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GOP seeks hearings on FBI decision on Clinton emails

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Angry House Republicans are announcing plans to investigate after FBI Director James Comey recommended against criminal charges for Hillary Clinton over her handling of classified emails. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Comey's decision

defies explanation and leaves many questions unanswered. He said the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee would be calling Comey to testify. "The FBI should give us all of their findings," Ryan told Fox News Channel's "The Kelly File" on Tuesday. Ryan said Clinton is "competing for commander in chief here,

so I think there's a whole accounting that needs to happen." Democrats on the committee said Republican leaders of the panel had called an emergency hearing for Thursday. They attacked the decision as political. "Republican after Republican praised Director Comey's impeccable record of inde-

pendence — right up until the moment he issued his conclusion," said the committee's top Democrat, Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland. "The only emergency here is that yet another Republican conspiracy theory is slipping away." In a brief interview Wednesday morning, the chairman, Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah,

said he had spoken with Comey on Tuesday and that his testimony had been long-scheduled. The FBI is supposed to be insulated from partisanship, with directors appointed to serve 10-year terms under legislation passed in 1976 following J. Edgar Hoover's ex-

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Power outage

High winds, lightning knock out electrical service for 1,500+
Herald Staff Report

It wasn't the rain — it was the lightning. The storm system that blew through this area Tuesday didn't produce a lot of rain — several stations reported receiving less than an inch of precipitation — but did result in plenty of lightning and high winds, which, in turn, resulted in more than 1,000 utility customers temporarily losing their electricity. Sharyland Utilities released a statement Tuesday night reporting that crews were working to restore power to more than 1,500 customers in its West Texas service area, which includes Howard, Martin, Glasscock and Mitchell counties. "At this time, we do not have an estimate on when power will be restored to all customers," the news release stated. "However, updates are available through our online system outage map found at outages.sharyland.com." In the immediate Big Spring area, Oncor reported that around 20 customers were without electricity this morning.



A dust storm, which preceded rain and heavy lightning, rolls through Big Spring Tuesday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Repairs keep campus closed

SWCID shut down as HVAC work continues

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Howard College will delay re-opening the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) campus for about a week while major upgrades to the air conditioning/heating system continues. "Current plans indicate the campus will re-open for regular business hours on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 8 a.m.," Cindy Smith, HC director of information stated in a news release Tuesday morning. "During this time of campus closure, all personnel will continue to be located on the Howard College Big Spring campus and will have limited telephone and videophone access." The \$1.9 million project, approved during the last state legislative session, is conducting major upgrades and replacement to the aging system. It is completely funded through state monies and not through local property tax revenue. Students who need assistance are encouraged to contact staff in the following way:

- General SWCID questions: Call 432-264-5000
- SWCID Admission questions: Email the following contacts: Candace Anderson at canderson@howardcollege.edu; John Green at jgreen@howardcollege.edu; or Mona Moore at mmoore@howardcollege.edu.

Campout on the Comanche Trail planned

Organizers: Event will help people hone their outdoor skills

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

Pack up your canoe and fishing pole, or don't. The City of Big Spring, Big Spring State Park, and Lake Colorado City State Park, along with a few Big Spring citizens, are teaming up to hold a weekend long outdoor skills workshop aimed at teaching all things outdoors to those who may not necessarily have the equipment or skills to go camping. "This is for those who love being outdoors and also for those who are not used to camping," said Kent Ivey, one of the event

organizers and self-proclaimed "real big outdoors guy". "Texas Parks and Wildlife will be loaning out campsites. You don't have to have your own equipment. All you need to bring is your own food." The overnight event will be held at Comanche Trail Park the second weekend in August and boasts multiple classes over the span of two days such as fishing, knot tying, rope-making classes, adobe stove making, kayaking, wildlife ID-ing, and cooking on a campfire among many other classes. In

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Obituaries

Ora Jenkins

Ora Jenkins, 87, of Big Spring died July 5, 2016. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- HOWARD FOSTER, 40, 1002 N. Main St. No. 40, was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing and assault on a family member causing bodily injury.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 3200 block of N. Highway 87, and the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2500 block of N. Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity.

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.
- HOWARD FOSTER, 40, of 1002 N. Main St. No. 40, was jailed by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass and by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Destination Jupiter: What to expect during the Juno mission

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Now that the Juno spacecraft is settled in orbit around Jupiter, the real work is about to begin.

Juno will fly closer to Jupiter than any other spacecraft, skipping over cloud tops and peering deep inside to uncover clues about the giant planet's formation. Scientists hope that understanding how Jupiter formed can help explain how Earth and the other planets evolved as well.

"Now the fun begins — the science," mission chief scientist Scott Bolton said after Juno's arrival Monday at the end of a five-year journey.

A look at what's coming up during the \$1.1 billion mission:

POST-TRIP CHECKUP

Juno was bombarded with radiation as it neared Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system. As a precaution, its camera and science instruments were turned off during the arrival. Engineers will flip them back on this week and perform a complete check of the spacecraft to make sure everything is ready to go for the next 20 months.

CHANGING COURSE

To enter Jupiter's orbit, Juno fired its rocket motor, putting it on a long, looping path that takes 53 days to complete. In late August, the spacecraft swings back around Jupiter for its first close-in view. But Juno eventually needs to swoop in closer to do its job. The mission kicks into high gear in October when Juno fires its engine again to tighten its orbit. Then every two weeks, the spacecraft will skim Jupiter's clouds to peek into its stormy atmosphere.

MOON MYSTERY

Juno made a discovery even before reaching its destination. As Juno zeroed in on Jupiter, its camera captured the massive planet appearing half-lit surrounded by its four main moons. NASA stitched the images together and created a time-lapse video showing the moons in action.

There was a surprise: Jupiter's second-largest moon, Callisto, appeared dimmer than scientists imagined. "We don't know why," said Bolton of the Southwest Research Institute in Texas.

CLOSEST LOOK

Previous missions to Jupiter have revealed stunning views of the planet's thick clouds and vivid auroras. Scientists are expecting the best photos and information yet from Juno.

"We get our first up and close personal look at Jupiter with all our eyes and ears open" later this summer, Bolton said.

The spacecraft carries nine instruments to map

PBS says it should have told viewers about firework reruns

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — It turns out the bombs bursting in air over Washington for PBS' presentation of "A Capitol Fourth" were, at least in part, reruns.

The public broadcasting service said Tuesday that it should have informed viewers that footage from previous years' fireworks displays were used on its ostensibly live program the night before. On a cloudy, misty evening in Washington where it was hard to fully see the display, the Capital Concerts production company cut in with some fireworks from a clear night.

Viewers, particularly those in soggy Washington, quickly noticed the difference and took to social media to criticize PBS.

PBS ombudsman Michael Getler on Tuesday called it a "widespread, and proper, bashing."

He wrote that it was "sort of mind-boggling" that producers couldn't have taken a few seconds to inform viewers that earlier clips were being used to accompany the live music. Capital Concerts obviously had to prepare in advance to have the footage available in case the weather forecast for a lousy night turned out to be true.

Capital Concerts initially tweeted that its decision to fake the fireworks was "the patriotic thing to do," then apologized later in the evening.

PBS said it has told the independent production company that it should have acknowledged use of the footage during the broadcast. An onscreen notice has been placed on its version of the program available online.

the planet. It will measure how much water is in Jupiter's atmosphere. This will shed light on where in the solar system Jupiter formed. It will also probe Jupiter's gravity and magnetic fields to determine what kind of core it has and what makes the northern and southern lights so intense. Juno will also study how deep the trademark Great Red Spot goes and why the centuries-old storm has shrunk in recent years.

FINALE

When Juno finishes its job, it will intentionally plunge into Jupiter's atmosphere and burn up. Galileo, the first spacecraft to orbit Jupiter, met the same fate after a 14-year mission. This fiery end expected in 2018 prevents any chance of accidentally crashing into Jupiter's moons, particularly Europa, considered a prime target in the hunt for microbial life in the solar system.

Online:

Mission page tinyurl.com/Jupitermission

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles,

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 7/7	Fri 7/8	Sat 7/9	Sun 7/10	Mon 7/11
101/76 Mostly sunny skies. A stray t-storm is possible. High 101F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph. Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	98/73 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	98/74 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s. Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	96/74 Showers and t-storms late. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s. Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:55 PM	98/73 Windy, slight chance of a t-storm. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:54 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	101	76	Sunny	Kingsville	99	77	Sunny
Amarillo	102	71	Sunny	Livingston	97	77	P Cloudy
Austin	100	77	Cloudy	Longview	99	76	M Cloudy
Beaumont	94	79	Sunny	Lubbock	103	76	Sunny
Brownsville	96	79	Sunny	Lufkin	97	75	P Cloudy
Brownwood	101	73	P Cloudy	Midland	104	79	Sunny
Corpus Christi	93	79	P Cloudy	Raymondville	100	79	Sunny
Corsicana	99	76	P Cloudy	Rosenberg	97	78	P Cloudy
Dallas	100	76	P Cloudy	San Antonio	101	77	P Cloudy
Del Rio	103	78	M Cloudy	San Marcos	100	76	P Cloudy
El Paso	103	78	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	98	77	M Cloudy
Fort Stockton	105	77	M Sunny	Sweetwater	101	76	P Cldy/Wind
Gainesville	97	75	Sunny	Tyler	99	76	M Cloudy
Greenville	98	76	P Cloudy	Weatherford	99	75	Sunny
Houston	98	79	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	101	78	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	73	M Cloudy	Miami	92	80	Sunny
Boston	91	69	Sunny	Minneapolis	87	68	P Cloudy
Chicago	90	74	Hvy T-Storms	New York	90	75	Sunny
Dallas	100	76	P Cloudy	Phoenix	109	82	Sunny
Denver	95	60	Sunny	San Francisco	59	51	Cloudy
Houston	98	79	P Cloudy	Seattle	75	58	Cloudy
Los Angeles	78	61	Cloudy	Saint Louis	89	75	M Cloudy

Moon Phases

First Jul 12	Full Jul 19	Last Jul 26	New Aug 2
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UV Index

Thu 7/7	Fri 7/8	Sat 7/9	Sun 7/10	Mon 7/11
11	10	11	11	11
Extreme	Very High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.



