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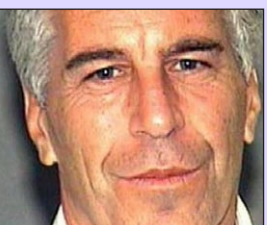
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DAYTON AND EL PASO MOURN



On the left, mourners pause outside of a Dayton, Ohio, bar Monday to remember nine victims of a shooting attack a day earlier. Photo by John Sommers II/UPI | License Photo. On the right, Dayton mayor Nan Whaley addresses the media outside the doors of Ned Peppers bar, the site of a mass shooting on Tuesday. Photo by John Sommers II/UPI | License Photo

Trump to visit communities in Dayton, El Paso on Wednesday

By Nicholas Sakelarisi
UPI

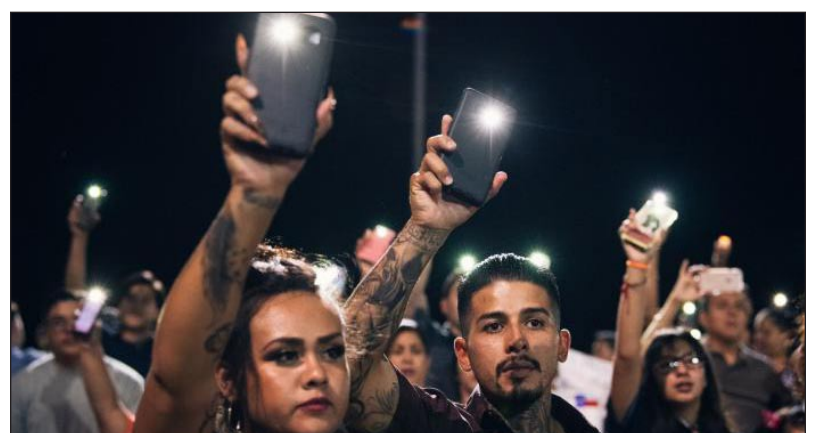
President Donald Trump will visit communities in Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas, on Wednesday, where gunmen killed more than 30 people in separate attacks last weekend.

Trump is scheduled to first visit Dayton, arriving at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at 10:35 a.m. EDT. He will leave for El Paso about two hours later, and arrive

about 3:45 p.m. EDT and stay in the border city for nearly three hours, the White House said.

El Paso Mayor Dee Margo, a Republican, said Tuesday he plans to welcome Trump but acknowledged he's received messages of opposition from residents. He said Trump has been "very gracious" with his support and his focus remains on the community, not politics.

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Gilroy, El Paso, Dayton and the normalization of violence

By Thomas Reese, Religion News Service
UPI

As a bad Catholic, I need to make a confession: I no longer pay attention to mass shootings.

If I see a headline in the newspaper or online, I skip over to another story. If it comes up on my NPR podcast, I touch the arrow that advances me to the next story. If it is on CNN, I switch to the Hallmark channel.

I feel guilty, but I simply cannot take it anymore. I am sick of the violence and our country’s inability to do anything about it. I see no point in listening to the same story over and over again.

News stories about mass shootings always follow the same 10-point template: 1. initial confusion about what happened; 2. on-site interviews with those who escaped the scene; 3. talking heads speculate about the motive of the gunman; 4. a press conference by police chief and mayor; 5. calls for greater gun control from Democrats; 6. calls for thoughts and prayers from Republicans; 7. a Trump tweet; 8. more speculation on motive of gunman; 9. coverage of funerals; 10. interviews with victims’ families.

Nothing changes, except people buy more guns.

We move on to other news until the next shooting. It doesn’t matter where the shooting takes place -- gay bar, church, primary school, university, shopping center, baseball game or on the street. Nothing shocks us enough to make us demand change.

And yet, mass shootings are only a minor contributor to the deaths from gun violence. Gun violence is common in most inner cities, but it gets little coverage in newspapers read by the white community. And gun suicides, spousal shootings, and accidents are so common that even white victims are ignored unless a child is involved.

