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**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

## Saturday's Schedule

2018 Groton U10 Round Robin  
Groton vs. Sisseton, 9 a.m.  
Milbank vs. Mobridge, 11 a.m.  
Mobridge vs. Groton, 1 p.m.  
Sisseton vs. Milbank, 3 p.m.  
Mobridge vs. Sisseton, 5 p.m.  
Groton vs. Milbank, 7 p.m.

Groton U12 Round Robin  
Groton vs. Welke, 9 a.m.  
Milbank vs. Mobridge, 11 a.m.  
Mobridge vs. Groton, 1 p.m.  
Welke vs. Milbank, 3 p.m.  
Mobridge vs. Welke, 5 p.m.  
Groton vs. Milbank, 7 p.m.

Removal, Grinding, Chipping, Trimming

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## REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN ACCUSED OF DISENFRANCHISING DELEGATES

PIERRE, S.D. (Jun 22, 2018) – Republican Party Chairman Dan Lederman is facing criticism from several legislators alleging he is trying to disenfranchise delegates by arbitrarily preventing delegates from attending and voting at the Republican State Party Convention this year.

Representative Elizabeth May of District 27, said the issue arose when the Convention Chair Reid Holien reminded the delegates that the registration process would close at 9:30 as published, but Republican Party Chairman Dan Lederman stated they would be closing it a half an hour earlier. When confronted, Lederman confirmed that he would be cutting it off without notifying the delegates coming from around the state.

Lederman is proceeding forward with cutting off the registration earlier without any notification of the change to delegates, despite being published in the official Republican Party newspaper, "Republican Rally," as well as numerous other sources, stating: "Registration will close 30 minutes prior to start of convention for Credential Committee to organize registration." The Convention is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m.

Representative Elizabeth May is joined by fellow Representatives Chip Campbell, Tim Goodwin, and Steve Livermont in expressing their concerns that Republican Party Chairman Dan Lederman is attempting to arbitrarily disenfranchise delegates.

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## Newspaper Tariffs Could Cripple Local Newspapers

Our local newspapers play an important role in educating the public and bringing communities together. They are the beating hearts of our towns and cities in South Dakota. We rely on them for updates on local news, wedding and birth announcements, sports, upcoming events and more. Newspapers, especially our local daily or weekly papers, keep us connected to our neighbors and our friends.

I recently met with the South Dakota Newspaper Association (SDNA) to talk about a serious issue that local papers are facing right now—tariffs on Canadian newsprint. During our meeting, SDNA Executive Director David Bordewyk and his colleagues stressed that these tariffs, which are climbing as high as 32 percent, would be devastating to South Dakota newspapers. Around 75 percent of newsprint used to print papers in the United States comes from Canada. During our meeting, SDNA told me that a semi-truck load of 850-pound rolls of newsprint will cost an additional \$4,000 to \$5,000 per shipment with these costly tariffs.

With newsprint prices soaring, small papers will be forced to make difficult business decisions to stay afloat. Many papers in our state only employ a few staff members, so downsizing isn't an option. Additionally, they are only able to increase advertising and subscription prices by a reasonable amount each year—not enough to make up for what they're forced to spend on newsprint. When our local papers close up shop, the entire community feels their absence. Nobody wants to see that happen.

Following my meeting with SDNA, I signed on to cosponsor S. 2835, the Protecting Rational Incentives in Newsprint Trade (PRINT) Act of 2018. This legislation, introduced by Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine), would suspend the import taxes on uncoated groundwood paper while the Department of Commerce examines the effects of tariffs on the publishing and printing industry.

Right now, the tariffs are not permanent, and will be reviewed by the International Trade Commission this summer. A final decision on making them permanent could come in September, and we hope to have a resolution before then.

Meanwhile, I will continue working to advance the PRINT Act in the Senate to provide relief to local papers and other publishers who rely on paper from Canada to print their daily or weekly paper. I thank SDNA and David Bordewyk for strongly advocating for South Dakota's local newspapers, who provide a vital service to South Dakota communities.

## South Dakota Fire Departments Awarded Almost \$250,000 in Grant Funding

Rapid City, S.D. - The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Wildland Fire Division has awarded almost \$250,000 in grant funds to volunteer fire departments across the state for the state's 2018 fiscal year.

The purpose of the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) program is to provide federal financial, technical and other assistance to state foresters and other appropriate officials to organize, train and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to prevent and suppress fires. A rural community is defined as having a population of 10,000 or less.

A scoring process is used to rate each application. Factors considered include annual budget, protection area size, training attendance and number of certified personnel.

"This year, we received more than 80 applications for assistance totaling over \$680,000 in project costs," said assistant chief Jim Burk. "Available funding this year allowed us to award \$241,000 towards 66 department projects with a total value of over \$572,000. Most project awards will be used for personal protective and communications equipment, with the remainder of awards going towards other equipment.