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noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615

Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

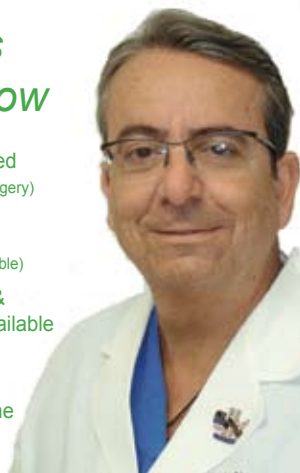
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Take note

• The biennial Forsan Reunion is scheduled for the first weekend in August, 5-6. Festivities kick off with a dinner for former students, teachers, parents and spouses at Spanish Inn. Following the dinner, all participants are invited to an open house reception in the banquet room at La Quinta Inn at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, reunion day activities begin at 9 a.m. in the Forsan School Cafeteria. A continental breakfast is provided at 9 a.m. followed by introductions and an invocation. At 1 p.m., Al's Bar-B-Que will cater the lunch. The total cost for reunion day activities is \$25. Invitation will include a pre-registration form that must be received by July 10.

• Once again it is time to have the Flower Grove Reunion. The date has been set for Saturday July 2, 2016. Due to construction at Lamesa High School, the Reunion has been moved to the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 401 North 3rd Street in Lamesa. The Fellowship Hall is at the corner of 3rd St. and Austin Avenue.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and a catered meal will be served at 1 p.m. The Flower Grove School started in 1922. It consolidated with the Klondike district in 1973. To attend contact: Brenda L. Walters, P.O. Box 1232, Lamesa, Texas 79331 or call 806-872-9318.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There

will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair needs quilters to volunteer for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

CAMP

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In addition to classes, Greg and Toni Bodin of Greg's Texas will be there with their 19th century camp along with another modern and professional camp. According to Ivey, participants do not have to spend the night, but more fun is promised around the campfire for those who do.

"We will be having a campfire safety course that night," said Ivey. "We will also have some good storytelling."

While this is the first year that

the overnight skills workshop will be offered, Ivey has high hopes.

"This is the first year we are doing this, but everyone has been so supportive," explained Ivey. "The city of Big Spring is really behind us. We just want to grow this."

According to Ivey, those interested can pre-reserve a spot or register the day of from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Day campers are also welcome," said Ivey. "We'll have pre-registration until 2 and then we will have a mandatory safety meeting. After that we will have

three to six events going on at all times. They can do all of them or they can just sit and relax. Completely up to them."

Ivey encourages those of all ages to participate or volunteer if interested, from children and teenagers to adults. Ivey also encourages those with their own equipment such as kayaks or fishing poles to bring them.

The Campout on the Comanche Trail will be held August 13-14 at Comanche Trail Park behind the Dora Roberts Center. For more information or to reserve a spot to camp, call Lake Colorado City State Park at 325-728-3931.

FBI

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traordinary 48-year tenure. Comey is a Republican first nominated to a senior Justice Department post by George W. Bush, and tapped to lead the FBI in 2013 by President Barack Obama.

But Comey's declaration that "no charges are appropriate" against Clinton is drawing a deluge of GOP criticism, even though Comey prefaced it by calling Clinton "extremely careless" in her handling of highly sensitive information. He also suggested she sent emails with information that was classified at the time, contrary to her previous claims.

"What really just mystifies me is the case he makes and then the conclusion he draws and what bothers me about this is the Clintons really are living above the law. They're being held by different set of standards. That is clearly what this looks like," Ryan said. "And this is

why we're going to have hearings, and this is why I think that Comey should give us all the publicly available information to see how and why they reached these conclusions."

Ryan also said the government's director of national intelligence should block the presumed Democratic presidential nominee's access to classified information.

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., also criticized Comey's conclusions and released a lengthy letter to the director demanding answers to a series of questions about how he reached them.

Rep. Mike Turner of Ohio charged that "the investigation by the FBI is steeped in political bias," and called for appointment of an independent counsel in the case.

Another House Republican, Paul Gosar of Arizona, tweeted a cartoon of a Monopoly "Get out of jail free" card show-

ing a winged Clinton flying out of a cage labeled "FBI."

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas voiced "serious concerns about the integrity of Director Comey's decision," arguing that Comey "has rewritten a clearly worded federal criminal statute."

Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, like Cruz a failed GOP presidential contender, declared: "This is an outrage, and the rule of law has been shattered. ... The FBI should be better than this."

Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, a former attorney general in her state who is in a tough re-election race, complained that "The lives of Americans depend on the protection of classified information, and failing to enforce the law in this case sets a dangerous precedent for our national security."

Donald Trump, the presumptive GOP presidential candidate who looks certain to face Democrat Clinton for president, complained

that the system is "rigged," and that "it was no accident that charges were not recommended against Hillary the exact same day as President Obama campaigns with her for the first time."

Yet Comey's approach also drew scattered complaints from Democrats who objected to his lengthy criticism of Clinton if he wasn't going to recommend an indictment. "Once again, Clinton gets worse treatment than anyone else would. I can't remember an FBI press conference like that when charges declined," Matthew Miller, a former Justice Department spokesman and Democratic operative and congressional aide, said over Twitter.

Comey, who served as deputy attorney general in the Bush Justice Department, seemed to anticipate his critics, offering something of a pre-buttal at the end of his statement Tuesday.

"I know there will be intense public debate in the wake of this recommendation, as there was throughout the investigation," Comey said. "What I can assure the

American people is that this investigation was done honestly, confidently and independently. No outside influence of any kind was brought to bear."

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

No, it's not time to move on

Am I fantasizing even to hope that Hillary Clinton will finally be held accountable for her lies and corruption — to say nothing of her actions in her role as bimbo-slayer for her libidinous husband?

Perhaps so, but to borrow an underused cliché, hope springs eternal.

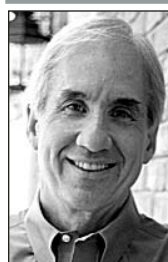
Hillary has operated above the law for so many years that her disinclination toward humility has ripened into unbounded hubris, which was particularly on display in her comments about the recently released House Select Committee on Benghazi report on the tragedy in Libya.

Clinton said the committee found nothing new and it is time to move on. Among her many liberal apologists, the panelists on “The View” united in outrage over the Republicans spending \$7 million and “finding nothing new” against Clinton.

Joy Behar, after proclaiming that *The New York Times* “is the paper of record in this country, no matter what they tell you,” indignantly noted that the cover of that paper reported, “Benghazi Panel Finds No Misdeeds by Clinton.” She said, “So, I mean, that should be the last word.”

Oh? To quote The Church Lady, “Isn't that special?” I remember this painful song and dance well from the 1990s. Each time the Clintons were rightly accused of wrongdoing, they denied and attacked and slandered their accusers and then delayed long enough to claim that enough time had passed that we should just move on. For those who care anything about the rule of law, it was a frustrating period.

Over the years, the unglamorous power couple has become even more deceitful, brazen and defiant. Everyone, including Democrats, knows how corrupt the Clintons are, but they just continue to transgress with impunity. Hillary even had a phony smile on her face when she lied that the committee had found no misconduct on her part and demanded that it move on.



DAVID
LIMBAUGH

Let me just share a few highlights from the report that shed light on the Obama administration's and Clinton's overt malfeasance during the Benghazi attacks and in covering up their sins. Forgive me for going directly to the report rather than to *The New York Times* for my information to demonstrate that Rep. Mike Pompeo is correct that the administration, including Clinton, put politics “ahead of the lives of Americans, and while the administration had made excuses and blamed the challenges posed by time and distance, the truth is that they did not try.”

• Though the administration was aware at the time of the terrorist attacks, no military assets were deployed to Benghazi when the last two Americans were killed, almost eight hours after the attacks began. Members of a fleet anti-terrorism security team sat idly on a plane in Rota, Spain, for three hours during this ordeal, changing in and out of their uniforms four times.

• When Ambassador Christopher Stevens was missing, the White House convened a two-hour meeting and agreed on 10 action items, five of which focused on a YouTube video that the administration, with malice aforethought, intentionally used as a scapegoat to cover the abject failure of its policies. In fact, the State Department had access to eyewitness accounts to the attacks in real time, and there were no discussions about any video.

The Bureau of Diplomatic Security's command center was in direct contact with its agents on the ground in Benghazi and sent out many updates, including a “Terrorism Event Notification.” Diplomatic Security well knew that it was terrorism and that there was no mention of the video from the agents on the ground.

• President Obama skipped his intelligence briefing the day after the attacks.

• Also, the morning after the attacks, the National Security Council's spokeswoman emailed some two dozen people from the White House, Department of Defense, State Department and intelligence community directing that they all refer to the released statements of President Obama and Secretary of State

Clinton “to ensure” they were “all in sync on messaging for the rest of the day.”

• Minutes before Obama's Rose Garden speech on the attacks, Clinton aide Jake Sullivan emailed deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes and others and informed them: “There was not really much violence in Egypt. And we are not saying that the violence in Libya erupted over inflammatory videos.”

• Surely knowing it was untrue, Rhodes and Obama adviser David Plouffe prepped then-U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice to say on her five Sunday talk show appearances that the attacks had spontaneously occurred and then evolved as a result, in part, of this anti-Islam YouTube video.

• After Rice's command performance, Sullivan reassured Clinton that Rice had made clear the “view that this started spontaneously and then evolved.” From Clinton's retrieved emails, we know that she knew otherwise.

It is indisputable that the administration, including Obama and Clinton, knew, at the very time these events were unfolding, that this was terrorism and concocted — and then disseminated — the outrageous lie that the attacks were spontaneous and based on a video. Members of the administration coordinated a scheme to deceive the American people and implemented it. Their motives were to cover up their gross negligence in failing to protect American lives and to preserve their bogus narrative that the administration had adequately contained the terrorist threat — in view of the upcoming election. Adding insult to injury, they lied to the parents of the men who died in the attacks.

So no, Mrs. Clinton, it is not time to move on from your callous and cavalier behavior. It is time you were indicted for your email felonies, and it is time for all Americans to understand just how abominable your actions were on Benghazi and to vote against you in November.

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Rethinking naming wild animals

Animals do not name themselves. The lion illegally hunted down in Zimbabwe last year did not know he was “Cecil.”

The western lowland gorilla shot at the Cincinnati Zoo after a 3-year-old fell into his enclosure did not answer to the name “Harambe.”

We can understand why zoos, nature preserves and animal rescue groups give their headliner animals a name. It helps humans imagine a bond with the creatures, leading to donations, visits and other support for their institutions.

But naming wild animals is not all good. “It trivializes wildlife and makes it less wild,” complains Don Thomas, a well-known hunting writer and environmentalist based in Montana.

Thomas told me that while writing an article about the zoo controversy, he had used “Harambe” as the original title but then caught himself. There's a long tradition of hunters giving names to “special” game animals, he added.

