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County treasurer retires, replacement appointed

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Howard County said "good-bye" to its longtime county treasurer at Monday's commissioner's court meeting, and welcomed a replacement, who will serve out the remainder of the current term.

"You were here for 20 years as assistant county auditor and for 18 years as county treasurer," Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman told retiring County Treasurer Teresa Thomas during the meeting. "Howard County thanks you for all of your years of service."

Turning to the other commissioners, Wiseman asked, "Do we need to vote on this resignation?"

"That would probably be four 'No's," quipped Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmy Long.

Precinct 2 Commis-



Thomas

sioner Craig Bailey finally bit the bullet and made the motion.

"It's with mixed emotions that I accept the letter of resignation," he said, before moving to accept. Precinct 1 Commissioner Oscar Garcia seconded, and the vote to accept was unanimous.

"We regret that we all accept your resignation," Wiseman told Thomas.

Judge Wiseman expressed her thoughts about the resignation following the meeting.

"To start with, we were very reluctant to accept Teresa Thomas' resignation, because she is a longtime, valued elected county official," Wiseman said. "She's been here for many years, and she's had a lot of challenges to meet. Now it's her turn to go travel and be retired, and just have a good time. So we're very pleased for

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HC gives Harvey relief

By ERIN STEPHENS
 Staff Writer

The Howard College board of trustees met yesterday to discuss various new and ongoing topics for this month. The director of information and marketing for Howard College, Cindy Smith, spoke about the Hurricane Harvey effort, which was the first special initiative item on the agenda. With help from donors and a student group at Howard College, a total of \$5,727 was raised for the

purpose of sending laptops and other items to students at Alvin Community College near Houston who were impacted by Harvey. The Big Spring Rotary Club and Howard College San Angelo Foundation were among the donors that con-

tributed, and each organization sent \$1000 to the hurricane relief effort.

"We asked our contacts if we could help in any other way and they said assistance was needed for upcoming holiday events like food and toy drives," said Smith. "These drives will be held at both ACC and in the community and we're still in the process of making decisions about how to help them."

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Sparks

Division 1 ratings

BSHS, CHS bands receive top scores



Courtesy photo, Tony Claxton photo (claxtonphotography.com)

The Big Red Band of Coahoma High School and the Big Spring High School Pride Drive band traveled to Abilene, Texas, Monday to compete in the UIL marching band competition. Both bands received Division 1 ratings at Wylie Stadium. Above, members of the Coahoma band celebrate in the stands. To the right, the Big Spring Band competes at the UIL Region VI Marching Contest.



CHS student helps stranded motorist

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - Sometimes heroes really do show up on their mighty steeds, or in this case a truck, to save the day.

One early morning last week, Brianna Rodriguez of Odessa, a photographer with Lifetouch, was heading to Coahoma ISD to take class pictures when her car had a flat tire along I-20 right at the Coahoma city limits.

Her colleague Jessica Ramirez was driving behind Rodriguez but unfortunately for the two neither had a car jack to help change the tire.

That's when Coahoma High School junior Colter Hutchings stepped in to help.

"He said he didn't like to see two ladies stranded on the road," Rodriguez said.

Hutchings was heading to high school along I-20 when he noticed the two young women on the side of the road by the broken down vehicle as

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Trump's refugee ban ends, new screening rules coming

By JOSH LEDERMAN
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's four-month worldwide ban on refugees ended Tuesday, officials said, as his administration prepared to unveil tougher new screening procedures.

Under an executive order Trump signed earlier this year, the United States had temporarily halted admissions for refugees from all countries, with some exceptions. The end-date

written into the order came and went Tuesday with no new order from Trump to extend it.

Refugees seeking entry to the U.S. will face what officials described as more stringent and thorough examination of their backgrounds, in line with Trump's "extreme vetting" policy for immigrants. The Homeland Security Department, the State Department and other U.S. agencies have been reviewing the screening process during the temporary ban.

The new screening procedures

were to be announced shortly, said a State Department official, who wasn't authorized to comment by name and requested anonymity.

Yet even with the ban lifted, refugee admissions are expected to be far lower than in recent years. Last month, Trump capped refugee admissions at 45,000 for the fiscal year that started Oct. 1, a cut of more than half from the 110,000 limit put in place the year earlier by

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Obituaries

Martha Ellen Millwee Dalton

Martha Ellen Millwee Dalton, 70, died Oct. 23, 2017, at her home in Garden City, Texas.

She was born in Hobbs, N.M., March 7, 1947, to Williford and Winifred Millwee. After graduating high school in Fayetteville, N.C., she married Stewart Dalton June 12, 1966, in North Carolina. They later moved to Big Spring while Stewart served in the United States Army and fought in Vietnam.

Martha is survived by her husband, Stewart Dal-

ton; three sons, Brian and wife Brigitte, Jimmy and wife Paula, and Tommy and wife Rachel; two brothers, Tom and wife Mary, and Billy and wife Beverly. She also had seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Take Note

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If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- 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 has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- 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 432-271-2138.

- 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. All Masons are welcome.

- 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,

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

- 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 (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MATTHEW ERIN STURGILL**, 20, of 1216 15th St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **RUSSELL LEE HENRY**, 39, of 801 W. FM 700 Apt. #15 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS**, 31, of 1409 Princeton was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **MISTY JO LASATER**, 32, of 1805 Mittel Ave. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4500 block of East FM 846 and in the 1000 block of S. Lancaster Street.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3600 block of S. Highway 87.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RUSSELL LEE HENRY**, 39, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **MISTY JO LASATER**, 32, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

- **KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **DOBIE LEE ROKUS**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **MATTHEW ERIN STURGILL**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

Support Groups

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.

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

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic 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

- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

- 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. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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her." The commissioners also approved Assistant County Treasurer Sharon Adams as Thomas' replacement. "Sharon Adams has been well trained and she's been in this office for many, many years, and she's well able to take the reins of this office," Wiseman said.

Adams will serve out the remainder of Thomas' current term, which has about a year and three months to go, Wiseman said. At the end of the term, she will need to stand for election to retain the post.

In other business, the council heard a request from Howard County Juvenile Probation Director Brenda Tubb regarding a renewal of a Teen Court for the area. Tubb said that she's obtained financial commitments from several local entities, but asked Howard County for a place to hold court rather than a dollar amount. Commissioners discussed the request for a brief time before agreeing to allow the Teen Court to meet in a courtroom at the Courthouse.

"We just wanted to make sure the details were taken care of before we went down that road, We just wanted to know how it was going to work, and what the county's commitment, financially especially, was to that," said Wiseman.

Commissioners also appointed Tubb as the County's representative on the governing board of the nascent Teen Court.

Commissioners also assigned County Engineer Brian Klinksiek to research a United States Department of Transportation Infrastructure Grant, which would provide money for street repairs.

"It may be tilting at windmills, but I at least wanted to take a swing," Klinksiek said of the possibility of getting the grant.

Commissioners had questions about whether the grant simply pro-

vided funds, or was a matching grant which would match money spent on the project by the county. Klinksiek, who has been out of town at a training session recently, said he hasn't had a chance to research the grant thoroughly, and was unable to answer that question.

"He spent a solid week at training," Wiseman said. "So he really hasn't had a chance to look at that. Now, since he has permission, he'll look into it and see what the different qualifications are and just try to see whether we can participate."

Wiseman said commissioners would probably have to hold a special meeting to respond to Klinksiek's findings.

"It sounds like it. I think he said the deadline is Nov. 3, and we do not have another regularly scheduled meeting before then," she said.

Klinksiek also presented a resolution about "Goal Zero Day," a day to promote awareness of road safety, to the commissioners.

"Goal Zero" refers to a goal of zero traffic-related injuries or deaths, if just for one day.

"We need (drivers) to observe six safe driving habits: Don't speed, wear your seatbelt, don't engage in distracted driving, put away your cellphones, do not engage in drinking or impaired driving, properly manage your fatigue," said Wiseman.

Commissioners unanimously designated Nov. 2 as "Goal Zero Day" in Howard County.

Commissioners also:

- Approved a resolution in support of Mobile Meals, and are seeking a grant which would match the \$2,800 the county donates annually to the Howard County Council on Aging for the Mobile Meals program.
- Met in closed executive session about personnel matters before returning to open session, where no action on the matters was taken.
- Approved a mineral lease bid, invoices, purchase requests, and budget amendments.



Photo/Coahoma Media

Coahoma High School junior Colter Hutchings, middle, stopped to help Brianna Rodriguez, right, after her car had a flat tire this Thursday morning. Also pictured is Jessica Ramirez, a colleague

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traffic whizzed by the scene at interstate speeds.

"I was passing by them, and I just had a feeling, so I got off on the exit ramp and drove back on the service road. I drove up on the grassy area."

After asking the two ladies if he could help, Hutchings then positioned his truck to traffic to protect the women from oncoming traffic.

"I'd rather they hit my truck than those two ladies," Hutchings said.

Hutchings helped to loosen the lug nuts holding the tire in place to help speed the process once Rodriguez could return to her vehicle to replace the tire. He also helped move Rodriguez's photography equipment from her car into the Ramirez's vehicle.

Hutchings has lived in Howard County for about seven years. Besides attending school, he is a member of the

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, works full time, and is also a competitive team roper in the rodeo circuit.

And Thursday was his 18th birthday.

When Rodriguez learned this, she offered to buy the young man a present.

"You don't own me a thing," Hutchings told her. "Just getting you going again is all that matters to me."

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Administrative dean of instruction and student services for the Big Spring area, Erin MacKenzie, led the discussion on the topic of instructional and student services updates. MacKenzie said she's working on making more eight-week classes available to students who may have missed registration deadlines or for those who may not be able to attend classes in a traditional time frame for some other reason. Recent meetings with Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan ISD took place in order to talk about how Howard College and school districts can come together to increase the amount of CTE course offerings available.