"Many of the departments in South Dakota have annual budgets of \$10,000 or less. This can make it difficult for them to maintain or upgrade equipment and provide for necessary training," said Burk. "The VFA program helps recipients acquire needed equipment or training to provide fire protection safely and efficiently to their communities."

Local fire departments receiving grants are:

- Aberdeen Rural Fire Protection District, PPE, Cost is \$6,195, grant amount of \$3,097.50
- Claremont Fire Protection District: PPE, Equipment, Cost is \$4,357, grant amount of \$2,178.50.
- Columbia Rural: Communications and equipment, Cost is \$7,855, grant amount of \$3,927.50.
- Groton Fire District: PPE, Comms, Equipment, Cost is \$8,016.80, grant amount of \$4,000.
- Hecla Fire Protection District: Comms, PPE, Cost is \$4,300, grant amount of \$2,150.
- Ipswich Volunteer Fire District: PPE, Cost is \$9,240, grant amount of \$4,000.
- Leola Volunteer Fire District: Equipment, Cost is \$5,981.88, grant amount of \$2,990.90.
- Pierpont Volunteer Fire District: Equipment, Cost is \$8,130, grant amount of \$4,000.
- Waubay Volunteer Fire District: PPE, Cost is \$8,794.56, grant amount of \$4,000.

## Coming up next week in State Government Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Public Commitments; Public Meetings:

Monday, June 25, to Wednesday, June 27, Rapid City, SD. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard will host the Western Governors' Annual Meeting in Rapid City. Members of the media are invited to attend a press conference with the governors on Monday, June 25, at 12:30 p.m. MDT at the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza, as well as the workforce development initiative panel and other portions of the meeting. Registration is required. Journalists can register on WGA's website or by contacting Joe Rassenfoss at 303-803-8008 or joe@westgov.org. A complete agenda is available here.

Monday, June 25, 9 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Cosmetology Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules at the Commission office, 221 W. Capitol Ave., Suite 101, and via conference call. For more information, including the public notice of hearing, agenda and proposed rules, please visit <http://dlr.sd.gov/cosmetology/meetings.aspx>.

Monday, June 25, 10 a.m. CDT, Digital Dakota Network – The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), which works closely with local emergency planning committees, will meet over the Digital Dakota Network at sites in Brookings, Mitchell, Pierre and Rapid City. For a complete agenda, visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?Boardid=36>. For more information, contact Trish Kindt, DENR, at 605-773-3296.

Monday, June 25, 4 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota Professional Administrators Practices and Standards Commission will meet on first floor of the Mackay Building, Conference Room 2, 800 Governors Drive, in Pierre. A proposed agenda is available at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=80>.

Tuesday, June 26, to Thursday, June 27, Brookings – The South Dakota Board of Regents will meet on the campus of South Dakota State University for its regular business meeting. All meetings are held at the SDSU Alumni Center, 815 Medary Ave. (corner of 8th Street and Medary Avenue). The regents will convene in open session at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, to conduct informal budget hearings. The regents' business meeting convenes at 9 a.m. Wednesday. The board's agenda and supporting documents may be accessed online at <https://www.sdbor.edu/the-board/agendaitems/Pages/default.aspx>.

For more information, contact Tracy Mercer, 605-773-3455.

Wednesday, June 27, 10 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Health Care Solutions Coalition will meet on Wednesday in the Governor's Large Conference Room in the Capitol Building. For more information, go to <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=145>.

Wednesday, June 27, 8:30 a.m. CDT, Huron – DENR staff will be among speakers during an environmental training session for operators of concentrated animal feeding operations at the Crossroads Convention Center, 100 Fourth St. Southwest., Huron. The session fulfills the training requirement for producers to obtain a state water pollution control permit for concentrated animal feeding operations. Training includes information on proper manure management and how to comply with the state permit. Producers not needing a permit may also be interested in attending to learn about manure management practices that protect water quality. For more information contact Bob Thaler, SDSU, at 605-688-5435 or visit <https://igrow.org/news/livestock-environmental-training-workshop/>.

Wednesday, June 27, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – The Black Hills Veterans Job Fair will take place at Western Dakota Technical Institute, 800 Mickelson Dr. Approximately 100 service providers and employers will be in attendance to meet with interested military members, veterans and dependents. Showcase yourself, share your resume, check out available jobs and meet with multiple local employers. This event is sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, along with the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations. DLR Rapid City Job Service can help you prepare. For more information, call 605-394-2296 or visit the website [www.bhvetsjobfair.com](http://www.bhvetsjobfair.com)

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Thursday, June 28, 8 a.m. MDT, Lead – The Science and Technology Authority will meet at the Education and Outreach Building at the Sanford Underground Research Facility on Thursday. For more information, go to <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=89>.