I am afraid that others may soon respond to mass shootings that same way I do, the same way we do to other gun violence -- ignore it and move on. No matter how horrible something is, if it is repeated time and time again, we get accustomed to it.

We can’t let this happen. Religious leaders cry out but few listen. From Rome, Pope Francis took notice of the shootings in El Paso and Dayton on Saturday and Sunday, where at least 29 were killed and dozens more were injured. These followed closely after the killings at the garlic festival in Gilroy, Calif. Texas Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the shooting “terrible, senseless and inhumane.”

Franciscan Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Ky., tweeted: “More senseless gun killings... more white nationalism... more disregard for the sanctity of human life... We need to create the beloved community Jesus envisions now.” Many Catholic leaders have called for government action to curb gun violence. In their 2000 pastoral statement on criminal justice, the bishops wrote, “We support measures that control the sale and use of firearms and make them safer (especially efforts that prevent their unsupervised use by children or anyone other than the owner), and we reiterate our call for sensible regulation of handguns.” For many years, the USCCB has supported what it calls “reasonable measures” to address the problem of gun violence. These include: A total ban on assault weapons, which the USCCB supported when the ban passed in 1994 and when Congress failed to renew it in 2004. Measures that control the sale and use of firearms, such as universal background checks for all gun purchases.

Limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines. A federal law to criminalize gun trafficking.

Improved access to and increased resources for mental healthcare and earlier interventions. Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns. Measures that make guns safer, such as locks that prevent children and anyone other than the owner from using the gun without permission and supervision.



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OPINION

When debt becomes a life sentence: The rise of terminal debt



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Debt is quickly becoming a new form of modern slavery in this country.

With people becoming increasingly more willing to spend on consumer items and lifestyle enhancements before they actually earn the money, debt is increasingly common.

To be clear, there is both good and bad debt.

Good debt is the use of leverage to invest in a business or acquire new skills that can increase one’s earning capacity well beyond the cost of borrowing.

Bad debt is using borrowed money to fund current expenses and lifestyle choices like vacations, clothing and nights out on the town, and declining assets like cars and home appliances.

Since the Great Recession, many Americans should have been forced to cut back on their lifestyle spending because they were earning less income.

But instead of tightening their belts, all too many people have chosen instead to finance lifestyle with debt.

That debt, in the form of credit cards and home equity loans, often comes at an exceedingly high price.

Even borrowing for educational purposes has become a victim of lifestyle extravagance.

Student loan debt eclipsed all other forms of debt except for mortgage debt for the first time in 2018. According to Bloomberg, student loans surpassed home equity revolving debt, car loans and even credit card debt in the aftermath of the Great Recession.

The reasons for this are myriad but can mostly be attributed to the fact that other traditional forms of debt have become highly regulated, whereas student loan debt, most of it in the form of government subsidized and/or guaranteed loans, has become the new credit card.

As of last year, “Overall consumer debt reached a record \$13.5 trillion,” Bloomberg reports, while student loan debt ballooned to a record \$1 trillion.

This begs the question: Did the students who borrowed over \$1 trillion receive educational benefits that enable them to repay that amount?

The data suggests that the answer is no.

According to an article published by CNBC, the average millennial (classified as ages 18 to 34) “had about \$36,000 in personal debt, excluding home mortgages, last year.”

Furthermore, more than half of all millennials (classified as ages 18 to 37) “don’t know when, or if, they’ll ever be able to pay off what they owe.” Almost 20 percent of those expect to die with some form of debt.

For them, debt has become a death sentence.

But it doesn’t have to be this way. In fact, it should not be this way.

Debt, in one sense, assumes that you know today what you will earn tomorrow and can therefore afford

to spend it today.

It also assumes that you can afford to save tomorrow in order to pay off the debt you incurred yesterday.

These assumptions about future earnings are almost always wrong.

We never really know today if we will be able to pay off debt tomorrow; we don’t know what challenges tomorrow may bring -- whether it is some unforeseen medical expense, a death in family, being laid off from a job or some other catastrophic occurrence.