"We want to figure out what all we can do better and how Howard College can create more of a presence at local schools," said MacKenzie.

Performance measures and outcomes were read by Dr. Amy Burchett, vice-president of academic and student affairs. The annual security report stated that all crimes must be reported to students. Since 1992, it is a requirement for college campuses to report activities like hate crimes, violence against women, and disciplinary referrals.

Three years worth of data must be included in each report. A daily crime log must also be available at all times for law enforcement and/or federal agents. All fires must be reported as well and only one small grass fire was reported this year. Small class report findings are on a semester by semester basis and list all small classes. Graduate survey findings show results from Aug. 2016 to May 2017.

Approximately 208 graduates completed the survey.

"Overall we're 90 percent up in just about every category," said Burchett.

Looking at student population, the number of those who attended a university and came back to Howard College increased in 2016. Increase in students who indicated they're coming to school to improve their skills in their current job or to get a new job increased from last year too. More HC students are working at least part-time. 43 percent of respondents said they're working at least 10 hours and up to 40 hours per week. More respondents also indicated they want to further their education after attending HC. About 97 percent of students rated as higher in the availability of classes as well as the quality of staff categories. Perception of preparedness and overall outcome of experience was over 90 percent across all items.

Recognitions were read by Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks. Last Thursday, there was a pinning ceremony for those who received an associates degree in nursing. 16 students were pinned that day.

"The nursing program is doing a lot of great things," said Sparks. "Three differ-

ent hospitals attended the ceremony in hopes of hiring our grads."

Legislative updates were also discussed by Sparks. Senator Kel Seliger, advocate for increased funding for SWCID, attended a town hall meeting in Big Spring last week. There was serious review for special items for university and colleges in the state of Texas and SWCID is considered a special item. Seliger ensured SWCID remained a special item throughout the budgeting process because of statewide impact.

"At this meeting we had the opportunity to thank him publicly for everything he did for SWCID," said Sparks.

Texas House member Drew Darby, another SWCID advocate, will be in Big Spring for a town meeting sometime in early winter.

Additional item(s) on the agenda included:

- Coahoma ISD school board was selected as outstanding school board of the year in Texas.

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President Barack Obama. And the actual number admitted this year could be far lower than Trump's 45,000 cap, which sets a maximum but not a minimum.

The refugee restrictions were in addition to Trump's broader "travel ban" on people from several

countries. Courts have repeatedly blocked that policy, but largely left the temporary refugee policy in place.

Trump has made limiting immigration the centerpiece of his policy agenda. In addition to the travel ban, which initial-

ly targeted a handful of Muslim-majority nations, the president rescinded an Obama-era executive action protecting young immigrants from deportation.

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Media ignore real democratic scandals

Why the collective liberal media yawn on the multi-headed Democratic scandals surfacing everywhere except on their pages and airwaves?

It's not that the stories are too far-fetched and thin to interest self-respecting journalists, because they are real, damning and supported by sufficiently credible evidence to warrant serious attention and scrutiny.

There are the notorious Trump dossier, the Clinton-infected uranium bribery scandal and the prematurely drafted FBI memo to exonerate the most recently defeated United States presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, who, by the way, is still acting like a heat-seeking missile in search of just one plausible excuse for her loss. Let's look at these scandals in turn. The Obama administration was clearly spying on the Trump campaign during the presidential campaign, but was it based on good-faith evidence something untoward was occurring? Separate investigations are underway in both the Senate and the House to determine whether the administration relied on the so-called "Trump dossier" to obtain a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act warrant authorizing its "wiretapping" of Trump officials.

What's the problem with that, you ask? Well, you can't just throw things against the FISA wall to justify suspending Americans' privacy. The dossier is full of unsubstantiated information alleging elaborate connections between Trump and Russia — mouthwatering to Trump hunters but without calories. The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence issued a subpoena to Fusion GPS, the opposition research company behind the dossier, which was authored by former British MI6 agent Christopher Steele. Fusion GPS' attorneys asserted "constitutional privileges" on behalf of the company's executives in refusing to deliver the subpoenaed documents. Swell. The Daily Caller reports that Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley raised several "alarm-

ing" questions in an Oct. 4 letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray. Did the FBI present dubious information from the dossier to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to obtain the warrant? If so, this would be a "staggering" revelation, according to former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova — "a type of manipulation of intelligence data and false intelligence data to mislead a court" that could require "the empanelment of a federal grand jury."

Grassley also asked whether Steele used the same information from the dossier in his report to British intelligence. Grassley is rightly concerned that the British report, though allegedly based on the same bogus information as the dossier, might have been fraudulently presented as independent corroboration of the dossier. So far, the FBI hasn't responded to three letters from Grassley seeking explanations for these anomalies. Next, while the liberal media and the Democratic establishment shamelessly collude to find some scintilla of collusion between Trump and Russia to tamper with the presidential election, they've studiously avoided reporting on potentially real evidence of collusion between American officials and Russia. We've long heard allegations that the Clintons colluded with the Russians to enrich themselves at the expense of America's national security. But new evidence has emerged that may give this story some real teeth. The Hill's John Solomon and Alison Spann and Circa News reporter Sara Carter revealed that the FBI has acquired numerous documents, secret recordings, emails, financial records and eyewitness accounts allegedly proving that Russian nuclear officials caused millions of dollars to be paid to the Clinton Foundation and hundreds of thousands to be paid to Bill Clinton directly when Hillary Clinton was secretary of state. The State Department then approved the sale of 20 percent of America's uranium supply to Russia.

The Hill reports that the Obama administration was aware of these sordid transactions before it approved the deal to sell the uranium to the Russians in 2010: "The FBI had gathered substantial evidence that Russian nuclear officials were engaged in bribery, kickbacks, extortion and money laundering designed to grow Vladimir Putin's

atomic energy business inside the United States, according to government documents and interviews." All kinds of other evidence was obtained showing Russian officials had "routed millions of dollars to the U.S. designed to benefit former President Bill Clinton's charitable foundation" while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state. But instead of bringing charges, the Obama Justice Department continued investigating — while the administration gave away our nuclear farm.

Even in the unlikely event that there is some less-than-incriminating explanation for all this, who can deny this is real collusion that resulted in dire consequences for our national security? Yet nary a peep elsewhere out of the liberal media. It seems they're only interested in false allegations of Russian collusion that involves Republicans — not in real collusion that involves the Democratic royal family, the Clintons.

Finally, for now, based on FBI documents, we know that former FBI Director James Comey began penning draft statements exonerating then-Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton of criminal wrongdoing in the use of her personal email servers to host and transmit classified information before Comey had interviewed almost a dozen major witnesses, including Clinton herself. This is hardly a case of no harm, no foul, because in his announcement declining to bring charges, Comey declared that Clinton was guilty of egregious misconduct. He only declined to prosecute because he said the relevant criminal statute requires proof of criminal intent, which it manifestly does not and which exists anyway. Adding insult to injury, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is publicly defending Comey's disgraceful act of prejudgment in favor of Hillary Clinton.

Liberals are frustrated that Donald Trump is in charge of their coveted executive branch and that their efforts to discredit, incriminate and impeach him for alleged Russian collusion are in free fall. Now they're pursuing plan B: Trump is too crazy to occupy the office. Democrats know a good offense is the best defense and the best diversion against evidence of Russian collusion — actual tangible proof of wrongdoing rather than partisan fabrication.

Legal marijuana is becoming the norm

The war on drugs has been going on since 1971, and we have a winner: marijuana. Back then, possession of pot carried heavy penalties in many states — even life imprisonment. Today, 29 states sanction medical use of cannabis, and eight allow recreational use. Legal weed has become about as controversial as Powerball.

One sign of the shift came in Wednesday's debate among the Democrats running for governor of Illinois. The state didn't get its first medical marijuana dispensary until 2015, and it decriminalized possession of small amounts of pot only last year. But most of the candidates endorsed legalization of recreational weed, and one supported "full decriminalization."

Those positions are not politically risky, in Illinois or in most places. They're mainstream.

In 2016, Gallup Poll found that 60 percent of Americans supported full legalization — up from 36 percent in 2005. Given the choice, voters generally favor it. Nine states had cannabis initiatives on the ballot last year. Medical marijuana won in four states, and recreational pot won in another four. Only Arizona's recreational pot measure failed.

Next year should further erode pot prohibition. "Campaigns are underway in at least five states to legalize either medical or recreational cannabis," reports Marijuana Business Daily. It also notes that New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont could get recreational cannabis through legislative ac-

tion.

All this progress has occurred even though federal law bars possession and use — impeding normal commerce in states that permit dispensaries. Under President Barack Obama, the Justice Department chose to defer to states that allowed cannabis. But banks generally are leery of doing business with pot dispensaries, forcing many to operate on cash alone.

As a candidate, Donald Trump indicated he would follow more or less the same course as Obama. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, however, has been an implacable opponent of liberalization. He once joked — well, I assume he was joking — that he had no problem with the Ku Klux Klan until he "found out they smoked pot."

He appointed a task force on crime, hoping it would confirm his preposterous claim that Obama's laissez-faire policy was to blame for rising violence. But the panel report, which has not been made public, recommended sticking with that approach.

The case for full legalization becomes stronger all the time. One reason is that the disproportionate impact on African-Americans has gained more attention. Blacks are nearly four times likelier to be arrested for pot possession than whites even though there is no racial difference in usage.

Drug enforcement has been a major motive for stop-and-frisk tactics that have fostered resentment of cops among black men. Treating cannabis like beer or cigarettes would greatly curtail such encounters.