Thursday, June 28, 1 p.m. CDT, Pierre – DENR's Board of Water and Natural Resources will meet over the Digital Dakota Network at sites in Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, and Watertown. Agenda items are available at <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?Boardid=108>. For more information, contact Lukus Leidholt at 605-773-4216.

Thursday, June 28, 1 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The South Dakota Board of Nursing will be holding a public hearing for administrative rules at 4305 South Louise Ave., Suite 201. For more information please visit <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=68>.

## **You Might Also Be Interested To Know:**

Wednesday, June 20, to Tuesday, June 26 – The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) has posted the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) State Plan Amendment for public comment this week at [http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/scsep/default.aspx](http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/scsep/default.aspx). The comment period is open through Tuesday, June 26. For more information, contact Rick Augusztin at 605-773-4212.

Monday, June 25, to Thursday, June 28: The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Field Service Officers will be at the following County and Tribal Veterans Service Offices to assist with veteran related claims, issues, and questions.

Monday, June 25:

- 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. CDT, Aberdeen – 101 1st Ave., SE, Suite 100 605-280-4306
- 10:30 a.m. 2 p.m. CDT, Clark – 200 N. Commercial St. N. 605-280-4306
- 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Flandreau – 101 E. Pipestone Ave. 605-360-7819
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Mobridge – 212 Main St. 605-280-4308
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – 725 N. LaCrosse St. #200 605-280-4307

Tuesday, June 26

- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. MDT, Belle Fourche – 830 6th Ave., 605-280-4307
- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. CDT, Britton – 909 S. Main St., 605-280-4306
- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Eureka – 717 7th St. 605-280-4308
- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Parker – 400 S. Main St. 605-360-7819
- 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Webster – 711 W. 1st St. 605-280-4306

Wednesday, June 27:

- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. MDT, Martin – 105 E. Hwy 18 605-208-4308
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – 725 N. LaCrosse St. #200 605-280-4307
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CDT, Redfield – 210 E. 7th Ave. 605-280-4306
- 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Yankton – 321 W. 3rd St. 605-360-7819

Thursday, June 28:

- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. MDT, Bison – 100 E. Main 605-280-4307
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Huron – 450 3rd St. SW 103 605-280-4306
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Mission – 315 N. Lincoln St. 605-280-4308

Tuesday, June 26 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

- Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT
- Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT
- Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
- Webster, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
- Timber Lake, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT

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Tuesday, June 26, to Wednesday, June 27 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will hold itinerant office hours. Both job seekers and employers interested in receiving employment and career services at no cost may visit or call during these office hours. More information on programs and services is available at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org). Itinerant office hours will be held at the following locations:

- Tuesday, June 26, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Redfield – at the Spink County Court House, third floor. For more information during these hours, call 605-380-8930 and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

- Tuesday, June 26, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. MDT, Sturgis – at 1401 Lazelle St., Meade Room, or call 605-641-0965 during these office hours and 605-642-6900 at any other time. Additional information at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

- Wednesday, June 27, 1– 4:30 p.m. CDT, Wagner – at City Hall, 60 S. Main. For more information, call 605-487-7607, ext. 207 or 212, or visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

- Wednesday, June 27, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Webster – at the Day County Court House basement. For more information during these hours, call 605-380-8930 and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

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- Dupree, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT
- Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
- Salem, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
- Wanblee, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT

Wednesday, June 27, to Thursday, June 28 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will host Job Search Assistance Programs (JSAP). JSAP is a workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. JSAP will be offered at the following locations:

- Wednesday, June 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Vermillion – at 904 E. Cherry St. A presentation on financial health will be offered by the Wells Fargo at Work Program as part of JSAP. For more information or to register for this workshop, please call 605-677-6900. For more information, please visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org)

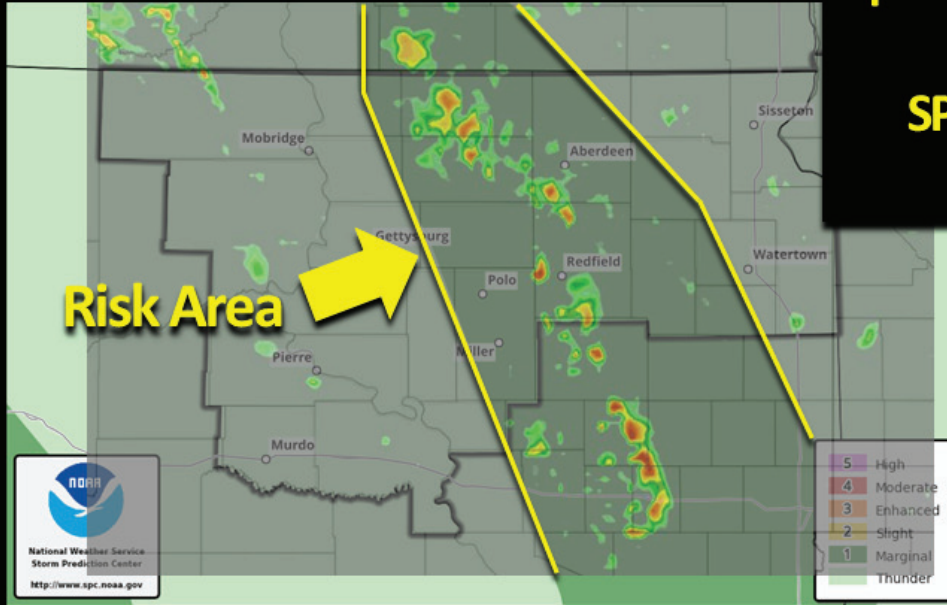
- Thursday, June 28, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Aberdeen – at 420 S. Roosevelt St. Parties interested in attending should register by calling 605-626-2340 prior to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 27. For more information, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