The future is simply unpredictable.

Even good debt -- debt incurred to purchase a home, invest in a business or purchase additional education and earnings -- should be questioned.

It appears that during the Great Recession, many Americans tried to ride out the downturn by borrowing to enroll in expensive educational courses -- in programs that not only enabled them to purchase the skills but also paid for their lifestyles, living expenses, clothing and housing.

That’s why, despite the increase in salaries that millennials earn from advanced education, they are still finding it difficult, and in many cases impossible, to get out of debt.

Compound grossly inflated so-called “educational” debt with a further refusal to reign in personal spending and you have a recipe for disaster.

Once they have graduated with their newly minted degrees and gotten jobs, folks still insist on keeping up with the Joneses.

With a high-powered consulting firm or law firm job, or with a recent medical degree in hand, they feel entitled to both look and act the part.

Thus, they go into further debt or use their income to fund their lifestyle rather than pay down their previous debt.

As a result, many end up in a vicious cycle with no relief in sight.

But there is a way out. Not only is there a way out but there is also a way forward for those who truly want to live debt-free.

It starts with aggressively disciplining one’s spending in the short term.

This is not rocket science.

You can generally pay down higher interest rate

debt, such as student loan debt and credit card debt, by having less lower interest debt, such as mortgage debt.

It requires forgoing consumer purchases, such as a new automobile, vacations, clothing and expensive electronics, in the short term.

It also requires a bit of belt tightening in the short term that in the long term leads to freedom from debt and to prosperity.

Although we all fall down from time to time, that doesn’t mean we have to die and be buried under a mountain of debt.

With a little discipline and hard work, we can reap a bountiful harvest of wealth and prosperity.

We can even create a legacy to pass down to our next generation -- not only a monetary legacy but also a legacy of discipline and achievement.

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In the Matter of
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))
) PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to conduct an annual review of the cost of natural gas supply, storage and transportation for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont). The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) for the purpose of comparing Piedmont's prudently-incurred gas costs with costs recovered from all of the utility's customers served during the test period. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

Piedmont filed testimony relating to the subject matter of this hearing on August 1, 2019. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of Piedmont's testimony is available for review by the public. Also, documents can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless the writers appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, September 16, 2019. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, September 16, 2019.

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Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison dies at 88

By Nicholas Sakelaris
UPI

Author Toni Morrison, the first African American to win the Nobel Prize for literature, died Monday at a New York hospital at age 88.

She is best known for works including *Beloved*, *Tar Baby*, *Song of Solomon*, *Sula* and *The Bluest Eye*. Morrison was a professor at Yale and Princeton universities.


In 2012, President Barack Obama awarded her

the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

“It is with profound sadness we share that, following a short illness, our adored mother and grandmother, Toni Morrison, passed away peacefully last night surrounded by family and friends,” the family said in a statement. “She was an extremely devoted mother, grandmother and aunt who reveled in being with her family and friends. The consummate writer who treasured the written word, whether her own,

her students’ or others’, she read voraciously and was most at home when writing. Although her passing represents a tremendous loss, we are grateful she had a long, well-lived life.”

Morrison became the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize in literature in 1993. She was also the first U.S.-born author to win since John Steinbeck in 1962. At the time, she said she was “profoundly honored” to win the award. “The most meaningful thing to me



President Barack Obama awards the the Presidential Medal of Freedom to author Toni Morrison during a ceremony at the White House in 2012. Morrison died Monday. File personally is that at last the prize has been awarded to an African American,”

Teams vie for selection to compete in 2019 National FFA Agriscience Fair

INDIANAPOLIS – More than 20 agricultural teachers and college professors from throughout the U.S. recently met in Indianapolis to determine what FFA members and teams will compete for top honors in the 2019 National FFA Agriscience Fair.

Dylan Nies of the D.H. Conley FFA chapter in Greenville, NC, has been

named a national finalist this year in the Animal System category in the individual grades 9-10 division of the competition.