For years, opponents said legalization would lead to disaster. But as Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. noted, "A page of history is worth a volume of logic." We no longer have to rely on ominous forecasts. We

now have actual experience in states that have taken the leap, and the results refute the fears.

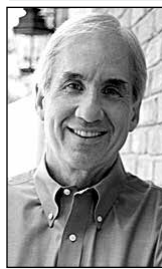
Studies show that after Colorado permitted recreational pot, there was no increase in adolescent use or traffic fatalities. In Washington, which voted for legalization in 2012, crime rates proceeded to decline. California found that when medical dispensaries closed, neighborhood crime didn't fall; it rose.

This year, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine found "substantial evidence that cannabis is an effective treatment for chronic pain in adults." That helps explain why states that allow cannabis have far lower rates of opioid overdoses. The simple reality is that marijuana eases suffering and saves lives.

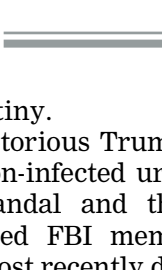
States with fiscal problems — Illinois being a prominent example — also stand to gain from allowing recreational pot. First, they don't have to spend so much money arresting, trying and incarcerating users and sellers. Second, they get a windfall from taxing a product that previously sold only on the black market. Washington's cannabis taxes bring in about \$250 million a year.

State governments can also expect savings in Medicaid and other health care programs as some patients opt for inexpensive cannabis over pricey prescription drugs. There are also financial savings for ambulances, hospitals and morgues when fewer people overdose with opioids — not to mention a lower toll in human misery and heartache.

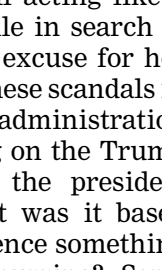
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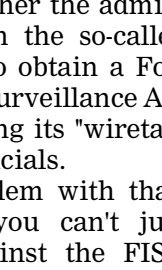
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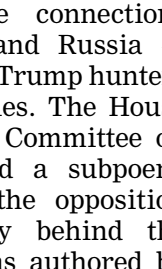
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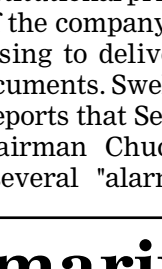
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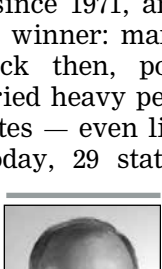
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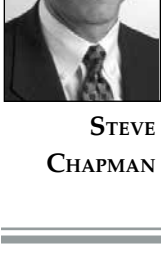
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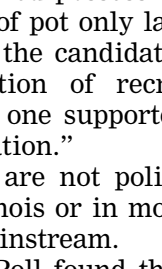
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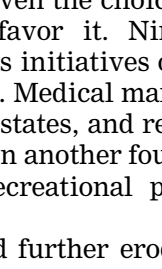
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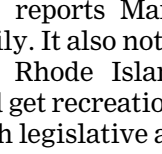
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Vegas rebranding shows difficulty of messaging after tragedy



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In this Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017 photo, T-shirts for sale with #VegasStrong hang at a gift shop at McCarran International airport in Las Vegas. Las Vegas has moved to rebrand itself after the Oct 1, 2017 shooting that killed 58 people and wounded hundreds of others. A salesman at the store said proceeds from the sales will go to an official fund to help shooting victims.

By ANITA SNOW

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — As volunteers streamed in to donate blood, doctors tended to the wounded and investigators scoured the scene of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, Las Vegas tourism officials moved quickly to protect their valuable franchise in a city where branding is everything.

"What happens here, stays here," the official slogan advertising agency R&R Partners developed in 2002, with a wink to naughty behavior, no longer seemed appropriate after the Oct. 1 attack that killed 58 people.

The city put that motto on hold, and the public agency charged with marketing Las Vegas went to work creating a new pitch for the tourist destination.

Initially, it unveiled messages that focused on how the community came together after the mass shooting, with average people joining first responders in helping victims.

A spot featuring a cityscape and the voice of Las Vegas native and retired tennis star Andre Agassi won praise for its sensitivity. "What is strength?" Agassi asks, playing off the #VegasStrong

slogan that exploded on Twitter. "Strength is valet parkers who become medics, mothers who become emergency responders."

The response has been more mixed to the TV ad that followed, showing just how difficult it can be for organizations to hit the right tone after a deeply tragic event.

It also underscores how a message that resonates with fans can fall flat with others.

That spot - shown nationally starting late last week on networks including ESPN, Fox Sports, Bravo, TNT, The Weather Channel and Travel Channel - features real-life social media messages posted after the shooting.

"NO ONE and NOTHING will stop me from going to Las Vegas," reads the first message.

"Will be there in 5 days," writes another Las Vegas fan.

Paul A. Argenti, a Dartmouth College professor considered a pioneer in corporate communication, said he was taken aback by the advertisement, which he saw during a televised sports event.

"It's a little too tacky to continue to promote tourism" two weeks after the attack, he said. "It's really something

for three months down the line."

Argenti said organizations risk consequential mistakes if they don't carefully consider messaging after tragic events. British Petroleum, maligned for its clumsy handling of the Deep Horizon oil spill in 2010, continued ads touting its "green" record because they were already paid for, he said.

Instead of national advertising, Las Vegas should consider "hypertargeting" people most likely to return, focusing on fun and excitement while avoiding even subtle reminders of the shooting, said Eric Schiffer of ReputationManagementConsultants.com, which specializes in cleaning up reputations.

"People move away from pain much faster than they move toward pleasure," he noted.

Top officials with R&R Partners and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority said they were certain their most recent ad hit the perfect pitch, and seemed surprised it raised eyebrows.

The posts they chose featured people "speaking out with their hearts," said Rossi



AP photo

In this Monday, Oct. 16, 2017, file photo, workers install a #VegasStrong banner on the Mandalay Bay hotel and casino in Las Vegas. Stephen Paddock opened fire from the hotel on an outdoor country music concert, killing 58 and injuring hundreds. Las Vegas' efforts to rebrand itself since the shooting show just how difficult it can be for organizations to hit the right tone after a deeply tragic event. The city put its famous "What happens here, stays here" slogan on hold, and its initial ad campaign after the attack won praise for its sensitivity. But a national TV commercial that features real social media posts from after the shooting is getting more mixed reviews, with some calling it tacky.

posts out there, there are a lot of people saying things just like that," said Arnie DiGeorge, executive creative director for R&R Partners. "That's a pretty universal statement."

"#VegasStrong" billboards and images of people donating blood were also recently included in a video assembled by a coalition of southern Nevada government officials and economic development agencies to demonstrate the city's resilience while promoting the region as a potential site for Amazon's second headquarters.

Las Vegas' rebranding began shortly after a gunman on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel casino opened fire on a country music festival below.

The visitors authority, charged with delivering nearly 43 million tourists to Las Vegas annually, quickly brainstormed with its ad agency for a new message to keep Las Vegas out front in a tasteful way.

"We felt it was still important for the town to have a voice," DiGeorge said.

MGM Resorts International, owner of the Mandalay Bay, also immediately shelved a slogan it unveiled weeks before: "We are not in the hotel business ... we are in the holy s — - business."

Ralengkotter likened the fan's insistence on returning to Las Vegas to people who won't let fear change their lives after a terrorist attack.

"If you look at the social Electronic billboards along the Strip that typically promote restaurants, concerts and a topless pool broadcast a phone number victims and their families could call to reach an assistance center.

They expressed appreciation for first responders, casino employees and visitors.

"We've been there for you during the good times. Thank you for being there for us now," one billboard message read.

After digital marquees throughout the city were briefly dimmed to honor victims, another new slogan appeared: "When things get dark, Vegas shines."

Retailers jumped in, selling #VegasStrong T-shirts for \$18.75 in airport gift shops. Proceeds from the shirts will go to an official fund to benefit victims, a shop salesman said.

In southern Nevada, where statistics show the leisure and hospitality sector accounts for nearly one-third of the workforce, government officials also embraced rebranding.

Clark County Commissioner Chairman Steve Sisolak, a Democratic candidate for governor, told reporters soon after the massacre it would be officially referred to as the "1 October" event. News releases and other county communications adopted that language, omitting the word "shooting" and calling it an "incident."

Haemoon Oh, dean of the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management at the University of South Carolina, said he has no doubt the city will recover as long as it focuses on healing and refrains from aggressive marketing.

"One distinct characteristic of the hospitality and tourism people and industry is resilience," he said. "The city will rebound, and people will regroup stronger."

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was closed. In all, he made five trips from his home in Nedrow, New York, to the camp — a distance of about 1,800 miles.

"When people came (to the camp), and they would see all these people in the middle of the Plains, miles and miles and miles out in the middle of nowhere, they would ask, 'Where did all these people come from?'" he said Monday. "We would point to this mile-marker post, and we would say, 'everywhere.'"

Michelle Cook, a Navajo who trav-

eled about 1,600 miles from Arizona to the camp, on Monday called it "an incredible moment of cultural and historical significance, not only for American Indian people, but for our country and the world."

"To have that monument be recognized and acknowledged and honored is incredibly important, to remember and to celebrate what was sacrificed by the people," she said.

The post will be the final piece of the exhibit that deals with the issue of treaties by "reaching way back in time and really bringing it to the present," museum spokeswoman Bethany Bentley said. It will remain on display through 2021.