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- Canton, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT
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- Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
- Lemmon, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MDT

## ISOLATED WEAK/SHORT LIVED TORNADO RISK TODAY

4pm Simulated Reflectivity  
&  
SPC Severe Weather  
Outlook



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 6/23/2018 5:31 AM Central

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We don't anticipate very strong storms today, but we can't rule out an isolated weak tornado or two along a convergence line that will set up over the James valley today. The threat should be fairly limited as storms will weaken rapidly after initial development due to a generally weak shear environment and low instability. For more info on non-supercell tornadoes see: <https://www.nssl.noaa.gov/education/svrwx101/tornadoes/types/>



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## Today in Weather History

June 23, 1914: A destructive, estimated F3 tornado moved east across Altamont Township in Brown County. All buildings were destroyed on at least four farms. A man was killed trying to keep his family from being blown out of a shallow cellar.

Another storm moved east from the southeastern part of Watertown to north of Goodwin. Over 200 homes were heavily damaged at Watertown by both an estimated F2 tornado and downburst winds. Barns were destroyed on three farms east of Watertown. The estimated cost was at \$200,000.

June 23, 2002: A powerful supercell thunderstorm produced six tornados from eastern McPherson County and across northern Brown County during the evening hours. The first tornado to touchdown was a brief F0, and occurred 6.4 miles northeast of Leola and resulted in no damage. The second tornado was an F1 and touched down 8.5 miles northeast of Leola and crossed over into Brown County where it dissipated 9 miles northwest of Barnard. This tornado brought down many trees and a barn and caused damage to the siding and the roof of a farmhouse in McPherson County. A third weak satellite F0 tornado occurred following the dissipation of the second tornado and resulted in no damage. A fourth, stronger F3 tornado developed 6 miles west of Barnard and moved east before dissipating 3 miles southeast of Barnard. This tornado brought down some high power lines along with a support tower and tossed a pickup truck 100 yards into a group of trees. The pickup truck was totaled. The tornado caused extensive damage to two farmhouses, several farm buildings, and farm equipment. One farmhouse lost the garage and had many trees completely snapped off down low and debarked. The fifth tornado developed 5 miles southeast of Barnard and became a violent F4 tornado. This tornado caused damage to one farmhouse, several outbuildings, trees, and equipment as it moved northeast and strengthened. The tornado then completely demolished two unoccupied homes, several outbuildings, along with destroying or damaging some farm equipment before dissipating 7.6 miles northeast of Barnard. The sixth tornado was a weak satellite F0, which occurred with this violent tornado and caused no damage. The F4 tornado was the first recorded in Brown County and one of few recorded in South Dakota. The total estimated property loss exceeded a million dollars. Click [HERE](#) for pictures from Silver Lining Tours.

1902 - The temperature at Volcano Springs, CA, soared to 129 degrees to set a June record for the U.S. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders)

1944: The deadliest and strongest tornado in the state of West Virginia occurred on this day. The Shinnston Tornado that ravaged a path of destruction from Shinnston to Cheat Mountain, then on to Maryland and ending in Pennsylvania in the Allegheny Mountains, is the only twister to produce F4 damage in West Virginia. This tornado killed 103 people.

1957 - A few miles west of Fort Stockton TX, softball size hail injured 21 persons unable to find shelter, mostly farm laborers. Some livestock were killed. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A massive hailstorm hit eastern Colorado causing an estimated 60 to 70 million dollars damage. At La Junta, CO, hail as large as softballs caused 37 million dollars damage. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thirty-four cities reported record high temperatures for the date. The reading of 90 degrees at Bluefield, WV, equalled their record for the month of June. The record high of 104 degrees at Billings, MT, was their thirteenth of the month. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Six cities in the High Plains Region reported record low temperatures for the date, including Sheridan, WY, with a reading of 38 degrees. Showers and thunderstorms in the eastern U.S. deluged New Castle County, DE, with 2.5 inches of rain in one hour. (The National Weather Summary)

2010: An F2 tornado destroyed approximately 50 homes and caused damages estimated to be \$15 million in Midland, Ontario. 12 people were reported to be injured. Ontario provided immediate provincial assistance of up to \$1 million to aid in cleanup and repairs.