The National FFA Agriscience Fair is a key competition that is part of the annual National FFA Convention & Expo, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2019 in Indianapolis. To qualify, FFA members working

as individuals or teams in grades seven through 12 are required to conduct a scientific research project pertaining to the agriculture or food science industries and win their state’s FFA agriscience fair.

Individuals or teams compete in one of six categories – animal systems; environmental services; natural resource systems;

food products and processing systems; plant systems; power, structural and technical systems; or social science – in six divisions – individuals in grades 7-8, teams grades 7-8, individuals grades 9-10, teams grades 9-10, individuals in grades 11-12, and teams grades 11-12.

First-place winners in each state have qualified

for the national pre-qualifying judging. The panel of judges reviewed entries and selected a maximum of 12 in each category and division to move on to the national competition. For a complete list of results, check here: <https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/agriscience-fair/>.

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The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 669,989 student members who belong to one of 8,630 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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“He is the president of the United States,” Margo said. “So in that capacity, I will fulfill my obligations

as mayor of El Paso, and hope that if we are expressing specifics that we can get him to come through for us.”

Twenty-two people died in the shooting at an El Paso Walmart Saturday.

Two died Monday after spending two days in the hospital.

“I don’t know how we deal with evil,” Margo added. “I don’t have a textbook for dealing with it other than the Bible.

“I will meet the president. I guess for people who have a lot of time on their hands, I will deal with the emails and phone calls.”

Democratic presidential candidate Beto O’Rourke,

an El Paso native who represented the city in the House, has advised Trump to stay away.

It was reported earlier Tuesday FAA advisories indicated a planned presidential trip to Dayton,

where nine people were shot dead Sunday.

“He might be going to Toledo. I don’t know,” Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley joked, a reference to Trump misstating the location in remarks Monday.



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4 dead, including gunman, after Atlanta-area shooting

By Clyde Hughes
UPI

Georgia authorities are investigating a triple homicide in the Atlanta area late Tuesday that ended with the gunman killing himself, investigators said.

DeKalb Police Sgt. J.D. Spencer said the gunman killed two women and a man outside a home in Stone Mountain before shooting himself.

Police said they found the shooter 2 miles away with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

While authorities are not yet sure of a motive, they said they believe the killings resulted from a domestic dispute.

DeKalb Police Maj. Jerry Lewis said the killer and his victims all knew each other, but their full relationships were not immediately understood.

The shootings coincide



with a surge in U.S. gun violence over the last two weeks.

More than 30 people were killed in separate at-

tacks in Texas and Ohio last weekend, and three died in an attack at a summer festival in Northern California the weekend before.



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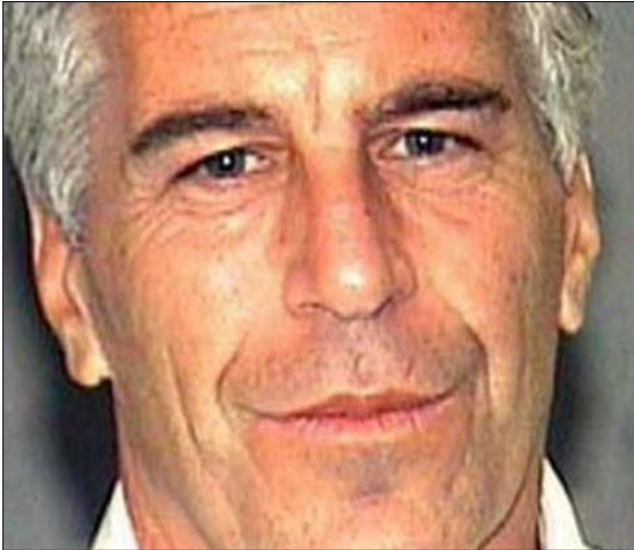


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Florida governor hands Jeffrey Epstein case to state law enforcement



Amid conflict of interest concerns, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office investigation into Jeffrey Epstein's late 2000 case and subsequent plea deal has been given to the Florida Law Enforcement Department. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Attorney Southern District of New York/EPA-EFE

By Darryl Coote
UPI

Amid conflict of interest concerns, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed an executive order Tuesday directing the state's law enforcement agency to take over an investigation into "irregularities" surrounding the decade-old Jeffrey Epstein case and 2008 plea deal.