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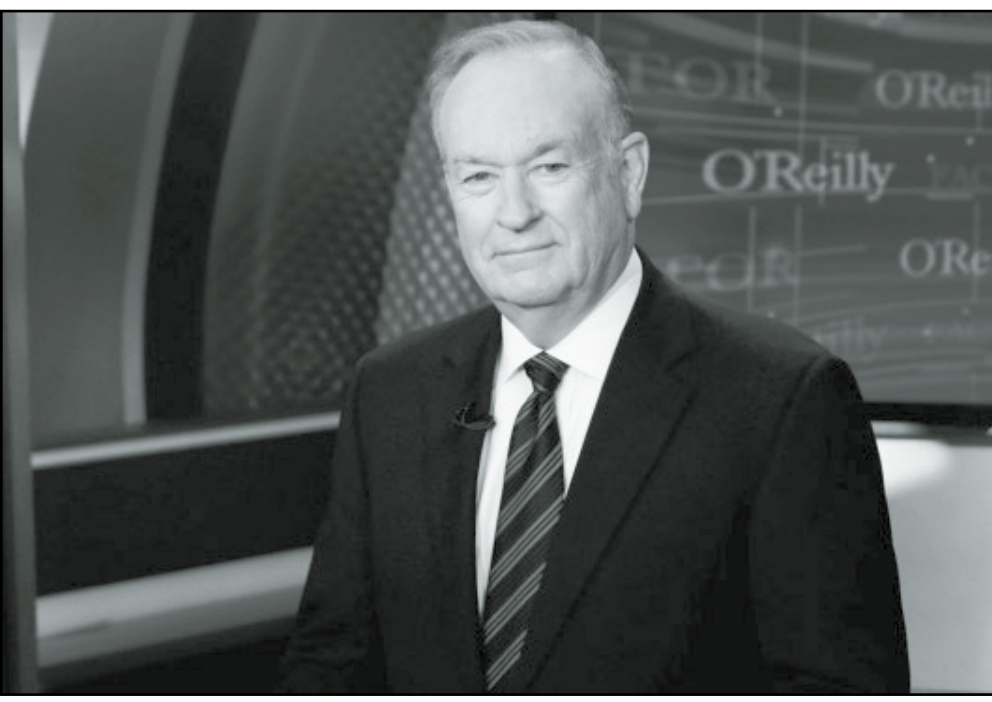
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Kelly on O'Reilly: Abuse, shaming of women has to stop



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This Oct. 1, 2015 file photo shows Bill O'Reilly of the Fox News Channel program "The O'Reilly Factor" in New York. The Fox News Channel says the company knew a news analyst planned to file a sexual harassment lawsuit against O'Reilly when it renewed the popular personality's contract in February 2017. The New York Times reported Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, the company renewed the TV host's contract after he reached a \$32 million settlement with the analyst.

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Megyn Kelly took on her former Fox News Channel colleague Bill O'Reilly in blunt terms on Monday, revealing she had gone to her bosses to complain about O'Reilly's behavior and saying the size of a newly revealed \$32 million settlement of harassment charges made by a Fox analyst was "jaw-dropping."

O'Reilly responded, in part, by posting a copy of a thank you note Kelly had sent to him for a gift given at a baby shower.

The New York Times reported that O'Reilly had agreed to the \$32 million deal to set aside allegations that include a nonconsensual sexual relationship with former Fox analyst Lis Wiehl, bringing to six the number of harassment settlements involving him. The deal was reached a month before O'Reilly signed a contract extension and three months before O'Reilly was fired because of publicity about the cases against him. O'Reilly has said he's done nothing wrong.

More than just an embarrassment that Fox had hoped was in its rear-view mirror, the story could have costly consequences. Fox's parent company, 21st Century Fox, is awaiting a decision by British regulators regarding its purchase of the Sky satellite television company, and the issue of Fox News' management is being considered.

Kelly, on her NBC show Monday, refuted O'Reilly's claims that no one had complained about him, saying Fox "was not exactly a friendly environment" for women who had stories to tell about abuse.

She said she went to Fox leaders Bill Shine, who has since resigned, and Jack Abernethy, who is now president of Fox News Network, after her memoir was published last November with her anger about O'Reilly's suggestion that people who complained about their treatment at Fox were disloyal. Kelly had written in her book about alleged harassment by Fox's one-time leader Roger Ailes.

"Perhaps he didn't realize the kind of message his criticism sends to young women across the country about how men continue to view the issue of speaking out about sexual harassment," Kelly said she

wrote to her bosses.

O'Reilly's attitude of "shaming women into shutting the hell up about harassment on the grounds that it will disgrace the company" is precisely how Fox got into the mess it was in, she said. Later Monday, she posted a copy of the email she sent to her bosses. "You've got a hell of a guy hosting that 8 p.m. hour," she wrote.

Kelly said she was told O'Reilly would be spoken to and, hours later, he said on the air that people who don't like what is happening in the workplace should leave or go to human resources. She said it's clearly not just Fox that handles the issue of harassment badly.

"This must stop," she said. "The abuse of women, the shaming of them, the threats, the retaliation, the silence of them after the fact — it has to stop."

O'Reilly and Kelly's shows once ran back-to-back on Fox's prime lineup. Now those time slots are filled by Tucker Carlson and Sean Hannity. O'Reilly, speaking Monday on the radio program hosted by another ex-Fox colleague, Glenn Beck, said he found Kelly's comment incomprehensible.

"I don't know why Megyn Kelly is doing what she's doing," he said. "I helped her dramatically in her career."

His website posted notes penned to O'Reilly by Kelly in 2009 and 2012. In one, she thanks O'Reilly for publicizing a book written by her husband. In the other, she thanks him for the "darling body suit and snuggly" given at a baby shower. "You've become a dear friend (no matter what you say) and I'm grateful to have you in my life," she wrote in the note.

O'Reilly also posted a note from Gretchen Carlson, whose lawsuit against Ailes led to his downfall.

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Study: NYC could see bad flooding every 5 years

By FRANK ELTMAN

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Within the next three decades, floods that used to strike the New York City area only once every 500 years could occur every five years, according to a new scientific study released just days before the fifth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy.

The study, performed by researchers at several universities and published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, primarily blames the predicted change on sea-level rise caused by global warming.

"This is kind of a warning," said Andra Garner, a Rutgers University scientist and study co-author. "How are we going to protect our coastal infrastructure?"

The researchers based their analysis on multiple models that factored in predictions for sea level rise and possible changes in the path of future hurricanes.

Many of the models had a dose of good news for the nation's largest city:

Climate changes may mean that storms are more violent, but are also likely to swing further off-shore, meaning storm surge heights aren't likely to increase substantially through 2300.

However, rising sea

levels could mean that floods of 7.4 feet (2.25 meters) or more that struck the New York City area roughly once every 500 years before 1800, and which occur roughly every 25 years now, could happen once every five years between 2030 and 2045.

Researchers made no recommendations on what public officials or others should do to prepare.

"The idea is this kind of study we hope will provide information that people making those kinds of decisions can use," Garner said. "We know that when Sandy hit in 2012, of course, subways, tunnels flooded, power was knocked out, parts of the city were just really devastated so studies like this provide some warning."

Other researchers included scientists from Penn State University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

The researchers said there is scientific consensus that global sea level will rise in the coming centuries, although it is not certain how high.

They cautioned that sea-level rise at New York City could exceed 8 feet by the end of the century if, in a

high-emissions future, the West Antarctic ice sheet rapidly melts.

The study expects about 5 inches to 11 inches (12.7 centimeters to 27.9 centimeters) of sea-level rise likely in New York City between 2000 and 2030.

The study examined sea level rise through the year 2300.

"I think the study is valid, but year 2300 is a long way off," said Billy Sweet, an oceanographer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who was not involved in it. "What is more certain is the amount of sea level rise likely to occur in the next 50 to 100 years or so and that storm surges from nor'easters and hurricanes will continue to pose a risk for New York City."

Hurricane Sandy merged with two other weather systems into an unusual storm that devastated the ocean-front coastline and caused catastrophic flooding in New York and cities in New Jersey on Oct. 29, 2012.

It was blamed for at least 182 deaths and \$65 billion in damage in the U.S.

State and city officials in New York say they are planning numerous projects to guard against future flooding, including fortifying utilities and transit facilities, and note other projects are still in the design stage.



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New York attorney general launches probe of Weinstein Co.

By DAVID KLEPPER

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced a civil rights investigation on Monday into The Weinstein Co. following sexual harassment and assault allegations against its co-founder, Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein.

As part of the investigation, the prosecutor's office issued a subpoena seeking company records on harassment complaints and legal settlements to determine whether any civil rights and anti-discrimination laws were broken.

"No New Yorker should be forced to walk into a workplace ruled by sexual intimidation, harassment or fear," said Schneiderman, a Democrat. "If sexual harassment or discrimination is pervasive at a company, we want to know."

The New York City-based company fired Weinstein on Oct. 8 after The New York Times and The New Yorker exposed allegations of sexual assault and harassment spanning decades.

More than three dozen women, including Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie, have publicly accused the entertainment mogul of abuse. Weinstein has denied allegations of non-consensual sex.

A woman who answered the phone in The Weinstein Co.'s media relations office said the company had no comment on the subpoena or news of the investigation.

Police in Los Angeles, New York City and London are also investigat-

ing Harvey Weinstein over allegations of sex abuse in those cities.

The Oscar winner was expelled from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and the Producers Guild of America has started the process of expelling him.

The allegations have prompted calls in Albany to use the power of the state to crack down on harassment. Democratic Assemblywoman Nily Rozic of Queens proposed legislation that would make designers, photographers, retailers and others liable for harassment experienced by models.

Another lawmaker, Democratic Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal of Manhattan, proposed legislation that would make companies ineligible for state tax incentives if they fail to address chronic harassment problems in the workplace.

Also Monday, ABC News said Ashley Judd will talk to anchor Diane Sawyer for Judd's first TV interview since the actress-activist went public with allegations against Weinstein. The interview will air Thursday on ABC News platforms including "Good Morning America" and "Nightline."

Judd has described an incident two decades ago in which she said he invited her to his hotel room, greeted her wearing a bathrobe and asked if she would watch him shower.