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
Chance Showers then Showers Likely	Chance T-storms then Chance Showers	Chance Showers then Chance T-storms	Chance Showers then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms then Showers Likely	Chance Showers	Chance T-storms
High: 83 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 62 °F	High: 83 °F

## TODAY

Showers & Storms  
Mainly East River

Highs:  
Upper 70s to Mid 80s

## SUNDAY

Widespread  
"Heat of the afternoon"  
Weak Thunderstorms

Highs:  
Mid 70s to Low 80s

## MONDAY

Rain in Eastern SD  
Showers Elsewhere

Highs:  
Low 70s

weather.gov/Aberdeen
National Weather Service Aberdeen
@NWSAberdeen
Updated: 6/23/2018 4:27 AM Central

Published on: 06/23/2018 at 4:38AM

An active pattern can be expected for the weekend and into the start of the work week. Today we will see showers and storms mainly east river with a few of these becoming strong. More widespread storms are expected Sunday but severe weather is unlikely, and then on Monday we could see decent rain in eastern South Dakota.

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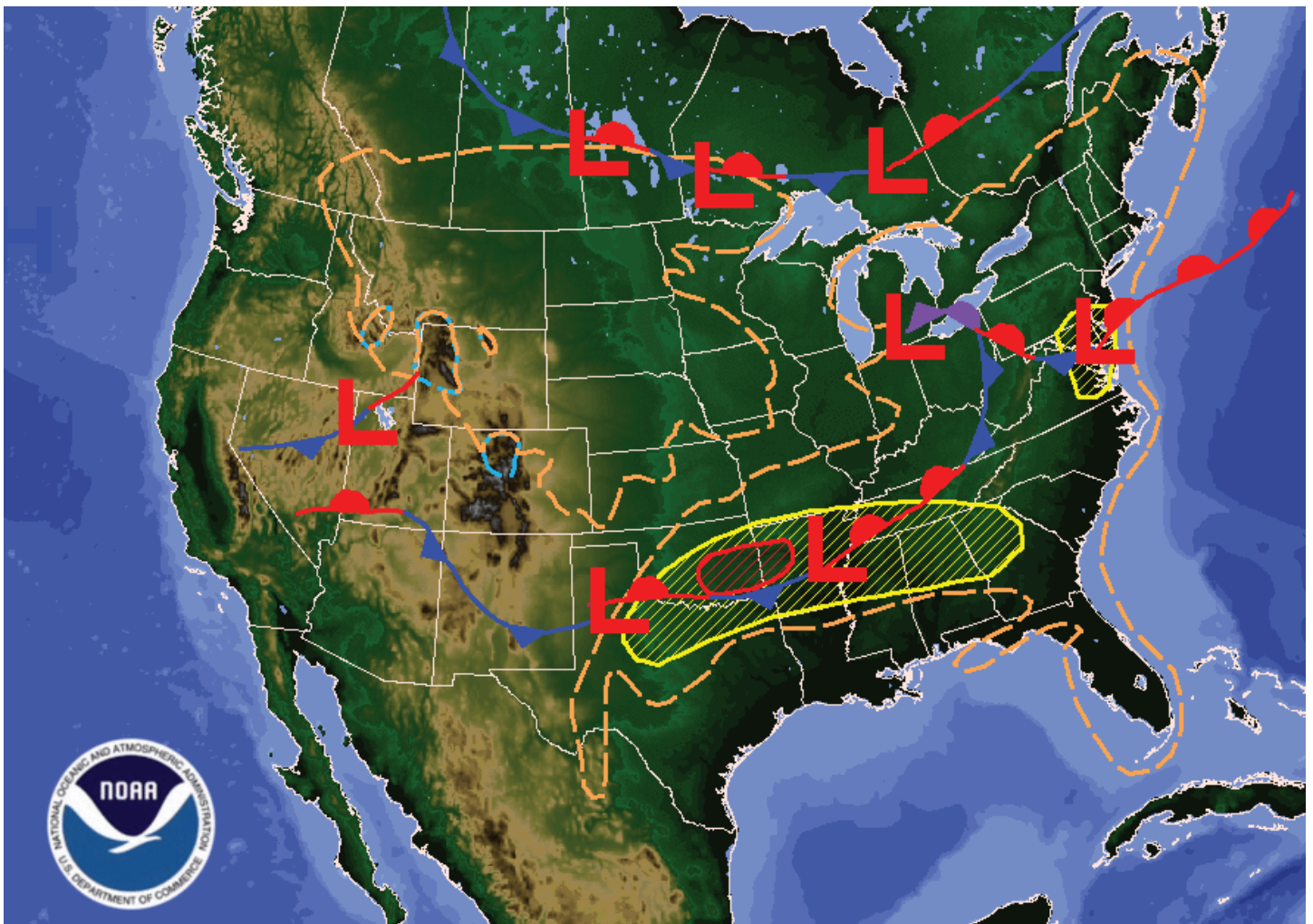
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 85.0 F at 3:39 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 61.9 F at 7:16 AM**  
**Wind Chill:**  
**High Gust: 14.0 Mph at 6:06 PM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 104° in 1911**  
**Record Low: 33° in 1942**  
**Average High: 80°F**  
**Average Low: 56°F**  
**Average Precip in June: 2.84**  
**Precip to date in June: 1.42**  
**Average Precip to date: 9.98**  
**Precip Year to Date: 5.72**  
**Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:45 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jun 23, 2018, issued 4:56 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Reinhart with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

