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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Bill Clinton tells about courtship

Bill Clinton told the thousands of delegates in Philadelphia about how he first met 2016 Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. She walked up to him and told him that if he was going to stare at her, he ought to know her name. Clinton says he finally asked her to walk to an art museum. He says, "We've been walking and talking and laughing together ever since."

For more on the convention, see pages 4A and 7A

WATER FOLLIES

Group aims to stop sex trafficking

Mirror Ministries helps hotels spot prostitution rings

Outreach helps hotels look for victims

Traffickers drawn to big events like Water Follies

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As revelers gather for the Tri-City Water Follies this week, one group aims to stop a decidedly unauthorized activity: Selling minors for sex.



MacFarlan

A church-based nonprofit is teaming with Tri-City hoteliers to train staff to recognize and report human trafficking rings that bring minors to town to work as hotel-based prostitutes during special events.

The Stop Under Age Domestic Sex Trafficking Project, or SUDS, is a five-year effort by Mirror Ministries, an outreach of Richland's Bethel Church, to draw attention to the traffickers who travel the Pacific Northwest to sell sex with

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ON THE JOB AT PROSSER WINERY



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Andrew Martinez, owner and winemaker at Martinez & Martinez Winery, moves barrels while setting up for a Spring Barrel Tasting event at the winery in Prosser. Our 24 Hours series continues with the work of the Martinez family. See story on Page 2A.

BOOST FOR RICHLAND

Parking garage to open at Kadlec

660-space garage cost \$15.2 million

BY SARA SCHILLING sshilling@tricityherald.com

Set to open Aug. 1

5-level parking garage is a first for Tri-Cities

Kadlec Regional Medical Center's newest addition will help relieve a major ailment at the Richland hospital: a lack of parking.

The \$15.2 million, five-level parking garage — a first for the Tri-Cities — opens Aug. 1.

Hospital staff, Richland city officials and other community members gathered Tuesday for a ribbon cutting and ceremonial "first car parking."

"This is going to make a dra-

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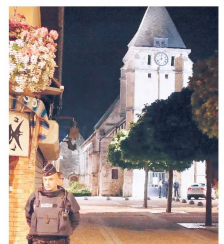
See a video of the Tuesday dedication ceremony at tricityherald.com/video

matic difference in how patients and visitors and staff access this organization, and I couldn't be more proud of this amazing accomplishment," said Lane Savitch, Kadlec Health System regional chief executive.

He noted that more than about 7,700 cubic yards of concrete, 460 tons of steel bars, 82 miles of post-tension cabling and four miles of striping went into the project.

Richland Mayor Bob Thompson added, "I couldn't be any happier

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WORLD

ATTACKERS KILL FRENCH PRIEST

Two followers of the Islamic State killed an elderly French priest celebrating Mass and used hostages as human shields before they were shot by police. Page 8A

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TRAFFICKING

with young women and girls.

This year, 44 Tri-City area hotel signed on for SUDS training for managers, maids and front desk workers. Trafficking is a year-round effort, but SUDS says Water Folles helps put it in the spotlight.

"Boat race weekend is our largest weekend. Every hotel is packed," said Tricia MacFarlan, executive director of Mirror Ministries.

Prostitution is more closely associated with the drug trade than Water Folles, said Sgt. Ken Lattin, spokesman for the Kennebec Police Department. But the department welcomes the increase in awareness.

He said police regularly field calls from hotels, but it's difficult to make arrests in a world where meetings are prearranged online and security questions are used.

"If you don't know the right things to say, you're not getting in," he said.

It may be difficult to make a prostitution arrest, but drugs are a different matter and if a worker is a minor, police can classify her as a runaway and remove her from the scene.

Tri-City hotel operators are eager to prevent it at their properties, said Kris Watkins, president of Visit Tri-Cities.

The tourism agency usually focuses on the cheerier side of the hospitality industry, like jobs and economic impact. But, Watkins said, local operators take their responsibility to mon-

itor for trafficking seriously.

Trafficking is a global issue, but the Tri-City lodging industry is close-knit. Operators share information among themselves, she said.

Trafficking is an underreported crime in Washington state, but cases are on the rise. There were 23 reports of human trafficking in 2015, compared with six cases reported in 2014, according to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Only one case was reported locally, in Benton County. There were none in Franklin County.

All the 2015 cases involved victims coerced by force or other means to participate in commercial sex acts. All but one of 23 victims were female, 17 were under the age of 18. There were 10 arrests.

Signs a hotel is being used for commercial sex include people leaving rooms infrequently, not at all or at odd hours, a person monitoring the hallway, a regular flow of guests using the room, loud noises and men waiting in the lobby, outside the room or by a back door.

Constant use of a "Do Not Disturb" sign is another tip-off, as is seeing fellow guests asking for food, help, money or attempting to negotiate for sexual services.