Naming wild animals makes them seem human and also less dangerous. That can work to the detriment of both the animals and humans. The “beloved Cecil” had become a virtual pet in a game reserve and thus may have lost a natural wariness toward humans.

The outcry over the killing of

“Harambe” included a good deal of fantasy about the gorilla's relationship with the toddler. Many insisted that “Harambe” was actually protecting the boy.

Protective? Aggressive? No one could possibly know, Thomas insists. “The video clearly does show a powerful, agitated animal dragging a small child rapidly through water deep enough to drown the kid and roughly enough to kill it in an instant, intentionally or not.”

Expecting wild animals to act with human benevolence is especially risky in the case of primates closest to us on the evolutionary charts. Recall the terrible story of “Travis,” the chimpanzee that virtually tore off a Connecticut woman's face and hands.

If any animal deserved the title of honorary human, it was “Travis.” He appeared in a Coca-Cola commercial and on TV shows. “Travis” wore a baseball shirt and could operate a TV remote control. But in 2009, he suddenly tore at one of his owner's friends. Police shot him dead.

Facebook is heavy with videos that seem to unite natural enemies, feeding the human dream that all creatures can get along. A cat plays with a parakeet. A chicken cares for a kitten.

A problematic example that has gone viral shows a 1,500-pound Kodiak bear cuddling with its keeper. The bear has a name, of course — “Jimbo.”

The video promotes a wildlife rehabilitation center in upstate New York. The center may do good work nursing injured ani-

mals, but is it doing the public a service in portraying bears as potential playmates?

The gruesome demise of Timothy Treadwell should have put an end to the idea of bears as trusted companions. Heavily into self-promotion, Treadwell claimed to have forged loving relationships with grizzly bears in Alaska's Katmai National Park. He recorded himself living among these fearsome mammals — and playing roughhouse with them.

In a documentary about him, “Grizzly Man,” Treadwell is seen talking baby talk with a giant bear he named “Mr. Chocolate.”

National Park Service rangers accused him of harassing wildlife.

On Oct. 6, 2003, the rangers found the chewed-up remains of Treadwell and his girlfriend. They killed a large male grizzly near their campsite and found human body parts in his stomach.

Could he have been “Mr. Chocolate”?

We grow up with teddy bears and stuffed lion toys. Ideally, children — and adults — will learn to distinguish between make-believe and biology. Holding back on giving wild animals names might be a good start.

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Check this out at the Howard County Library

Since we don't get biography books very often, I thought I would start off with the ones we just received.

"Running on Red Dog Road" by Drema Hall Berkheimer (B BER D) is a memoir of her life. Drema was born in a coal camp in Appalachia in the 1940s. After her father is killed in the coal mines, her mother goes off to work as a "Rosie the Riveter," and Drema is left in the care of devout Pentecostal grandparents.

What follows is a spitfire of a memoir that reads like a novel with intrigue, sweeping emotion, and indisputable charm. Drema's coming of age is colored by tent revivals with Grandpa, poetry-writing hobos, and traveling carnivals, and through it all, she serves witness to a multi-generational family of saints and sinners whose lives defy the stereotypes. Just as she defies her own.

Her tales of hobnobbing with gypsies, moonshiners, snake handlers, hobos, and faith healers are published in numerous online and print journals.

"Kill 'Em and Leave" by James McBride (B BRO J) is a book about James Brown. Brown's rough-and-tumble life, through McBride's lens, is an unsettling metaphor for American life: the tension between North and South, black and white, rich and poor.

McBride's travels take him to forgotten corners of Brown's never-before-revealed history: the country town where Brown's family and thousands of others were displaced by America's largest nuclear power bomb-making facility; a South Carolina field where a long-forgotten cousin recounts, in the dead of night, a fuller history of Brown's sharecropping childhood, which until now has been a mystery. McBride seeks out the American expatriate in England who co-created the James Brown sound, visits the trusted right-hand manager who worked with Brown for 41 years, and inter-

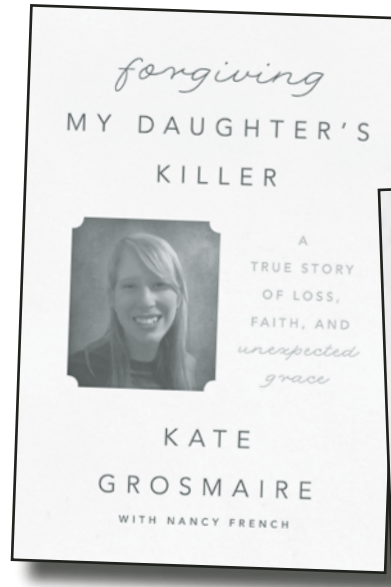
views Brown's most influential non-musical creation, his "adopted son", the Reverend Al Sharpton.

He describes the stirring visit of Michael Jackson to the Augusta, Ga., funeral home where the King of Pop sat up all night with the body of his musical godfather, spends hours talking with Brown's first wife, and lays bare the Dickensian legal contest over Brown's estate, a fight that has consumed careers; prevented any money from reaching the poor schoolchildren in Georgia and Sought Carolina for whom it was intended; cost Brown's estate millions in legal fees; and left James Brown's body to lie for more than eight years in a gilded coffin in his daughter's yard in South Carolina. McBride followed a trail to better understand the personal, musical, and societal influences that created this immensely troubled, misunderstood, and complicated soul genius.

"Forgiving My Daughter's Killer" by Kate Grosmaire with Nancy French (B GRO K) is part memoir and part spiritual testimony. This is a story of a family whose faith was put to the test and found the capacity to do far more than they could have thought or imagined. On March 28, 2010, Kate and Andy Grosmaire received news that would change their lives forever. Their 19-year-old daughter has been killed by her boyfriend, a young man who had lived with the family and had come to feel like part of it. In a beautiful, tragic testament to the liberating power of forgiveness, Kate tells the story of her daughter's murder at the hand of her boyfriend and the stunning, deliberate forgiveness and help that Kate and her husband offered to the young man who shattered their world.

"The Rainbow Comes and Goes" by Anderson Cooper & Gloria Vanderbilt (B VAN G) is an appealing memoir with inspirational advice. It is a beautiful and affectionate celebration of the universal bond between a parent and a child, and a thoughtful reflection on life, reminding us of the precious insight that remains to be shared, no matter our age. Though Anderson Cooper has always considered himself

close to his mother, his busy career affords him little time to spend with her. After she suffers a brief but serious illness, they resolve to change their relationship by begin-



ning a year-long conversation unlike any they had ever had before. The result is a correspondence of surprising honesty and depth in which they discuss their lives, the things that matter to them, and what they still want to learn about each other.

This book offers a rare window into their close relationship and fascinating life stories, including their tragedies and triumphs. They share their most private thoughts and the hard-earned truths they have learned along the way.

In their words their distinctive personalities shine through-Anderson's journalistic outlook on the world is a sharp contrast to his mother's idealism and unwavering optimism.

We also received three mystery books this week. "Hollywood Stuff" by Sharon Fiffer (M FIF S) is a June Wheel Mystery. Soon after a TV magazine profiles antique collector Jane Wheel for her role as an amateur sleuth, her story catches the eye of Wren Bixby. Bixby wants the rights to Jane's story for her offbeat independent film company and eventually persuades Jane to leave behind her newfound hometown celebrity. Jane's time in Tinseltown is interrupted when she discovers that someone has

targeted Bix and her partners. Jane resumes her role as detective determined to stop a killer.

"Code Blue" by Richard L. Mabry, M. D. (M MAB R) is book one of the Prescription for Trouble Series. For Dr. Cathy Sewell, Code Blue is the state of her life when the return to her hometown



doesn't bring the peace she so desperately needs. The town doctors resent the fact that she's not only a newcomer but also a woman, and the devastating results from one of her prescriptions may mean the end of her practice. As two men compete for her affection, an enemy wants her out of town or possible even dead.

"Miracle Drug" by Richard L. Mabry, M. D. (M MAB R) is book five of the Prescription for Trouble Series. The infection wasn't supposed to happen, but it did. The treatment was supposed to take care of it, but it didn't. Dr. Josh Pearson believes an experimental drug not yet approved by the FDA may be the antidote. But there is only one dose available for two patients: the former president of the United States and Josh's girlfriend. With the nation's eyes on him, Josh must pull off a miracle to save a man who holds a good deal of power and the woman who holds his heart.

This week I also want to tell you about a McNaughton book (unreviewed leased books on shelves next to the

DVDs) that we recently acquired. "God Gave Me You" by Tricia Seaman with Diane Nichols is a story of courage, trust, and faith that God's plans are bigger and more amazing than we could hope for on our own. It's a story you'll turn to when you're looking for hope and a reason to believe in miracles.

Oncology nurse Tricia Seaman and her family had their hearts set on adopting a son. They were months into the grueling process when Tricia met a terminally ill cancer patient on her regular rounds. Trish Somers was a single mom whose world revolved around her 8-year-old son, Wesley. When the cancer spread, it became clear Trish has only a short time to live. That's when the inconceivable happened: Trish asked her nurse to raise her beloved son when she passed away. Neither woman could have imagined the miracles God had in store.

Although I've been fairly long-winded, I leave you with a quote from L.R. Knost:

"Fairy tales in childhood are stepping stones throughout life, leading the way through trouble and trial. The value of fairy tales lies not in a brief literary escape from reality, but in the gift of hope that goodness truly is more powerful than evil and that even the darkest reality can lead to a Happily Ever After. Do not take that gift of hope lightly. It has the power to conquer despair in the midst of sorrow, to light the darkness in the valleys of life, to whisper "One more time" in the face of failure. Hope is what gives life to dreams, making the fairy tale the reality."

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News in brief

University officer presumed drowned in Dallas flooded creek

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities searching for the body of an off-duty university police officer presume he drowned when he was swept away in a flooded creek in Dallas.

The *Dallas Morning News* reports that the Southern Methodist University officer was working a security job at a construction site near Turtle Creek when a thunderstorm hit the area. The unidentified officer called a dispatcher to say his car was being overtaken by water, but he lost contact with authorities around 1:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Dallas Fire-Rescue officials say they are treating the search as a recovery effort rather than a rescue mission. About 40 people and a K-9 team are participating in the search.

The search was halted for around 7 p.m. Tuesday. Crews will continue the search at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Judge: 22 BP fraud charges against lawyer duplicate others

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — The 95-count fraud indictment against a San Antonio lawyer and six co-defendants could be shorter when trial begins in Mississippi on federal charges accusing them of inflating a client list for BP oil spill litigation.