**Rain**  
**Rain and T'Storms**  
**Rain and Snow**  
**Snow**  
**Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)**  
**Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)**  
**Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)**  
**Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)**

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## NOTHING IS BEYOND HIM

When God calls us to do something He will give us the skills and ability to do whatever He calls us to do. It may seem to be impossible and unreal at the time of His call, but He will never allow us to embarrass Him. If He calls us He will equip us.

This is an important fact for Christians. There may be times when we "think" God has called us to do some "thing" because it is "attractive" or "appealing" or "glamorous" or "may give us power over people" or "no one else can do it." But it's not God calling us at all. It is our "ego" wanting attention and we "put it on" or "blame God" for whatever we may want to do and then try to "obligate Him" to make it work.

The Psalmist made an interesting observation when he said, "For I delight in Your commands because I love them." When God calls us to serve Him, He puts a love in our heart that will not be diminished when the days seem longer than usual or the tasks are seemingly unbearable or the demands far beyond us. When God calls us to serve Him, He will give us whatever strength we need to do whatever He has called us to do.

Do you remember the story of a tall, well-built boy carrying a smaller child who was unable to walk on his back? A stranger asked, "Do you carry him to school each day?" "Yes, I do," he replied. "Isn't that a heavy burden for you to carry?" "Oh no, Sir. He's not a burden, he's my brother." Like God's commands: They are not a burden - they are a delight when we truly love them!

Prayer: Father, give us hearts that delight in serving You because we love the privilege we have to serve You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:47 for I delight in your commands because I love them.

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## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party
  
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

## News from the Associated Press

### Trophy reunites friends 44 years later

By MICK GARRY, Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Jon Bot and a few of his high school friends recently got together in the Battle Lake area in Minnesota to celebrate friendships that dated back nearly a half-century. On paper it was a fishing trip, complete with a trophy catch that got away.

This was a real trophy, though, not a walleye. And this trophy came back.

In 1974 Luverne High School won the Southwest Conference football title under Coach Elmer Menage. They got a big trophy to commemorate that, complete with a picture of the team attached.

For decades they'd all assumed that it was still sitting somewhere prominent at Luverne High School, but that was before Bot's friend Brian DeJongh texted him a photo of the trophy at I-29 Antiques & Collectibles, a huge structure near Tea where thousands of things defying categorization are up for sale, the Argus Leader reported.

"I saw the picture in the text but I didn't understand why he was sending it to me," said Bot, a long-time bar and restaurant owner in Sioux Falls known widely as Jono. "And where did he see it? An antique store? Why would such a valuable piece of hardware be in an antique store? I mean, how many football conference titles has Luverne won?"

Bot played up the outrage for a laugh, but he was intrigued enough to start telling people about it. Soon after, he and his friend Rob Wallner made a trip to Tea to hunt it down.

"I had no idea that place was that big," said Bot. "It seemed like miles and miles of all these trinkets. Rob and I walked what seemed like a couple blocks and I finally said, 'Rob, we're never going to find this. It's a needle in a haystack. Let's split up and you go one way and I'll go the other for the next 15 minutes.'"

Fifteen minutes later, he heard Wallner yell off in the distance.

"Let's meet at the front of the store!" Bot yelled back.

Bot discovered the trophy was priced at \$28. He was miffed that it wasn't selling for more, but not miffed enough to actually pay the \$200 he told the cashier he had been willing to spend.

"The first night I brought it out at home and put it on the kitchen counter," Bot said. "My wife Susan saw it and said, 'Well what's this trophy you're so proud of?' She picked me out in the picture and seemed very impressed."

The next day Bot saw that it had been moved to the garage.

There was the fishing trip coming up, though, set up by Pete Olsen, who had a lake cabin and wanted to get the gang together this summer for Bot, who has been in a difficult fight with a rare form of cancer the last two years.