In more Weinstein fallout, a fired Nickelodeon producer facing allegations of sexual harassment expressed regret over his behavior. Chris Savino, creator of the animated series "The Loud House," posted the apology Monday on his Facebook page.



AP photo

In this Jan. 8, 2017 file photo, Harvey Weinstein arrives at The Weinstein Company and Netflix Golden Globes afterparty in Beverly Hills, Calif. New York state's top prosecutor has launched a civil rights investigation into The Weinstein Co. following sexual assault allegations against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced the probe Monday. His office says it issued a subpoena seeking all company records.

"I am deeply sorry and I am ashamed," he wrote. "Although it was never my intention, I now understand that the impact of my actions and communications created an unacceptable environment."

Savino has been accused of sexual harassment by up to 12 women, ac-

ording to the website Cartoon Brew, which reports on animation industry news.

Last week, Nickelodeon said it took allegations of misconduct seriously and that Savino was no longer working with the children's TV channel.

Police: Church shooting suspect noted 'visions,' 'voices'



AP photo

Nashville Police Detective Steve Jolley testifies during a preliminary hearing for Emanuel Kidega Samson in general sessions court Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, in Nashville, Tenn. Samson is accused of fatally shooting one person and wounding others at a Tennessee church on September. Jolley said Samson told him he heard voices and had visions.

By JONATHAN MATTISE

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The man accused of fatally shooting a woman and wounding six other people at a Tennessee church last month told police he heard voices and had visions, including an image of that particular

church, a detective testified in court Monday.

Nashville Police Detective Steve Jolley said 25-year-old Emanuel Kidega Samson wouldn't say much else about his vision of Burnette Chapel Church of Christ, when pressed by police during an interview.

"He was just very vague and he didn't re-

ally elaborate on anything," Jolley said at a hearing in Davidson County General Sessions Court.

A judge sent Samson's case to a grand jury Monday. Samson didn't appear for the hearing.

Jolley also acknowledged that a note found in Samson's car made reference to a white su-

premacist's 2015 massacre at a South Carolina black church, a detail that The Associated Press first reported.

The note found on the dashboard read something like, "Dylann Roof was less than nothing," Jolley said.

"It was really kind of just vague," Jolley said.

All of the victims in Nashville were white, but it's still not clear whether Samson specifically targeted them based on their race.

Jolley said Samson downplayed the role of race to detectives.

"I asked him specifically and he said that he didn't give much thought to race," Jolley said. "I think he also said the same thing about religion. So he didn't indicate to me any particular thing for motivation."

Samson said nothing in the interview about the fact that he had attended the church previously, only commenting that he might have delivered pizzas there, Jolley said. Samson also told Jolley he was just

tired of driving on the day of the shooting, the detective added.

Though he was otherwise mostly stoic, Samson broke down in tears at one point when another detective asked him about hurt and pain, according to the detective.

Samson said he remembered shooting outside the church, but didn't recall shooting inside and wasn't shooting at anyone in particular, Jolley said.

Samson is charged with murder in the Sept. 24 attack at the Nashville church. The Sunday shooting rampage killed 38-year-old Melanie L. Crow of Smyrna, Tennessee.

The FBI and U.S. attorney's office in Nashville quickly opened a civil rights investigation into the shooting.

The judge also heard testimony from Robert Caleb Engle, the 22-year-old church member hailed as a hero in the attack.

During the shooting, Engle said he twice confronted the gunman,

who was wearing a tactical vest and a motorcycle-style mask with a clown smile on it. Engle said he grabbed the shooter's arm, at which point he pistol whipped the churchgoer three times in the head.

Later, Engle said he stood up in front of the shooter, whose gun then turned to target him. Engle said he pushed the gun back onto the shooter and a shot fired, striking the gunman and sending him to the ground.

Engle said his father kicked the gun away, stood on the shooter's hand and told Engle to go get his gun out of his truck.

Engle came back with his weapon, put his foot on the shooter's back and stood guard until first responders arrived.

According to police records, Samson struggled to hold a job and had a volatile relationship with a woman that twice involved police this year, and also had expressed suicidal thoughts in June.

KELLY

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She's been critical of O'Reilly, and of Fox allowing Hannity to bring him back on the air for an interview recently. In the undated note to O'Reilly, she wrote, "thank you for being my friend."

Carlson's response on Twitter to the note: "So what. Still paid \$32M."

"If you still want to think I'm

a bad guy, go ahead," O'Reilly told Beck. He said the Times' story about the Wiehl case was designed to get keep him out of the marketplace.

"This is an attack on an American citizen, me, for political purposes," he said. "It has done enormous damage to me and my family. It is a horror show and should never happen in this country."

On her show, Kelly said she's still being victimized by Fox. She said Fox's powerful

public relations chief Irena Briganti is "known for her vindictiveness" and "to this day, she pushes negative articles on certain Ailes accusers, like the one you are looking at right now."

Briganti was not at work Monday. 21st Century Fox issued a statement saying Briganti was "a valued colleague and she has our full support."

Kelly also interviewed former Fox

anchor Juliet Huddy on her show. Huddy, who appeared with her lawyer Doug Wigdor, also settled harassment claims against O'Reilly, and said she wrestled with the idea of signing non-disclosure agreements. The one she signed prevented Huddy from giving any details about her case against O'Reilly. She said she struggled with

the concept, knowing that it would help other women who feel abused if they knew there were others out there like them.

Huddy said she still isn't working in the broadcast business after leaving Fox.

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Late show: MLB postseason games stretch to record length

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

LOS ANGELES — Don't be surprised if you doze off during one of these World Series games, wake up and discover they're not even at the seventh-inning stretch.

With managers and pitching coaches walking to the mound earlier and more often in another postseason of record game times, Justin Verlander is the lone throwback.

Verlander pitched the only complete game during the playoffs, when the average time of a nine-inning game stretched to a sometimes thrilling but often annoying 32 minutes, up seven minutes from last year and 18 from 2015.

"There are the outliers, there are guys like me who can still go deep in games," the Houston ace said as he prepared to start Game 2 against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday night.

When the Dodgers last were in the World Series, Orel Hershiser pitched a pair of complete games against Oakland, a three-hit shut-out in Game 2 that took 2:30 and a four-hitter in the Game 5 finale that lasted 2:51.

The average time of a nine-inning postgame has not been below three hours since 1990, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Attribute the elongated action — or inaction — to mushrooming

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In this Oct. 9, 2017, file photo, Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch, third from left, gives the ball to pitcher Justin Verlander (35) for his very first Major League relief appearance during the fifth inning in Game 4 of baseball's American League Division Series against the Boston Red Sox, in Boston.

AP photo

Warriors-Mavericks, Box



AP photo

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) watches his shot fall good against Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) of Germany during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Monday, Oct. 23, 2017.

GOLDEN STATE (133)

Durant 9-15 3-4 25, Green 4-8 1-1 10, Pachulia 1-3 0-0 2, St. Curry 7-15 13-13 29, Thompson 9-16 0-0 21, Casspi 0-0 0-0 0, Young 4-8 1-1 13, Bell 3-3 0-1 6, West 2-3 0-0 4, McGee 1-2 4-6 6, Livingston 4-5 0-0 8, McCaw 0-1 0-0 0, Iguodala 4-7 0-0 9. Totals 48-86 22-26 133.

DALLAS (103)

Matthews 7-13 2-2 19, Barnes 6-15 1-3 13, Nowitzki 4-12 3-4 11, Smith Jr. 3-11 4-10 10, Ferrell 3-8 4-4 13, Finney-Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Powell 4-10 1-1 10, Kleber 1-1 0-0 2, Noel 3-7 2-2 8, Withey 1-2 1-2 4, Barea 6-14 0-2 13, Clavell 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 38-96 18-30 103.

Golden State 40 25 34 34-133

Dallas 24 38 22 19-103

3-Point Goals - Golden State 15-39 (Durant 4-6, Young 4-7, Thompson 3-9, St. Curry 2-10, Green 1-3, Iguodala 1-4), Dallas 9-29 (Ferrell 3-5, Matthews 3-7, Withey 1-2, Powell 1-3, Barea 1-4, Finney-Smith 0-1, Clavell 0-2, Smith Jr. 0-2, Barnes 0-3).

Fouled Out - none

Rebounds - Golden State 50 (Durant 8), Dallas 42 (Nowitzki, Barnes, Noel 7).

Assists - Golden State 33 (Green, St. Curry 8), Dallas 21 (Barea 8).

Total Fouls - Golden State 23, Dallas 20.

Technical - Golden State coach Warriors (Defensive three second), Dallas coach Mavericks (Delav of game). A 19.875 (19.200).

Raptors-Spurs, Box



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge (12) shoots around Toronto Raptors center Jonas Valanciunas (17) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, in San Antonio. San Antonio won 110-82.

TORONTO (97)

Powell 2-7 2-2 6, Ibaka 5-10 1-2 13, Nogueira 1-4 2-2 4, Lowry 3-11 0-0 8, DeRozan 10-20 6-9 28, Miles 4-9 2-2 13, Anunoby 2-5 0-0 4, Poeltl 4-5 2-3 10, Wright 1-4 2-2 4, VanVleet 2-5 2-2 7. Totals 34-80 19-24 97.

SAN ANTONIO (101)

Anderson 4-9 2-4 10, Aldridge 7-16 6-7 20, Gasol 0-6 1-2 1, Murray 6-12 4-6 16, Green 6-15 2-3 17, Gay 5-8 0-0 11, Lauvergne 4-9 1-1 9, Mills 3-6 0-0 6, Forbes 1-1 0-0 2, Ginobili 4-8 0-0 9, Paul 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-90 16-23 101.