Twenty-two counts of aggravated identity theft appear to be “multiplicitous” — that is, to cover the same alleged offenses as some of the 50-plus counts of identity fraud against Mikal Watts and the others, U.S. District Judge Louis Guirola Jr. told government attorneys Tuesday.

“I’m not sure dismissal of those counts is the remedy ... but there must be a remedy to correct the multiplicitousness — I’ve just created a word — the multiplicitousness of the indictment,” the judge said.

Watts, two non-attorneys with his law firm and four field workers are accused of inventing victims of the 2010 oil spill to land Watts a spot on the lucrative BP litigation steering committee and inflate legal fees he might collect.

Watts, an attorney who has earned millions suing corporations over client injuries, maintains his innocence.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerry Rushing said after the hearing he didn’t know what might be done other than dropping the aggravated identity theft charges. Attorney Chip Lewis, representing defendant Hector Guerra, said he’d be satisfied with that.

Watts’ co-defendants also say they are innocent. They are his brother David Watts and Wynter Lee, both of whom work in his law firm; and BP claim field representatives Hector Eloy Guerra of Weslaco, Texas; Gregory Warren of Lafayette, Louisiana; and Thi Houng Le and her sister-in-law, Thi Hoang Nguyen, both of Grand Bay, Alabama.

Friends send big checks for top Texas prosecutor legal bills

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Wealthy friends and donors of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton have chipped in nearly \$330,000 to cover his legal defense against criminal charges of securities fraud, according to state filings made public Tuesday.

The list reveals for the first time those paying Paxton’s legal costs while the Republican fights two felony counts of defrauding wealthy investors in the tech startup Servery Inc. If convicted, Paxton faces 5 to 99 years in prison.

Paxton, who has pleaded not guilty, is also being sued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in a separate court case over the same accusations: that he lured investors to Servery, a data-storage company, without disclosing that he was being paid to recruit new backers.

Among those footing Paxton’s legal bill are Preferred Medical CEO James Webb, who pitched in \$100,000 and is a longtime donor to the state’s top prosecutor. At least one is also a Servery investor, Keresa Richardson, who gave \$10,000 and told the *Associated Press* last year that Paxton was “the cleanest guy in the world” when asked about his name being linked to a federal investigation.

A Paxton spokesman said the attorney general followed the law in raising and disclosing the funds.

“The financial burdens of defending against politically motivated prosecutions can be significant and Attorney General Paxton is grateful for the support of his friends in fighting back against these false allegations,” Paxton spokesman Matt Welch

said in an email.

Paxton until now had not disclosed how he is paying for a team of high-powered attorneys — which at times included a former federal judge and former federal prosecutor — since being indicted last summer.

Earlier this year, state ethics regulators denied giving Paxton their blessing to let him tap political donors to cover the cost.

2 former school board members sentenced for extortion

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Federal prosecutors say two former South Texas school board members have been sentenced to prison for extorting a company by threatening to end a contract with the school district if they weren’t paid a bribe.

Fifty-four-year-old Eloy Infante was sentenced Tuesday to nearly four years in prison and 45-year-old Elpidio Yanez Jr. was sentenced to more than three years.

Federal authorities said in a release the men were serving on the board in Donna last year when they each demanded \$10,000 from the company to retain its contract with the school district.

A third man, 50-year-old Adrian Guerrero, was sentenced to more than a year in prison for acting as a middleman between the parties.

Sheriff’s deputy drowns after falling from boat

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas sheriff’s deputy has drowned after falling from a fishing boat at Belton Lake.

The body of 35-year-old Stephen Kay Foster was found Monday following an extensive search of the lake west of Temple.

The *Temple Daily Telegram* reports the Bell County deputy was with several family and friends in two boats early Sunday when he fell overboard.

A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department dive team helped in the search using sonar equipment.

Game wardens who were searching by helicopter later spotted Foster’s body.

It was not clear how he fell overboard and why those in his group were unable to assist him.

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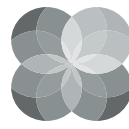
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President ready to 'pass the baton' to Clinton

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama vigorously vouched for Hillary Clinton's trustworthiness and dedication on Tuesday, making his first outing on the campaign stump for his former secretary of state just hours after his FBI director blasted her handling of classified material.

Shirt sleeves rolled up in campaign form, Obama declared, "I'm ready to pass the baton."

"I'm here today because I believe in Hillary Clinton," he said. "I have had a front-row seat to her judgment and her commitment."

The energetic Obama-Clinton appearance in North Carolina was a show of Democratic unity in a state Clinton is hoping to put back in the party's column. But the moment wasn't what her campaign and the White House imagined during the long primary season.

Shortly before the president and his would-be successor flew to Charlotte together, FBI Director James Comey announced he would not recommend charges against Clinton for her email practices — but only after he presented a searing description of her "extremely careless" handling of classified information that ensured the matter won't be going away.

The White House declined to comment on Comey's findings, saying the investigation was not formally closed and it did not want to appear to be influencing prosecutors.

Still, the timing of the trip pulled the presi-

dent into a controversy he has at times tried to keep at arm's length. His appearance with Clinton was a reminder that it was his appointee who declined to pursue criminal charges.

Yet Clinton and Obama did not veer from their display of lock-step unity. The duo flew to Charlotte together on Air Force One, they rode to the rally together in Obama's armored limousine, known as "The Beast." Clinton shared photos of her grandchildren, Charlotte and newborn Aidan, with the president.

As they were welcomed by a screaming crowd of supporters, the president led chants of "Hillary!" as they stood onstage under banners reading "Stronger Together."

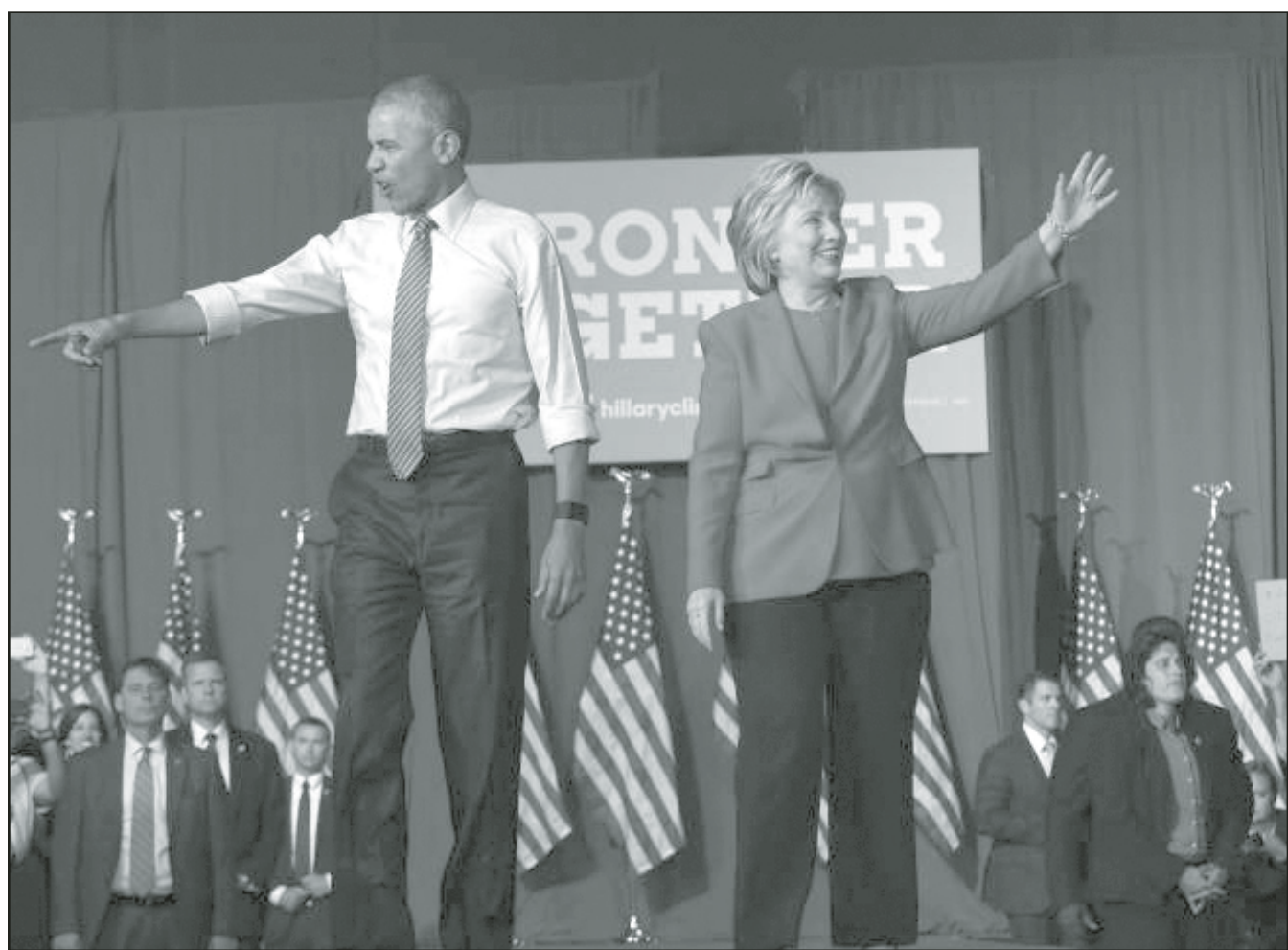
Referring back to their own primary battle in 2008, Obama said, "We may have gone toe to toe, from coast to coast, but we stood shoulder to shoulder for the ideals that we share."

Clinton's Republican rival didn't let the Democratic duo's outing go unanswered. As the rally began, Donald Trump released a lengthy statement casting the joint appearance as an example of a "rigged" political system.

"It was no accident that charges were not recommended against Hillary the exact same day as President Obama campaigns with her for the first time," Trump said.

Clinton shot back early as she introduced the president, chiding Trump for once leading the questioning of the president's birthplace.

She said Obama was a



President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton arrive at a campaign event at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, N.C., Tuesday.

man that "I was honored to stand with in the good times and the bad times, someone who has never forgotten where he came from. And, Donald, if you're out there tweeting, it's Hawaii."

Obama, too, got in a dig at Trump.

"Anybody can tweet but nobody actually knows what it takes" to be president, he said.

Obama's and Clinton's journey from political opponents to close political allies was a steady theme in the event.

The Clinton campaign hopes Obama can reassure voters about her experience, talent and character — and speak to their questions about her honesty and trustworthiness, some of which stem from the

email investigation.

Indeed, the president took on the criticism of Clinton directly, casting the negative impressions of her as a result of her many years in the political spotlight. He also noted that he had benefited from Americans' desire for a fresh face.