"I walked into the cabin to get a beer and it was sitting there on the table," Olsen said. "I knew exactly what it was right away. We took a picture of each guy holding the trophy with the others standing behind him. We all took turns embellishing that trophy. It had been lost and now it was found."

Word has traveled among other members of the 1974 Luverne Cardinals football team, which had suffered through a serious dry spell in the years prior to earning the conference championship.

Bot, a junior on the team that year, tried to get one of the seniors to believe that Coach Menage had sent the trophy to him years earlier with a note explaining that he was the real MVP that season and it was only right that Bot should have it.

As Olsen noted, "Discernment is a valuable tool when you're talking to Jono," and the MVP yarn didn't go far.

The trophy itself is on the move, though. It has since gone through the Twin Cities and is currently in Red Wing, Minnesota, where two of the team's former players live. The plan is to continue passing it along from teammate to teammate, similar to the Stanley Cup.

"We want to get it into the hands of as many guys on that team as we can," Bot said. "They can set it

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down on a table and show it to their kids and their grandkids and make up their own stories about that season.”

The fishermen left Olsen’s cabin understanding that the trophy had become a focus of their time together. The games had stories. All those faces on the team picture had stories. Bot, a hall-of-fame storyteller, led the way in telling them.

“The beauty of this is that we thought we were going up there to gather around Jono,” Olsen said. “But it wasn’t us rallying around Jono, in reality it was Jono drawing us together. Jono and that trophy were pulling us all in.”

So how did the trophy get to Tea? It is true that there had been a break-in at Luverne High School years ago. An early working theory had it that those burglars had stolen it. Eventually, the narrative continued, it fell into the hands of someone who didn’t appreciate it and it went up for sale.

“Even I had trouble believing that,” Bot said. “I mean, you break into a school and you’re going to skip over all the computers and all that equipment and grab an old trophy?”

Calls made this week quickly gravitated toward an alternative scenario, where the school cleared room for trophies commemorating more recent accomplishments and passed it and other trophies off to the local historical society, which then drew the interest of a Luverne antiques dealer.

This dealer then may have passed it along to an antique enthusiast from Sioux Falls, who in turn put a 28-dollar price tag on in a section of the spacious antique mall and hoped for the best.

But what’s the hurry in really nailing this down?

“I’ve thought about it and I’ve decided that I’m sticking with the theory that somebody stole it,” Bot said. “I like the idea that it seemed valuable enough to steal.”

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Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

## **Institute aims to create a new generation of Lakota speakers**

**By CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK, Rapid City Journal**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Dawn Frank breaks from the interview to answer a family text message. Her daughters attend Stanford University. When they text back home to their mom and aunts on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, it’s often in Lakota.

“We’re just sharing logistics on a family event,” said Frank, vice president for instruction at Oglala Lakota College in Kyle. “Here,” she points to the final expression, laughing, “They’re just asking if there’ll be coffee.”

Lakota, once suppressed by the boarding school system, is on the rise in the western part of South Dakota, the Rapid City Journal reported. For the first time, the Lakota Language Consortium hosted a two-week Lakota Summer Institute on Pine Ridge, one of the parcels of land allotted to the western bands of the Sioux in southwestern South Dakota.

The two-week summer institute in Kyle came from Frank’s determination to get professional development for her faculty.

“It’s about speaking,” she said, over a lunch of beef stew, blueberry soup, fry bread and fruit punch, as students and teachers intermingled during the lunch hour in the foray of the Lakota Language Immersion School on the Oglala Lakota College campus.

“Alex,” she called to a teacher passing by, “How much did you know?”

“Only phrases here and there, mostly from ceremonies and songs,” said Alex Firethunder-Loeb.

Now, Firethunder-Loeb, 28, is a teacher. And he hopes that his students will grow in their language, too.

“To have all these people here in my home, across the road from me, it’s just a lot of positivity and empowerment.”

For 11 years, the Lakota Summer Institute has been housed at Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, N.D., on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Organized by the Lakota Language Consortium, an organization formed in 2004 by Lakota community members and linguists based in Bloomington, Ind., who work to revitalize the language, the institute comprises classes teaching not only the language but how to teach

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the language, too.

Lakota was never written down prior to missionaries and early tribal scholars introducing grammars and dictionaries. The goal of Lakota Institute, however, is not to teach a book language, but a spoken language. Today, first-language speakers number roughly 2,000. And learning can be costly.

"We are the generation who knows what loss is like," said Frank. "I speak, I understand, but I'm like one of the ones who isn't fluent."

Ben Black Bear, 72, who grew up speaking Lakota almost exclusively until the age of 20, led the Lakota Studies Department at Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. On June 7, he led a classroom of fluent speakers who are learning the mechanics of a language they already know.

"They still need to learn the grammar and the sound system," he said. "They need to learn how to teach the language."