Emergencies or life threatening situations should be reported to 911, along with any suspicion that a minor is being exploited. That will alert officers

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IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE RIGHT THINGS TO SAY, YOU'RE NOT GETTING IN.

Kennebec Sgt. Ken Lattin, on the sex trafficking trade

that there's more to the call than a run-of-the-mill disturbance.

Hotel guests should report their suspicions to front desk staff, MacFarlan said.

Bethel Church got involved with human trafficking about seven years ago when several members decided to pursue justice issues. They partnered with an organization in Cambodia, then decided to bring their focus closer to home.

They developed an exhibit to highlight what trafficking looks like called SOLD: The Human Trafficking Experience. They expected to display it at church, then pack it up. Instead, they started getting requests and it has become a traveling exhibit, currently on loan in New Mexico.

A new service helps survivors of trafficking. The group recently received \$5,000 from Benton County to educate area students, businesses and agencies about human trafficking and to identify victims earlier.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Clinton makes history with nomination

Campaign aims to calm continuing tensions

Keynote speech given by husband Bill Clinton

Some Sanders delegates walk out in protest

Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA

Hillary Clinton on Tuesday became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party on a historic night during which her campaign also sought to reintroduce her to skeptical voters and calm continuing tensions here.

Part of that task fell to former president Bill Clinton, who delivered a keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention that began by recounting his courtship of his wife and detailed her lengthy career in public service, including helping children, immigrants and people with disabilities.

"She's the best darn change maker I ever met in my entire life," the former president said. "This woman has never been satisfied with the status quo on anything. She always wants to move the ball forward."

Clinton formally secured the nomination earlier in the night during the roll call of states, which ended with a symbolic gesture: Her primary rival, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., asking that Clinton be declared the nominee by acclamation, a

move that prompted resounding cheers.

Soon after, Clinton sent out a video on Twitter showing Sanders's remarks and declaring "Stronger together," her campaign motto.

Sanders's action, however, wasn't sufficient to bring on board all of his delegates, some of whom walked out of the hall in protest, adding to the party's difficulties this week in displaying unity as Clinton fights a pitched battle against Republican nominee Donald Trump.

The program then turned to a long series of speakers offering testimonials to Hillary Clinton's character and record of service.

They included a series of mothers who have lost their children to gun violence or in police custody and are now fighting for reforms.

"Hillary is one mother who can ensure our movement will succeed," said Sybrina Fulton, the mother of Trayvon Martin, who was fatally shot by a neighborhood watch volunteer in Florida.

Chants of "Black Lives Matter!" could be heard in the convention arena as the women, who call themselves "The Mothers of the Movement," made their emotional presentations.

During the roll call of states, Clinton secured the

2,383 delegates needed to win the party's nomination when the South Dakota delegation cast its votes.

Sanders, the runner-up for the nomination, appeared on the convention floor at the end of the process and made a motion to suspend the rules.

"I move that Hillary Clinton be selected as the nominee of the Democratic Party for president of the United States," Sanders said.

With the motion seconded, a loud roar of aye's arose.

The orchestrated show of unity followed a rocky first day of the convention on Monday, when it became clear that some of Sanders's supporters were not ready to accept Clinton as the party's nominee despite the senator from Vermont urging them to do so.

Following the roll call, some exited the hall, chanting, "Walkout! walkout! walkout!" As the program continued, most of the seats in delegations from Maine, Kansas, Alaska and Oklahoma — all states Sanders won against Clinton — were empty.

Several Oregon delegates, meanwhile, wrapped black cloth around their jaws, as gags, and headed into the hallway of the Wells Fargo Center. There, they met dozens of angry delegates from other states, including Norman Solomon, a California delegate for Sanders who had been trying to organize a new Bernie Delegates Network into just this sort of protest.



Bob Brawdy/Tri-City Herald
Lane Savitch, Kadlec Health System Regional chief executive, speaks to a crowd Tuesday in the shade of the Richland hospital's new five-level parking garage for a dedication ceremony. The \$15-million garage, with 660 spaces, opens to the public on Aug. 1. Watch a video at tricityherald.com/video.

FROM PAGE 1A

PARKING

for the patients and citizens of the entire Tri-City regional area." The parking garage "benefits not just people in the Tri-Cities, but everyone in the region," he said.

The garage has about 660 spaces. It's free for patients and hospital visitors, and it also includes charging stations for electric vehicles.

Bouten Construction Co. was the general contractor. Construction started last summer. Parking at the hospital off Swift Boulevard was complicated during the

process, with the garage built on top of a 140-space lot in front of the Corrado Building.

But staff, patients and visitors were cooperative and understanding, Kadlec officials said.

The parking garage not only will ease the immediate parking crunch, but also accommodate the increased demand expected when Kadlec's River Pavilion Tower addition opens in the fall, officials said.

The hospital is adding

four stories to the tower, which will make it the tallest building in Richland.

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