"Sometimes we take somebody who's been in the trenches and fought the good fight and been steady for granted," Obama said, as Clinton sat behind him. "As a consequence that means sometimes Hillary doesn't get the credit she deserves. But the fact is Hillary is steady and Hillary is true."

Clinton noted that she has been Obama's loyal ally, lavishing praise on

his record in the White House and saying he doesn't get the credit he deserves for overseeing the nation's economic recovery. She recalled her surprising decision to join his team after their bruising 2008 Democratic primary and shared memories of her four years in the administration, from crashing a meeting with the Chinese at a global climate summit to being in the Situation Room during the raid on Osama bin Laden.

"He's made difficult, even unpopular, decisions for the good of our country," she said.

Obama and Clinton originally planned to make their first campaign appearance together in Wisconsin,

a Democratic-leaning state where Clinton struggled in her primary fight with Bernie Sanders. Campaign aides viewed that as a way to forge Democratic unity and consolidate the party's voters in a state Clinton needs to carry in November.

The June 15 rally was postponed due to the mass shooting at an Orlando nightclub. By the time the campaign and White House got around to rescheduling, Clinton aides said the landscape had shifted — they are now far less worried about bringing along Sanders voters and more interested in using the president to rally voters in one of the most divided general election battlegrounds.

Trump: Charges of anti-Semitism over tweet 'ridiculous'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump says Hillary Clinton's campaign is "ridiculous" to portray an anti-Clinton tweet that appeared to depict the Star of David atop a pile of cash as anti-Semitic.

In a statement issued by his Republican presidential campaign Monday evening, Trump suggested Clinton and her allies were using the matter to distract from her own recent campaign troubles.

Trump said the tweet portrayed "a basic star, often used by sheriffs who deal with criminals and criminal behavior,"

as part of an effort to convey that "Crooked Hillary is the most corrupt candidate ever."

It was the presumptive GOP nominee's most extensive comment since his official account tweeted — then deleted — the image Saturday, sparking uproar over its potentially anti-Semitic connotations.

Addressing the origins of the tweet for the first time, Trump campaign social media director Dan Scavino said in a statement posted on Trump's Facebook page Monday evening that he had lifted it from an anti-Clinton Twitter feed

and had never intended to offend anyone.

"The social media graphic used this week-

end was not created by the campaign nor was it sourced from an anti-Semitic site."

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News in brief

For Clinton, character questions likely to persist

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The FBI may have spared Hillary Clinton the worst in wrapping up its investigation into her use of email as secretary of state. But the way in which Director James Comey did so makes it unlikely criticism of her judgment and character will fade before Election Day.

Giving little indication he was about to clear Clinton of wrongdoing, Comey on Tuesday delivered a blistering assessment of the Democratic nominee's missteps in using a personal email account run on private servers.

The FBI determined Clinton sent and received classified information on her private email set-up, he said, contradicting her months of public assurances she had not. He added that agents found "several thousand work-related emails" that Clinton's attorneys failed to turn over, and went on to raise the prospect that people hostile to the U.S. had snooped on her account.

"Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of the classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information," Comey said Tuesday in a rare public airing of a months-long investigation.

When the moment came that Democrats have been waiting on for months — Comey concluding his remarks by saying "no reasonable prosecutor" would bring a case against Clinton — it almost seemed to be afterthought.

Oscar Pistorius sentenced to 6 years in prison for murder

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Oscar Pistorius was sentenced to six years in prison Wednesday for the murder of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, with the judge who decided the punishment calling the double-amputee Olympian a "fallen hero."

South Africa's minimum sentence for murder is 15 years but the judge said "substantial and compelling circumstances" existed to give Pistorius

a lesser sentence for shooting Steenkamp at his home in 2013.

Judge Thokozile Masipa described Pistorius as a "good candidate for rehabilitation."

Pistorius was asked to stand and face Judge Masipa as she announced his sentence in a courtroom in the South African capital, Pretoria. He was calm after the sentence was announced, embracing his aunt and tearful sister before being led down a courtroom staircase to a holding cell.

Steenkamp's parents, Barry and June, were also present in the courtroom, which was packed with relatives of both Pistorius and Steenkamp, journalists and other observers.

Islamic State pressured after Turkey tightens jihadi highway

GAZIANTEP, Turkey (AP) — Along the border near the southern Turkish city of Gaziantep, a wall of giant concrete blocks is going up as Turkey tries to seal off a region that for years was a jihadi highway through which thousands of extremist fighters flowed to join the Islamic State group in neighboring Syria.

Turkey has always denied permitting the movement of IS militants into Syria and insists it has been doing its best to stop the transit, even before construction on the massive wall began late last year.

Documents obtained by *The Associated Press*, however, tell a different story, showing a pattern of porousness along Turkey's 566-mile (911-kilometer-) long border with Syria that has been vital for the extremist group's expansion as it built its self-declared "caliphate."

The AP analyzed 4,037 "entry documents" logged by the Islamic State group for its fighters entering from Turkey into Syria between September 2013 and December 2014. Around three-quarters of them entered through three particular crossing areas.

Those fighters alone would make up between 25 to 40 percent of the estimated total of IS's foreign recruits, and they likely do not represent all fighters that entered through Turkey during that period. According to CIA estimates, IS had 20,000-31,500 fight-

ers by the end of 2014, around half of them foreigners. The documents were leaked to a Syrian opposition news site, Zaman al-Wasl, which provided them to the AP.

Muslims worldwide come to grips with a bloody Ramadan

BEIRUT (AP) — As Muslims around the world celebrate the end of Ramadan, many are struggling to comprehend a wave of attacks that killed 350 people across several continents during the holy month and made urgent the question of what drives the militants to ever more spectacular violence against civilians.

The diverse, high-profile targets — including one that struck the heart of Islam in the month's final days — underline the warnings of many experts: the Islamic State group, especially when on the defensive at home, will metastasize far beyond its theater of operations.

The extremist group has always sought attention and recruits through brazen terrorism. The projection of daring, operational competence and utter disregard for the norms of its enemies has proven a winning strategy among its disenfranchised and angry followers around the Muslim world.

But having lost the key city of Fallujah in recent weeks, capping a series of setbacks in Iraq, the group is pushing to project strength while also diverting attention from its battlefield humiliations.

"ISIS is waging an existential fight," said Fawaz Gerges, a London-based scholar of jihadi groups, using an alternate acronym for the militant group. "The future of the Islamic State is on the line, and it is trying to maximize the cost for its adversaries and also to inspire this particular segment of young men and women who subscribe to its ideology."

Britain, and Blair, await long-delayed Iraq War inquiry

LONDON (AP) — The official inquiry into Britain's role in the Iraq War is releasing its findings Wednesday, more than seven years after hearings began and 13 years on from the 2003

U.S.-led invasion.

Retired civil servant John Chilcot is due to publish his 2.6-million-word report on a divisive conflict that — by the time British combat forces left in 2009 — had killed 179 British troops, almost 4,500 American personnel and more than 100,000 Iraqis.

Iraq descended into sectarian strife after the occupiers dismantled Saddam Hussein's government and military apparatus, unleashing chaos that helped give rise to the Islamic State group.

The war has overshadowed the legacy of Britain's then-leader, Prime Minister Tony Blair. His government has been accused of exaggerating intelligence about Saddam's alleged weapons of mass destruction in order to build support for invasion.

Blair — who declined to comment on the report before publication — has always said his government did not invent or distort intelligence.

Trump praises late Iraqi leader Saddam as terrorist killer

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, who frequently criticizes U.S. foreign policy under President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, has praised former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's ruthlessness.

"Saddam Hussein was a bad guy, right? ... But you know what he did well? He killed terrorists. He did that so good," Trump told a campaign rally Tuesday night in Raleigh, North Carolina. "They didn't read 'em the rights, they didn't talk. They were a terrorist, it was over."

Trump has previously said the world would be "100 percent better" if dictators like Hussein and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi were still in power. Prior to the U.S. invasion, Iraq was listed by the U.S. as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Jake Sullivan, a Clinton senior policy adviser, said Trump's "praise for brutal strongmen seemingly knows no bounds."

Sullivan said such comments "demonstrate how dangerous he would be as Commander-in-Chief and how unworthy he is of the office he seeks."

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Pistorius sentenced to six years for murder



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By GERALD IMRAY

Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian described by a judge as a “fabled hero,” was sentenced on Wednesday to six years in a South African prison for the murder of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, in a ruling viewed by some as too lenient.

However, Judge Thokozile Masipa appeared to anticipate criticism of a jail term that fell far short of the nor-

mally mandated 15 years for murder under South African law, declaring: “Our courts are courts of law, not courts of public opinion.”

Pistorius, who shot Steenkamp through the door of a toilet cubicle in his home in 2013, was asked to stand and face Masipa as she announced his sentence in a wood-paneled courtroom in the South African capital, Pretoria. He was calm after the ruling, embracing his aunt and tearful sister before being led down a courtroom staircase to a holding

cell ahead of being taken to prison.

Later, a convoy of police cars with lights flashing and sirens wailing left a side entrance of the courthouse. In the convoy was a van with tinted windows, possibly carrying Pistorius.