Toronto 23 27 24 23-97

San Antonio 21 29 25 26-101

3-Point Goals - Toronto 10-38 (Miles 3-7, DeRozan 2-5, Ibaka 2-6, Lowry 2-8, VanVleet 1-2, Nogueira 0-2, Anunoby 0-2, Powell 0-3, Wright 0-3), San Antonio 5-20 (Green 3-8, Gay 1-2, Ginobili 1-2, Gasol 0-1, Aldridge 0-1, Lauvergne 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Murray 0-1, Mills 0-3).

Fouled Out - Ibaka.

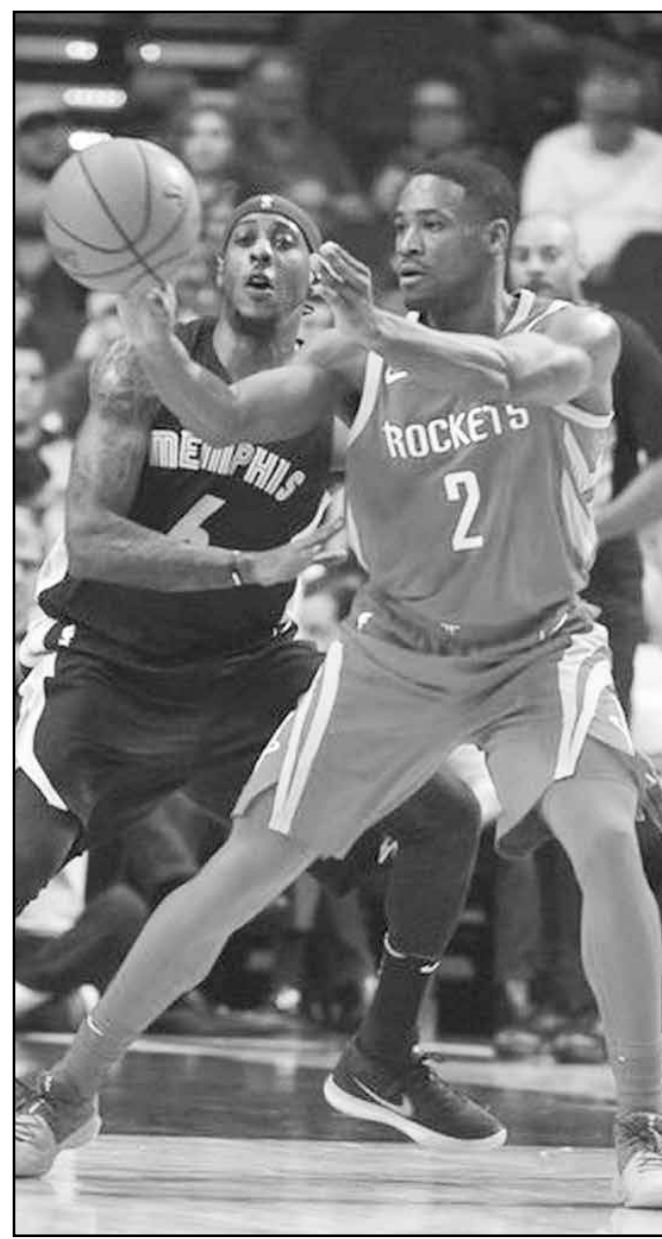
Rebounds - Toronto 33 (Poeltl 12), San Antonio 56 (Murray 15).

Assists - Toronto 17 (DeRozan, Powell, Wright 4), San Antonio 19 (Murray 6).

Total Fouls - Toronto 30, San Antonio 22.

Technical - Ibaka, Aldridge. A 18.418 (18.418).

Grizzlies-Rockets, Box



AP photo

Houston Rockets guard Demetrius Jackson (2) passes in front of Memphis Grizzlies Mario Chalmers (6) in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, in Houston.

MEMPHIS (98)

Martin 5-9 0-0 11, Ennis III 4-8 6-7 14, Gasol 8-15 10-10 26, Conley 3-10 9-9 17, Harrison 1-3 2-2 4, Brooks 1-2 1-2 3, Parsons 1-5 2-2 5, Wright 1-2 0-0 2, Chalmers 3-7 4-4 11, Evans 2-7 0-1 5. Totals 29-68 34-37 98.

HOUSTON (90)

Ariza 0-5 2-2 2, Anderson 2-7 0-0 5, Capela 7-9 0-0 14, Harden 8-20 4-8 22, Gordon 8-20 6-7 27, Tucker 1-6 0-0 3, Nene 4-6 1-1 9, Mbah a Moute 2-4 4-5 8, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-77 17-23 90.

Memphis 24 26 20 28-98

Houston 26 31 19 14-90

3-Point Goals - Memphis 6-19 (Conley 2-5, Evans 1-2, Martin 1-2, Chalmers 1-2, Parsons 1-2, Brooks 0-1, Harrison 0-2, Gasol 0-3), Houston 9-38 (Gordon 5-15, Harden 2-8, Anderson 1-4, Tucker 1-6, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Ariza 0-4).

Fouled Out - none

Rebounds - Memphis 38 (Ennis III 11), Houston 39 (Tucker 8).

Assists - Memphis 16 (Chalmers, Conley 4), Houston 25 (Harden 8).

Total Fouls - Memphis 21, Houston 31.

Technical - Chalmers, Houston coach Rockets (Defensive three second), Nene, Harden. A 17.129 (18.055).

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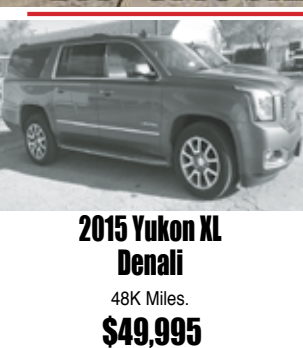
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Annie's Mailbox

Diet or Exercise?

Dear Annie: I have three childhood friends who also still live in the area where we grew up, and we get together for lunch or dinner every month or two. The most recent time we got together, one of my friends talked about being on a low-carb diet and losing a lot of weight. I personally started exercising at a young age and have been working out my whole life. I mix it up and at times have been a runner, weightlifter, swimmer and even yoga student. The point is that I love to exercise and can see that it makes me feel and look younger than most people my age. I am not skinny and have a little padding on my body, but I am not what you'd call fat. We are in our 40s, and my friend who

lost weight by cutting down on carbs looked straight at me and said to the group, "Exercise is only good for 20 percent of weight loss, while diet is 80 percent." One of our other friends asked me whether I agree, and I said I don't know. "I really enjoy exercise and have never really had to focus on weight loss," I said. But they all seemed to agree that diet is much more important than exercise. It doesn't feel right to me, so I'm curious to hear what the truth is. -- Loving My Workouts

Dear Loving Workouts: Weight loss and fitness are not necessarily the same thing. The odds are good that your friend will regain some of that lost weight once he or she starts eating carbohydrates again, whereas it is likely that you will stay youthful and energetic

with all your exercise. I would rather be a little chubby but fit from exercise than be thin from dieting but out of shape inside. It's true that burning enough calories to lose weight requires much more exercise than the average person is willing to do, so in that sense, diet could be 80 percent of weight loss and exercise 20 percent. But if good health and overall fitness are your goals, a balance of the two makes sense. New studies also show that getting at least eight hours of sleep a night is equally important for weight loss and good health.

Dear Annie: My husband and I moved in to a new apartment complex several months ago, and our downstairs neighbors are crazy. The adults yell and scream, and the kid down there cries. This goes on

almost every day. We called public safety, and when that didn't result in any changes, we called Child Protective Services. Still nothing. They still scream and yell; the kid still constantly cries. It's to the point where we want to move, but we're financially unable to. We don't know what to do. -- Fed Up in the Upper Peninsula

Dear Fed Up: Call 911 instead. This will ensure that officers come out to the house and can assess the child's home situation.

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♥ K Q 7 6
♦ J 8
♣ K 6

WEST
♠ 6 2
♥ 8
♦ 10 7 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9 8 3

EAST
♠ 7
♥ A 9 3 2
♦ A Q 9 5
♣ 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 4
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ K 3
♣ A Q

The bidding:
South 1♠
West Pass
North 3♠*
East Pass

* forcing
Opening lead — eight of hearts.

Let's say you're East and partner leads the eight of hearts against four spades. Declarer plays the queen from dummy, which you win with your ace. What would you play next?

It's obvious you can't expect to beat the contract on high cards alone. Dummy's 14 points and your 10, added to those indicated by South's

opening bid, don't leave much for partner to hold. He might have the king of diamonds or ace of clubs, but surely not both. You therefore can't reasonably hope to stop four spades unless West's lead is a singleton.

Once you've gotten this far and realize that a heart return is mandatory, you must decide which heart to return. It might not seem important whether you lead the deuce, the three or the nine, but actually your choice is crucial. This is because you want West to lead a diamond if, as you hope, he ruffs the heart return.

You should therefore lead the nine of hearts at trick two, a suit-preference signal directing partner to return the higher ranking of the two remaining side suits. (If you held the ace of clubs instead of the ace of diamonds, you would lead the deuce of hearts to ask for a club return.)

When West ruffs the heart and leads a diamond to your ace, you return another heart for him to ruff and so defeat the contract.

Without the suit-preference signal, West would have no way of knowing whether to return a diamond or a club at trick three. In the actual deal, if West returned a club, South would make the contract, losing only a heart, a heart ruff and a diamond.

