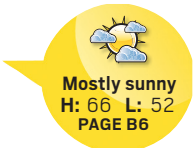




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CONGRESS

Senators begin voting on big bill

Senators start vote on Trump's tax breaks and spending cuts

By Lisa Mascaro, Kevin Freking and Joey Cappelletti
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Senators hunkered down Monday to consider proposed amendments to Presi-

dent Donald Trump's big bill of tax breaks and spending cuts amid challenges including the weekend announcement from one GOP senator that he won't run for reelection after opposing the package over its Medicaid health care cuts.

The grind is expected to take all day, and it could churn into the night. Potential changes were being considered in what's called a vote-a-rama, although most are

expected to fail, with Democrats united against the Republican president's legislation and eagerly lined up to challenge it.

"It's time to vote," said Senate Majority Leader John Thune of South Dakota, as the chamber opened. But later he suggested final action could slip.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York



Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., walks to the chamber as Senate Republicans work to pass President Donald Trump's big bill of tax breaks, spending cuts by his July Fourth deadline, at the Capitol in Washington, Sunday.

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MONTEREY BAY

Western Flyer returns after 100-day voyage



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK WEBSTER

The Western Flyer in Bahía de los Ángeles, Gulf of California, Mexico in April.

By Andrea Valadez
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MOSS LANDING » The Western Flyer has returned to Moss Landing after a 100-day journey replicating the same voyage taken by author John Steinbeck and scientist Ed Ricketts in 1940.

After nearly nine years of re-

furbishing the ship, a new crew set sail from Monterey in March planning to follow the same route Steinbeck and Ricketts took, while stopping at multiple ports down the coast to host public events and conduct hands-on science education.

"Our mission is continuing this legacy that Steinbeck and Ricketts started back in 1940 of

discovery and science and just being curious about the world and the ocean," said Sherry Flumerfelt, executive director of the Western Flyer Foundation. "And doing that in a way that integrates both science and humanities ... but our primary focus is really on getting students and the public excited again about oceans and science."

The voyage covered 4,700 miles and made 22 stops throughout the Gulf of California, doing outreach in 16 coastal communities. The foundation partnered with 65 universities, government agencies, conservation organizations and other institutions to reach 700 students

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WEATHER

Storm Flossie gathers strength

Hurricane warning issued for Mexico's Pacific coast

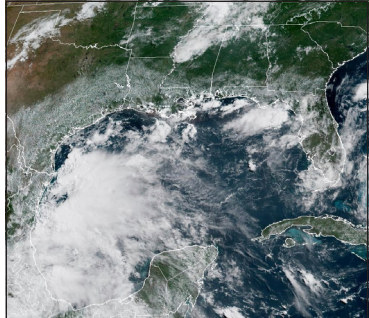
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY » Tropical Storm Flossie continued to gain steam off Mexico's southwestern Pacific coast Monday afternoon and was projected to turn into a hurricane overnight. Meanwhile, the remnants of what was Tropical Storm Barry dumped rain on eastern Mexico.

Flossie strengthened with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph. It was centered about 155 miles southwest of Zihuatanejo and was moving northwest at 10 mph.

Mexico's government issued a tropical storm warning along the southwestern coast from Punta San Telmo to Playa Perula.

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NOAA VIA AP

This satellite image provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shows Tropical Storm Barry, Sunday.

BOULDER ATTACK

82-year-old woman in firebomb attack died

An 82-year-old Colorado woman who was injured in a Molotov cocktail attack in Gaza has died. PAGE A3



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Trump administration threatens to cut funding

President Donald Trump's administration formally found Harvard University tolerated antisemitism. PAGE B1

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1863

The pivotal, three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

1867

Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect. Called Dominion Day until 1982, the national holiday is now known as Canada Day.

1973

The Drug Enforcement Administration was established.

1984

The first movie rated PG-13 ("Red Dawn," starring Patrick Swayze) debuted.

1991

President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment.

1997

Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony.