The sentencing was the latest act of a three-and-a-half-year legal drama that has often played out on live television and shown the fall from grace of a runner once viewed as an inspiration to many for

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The Associated Press

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American League

Pitchers

Dellin Betances, Yankees
Brad Brach, Orioles
Zach Britton, Orioles
Wade Alex Colome, Rays
David Davis, Royals (Inactive)
Marco Estrada, Blue Jays
Cole Hamels, Rangers
Will Harris, Astros
Kelvin Herrera, Royals
Craig Kimbrel, Red Sox
Andrew Miller, Yankees
Danny Salazar, Indians
Chris Sale, White Sox
Steven Wright, Red Sox

Catchers

x-Salvador Perez, Royals
Stephen Vogt, Athletics
Matt Wieters, Orioles

Infielders

x-Jose Altuve, Astros
x-Xander Bogaerts, Red Sox
Miguel Cabrera, Tigers
Robinson Cano, Mariners
Josh Donaldson, Blue Jays
x-Eric Hosmer, Royals
Francisco Lindor, Indians
x-Manny Machado, Orioles
Eduardo Nunez, Twins

Outfielders

Carlos Beltran, Yankees
x-Mookie Betts, Red Sox
x-Jackie Bradley Jr., Red Sox
Ian Desmond, Rangers
x-Mike Trout, Angels
Mark Trumbo, Orioles

Designated Hitters

Edwin Encarnacion, Blue Jays
x-David Ortiz, Red Sox

National League

Pitchers

Jake Arrieta, Cubs
Madison Bumgarner, Giants
Johnny Cueto, Giants
Jeurys Familia, Mets
Jose Fernandez, Marlins
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A.J. Ramos, Marlins
Fernando Rodney, Marlins
Stephen Strasburg, Nationals
Noah Syndergaard, Mets
Julio Teheran, Braves

Catchers

Jonathan Lucroy, Brewers
x-Buster Posey, Giants
Wilson Ramos, Nationals

Infielders

Nolan Arenado, Rockies
x-Kris Bryant, Cubs
Matt Carpenter, Cardinals
Paul Goldschmidt, Diamondbacks
Daniel Murphy, Nationals
Wil Myers, Padres
x-Anthony Rizzo, Cubs
x-Addison Russell, Cubs
Corey Seager, Dodgers
x-Ben Zobrist, Cubs

Outfielders

x-Yoenis Cespedes, Mets
Adam Duvall, Reds
x-Dexter Fowler, Cubs
Carlos Gonzalez, Rockies
x-Bryce Harper, Nationals
Oubel Herrera, Phillies
Marcell Ozuna, Marlins

Final Vote candidates

American League

Ivan Longoria, Tigers
Evan Longoria, Rays
Dustin Pedroia, Red Sox
Michael Saunders, Blue Jays
George Springer, Astros

National League

Brandon Belt, Giants
Ryan Braun, Brewers
Jake Lamb, Diamondbacks
Starling Marte, Pirates
Trevor Story, Rockies



AP Photo/Michael Dwyer

Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus, right, scores on a double by Rougned Odor as Boston Red Sox's Sandy Leon waits for the throw during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

Texas ends losing skid

Choo, Chirinos homer to lead Rangers past Red Sox, 7-2

BOSTON (AP) — It didn't matter to the Rangers that the Boston Red Sox dominated the AL All-Star team, with six players making the roster — and the possibility of another — to two for Texas.

“No one's keeping score that (way),” Rangers outfielder Ian Desmond said.

“When the season is over, no one is going to look back and say that team had seven All-Stars or that team had two. It's going to be this team won the World Series and everybody else came in second,” he said after Texas beat Boston 7-2 on Tuesday night. “They can have seven. We can have two. It doesn't matter.”

Shin-Soo Choo homered on David Price's first pitch of the game, and Robinson Chirinos hit a three-run shot off All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel in the ninth to help the

Rangers snap a three-game losing streak.

Texas loaded the bases after Choo's homer and took a 2-0 lead in the first, then made it 3-2 when Elvis Andrus scored to break a sixth-inning tie. It stayed that way until Kimbrel came on in the ninth and failed to retire any of the four batters he faced.

“In 12 pitches, a lot happened,” said Red Sox manager John Farrell, whose team stranded 14 baserunners and went 2 for 16 with runners in scoring position. “We had ample opportunity, with runners on base in almost every single inning. A missed opportunity tonight.”

The Red Sox had the most players selected to the AL roster for next week's All-Star Game in San Diego, and second baseman Pedroia would make it seven if he wins the final vote. Texas had just Desmond and pitch-

er Cole Hamels.

“To have two — and only two — it speaks volumes to the team aspect of how our guys play,” Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. “If we're going to be limited to two, (it's) the right two guys.”

Price (8-6) threw 46 pitches in first two innings — 45 after Choo drove the first one of the game out to center. Texas loaded the bases on two singles and a walk before Prince Fielder struck out looking — drawing a mock cheer from Boston fans.

But the Rangers managed just one more run in the inning. Price settled down and the Red Sox tied it before Andrus singled and scored to make it 3-2 on Rougned Odor's double.

“He flipped the switch tonight in like the third or

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Mavs keep Dirk with two-year, \$40 million contract

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki's new contract will give the Dallas forward a chance spend 20 seasons with the only franchise he has ever played for.

The Mavericks and Nowitzki have reached agreement on a two-year, \$40 million contract, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday because contracts can't be signed until late Wednesday night Central time. Nowitzki will have a player option in the second year.

The person also said the Mavericks have agreed to a two-year, \$6 million contract with free agent guard Seth Curry, the younger brother of two-time MVP Stephen



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez, File

Curry.

At \$20 million per season, Nowitzki's deal is a significant raise for the 38-year-old, who opted out of the final year of a three-year, \$25 million deal that was a huge discount for the Mavericks. It helped them get Chandler Parsons in free agency two years ago, although he is leaving for a max deal in Memphis.

L.A. Lakers star Kobe Bryant was just the fifth player in NBA history to reach 20

seasons and he retired in April as the only one so far to do it all with one team. Tim Duncan of the Spurs is considering whether to return for a 20th season in San Antonio.

Last spring, Nowitzki said after another first-round playoff exit that he felt as if he had at least two more good seasons in him after leading the Mavericks in scoring for the 15th time in 16 seasons.

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Messi gets 21 months for tax fraud, won't get jail time

By CIARAN GILES

Associated Press

MADRID — A Barcelona court on Wednesday gave Lionel Messi and his father suspended sentences of 21 months in prison for tax fraud.

The court found both the Barcelona star and his father, Jorge Horacio Messi, guilty of three counts of defrauding the tax department to the tune of 4.1 million euros (\$4.6 million).

In Spain, sentences of less than two years for first offences are suspended, meaning neither man will go to jail.

The court also fined Messi 2 million euros and his father, 1.5 million euros.

During the four-day trial last month, Messi and his father denied any wrongdoing. Both said the player was unaware of the tax issues that led to the fraud charges.

But the state prosecutor argued that Messi and his father had failed to prove their innocence and were unable to show that the player did not have at least some knowledge of the corporate structures created to lower his tax burden in Spain.

Tax inspectors testified that they found evidence that Messi's father used companies in countries such as Uruguay, Switzerland and Belize to reduce tax on the player's income from image rights. Messi's father said he was told by a legal adviser that the practice was legal.

The sentence can be appealed.

Barcelona issued a statement in Catalan to “express its complete support for Leo Messi and his father.”

“FC Barcelona remains at the disposition of Leo Messi and his family to stand by him in any actions that he decides to take in defense of his honor and legitimate self-interest,” it said.

The 29-year-old Messi is Argentina's career-leading scorer with 55 goals in 113 international appearances. But he has lost three Copa America finals with Argentina (2007, 2015 and 2016) and announced his international retirement after last month's penalty shootout loss to Chile.

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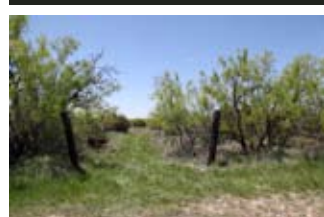
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ately 1 mile South and 0.5 miles East of the intersection of Highway 350 and Old Colorado City Highway, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. The TCEQ received this application on May 12, 2016. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the City of Big Spring, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720, and may be viewed online at http://www.team-psc.com/s1mi_permits.html. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.299166&lng=-101.430833&zoom=13&type=r>. For exact location, refer to application.

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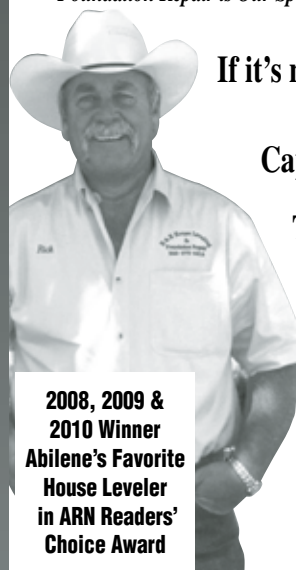
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the energy is off, everything else will be off, too. Do what it takes to get your mind, body and spirit into the right conditions for creating what you want. Even if this takes a few hours, it will be worth it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When the rituals you rely on to feel normal get interrupted, that shouldn't displace your entire sense of purpose. If it does, it's a signal to come up with a purpose that's stronger, with deeper roots.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you pretend

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). At the core of this day is an innate drive to create something unique from your experiences. After all, no one ever has or ever will walk this world in quite the same way you do.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you're involved in now isn't really a competition, though it may be presented that way. Furthermore, you can believe in yourself wholeheartedly without dismissing the efforts of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't help but speculate about what might have happened if you'd arrived on this scene a little sooner or a little later. This will inform your next move, but it won't change where you're starting from today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll probably feel more like dancing around the work than actually doing it, and that's OK, too. If you keep your eyes open while dancing, you'll notice something key that could change everything.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Given the

luxury of a long stretch of time, all the "maybe someday" things will be put off indefinitely, thereby remaining in that same category forever. Want it done? Give yourself a deadline and do it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't presume to know what the others are thinking or how they are judging the scene. One person's refreshingly entertaining enterprise is another person's been-there-done-that. You'll only find out by asking.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a true original, a totally unique presence in the world. So why do you feel like you're blending in, unheard and unseen? It's a distortion. Change the dynamic, and most importantly, change how you think about it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 6). Love in reciprocity will be the joy of this solar cycle. Of course you've loved and been loved back before, but there's something special about the way this occurs this year. Something you've waited for will be yours within 10 weeks. September brings the right teacher to develop your moneymaking muscles. Pisces and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 46, 5, 8, 21 and 10.

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person out of my mind that I'm not really in a relationship with in the first place? It's hard to get over someone when it's all in your head. I'm a Gemini, and so is she."

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Have you considered moving? Since your signs are ruled by Mercury it might help to think of this problem in terms of a daily habit. Seeing your neighbor's front door makes you think of her, and this sparks a series of thoughts that has been built upon and reinforced on a daily basis through the years. Not seeing her front door every day could fix everything.

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sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

		3	4	6				
1			8					
		5		8	3	1		
			6		9			8
4					8		5	6
8			3	1			2	
					7		1	
2				5	6		9	
				9	1	2	3	

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The common-sense viewpoint

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 5
♥ K J 8 3
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ K 4

WEST
♠ 9 4
♥ 10 9 6 2
♦ 4
♣ J 8 6 5 3 2

EAST
♠ K 10 7 6 3
♥ A Q 4
♦ 7
♣ A Q 9 7

SOUTH
♠ A Q 8 2
♥ 7 5
♦ K Q J 10 5 3
♣ 10

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 2 ♣ Pass 4 ♠
Pass 5 ♦

Opening lead — nine of spades.
A fine declarer plays most hands as if he can see every card in the defenders' hands. This knack of playing as if all the cards are exposed can be attributed to inferences declarer draws from either the bidding or the early plays by the defense.
To illustrate, examine this deal where declarer should make five diamonds even though he seems certain to lose a club and two hearts. Assume

West leads the nine of spades in response to East's opening spade bid. Since the nine is obviously West's highest spade, declarer knows that East holds the K-10, and he should put this knowledge to good use by covering the nine with the jack. Failure to do so would cost declarer the contract after East followed low to West's nine.