Epstein, the 66-year-old multimillionaire currently facing multiple federal charges of child sex trafficking in New York, faced similar indictments in the late 2000s in Florida.

Former Miami prosecutor Alexander Acosta offered him a plea deal dropping more serious charges against him while also halting a federal investigation if he pleaded guilty to two lesser charges of soliciting prostitution. Epstein accepted the deal and was handed a 13-month sentence, the majority of which he spent

on work release.

The executive order directs the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to probe Epstein's work release program and to take over the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office's ongoing criminal investigation into its prior investigation and case against Epstein.

"The Department of Law Enforcement may initiate a preliminary inquiry beyond the work release of Jeffrey Epstein and into other irregularities surrounding the prior state investigation and the ultimate plea agreement," the executive order said.

The executive order was in response to a request from Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw to DeSantis Tuesday that the investigation be handed over to the FDLE following accusations of conflict of interest as his office conducted the original case against the businessman.

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The impact of Trump’s vile racist rhetoric; The hate that hate produces

By Dr. Wilmer J. Leon, III
Trice Edney Wire

“Sadly, the overwhelming amount of violent crime in our major cities is committed by Blacks and Hispanics...” - Trump Tweet 6-5-13
“They (Democrats)

don’t care about crime and want illegal immigrants, no matter how bad they may be, to pour into and infest our Country, like MS-13. - Trump Tweet 6-19-18
“Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?” - Trump 1-11-18
On August 3, 22 people

were killed, and dozens injured in a shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas. Authorities have uncovered a document that they believe links the shooter’s actions to his dismay at the increasing Hispanic population in Texas.
On April 27, 2019, one woman was killed, and

three other people were injured at the Chabad of Poway synagogue in Poway, CA. In an antisemitic and racist open letter posted on 8chan shortly before the shooting and signed with the shooters name, the author blamed Jews for alleged “white genocide” ...a conspiracy theory, which he referred to as the “meticulously planned genocide of the European race”.
On October 27, 2018, eleven people were killed and seven (including the perpetrator) were injured at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Citing the Central American migrant caravans and immigrants, the shooter posted on “Gab” shortly before the attack

that “HIAS likes to bring invaders in that kill our people. I can’t sit by and watch my people get slaughtered...”
At least three people were killed, and 12 others wounded in a shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Northern California on Sunday, July 28. Nine people were killed, and 27 others injured in Dayton, OH Sunday, August 4. Police have yet to determine the motive in these shootings.
Much has been made of President Trump’s racist and xenophobic Tweets and rants.
The discussion now centers around the “rise” of white supremacist language, web sites, activity and action. Analysts and

others are trying to assign blame to President Trump for inciting this hatred and violence...but this is not new; this is America! To quote H. Rap Brown, “violence (and in this case racism) is as American as cherry pie”.
America as a settler colonial state was founded upon violence, racism, bigotry and hatred. This month America commemorates the 400 years that enslaved Africans arrived on the shores of Port Comfort, Va. in 1619.
It’s codified in the Constitution. Article 1, Section 2 of the US Constitution - Better known as the 3/5ths compromise. Article IV, Section 2, Clause 3, - The Fugitive Slave Clause and Article 1, Section 9 – the importation of enslaved Africans was allowed for 25 years after the Constitution was ratified.

The Indian Removal Act was signed into law on May 28, 1830, by President Andrew Jackson. The act has been referred to as a unitary act of systematic genocide as countless numbers of Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee people (including mixed-race and Africans who lived among them) were forcibly removed from their ancestral lands in the Southeastern United States and forced to relocate west of the Mississippi.

It will never be determined how many people perished during this process also known as The Trail of Tears.