Tomorrow: Larceny of a very high order.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Intuition Porthole Opens

There are things that you know without knowing how or why you do. Why isn't important. How isn't important. It's easier just to accept that life happens on many levels, inside, above, below and beyond our consciousness. Mercury's magic triangulated angle to Neptune is a porthole to another dimension -- the dimension of intuition. Ask and know.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Innovation is not everyone's first inclination. A lot of people would rather try small improvements first. It will benefit you to stay open-minded about all possible paths, conventional and unconventional alike.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've a good plan, but life will throw a wrench in it anyway. Consider that a cosmic gift. Because what could be duller than a plan that goes off without a hitch?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your usual effervescence may be temporarily muted by a few borrowed troubles. No worries. All you have to do is return those troubles like a library book, and don't check them out again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Advertising is a part of life. You're selling you. You compose the "ad" in the way you dress, talk and position yourself: It's all part of your pitch. Have fun with this today. You're both the creative team and the product.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Many will vie for your attention. Some genuinely need you. Even so, cater to your own needs first. This will put you in the position to deliver the best you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You change environments just by being in them. Complete strangers will notice your influence. Your presence is, in a sense, a responsibility, because wherever you go, you want it to be better because you were there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). With all the

changes going on in your part of the sky, you may be uncharacteristically sensitive. So protect yourself. Put up a layer of emotional padding, or, at the very least, emotional sunscreen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you can make someone laugh, it makes you feel smart, even if you're playing the fool while you're doing it. It's good to know you can reach people in that very nuanced and sophisticated human place call humor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to point out everything that's false -- not to them, not to yourself, either. As your sign mate Mark Twain said, "Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have good intentions and no plan. That's fine for today. It's one of those rare times when your purpose is your plan. You're here to improve things, and that's exactly what you'll do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's fun to be the new person in the group, and you'll make an impression by being there, even if you never go back and become part of it. Your presence will add a certain vigor to the proceedings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As ethereal as you are, you're still pretty grounded, in the sense that you cannot imagine believing in your own superiority to the other people of the world. Unfortunately, you'll have to tolerate those who really do think they're better.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 24). You do want something that's hard to get. Few have it. The path will

be difficult. You'll have to recommit over and over. So what? You have the grit! You can make it if you keep going. Your polished work will get you noticed. You'll be paid well, but you have to ask for it first. People believe in you and root for you. Cancer and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 1, 4, 9 and 13.

SCORPIO SUN LIFE LIST: The Scorpio sun is conducive to doing things you might not think to do at other times of the year. There's a certain intensity that comes with this soulful passage and a mood that drives people to discovery. So how is the passionate energy of the next four weeks best applied? Consider adding one or two of these ideas to your list:

1. Uncover a family mystery.
 2. Go deeper into certain aspects of a religion.
 3. Think of the world as it was 100 years before you were born.
 4. Dream about what the world will be like 100 years after you die.
 5. Write an appreciative love letter to your mother.
 6. Change your radio station to absorb a different kind of music than you've ever gotten into before.
 7. Solve a crime.
 8. Love someone you've known a long time in a new and deeper way.
 9. Give up some aspect of media or technology you've become addicted to.
 10. Consider different lifestyles and what it would be like to live them.
- You don't have to make any changes. Just thinking about them might be enough to broaden your horizons.

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Fun By The Numbers

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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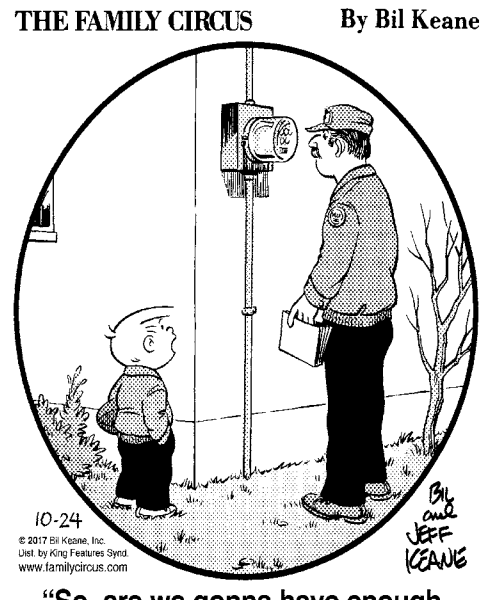
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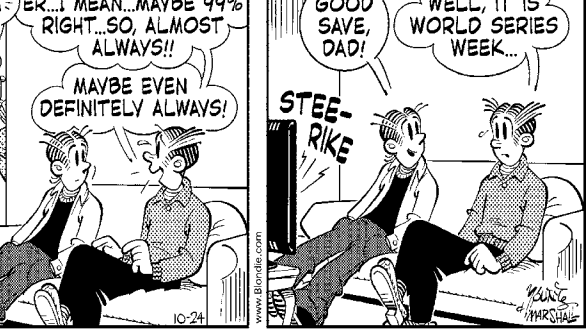
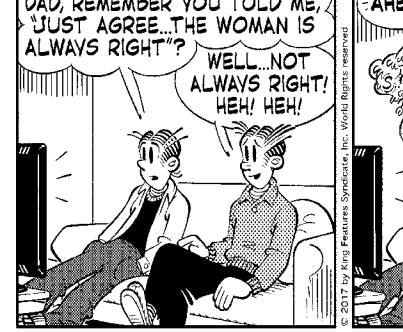
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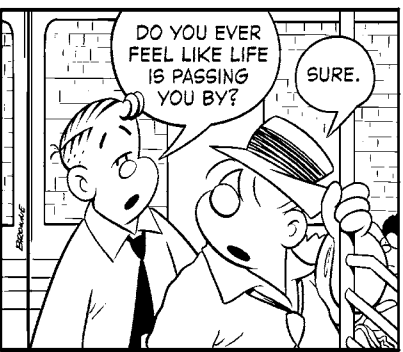
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This Date In History

grain; it disappeared en route and has not been heard from since.

In 1992, the Toronto Blue Jays became the first baseball team based outside the U.S. to win the World Series as they defeated the Atlanta Braves, 4-3, in Game 6.

In 2002, authorities apprehended Army veteran John Allen Muhammad and teenager Lee Boyd Malvo near Myersville, Maryland, in the Washington-area sniper attacks. (Malvo was later sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole; Muhammad was sentenced to death and executed in 2009.)

Ten years ago: Rapidly rising Internet star Facebook Inc. sold a 1.6 percent stake to Microsoft Corp. for \$240 million, spurning a competing offer from online search leader Google Inc. The Boston Red Sox flattened the Colorado Rockies in their World Series opener at Fenway, 13-1.

Five years ago: Less than two weeks before Election Day, President Barack Obama set out on a 40-hour campaign marathon through battleground states; Republican Mitt Romney looked to the Midwest for a breakthrough in a close race shadowed by a weak economy. Hurricane Sandy roared across Jamaica and headed toward Cuba, before taking aim at the eastern United States. The San Francisco Giants took the first game of the World Series, 8-3, over the Detroit Tigers, as Pablo Sandoval became the fourth player to hit three home runs in a World Series game.

One year ago: Campaigning in battleground Florida, a defiant Donald Trump blamed his campaign struggles on "phony polls" from the "disgusting" media. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Elizabeth Warren pounded Trump, accusing him of disrespecting women and denigrating U.S. troops assisting Iraqis in their push to retake

the city of Mosul. Pop idol Bobby Vee, 73, died in Rogers, Minnesota.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Bill Wyman is 81. Actor F. Murray Abraham is 78. Movie director-screenwriter David S. Ward is 72. Actor Kevin Kline is 70. Former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume (kwah-EE'-see oom-FOO'-may) is 69.

Country musician Billy Thomas (Terry McBride and the Ride) is 64. Actor Doug Davidson is 63. Actor B.D. Wong is 57. Actor Zahn McClarnon is 51. Singer Michael Trent (Americana duo Shovels & Rope) is 40. Rock musician Ben Gillies (Silverchair) is 38. Singer-actress Monica Arnold is 37. Actress-comedian Casey

Wilson is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Adrienne Bailon (31w) is 34. Actor Tim Pook is 32. R&B singer-rapper-actor Drake is 31. Actress Shenae Grimes is 28. Actress Eliza Taylor is 28. Actor Ashton Sanders (Film: "Moonlight") is 22. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kyla Ross is 21. Actor Hudson Yang is 14.

Thought for Today:

"Procrastination is the bad habit of putting off until the day after tomorrow what should have been done the day before yesterday." Napoleon Hill American writer (1883-1970).