Birthdays

Rock singer Deborah Harry (Blondie) is 80. Actor Terrence Mann is 74. Rock singer Fred Schneider (The B-52s) is 74. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 73. Actor Alan Ruck is 69. Singer Evelyn "Cham-pagne" King is 65. Actor Pamela Anderson is 58. Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 54. Actor Julianne Nicholson is 54. Actor Liv Tyler is 48. Actor Hilarie Burton is 43.

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Star report

NASA's next flight: a streaming deal

Netflix is already home to popular dramas like "Squid Game," movies and live boxing matches. The next frontier for the streamer: live rocket launches from NASA.

The streaming giant said it is teaming up with the agency to bring space into viewers' living rooms, including with views of Earth from the International Space Station, to its vast content offering as the company treks further into the realm of live TV.

Content from streaming service NASA+, which includes rocket launches, astronaut space walks and mission coverage, will be coming this summer.

— Tribune News Services

LOTTERY

SUNDAY'S WINNING NUMBERS

Daily 3 Afternoon: 8, 5, 4

Daily 3 Evening: 9, 0, 7

Daily 4: 2, 9, 7, 0

Fantasy 5: 5, 7, 10, 20, 25

DAILY DERBY

1st: 6, Whirl Win

2nd: 2, Lucky Star

3rd: 11, Money Bags

Race time: 1:43.17

SUPER LOTTO PLUS

Saturday's drawing: 3, 16, 27, 30, 33

Mega number: 13

Wednesday's estimated jackpot: \$21 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Friday's drawing: 18, 21, 29, 42, 50

Mega Number: 2

Tuesday's estimated jackpot: \$50 million

POWERBALL

Saturday's drawing: 4, 35, 43, 52, 62

Powerball: 12

Monday's estimated jackpot: \$162 million

COURTS

No verdict on first day of jury deliberations at Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs’ sex trafficking trial

By Michael R. Sisak and Larry Neumeister
The Associated Press

NEW YORK » Jury deliberations got underway on Monday in Sean “Diddy” Combs’ federal sex trafficking trial and hit a snag almost as soon as they started. But, by the end of the day, jurors indicated they were making progress weighing complex charges that could put the hip-hop mogul in prison for life.

The first day of deliberations saw a flurry of notes from the jury and Combs and his supporters bowing their heads in prayer in the courtroom — but no verdict.

The jury of eight men and four women are sifting through seven weeks of sometimes graphic and emotional testimony about the rap, fashion and reality TV impresario’s propensity for violence and his sexual predilections, including drug-fueled sex marathons dubbed “freak-offs” or “hotel nights.”

About an hour in, the foreperson reported that a juror might be having trouble following the 61 pages worth of instructions the judge had just read to them.

“We are concerned (the juror) cannot follow your honor’s instructions,” the foreperson said in a note to Judge Arun Subramanian just after 12:30 p.m.

After the judge originally proposed asking the jury foreperson the nature of concerns about the fellow juror, defense lawyer Marc Agnifilo suggested caution and that it was better to say less than more.

“We can always ratchet it up. We can’t ratchet it



Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs participates in “The Four” panel during the FOX Television Critics Association Winter Press Tour in Pasadena, Jan. 4, 2018.

down,” Agnifilo said.

Judge Arun Subramanian sent his response to the jury around 2 p.m. reminding the panel to deliberate and to follow his instructions on the law.

The jury sent another note about three hours later asking for clarification on part of the instructions dealing with drug distribution — an allegation included in Combs’ racketeering conspiracy charge.

As deliberations were happening, Combs prayed with his family and friends in the courtroom. Wearing his customary sweater and khakis, he faced his contingent in the audience and bowed his head with them. As they finish, they applauded and eventually left the courtroom.

Combs also showed off

two books he’s reading: “The Power of Positive Thinking,” by Norman Vincent Peale and “The Happiness Advantage,” by Shawn Achor.

As he sent the jury to deliberate, Subramanian told the five alternate jurors to remain on standby in case they’re needed to fill in on the main jury.

Jurors are being provided with a laptop loaded with all exhibits shown in court, including text messages, photographs and videos of the sexual encounters at the heart of the case.