After South takes East's king of spades with the ace, he enters dummy with a trump, leads a spade, and finesses the eight. Next he cashes the queen of spades, discarding a club from dummy, and then ruffs his last spade.

The stage is now set for the kill. Declarer plays dummy's king of clubs, saddling East with the lead, and East has no recourse. He can return a heart to dummy's K-J, or he can lead a club or a spade, allowing South to discard a heart and ruff in dummy. Either way, East's goose is cooked.

Declarer's line of play is clearly marked from the start. East's opening bid virtually marks him with the ace of clubs, and West's nine-of-spades lead tells declarer that East has the K-10 of spades. All South has to do is to put this information to good use.

Tomorrow: The end justifies the means.

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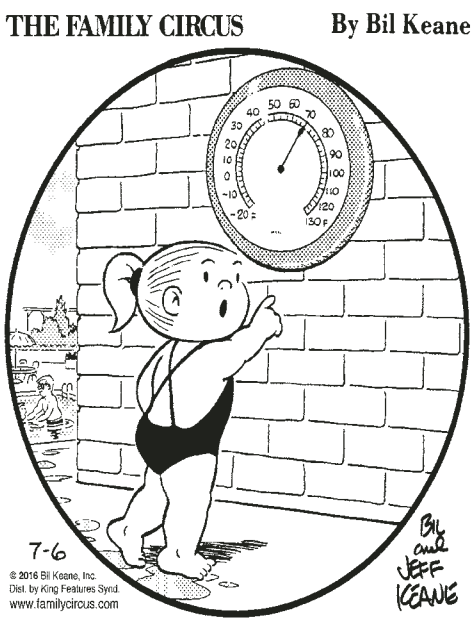
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"WELL, HOW AM I S'POSED TO KNOW? I CAN'T EVEN READYET!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"What time is it when the big hand is on 70 and there is no little hand?"

HAGAR



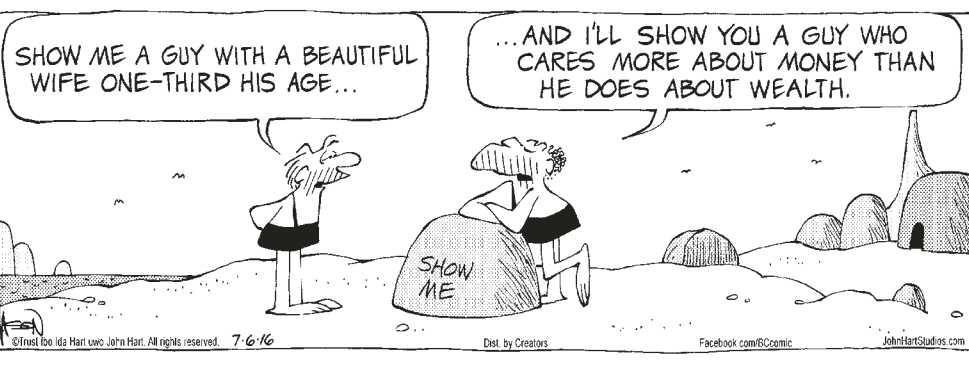
HELGA, IF I DIE IN BATTLE, YOU CAN LIVE OFF ALL THE MONEY I'VE MADE OVER THE YEARS!

BLONDIE



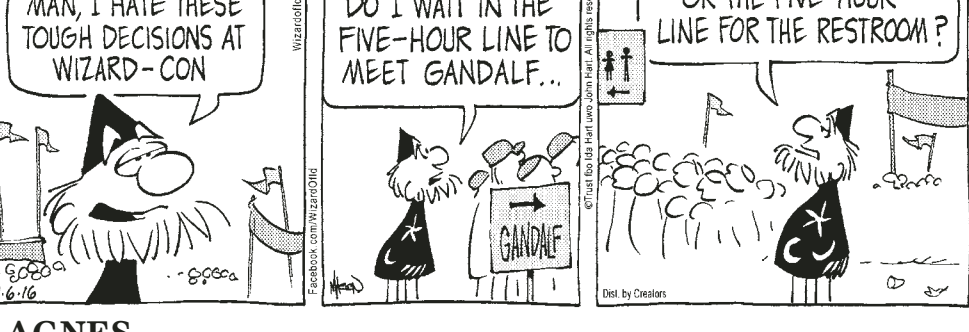
DO YOU REALLY THINK THE TAVERN OWNER WILL GIVE IT BACK?

BC



SHOW ME A GUY WITH A BEAUTIFUL WIFE ONE-THIRD HIS AGE... AND I'LL SHOW YOU A GUY WHO CARES MORE ABOUT MONEY THAN HE DOES ABOUT WEALTH.

WIZARD OF ID



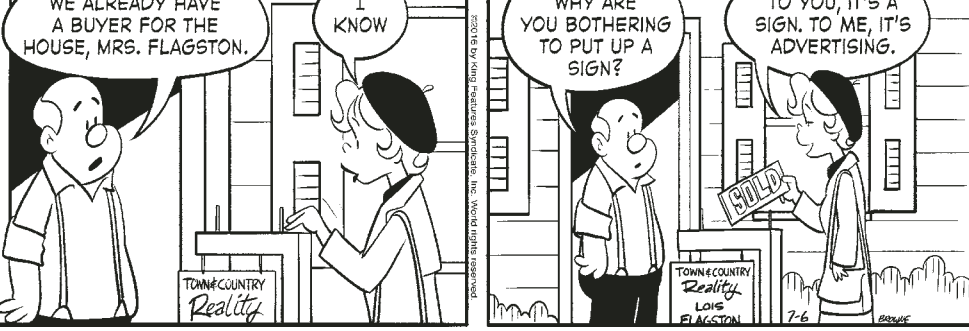
MAN, I HATE THESE TOUGH DECISIONS AT WIZARD-CON DO I WAIT IN THE FIVE-HOUR LINE TO MEET GANDALF... OR THE FIVE-HOUR LINE FOR THE RESTROOM?

AGNES



STEAMPUNK IS A NEW AESTHETIC BANDWAGON I'M CURRENTLY JUMPING ONTO. IT'S NOT JUST AN ART FORM. IT'S AN ENTIRE LIFESTYLE... I WEAR ONE-EYED GOGGLES NOW, TIGHT CORSETS AND VERY UNPRACTICAL BOOTS. THE CORSET LOOKS RADICAL! ISN'T THAT YOUR GRANDMA'S BACK BRACE?

HI AND LOIS



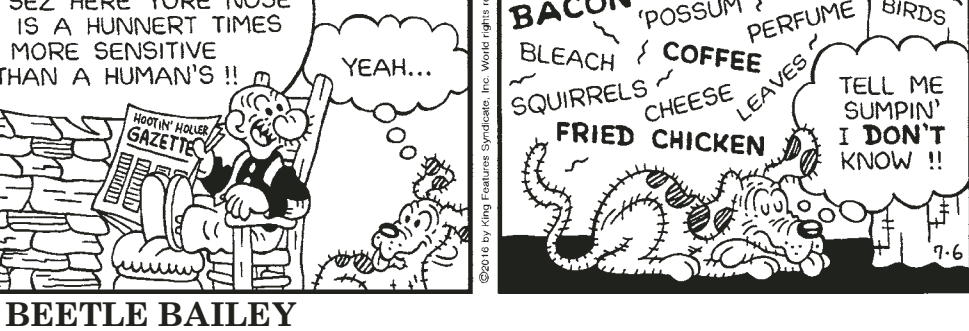
WE ALREADY HAVE A BUYER FOR THE HOUSE, MRS. FLAGSTON. I KNOW WHY ARE YOU BOTHERING TO PUT UP A SIGN? TO YOU, IT'S A SIGN. TO ME, IT'S ADVERTISING.

THE OTHER COAST



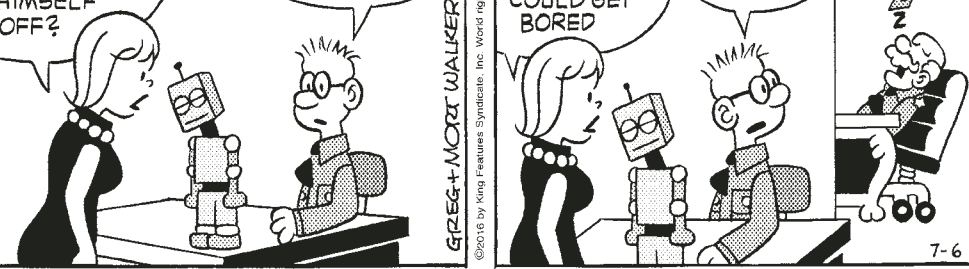
OK, DARYL, WHAT'S TEN TIMES TWO? UMM... I THINK THAT'S TWENTY. NOW ADD SIXTEEN. I THINK THAT WOULD BE THIRTY-SIX. DIVIDE BY TWO. NINETEEN? THAT'S IT, DARYL. YOU'RE THE WEAKEST MEMBER OF THE HERD. DID I SAY NINETEEN? I MEANT TWELVE! NO, SEVEN! THREE?

SNUFFY SMITH



WOW, OL' BULLET--SEZ HERE YORE NOSE IS A HUNNERT TIMES MORE SENSITIVE THAN A HUMAN'S !! YEAH... SOAP DIRTY SOCKS BACON 'POSSUM BLEACH COFFEE PERFUME BIRDS SQUIRRELS CHEESE LEAVES FRIED CHICKEN TELL ME SUMPIN' I DON'T KNOW !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



WHY DID YOUR ROBOT TURN HIMSELF OFF? HE'S BORED I DIDN'T KNOW ROBOTS COULD GET BORED THEY CAN HERE!

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 6, the 188th day of 2016. There are 178 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 6, 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut.

order establishing the Medal of Freedom. Nicaragua became the first nation to ratify the United Nations Charter. In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title as she defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2. In 1964, the movie 'A Hard Day's Night,' starring The Beatles, had its world premiere in London.