The Supreme Court was very clear in its language on March 6, 1857, Chief Justice Roger Taney issued what is widely regarded as the worst Supreme Court opinion ever in the infamous Dred Scott v. Sanford case, “[African Americans] had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect...”

These are just a few examples of the historic basis of President Trump’s racist tropes, but Trump is not alone. On the evening of March 21, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson attended a special screening at the White House of THE BIRTH OF A NATION, a film directed by D.W. Griffith and based on THE CLANSMAN, a novel written by Wilson’s good friend Thomas Dixon. It depicted the Ku Klux Klan as valiant saviors of a post-war South, ravaged by Northern carpetbaggers and immoral freed blacks.

The film helped to revive the Klan and its domestic terror in African American and Jewish communities.

Even the beloved Ronald Reagan (Obama’s favorite) was clear in his racism. According to Slate, In 1971, when both then-CA governor Reagan and President Nixon were frustrated about a United Nations vote to recognize the People’s Republic of China.

African delegations sided with others in supporting Chinese sovereignty over Taiwan.

In a racist phone call to President Richard Nixon Reagan said, “To see those, those monkeys from those African countries—damn them, they’re still uncomfortable wearing shoes!” Reagan said, to laughter from Nixon.



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ALVIN DESHUAN HUNTER

ASSAULT ON A FEMALE - MISDEMEANOR
ASSAULT ON A FEMALE-VIOL RELEASE CONDITIONS - MISDEMEANOR
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BANDE TERRORIZE/INJURE - FELONY
INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY - MISDEMEANOR
PROBATION VIOLATION - MISDEMEANOR
PV- DWLR - MISDEMEANOR
ASSAULT BY STRANGULATION - FELONY
ATT KIDNAPPING - FELONY



TERRENCE DEVAR GARDNER

MISDEMEANOR CHILD ABUSE - MISDEMEANOR
DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED - MISDEMEANOR
POSSESS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - MISDEMEANOR
FELONY POSSESSION OF COCAINE - FELONY
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CONSP SELL/DELIVER SCH II CS - FELONY



IRVIN JEROME LOVE

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FEL HIT/RUN INJURY - FELONY
RESISTING PUBLIC OFFICER - MISDEMEANOR
DWI - MISDEMEANOR
FLEE/ELUDE ARREST W/MV - FELONY
FAIL TO HEED LIGHT OR SIREN - MISDEMEANOR
HIT/RUN - FAIL STOP PROP DAMAGE - MISDEMEANOR
AGGRESSIVE DRVING - MISDEMEANOR



SCOTTEY WRIGHT

CARRYING CONCEALED GUN - FELONY
POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY FELON - FELONY
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PWISD COCAINE - FELONY
PWIMSD HEROIN - FELONY



COLETTE SORINE VANDERBILT

MISDEMEANOR LARCENY - MISDEMEANOR
FLEEELUDE ARREST W/MV - MISDEMEANOR
SPEED IN EXCESS OF 65 MPH - MISDEMEANOR
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FTA- MISDEMEANOR LARCENY - MISDEMEANOR
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Dallas Cowboys' Robert Quinn out for preseason with fractured hand

By Connor Grott
UPI

Dallas Cowboys defensive end Robert Quinn will miss the remainder of the preseason after suffering a fractured left hand.

The team announced Tuesday that Quinn sustained the injury during practice, and he is expected to undergo surgery in Dallas. Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones believes Quinn will

be ready to play in the team's regular-season opener against the New York Giants on Sept. 8.

"The relief is he's going to be back and he's going to be fine," Jones told reporters. "He'll be able to get his work in and do what he needs to play the Giants.

I don't think we're looking at him missing any [regular-season] time here." Quinn sustained the injury while competing against Pro Bowl left tackle Tyron

Smith during a one-on-one pass rush drill, according to ESPN.

It's unclear whether the defender got his hand caught in Smith's elbow brace or face mask. Cowboys trainers inspected Quinn before leading him to the locker room for further examination.