Combs, 55, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of racketeering conspiracy, two counts of sex trafficking — relating to two of his ex-girlfriends — and two counts of transportation to engage in prostitution

for allegedly arranging to fly his girlfriends and sex workers across state lines.

In closing arguments last week, federal prosecutors and Combs’ defense team took their last shots at convincing jurors to convict or acquit the Grammy Award-winning founder of Bad Boy Records.

“The defendant used power, violence and fear to get what he wanted,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Christy Slavik said. “He thought that his fame, wealth and power put him above the law.”

She said that he used his “close inner circle and a small army of personal staff, who made it their mission to meet the defendant’s every desire, promote his power and protect his reputation at all costs.”

Voyage

FROM PAGE 1

and thousands of other visitors.

The crew also focused on its own research, ranging from piloting a remotely operated vehicle to conduct intertidal surveys to examining plankton.

“The science was hands-on, collaborative and locally grounded, revealing not only the Gulf’s hidden stories but also new possibilities for the next generation,” the foundation said in a news release.

)The crew aboard the Western Flyer deployed remote operated vehicles to conduct research in the Gulf of California. The ship stopped at ports in Long Beach, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Puerto Escando and more. The crew had a big welcome and ribbon-cutting at La Paz, the capital of Baja California Sur. When

the crew stopped in Santa Rosalia, they were greeted by children of the Yaqui tribe, who did a traditional tribal dance for the crew.

“We were sort of this symbol that brought people together ... we were quite excited that it worked out that way,” said Flumerfelt, who boarded the Western Flyer at over a dozen different stops.

The goal of this first trip, said Flumerfelt, was to reintroduce the ship’s story to the communities along the Gulf of California and meet the scientific and conservation communities in the region.

The crew engaged students in bilingual marine science education and taught them the story of Steinbeck and Ricketts’ journey, which inspired Steinbeck’s book, “The Log from the Sea of Cortez.” The students were excited every step of the way, especially when looking at plankton through microscopes, ac-

cording to Flumerfelt.

“I’ve captained a lot of boats, but nothing like this,” said Captain Paul Tate in the news release. “The history, the science, the students, the community — this voyage had a different kind of weight. You could feel it in your bones.”

The crew was critically aware throughout the journey of the historical significance of the ship they were sleeping, eating and working on. This history became especially clear in Puerto Escondido when the crew met the family of Leopoldo Perpuli, the guide who led Steinbeck and Ricketts on a bighorn sheep hunt that was detailed in chapter 16 of “The Log from the Sea of Cortez.”

Perpuli’s children and granddaughter told the crew stories of their father, saying he was always impressed by Ricketts and the 1940 journey. When the crew found a barnacle-covered shot glass dated to the 1930s, they took a shot with the Perpilis. Flumer-

felt described this moment as “very magical.”

Looking forward and depending on funding, the foundation hopes that the Western Flyer will be able to take the journey every two years. For now, with the Western Flyer back at Moss Landing (off of Woodward Marine Market 10928 Clam Way), the public can visit Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and student programs will continue running. For more information, visit https://www.western-flyer.org/

“You could feel it,” Tate said. “That sense of something larger than us — echoing back from the past and reaching somewhere new.

The communities we connected with, from major cities to remote fishing villages, brought a depth of collaboration and generosity that added a new dimension — one Steinbeck and Ricketts could never have imagined. And now we get to explore that ‘somewhere new’ together.”

Storm

FROM PAGE 1

A tropical storm watch remained in effect for the southwest coast from Zihuatanejo to Cabo Corrientes. A watch means tropical storm conditions are possible in the area within two days.

Flossie is expected to rapidly intensify into a hurricane late Monday or early Tuesday, then skirt the

coast for a few days. While its center is forecast to remain offshore, moderate rain was likely in parts of Oaxaca, Guerrero, Michoacán, Colima and Jalisco through early next week.

Meanwhile, the remnants of Barry were bringing heavy rain to Mexico’s Gulf coast after it came ashore as a tropical depression south of Tampico with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-1 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquote: I PRAYED FOR FREEDOM FOR TWENTY YEARS, BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER UNTIL I PRAYED WITH MY LEGS. — FREDERICK DOUGLASS

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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