated. She said Obama had told fellow leaders he planned a "new era of engagement" that recognized countries must address common threats together.

World News:

Associated Press: Guantanamo prisoner says Saudi 'royal' involved in terrorism

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fd5be3f9b546414598b61a24a857dfbd>

Ben Fox

An accused al-Qaida bomb-maker who went to college in Arizona has told military officials at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, that he believed an unnamed member of the Saudi royal family was part of an effort to recruit him for violent extremist acts before the Sept. 11 attacks. That's according to a newly released transcript. Ghassan Abdallah al-Sharbi says a religious figure in Saudi Arabia used the term "your highness" during a telephone conversation with a man — just before urging al-Sharbi to return to the U.S. and take part in a plot against the U.S. that would involve learning to fly a plane. The Sept. 11 commission found no evidence to indicate the Saudi government as an institution or Saudi senior officials individually had supported the attacks.

Associated Press: Tight security as annual Oktoberfest opens in Munich

<http://bigstory.ap.org/5fae2e99fe294939a4c5be16fa85e492>

Paul Wheatley

Heavy rain and stricter security did little to dampen the spirits of beer lovers at the start of this year's Oktoberfest, which opened Saturday in the Bavarian city of Munich. Mayor Dieter Reiter tapped the first keg at noon with a respectable two strikes, to the approval of thousands of thirsty visitors gathered in one of 14 vast tents on Munich's Theresienwiese fairground. Responding to a series of attacks in recent months, authorities decided to erect a metal fence, ban large bags, install more surveillance cameras and make visitors go through security checks to enter the festival grounds this year. In the bloodiest incident, a German teenager fatally shot nine people at a Munich mall before killing himself. Two other attacks were carried out by asylum-seekers and claimed by the Islamic State group; several people were wounded, but only the attackers were killed.

Associated Press: Nigeria's president apologizes for plagiarizing Obama speech

<http://bigstory.ap.org/073c9dbb70b3485baac1e8eeb3f2c288>

Michelle Faul

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari has apologized for plagiarizing President Barack Obama's 2008 victory speech and says he will punish those responsible. The two leaders are set to meet next week in New York. Adeola Akinremi in her Friday column for ThisDay newspaper denounced "the moral problem of plagiarism on a day Mr. President launched a campaign to demand honesty and integrity." "Several sentences were almost identical to Obama's in a speech Buhari made Sept. 8 launching his campaign "Change Begins With Me." Buhari said, "We must resist the temptation to fall back on the same partisanship, pettiness and immaturity that have poisoned our country for so long." Obama said, "Let us resist the temptation to fall back on the same partisanship and pettiness and immaturity that has poisoned our politics for so long."

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