The then-St. Louis Rams selected Quinn in the first round of the 2011 NFL Draft out of North Carolina.



Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott could sit out season without new contract

By Connor Grott
UPI

Dallas Cowboys star running back Ezekiel Elliott could sit out into the regular season if the two sides can't reach an agreement on a new contract.

League sources told the NFL Network and the Dallas Morning News on Tuesday the Cowboys presented a contract offer to Elliott, along with quarterback Dak Prescott and wide receiver Amari Cooper, that would put each player in the top

five in salary among their respective positions.

The Cowboys are waiting on counteroffers from the players to get deals finalized, according to the Dallas Morning News. If the sides can't agree on contracts, the Cowboys

are prepared to play this season with each player on a prove-it deal, according to NFL Media.

In Elliott's case, the Pro Bowl tailback could continue his holdout into the regular season. According to ESPN, he won't play

in the 2019-20 campaign without a new contract.

Elliott told the Cowboys in January that he wouldn't play this year without a new deal, according to ESPN. Despite the possibility of sitting out this year, it remains unlikely the

tailback's holdout runs into the regular season due to Dallas owner Jerry Jones' hopes of finding an agreement before Week 1.

"Just know that like so many things, it'll happen. It'll happen," Jones told reporters.



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R. Kelly faces new sexual misconduct charges in Minnesota

By
Danielle Haynes
UPI

Prosecutors in Minnesota on Monday levied new charges against singer R. Kelly for allegedly soliciting a minor in 2001.


Hennepin County attorney Mike Freeman said the charges stem from an encounter Kelly, born Robert Sylvester Kelly, had with a minor fan who asked for his autograph. They allegedly had sexual contact, but not intercourse, at a Minneapolis hotel.

“After some discussion she was offered \$200 to take off her clothes and dance for him,” Freeman said. “After accepting the \$200 she got naked and

they proceeded to dance.” He said Kelly also gave her VIP tickets to his concert and suggested she travel with him to a concert in Chicago.


“This kind of conduct, particularly juveniles, is simply unacceptable in the state of Minnesota and frankly everywhere,” Freeman said. “She was a juvenile at the time, we have special laws to protect our juveniles, and we are going to enforce them.” Kelly faces one count of prostitution with an individual under 18 and one count of soliciting sex with a person under 18 -- both felony charges.

Kelly’s attorney, Steven Greenberg, denied the allegations.



Singer R. Kelly is accused of sexual contact with a juvenile under age 18 in 2001. File Photo by Jim Ruymen/UPI | License Photo

“Frankly, you’ve got a prosecutor who’s starving for attention and doesn’t quite understand with his role as a prosecutor comes a certain level of responsibility. It really is absurd,” he said.



NCDOT TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING IN AUGUST FOR THE PROPOSED KINSTON BYPASS

STIP Project No. R-2553 Jones, Lenoir and Craven counties

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold three (3) open-house public meetings and a public hearing on the proposed Kinston Bypass. NCDOT representatives will be available at each meeting to answer questions and receive comments relative to the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided at the meeting or may be submitted by mail, email or through the project website, but should be submitted by September 17, 2019. Interested citizens may attend any time during the hours advertised below.

Saturday, August 17, 2019 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kinston-Lenoir Public Library 510 Queen Street Kinston, NC 28504	Monday, August 19, 2019 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lenoir Community College Student Center 231 N.C. 58 South Kinston, NC 28504
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Lenoir Community College Student Center 231 N.C. 58 South Kinston, NC 28504	Open House Pre-Hearing Open House Formal Presentation

A formal presentation will begin on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed corridor locations, design, right of way, relocation requirements/procedures, and the state-federal relationship. The hearing will be open to those present for statements, questions and comments. It will be recorded, and a transcript will be prepared. There are currently several alternatives under consideration. Public input will be used in selecting an alternative.

The project calls for upgrading the existing roadway to a freeway between the existing freeway sections near La Grange Dover. Part of this project will be on new location.