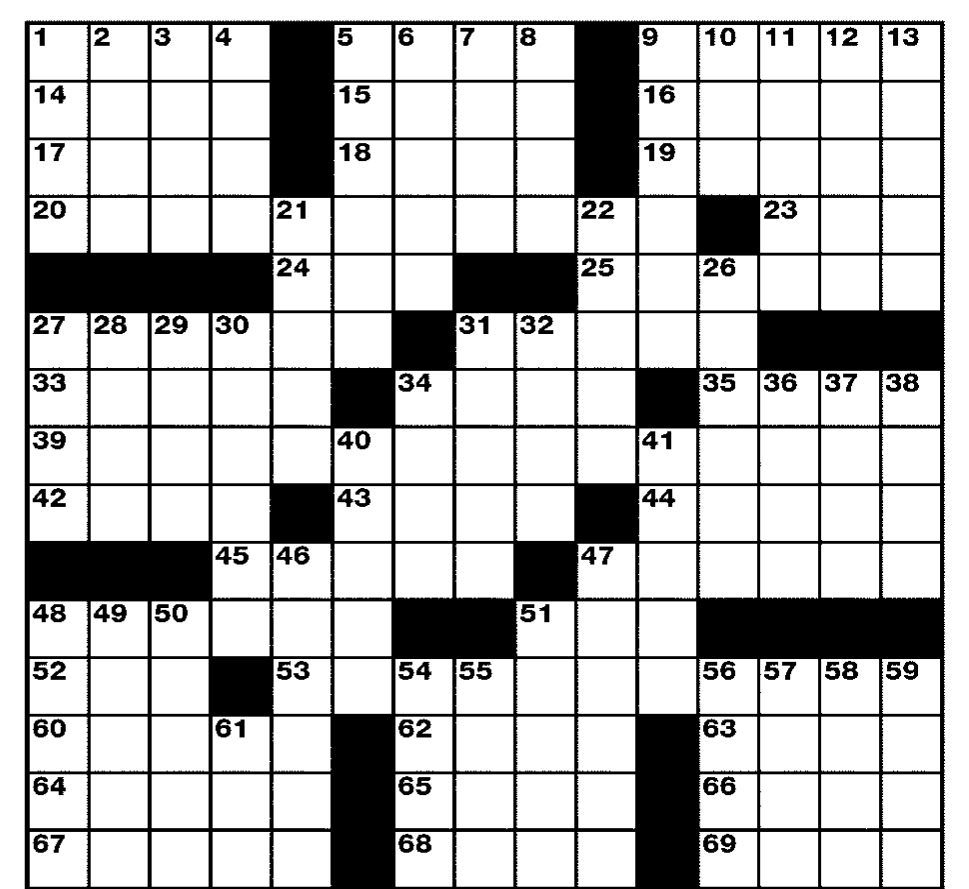
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Happy
 - 5 Improved, as wine
 - 9 Pirate's treasure holder
 - 14 Top-rated
 - 15 Vatican leader
 - 16 Juliet's love
 - 17 Sector
 - 18 What Jack and Jill carried
 - 19 Take ___ (disassemble)
 - 20 The Wizard of Oz destination
 - 23 "If ___ told you once . . ."
 - 24 ___ Moines, IA
 - 25 Big quantity, informally
 - 27 Pays out
 - 31 Pasta like ziti
 - 33 Allocate
 - 34 German auto
 - 35 "That's ___ ask of you"
 - 39 The Wizard of Oz pathway
 - 42 Postpaid letter enclosure: Abbr.
 - 43 Do harm to
 - 44 Any Beatles tune
 - 45 Narrow cuts
 - 47 Laundry appliances
 - 48 Julius of old Rome
 - 51 Motorists' org.
 - 52 Lubricate
 - 53 Dorothy's dress material
 - 60 Mexican friend
 - 62 Slugger's stats.
 - 63 Grain in sushi
 - 64 Spud
 - 65 High wind
 - 66 Sleeve fillers

- 67 Flower stalks
 - 68 A sight for sore ___
 - 69 Spelling contests
- DOWN**
- 1 Stare at the stars
 - 2 Weaving machine
 - 3 Diarist ___ Frank
 - 4 Doe or stag
 - 5 Red Delicious fruits
 - 6 Prods into action
 - 7 Grand story
 - 8 Sandwich shop
 - 9 Tot's coloring stick
 - 10 Move like a rabbit
 - 11 Online message
 - 12 Dish out food
 - 13 Carryall bags
 - 21 Expand upon
 - 22 Pick-me-up drink
 - 26 In an affectionate way
 - 27 Utters
 - 28 "Not guilty," for example
 - 29 90-degree shapes
 - 30 ___ than (at a minimum)
 - 31 Happy cats' sounds
 - 32 Touch up, as an article
 - 34 Border on
 - 36 Hit the mother ___ (strike it rich)
 - 37 Wild animal's home
 - 38 "Beware the ___ of March"
 - 40 Spin around
 - 41 Muslim holy book
 - 46 Works hard
 - 47 Banquet platforms
 - 48 Layers of paint
 - 49 Point a weapon toward
 - 50 Privileged group
 - 51 Physically nimble
 - 54 Craving
 - 55 Internet auctioneer
 - 56 Take suddenly
 - 57 Add new employees
 - 58 Apex
 - 59 Sloppy situation
 - 61 Ruby or sapphire



Answer to previous puzzle

HGTS	PARE	ASPS
MARIE	USES	CHAT
PLANT	RSVP	COPE
HOMEFRIES	STRAW	
RAFT	ANT	
SOCIETY	OPPOSES	
CLOVER	PALS	TSP
IDLE	AORTA	DATA
FED	ACRE	SAUCER
INCAGES	STROKES	
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MARKS	HOT	COFFEE
OREO	ZITI	RIOTS
BEAU	EVEN	EDITS
SALT	EELS	DOLE

Bulldogette volleyball update



Courtesy photo by Lyndel Moody

Pictured above are members of the Bulldogette varsity volleyball team in their pre-game huddle before their match up against the Lady Bulldogs of Clyde on Saturday, October 21, 2017.



Courtesy photo by Lyndel Moody

Maykala Overton and her parents during the senior ceremony before their game against the Lady Bulldogs of Clyde on Saturday, October 21, 2017.



Courtesy photo by Lyndel Moody

Chloe' Starr and her parents during the senior ceremony before their game against the Lady Bulldogs of Clyde on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Special to The Herald

The Coahoma varsity volleyball squad honored their two seniors on Saturday morning before the last home game of the season.

Escorted by their parents onto the gym floor, seniors Maykala Overton and Chloe' Starr received bouquets of flowers, presents, and hugs from their fellow teammates to honor them during senior appreciation day. Both girls are four-year varsity members.

"This is always a bittersweet moment for me," said head coach Christina Cox. "I am so proud they will be moving on, but they will be missed next year. Maykala and Chloe' have been integral players on our team for years. I am proud of them and hope the best for them in the years to come."

Following the brief ceremony, the Bulldogettes took the floor to face off against the Clyde Lady Bulldogs. Coahoma lost in three sets with scores of 14-25, 9-25, and 13-25.

The Lady Bulldogs started strong getting the first two points on the board for the first set. An error cost Clyde the ball. Coahoma capitalized on the error by adding a second point from a kill by No. 6 Maykala Overton with No. 2 Julia Mashburn serving. That tied the game at 2-2.

During a long rally, No. 3 Julia Cox saved the team with a dig from the floor to keep the ball in play. Coahoma

was able to get the ball over the net when a Clyde player hit it out.

Coahoma moved into the lead for the next three rallies with No. 1 Naughtia Rockwell serving before Clyde went on a 12-point run. The Lady Bulldogs put away the game with an ace ending the set at 14-25.

In the second set, Coahoma got off to a strong start and built a 6-1 lead. With No. 6 Maykala Overton serving, the Bulldogettes went on a 5-point run before Clyde rallied right back. The Lady Dogs then dominated the rest of the game which ended with a 9-25 score.

At the beginning of the third set, No. 6 Maykala Overton struck quickly spiking the ball over to get a kill and put the first point on the board. However Clyde slowly built up a strong lead all throughout the game. The Lady Bulldogs dominated as they served 23 times compared to Coahoma's 13, but the Bulldogettes refused to give up quietly. At game point, Coahoma fought hard adding three points before Clyde could end the game at 13-25.

In junior varsity action, JV Red and JV White also lost to Clyde.

The Coahoma volleyball teams will head back into action today for the last game of the season. The girls travel to Colorado City to take on the Wolves. Game time begins at 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. The varsity Bulldogettes are expected to take the floor at 6 p.m.

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ground visits along with television commercial time.

Los Angeles ace Clayton Kershaw won't get the chance to replicate the feats of Sandy Koufax, who pitched a four-hit shutout against Minnesota in Game 5 of the 1965 Series at Dodger Stadium that took 2:34, then came back on two days' rest to toss a three-hit shutout on the road that won Game 7, which breezed by in 2:27.

"I don't think it's fair to compare eras because baseball is a lot different now," Kershaw said. "I'm not going to debate which one is better or worse. But there's a lot of things that change over the course of the time. And we have a really good bullpen; you can't argue with that. I think the era of baseball we are in is pretty great. I'm happy to be a part of it."

Even before the postseason, teams were concerned the average nine-inning game during the regular-season took 3:05:11, up from 3:00:42 last year and 2:56 in 2015. Major League Baseball has proposed a 20-second pitch clock and restricting catchers to one trip to the mound per pitcher each inning, rules management can impose unilaterally for 2018.

"I think you'd start to see some of the most sophisticated signs known to man," said Astros manager A.J. Hinch, a former big league catcher. "You can't express enough how important it is to give no competitive advantage to the hitter when it come to your signs, to what pitch the guy is throwing. All of that is out of paranoia that you don't want the hitter to know what's coming."

Talks between management and the players' association are ongoing, and it is possible changes could be phased in over several seasons.

Advanced analytics have transformed the sport. Last year's World Series was the first in which no starting pitcher got even one out in the seventh inning, according to Elias.

The average pitches by a starter this postseason is 81, according to Baseball Info Solutions, down from 96 in 2010. The average number of outs by postseason starters has dropped in the same span from 18 to 14.

Houston, like many teams, often prefers its starting pitchers not face batters for a third time.

"In the last probably four or five years I think things have really started to change rapidly," Verlander said. "You can buck the trend of some of the numbers to a certain point, but it's going to be hard for the younger generation to be able to show that they can do that when they might not even have the opportunity."

Dodgers backup catcher Kyle Farmer was part of the 2015 Arizona Fall League experiment that limited trips to the mound. While many times the conference is to change signs or go over pitch selection, gamesmanship is part of the strategy, especially after a string of foul balls,

"It gives the hitter time to rest and time to think, and that can also mess up the hitter's timing," he said. "You kind of get him out of his rhythm. It's like a chess match."

Los Angeles outfielder Curtis Granderson would rather alter the television presentation than tinker with the way the game is played.

"Why is it so difficult that if we're ready to play, meaning the pitcher and the hitter, can't we just go live and put the commercial on the side? We do we have to wait? I saw it in a boxing match earlier this summer," he said. "If you can just cut a minute off of each inning break, make it from three minutes to two minutes, you've already saved 18 minutes on the game."



In this Sept. 2, 2017, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Wilmer Font, center, hands the ball to manager Dave Roberts as he is relieved during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres, in San Diego.

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