6-month stay aboard the station. Election officials declared Felipe Calderon (fay-LEE-pay kahl-duh-ROHN) winner of the official count in Mexico's disputed presidential race over Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (ahn-DRAYS' mahn-WEHL' LOH'-pez OH'-brah-dohr), who blamed fraud for his narrow loss. Five years ago: Jury selection began in the perjury trial of former baseball pitcher Roger Clemens, who was accused of lying under oath to Congress when he denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs during his career.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Degr. for many profs 5 Bring to the mix 10 Spherical hairstyle 14 Hand cleaner 15 Harry Potter foe Malfoy 16 Opera solo 17 Ripped (up) 18 Lived, for instance 19 ___ and rave 20 Visible between the cracks, say 23 Shape of a puck 24 Very long time 25 Before the deadline 28 Writing tablets 30 Hot-spring resort 33 Pointless to argue about 34 Waikiki's island 36 "It's my worry..." 38 Turning curious heads 41 Spout lava 42 Evaluate 43 Rebuke from Caesar 44 Actress Jamie ___ Curtis 45 Type like this: Abbr. 47 Letter sign-off 49 Dir. opposite NNW 50 Raven's relative 51 Doing one's best before it counts 58 Pastel blue 59 D'Artagnan's creator 60 Emu cousin 62 Religious offshoot

MOUNTAIN ECHOES by Billie Truitt

- 11 Herr's wife 12 Encircle 13 Solemn promise 21 One of the Kardashians sisters 22 O'Donnell of TV 25 Push forward 26 Black, in Bordeaux 27 Chef's hat 28 Little bottle, in Britain 29 First cousin's mom 30 Must-___ (recommended program) 31 Kindergarten stickergarden 32 Pianist Rubinstein 35 Taj Mahal city 37 Nontotalitarian countries 39 Reply to "Who's there?" 40 Blooms that smell like pekoek 46 Part of TLC 48 Distress call 49 Ice-hockey footwear 50 Move via gravity 51 Treaty 52 Prefix meaning "same" 53 "___ Lang Syne" 54 Revered expert 55 Tim Geithner, formerly 56 Dayton's state 57 Close by 61 Sleeve filler

Crossword grid with numbers 1-67.

Answer to previous puzzle: CARAT, CAGE, PAST, AMUSE, ATAD, UCLA, MEDIA, MOLD, PEAS, ONEACT, PLAY, PINT, HAUL, PETTY, PAMPERS, SPAT, ADIOS, BIRDSEED, RAMP, PIANO, HALE, EYECHART, HORSE, OARS, GROWLED, SCANS, DUET, CHIC, COMI, COPERA, RIDE, ERAS, VAPOR, EVER, DARE, EVICT, WEST, ELKS, NECKS



Courtesy photo

In Junior League Sectional All-Star play last night in Childress, the Big Spring All-Stars never trailed and came out on top of the Pecos All-Stars 15-13. They were led at the plate by Jordan Enriquez, who went 3-for-3 with two doubles, three RBIs, and three runs scored. He reached base all five times he came to bat. Joining in with the sticks were Jeremiah Johnson and Isaac Murillo who both went 2-for-4. Johnson had a triple in the seventh inning and three RBIs. Murillo got the win on the mound with relief help from JC Escovedo. The Juniors return to action tonight against Abernathy at 8 p.m. in Childress.

DIRK

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The 2007 NBA MVP essentially told a media outlet in his native Germany on Tuesday that he would retire with the Mavericks.

"I've always said that I'll end my career in Dallas," Nowitzki told the German news agency DPA in comments translated by the AP. "I've been here 18 seasons. It would be great if I can make it 20."

Nowitzki's future with the Mavericks was actually a legitimate question Friday, the opening day of free agency when Dallas struck out on its top targets for the fifth straight year. Nowitzki had said the only way he wouldn't return is if the Mavericks tried to surround him with unproven players.

But the Mavericks added three veteran starters in two days, including two-fifths of the lineup for the 73-win Golden State Warriors, who blew a 3-1 lead and lost the NBA Finals to

Cleveland. Dallas is set to add small forward Harrison Barnes on a max deal at four years and \$94 million. Barnes was a restricted free agent, but the Warriors will renounce the rights to him to make room under the salary cap for Kevin Durant.

Golden State also had to find a new home for Andrew Bogut after securing a commitment from Durant, and agreed to trade the 31-year-old center to the Mavericks.

The Mavericks will have three returning starters in Nowitzki, shooting guard Wesley Matthews and point guard Deron Williams, who has agreed to a second season with his hometown team on a

one-year, \$10 million contract.

Williams started Dallas' run of failures in free agency in 2012 when he decided to make the move with the Nets from New Jersey to Brooklyn. But he quickly joined the Mavericks on a \$5 million deal when the Nets bought him out last summer.

Nowitzki, the NBA Finals MVP when the Mavericks won the franchise's only championship in 2011, figures to become the sixth player in NBA history and seventh player overall to reach 30,000 career points next season. The 7-footer with the smooth jumper has 29,491 in 18 seasons, sixth on the NBA list and eighth with ABA players included.

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RANGERS

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fourth inning," Desmond said. "He threw the ball really well. I think in his case it was just a little bit too late."

Rangers starter A.J. Griffin left after four innings, and Cesar Ramos (3-3) pitched 1 1/3 score-

less innings for the win. Mookie Betts, Pedroia and Travis Shaw had two hits apiece for the Red Sox. Jackie Bradley Jr. homered for Boston, which had won two straight.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Rangers: Choo left the game in the fifth with lower back stiffness. ... 1B Mitch Moreland (right calf tightness)

was not in the starting lineup for the third straight game. ... With three starters on the DL, Texas called up RHP Jose Leclerc from Triple-A Round Rock and designated LHP Michael Roth for assignment. Leclerc, 22, has split time between Double-A Frisco and Round Rock this season and has never played in the majors.

PISTORIUS

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overcoming his disability. Both of Pistorius' legs were amputated below the knees when he was 11 months old because of a congenital defect.

He made history by running at the 2012 Olympics on his carbon-fiber running blades, and was one of the world's most recognizable athletes.

"He's a fallen hero, he has lost his career and he is ruined financially," said Masipa, who originally convicted Pistorius of manslaughter, a ruling that was overturned by an appeals court that instead convicted him of murder and sent the case back to her for sentencing.

In explaining the sentence, Masipa said there are "substantial and compelling circumstances" to show leniency toward Pistorius because he is a "good candidate for rehabilitation," is unlikely to commit another crime and had shown what appeared to be genuine remorse over Steenkamp's death.

Pistorius, 29, maintained he killed Steen-

kamp, a 29-year-old model and reality TV star, by mistake thinking she was an intruder hiding in the bathroom early on Valentine's Day 2013. Prosecutors alleged that he killed her intentionally after the couple argued.

Pistorius will be eligible to apply for parole after three years, according to legal experts. Prosecutors, who had asked that he be sentenced to 15 years in prison, can appeal for a heavier sentence but have yet to comment on whether they will do so.

"The family accepts the judgment," Anneliese Burgess, a spokeswoman for the Pistorius family, said outside the courthouse.

The Steenkamp family did not criticize the sentence.

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Red Leaf Salad with Candied Walnuts and Grapes

Prep time: 20-25 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 6-8

Nuts

1/2 cup sugar

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
6 tablespoons water
1/2 cup Fisher Walnut Halves and Pieces
1/2 teaspoon salt

Dressing
1/2 cup Fisher Walnut Halves and Pieces
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons walnut oil
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
kosher salt
cracked black pepper

Salad
1 cup seedless red grapes halves
2 medium heads Bibb or red leaf lettuce, washed, dried and torn into pieces
1 small head radicchio, cored, leaves separated and torn into pieces
1/2 cup shaved Parmesan cheese

To candy walnuts, line cookie sheet with parchment paper; set aside. In medium skillet, simmer sugar, cayenne pepper and water over medium-high heat until it turns golden brown, about 15-20 minutes. Stir walnuts into caramel using wooden spoon. Spoon nuts onto parchment paper and sea-

son with salt. Cool then pull nuts apart into smaller pieces.

Prepare dressing by placing walnuts in bowl of small food processor and pulsing. Add lemon juice, walnut oil, olive oil, a pinch of salt and some black pepper. Pulse to blend. Taste for seasoning and adjust as needed.

To assemble salad, toss dressing with grapes and lettuces. Top with candied walnuts and cheese.

Grilled Salmon with Spiced Almonds

Prep time: 15-20 minutes

Cook time: 20-25 minutes

Servings: 6

Yogurt Sauce
1 cup Greek yogurt
2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon paprika
kosher salt
1 small cucumber, seeded and small diced

Almonds
1/2 cup Fisher Sliced Almonds

1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 teaspoon curry powder
1/8 teaspoon paprika
1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
kosher salt

Salmon
2 3/4 pounds salmon, cut into 6-ounce portions
kosher salt
freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 large lime

To make yogurt sauce, whisk yogurt, red wine vinegar, dill, mint, cumin and paprika in medium bowl with a pinch of salt. Taste for seasoning and adjust as needed. Stir in cucumber. Set aside.

Heat oven to 350 F. Heat grill to medium.

In small bowl, toss almonds with olive oil, curry powder, paprika, cumin and a pinch of salt. Spread almonds on baking sheet and toast until golden brown, about 5-8 minutes.

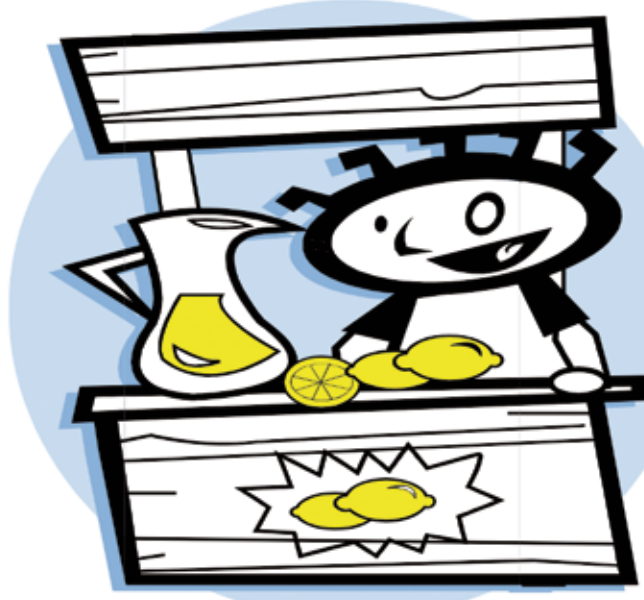
Arrange salmon fillets on baking sheet. Season fish on both sides with salt and pepper. Drizzle with oil. Place salmon on grill and allow to cook until fillets start to lightly char, 5-8 minutes. If desired, grill limes as well.

Use metal spatula to gently flip salmon. For medium well or well done, cook a few minutes longer.

To serve, remove fish from grill and transfer to serving platter. Sprinkle fish with a squeeze of lime juice and curried almonds. Serve yogurt sauce on the side.



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