Maps of the project and a copy of the environmental document, [Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#), are available for public review at the following locations:

NCDOT Division 2 office: 2815 Rouse Road Extension, Kinston, NC 28504
NCDOT Kinston District Office: 1629 U.S. 258 South, Kinston, NC 28504
Online at www.ncdot.gov/projects/kinston-bypass

The environmental document is available for review at the following locations:

Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library: 510 Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28504
Cove City-Craven Library: 102 N. Main Street, Cove City, NC 28523
La Grange Public Library: 119 E. Washington Street, La Grange, NC 28551


Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Diane Wilson, 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, (919) -707-6073 or pdwilson1@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Wilson as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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La Voz Latina

Gulf of Mexico's dead zone expected to grow

By
Jessie Higgins
UPI

EVANSVILLE, Ind., -- Scientists expect the size of the Gulf of Mexico's massive dead zone to grow in coming years, as changing global weather patterns pound the Midwest with heavier rains and more severe flooding.

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The Gulf's dead zone is an area that spans thousands of square miles just off the coast and where no fish can survive. It is created year after year, mainly by fertilizers that run off Midwestern agricultural fields. The fertilizers travel to the Gulf down the Mississippi River. Once there, they stimulate intense algae growth. That overly thick algae consumes all the oxygen in the water, choking out the other marine life.

"Just like people, anything living in the water requires oxygen to breathe," said David Kidwell, a lead scientist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science. "That oxygen is dissolved in the water. And when that dissolved oxygen level is low, it causes things to die off." Thousands of species of marine plants and animals live in the Gulf, including shrimp, crabs, oysters, squid, octopus and corals. Animals that can swim, like fish or shrimp, simply leave the zone once the oxygen is depleted. Those that cannot swim usually die. This low-oxygen -- or hypoxic -- area has existed in the Gulf for decades. Scientists began measuring it in the 1980s. On average, the dead zone has not changed much for decades, said Dan Obenour, an assistant professor of civil, construction and environmental engineering at North Carolina State University who works with a team of scientists to predict the dead zone's annual size. "The nutrient load ... plateaued in the late 1980s, and we haven't had much



The Mississippi River delta is seen from the International Space Station on April 26. Photo courtesy of NASA. UPI

success at changing that," Obenour said.

But the situation could worsen because, while the amount of fertilizer applied to America's cropland hasn't changed, the percentage of that fertilizer carried into the Gulf is expected to increase, said Craig Cox, senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources at the Environmental Working Group. The latest climate models, produced by the federally mandated U.S. Global Change Research Program, predict that springtime in the Midwest will become wetter.

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Guillermo Del Toro receives 2,669th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

By Daniel Uria
UPI

Director Guillermo Del Toro received the 2,669th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Tuesday.

Del Toro, 54, was presented with the honor during a ceremony on Hollywood Boulevard to celebrate his decades-long career in film.

He was joined by fellow director J.J. Abrams and singer Lana Del Rey.

He began his speech by describing himself as

"weird" and saying he found hope when he arrived in Hollywood and met people he found to be as weird as he is.

"I think this star is for you, all of you that feel weird, to come over and sit for a moment," he said.

"I will spiritually be here for you any time you want to come."


Del Toro, who was born in Mexico, went on to discuss his heritage and dedicate the star to fellow immigrants.

"As as a Mexican, receiving this star is a gesture and no gesture right now can be banal or simple," he said.

"This is very important that this is happening right



Film director Guillermo del Toro displays a Mexican flag during an unveiling ceremony honoring him with the 2,669th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Photo by Jim Ruymen/UPI | License Photo

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now because I can tell, to all of you -- all immigrants from every nation -- that you should believe in the possibilities and not the obstacles, ever."

Del Rey, who performed a song for Del Toro's newest film Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark, praised Del Toro's unique storytelling style.

"In a culture of sameness, he's completely himself and that's the greatest lesson I get from all of his tales," she said.

"It's a beautiful thing to be reminded that being different is to be celebrated."

Abrams recalled recognizing Del Toro as a "pure genius" early on in their careers.



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