In another class on June 7, around 20 or so students stood in head linguist Jan Ullrich's class, holding toy animals and asked each other their names. Notecards in Lakota scribbled on the tables, textbooks open, bottles of water or pop out. Joseph Catches, 57, looked on, as classmate said "big cat."

"Igmú tʔá?ka."

"I'm supposed to be fluent," Clifford said. "But there were a number of animals I didn't know. I guess only the common ones."

The institute has four classes: three at intermediary levels and one advanced session. Just shy of 80 students completed the two-week program — a remarkable success, Frank said, in their first year. Lunch was provided daily, and each morning two vans went on routes picking people up. Some students came from university in Montreal or as close as down the road in Kyle. Textbooks were free. The goal is to make the language accessible to anyone who is interested.

"Lakota has such an expansive inventory of sounds," said Arman Murphy, an intern with LLC and linguistics major at the University of Pennsylvania, who was visiting South Dakota for the first time. He became interested in Lakota after taking a Native American languages course in the spring. "Compared to many indigenous languages," Murphy said, "Lakota is very robust."

The orthography developed by LLC's team of linguists is new for some older speakers. Older versions did not include diacritics, for example. The newer alphabet also includes nearly 40 "letters."

Students standing in the lobby after lunch try out what they've learned.

"Khíyotaka yo," said Otto Cuny, 29, from Martin, saying "go sit at the table."

"My grandmother spoke it, but I didn't take the time to get to know it."

He now believes teaching Lakota is "kind of like my calling."

His classmate, Destiny Leftwich, 26, earned a teaching degree from the University of South Dakota, where she also took Lakota. But her experience here has been more immersive.

"When he talked about revitalizing the language, it was really emotional," said Leftwich. "I want my children to be first-generation speakers."

After lunch in his grammar class, Firethunder-Loeb wears a stiff-brimmed black hat and joshes with students, trying to keep the mood alert during a dry discussion of gendered endings. He works to make the students laugh as they reach the 2:15 p.m. break.

Firethunder-Loeb grew up in New York City, but made visits to the reservation during summers to see his mother and participate in cultural experiences. Five years ago, he moved to Kyle and graduated from Oglala Lakota College, but even now, he said, it's rare to hear Lakota spoken on the reservation outside ceremonies and prayer.

"It can be heard if you go visit the grandmas and grandpas at the post office. They have a senior citizen's lunch and breakfast, and they'll speak (in Lakota)."

He said it's his goal to break the language out of the classroom.

"When I go visit my mom I try to speak Lakota to her. When I talk to my friends who I know are learning, I try to speak it," Firethunder-Loeb said, mentioning he makes posts on Facebook and Snapchat in Lakota, too.



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Reclaiming language is a small, but important, way to regain a part of culture torn away by assimilation. But the first step is learning the language basics.

At the opening to Ullrich's class, he invites them to share reflections on their learning this week. One student says she's gained new understanding for how the loss of language can impact political sovereignty.

Ullrich nods his head, but redirects the conversation.

"This is true, but we must stay focused on the language. We can talk about those things after class."

Then he writes on the board, "Echú?wichakhiyapi," which means "they're allowed to do it." And the afternoon class picks up.

## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) \_ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Friday:

Mega Millions

02-06-11-27-44, Mega Ball: 20, Megaplier: 2

(two, six, eleven, twenty-seven, forty-four; Mega Ball: twenty; Megaplier: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$192 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

## Crude oil leaks into floodwaters after train derails in Iowa

DOON, Iowa (AP) — A freight train derailed in northwest Iowa on Friday, leaking crude oil from into flooded fields flanking the tracks and raising concerns about the possible contamination of residential water supplies downstream, officials said.

BNSF railroad spokesman Andy Williams said no one was injured when 33 oil tanker cars from Alberta, Canada, derailed around 4:30 a.m. Friday just south of Doon in Lyon County. Some of the tankers were compromised, causing the oil to leak into floodwaters and eventually into the rain-swollen Little Rock River, but officials didn't have an exact number of tankers that leaked oil by late Friday afternoon, Williams said.

BNSF had hazardous materials and environmental experts on the scene and had begun cleanup within hours of the derailment, Williams said.

"We are containing the oil that was spilled as close to the incident as possible using containment booms and recovering it with skimmers and vacuum trucks," he said.

Williams said he did not immediately know the train's destination.

Lyon County Sheriff Steward Vander Stoep said between 30 and 40 semitrailers containing cleanup equipment had arrived at the scene near Doon, Iowa, by Friday afternoon.

Officials at the scene agreed that floodwater from the swollen Little Rock River played a part in causing the cars to leave the tracks, but said they weren't yet sure whether the waters compromised the track, physically pushed the cars off it or played a part in some other way. The river rose rapidly Wednesday after 5 to 7 inches (13 to 18 centimeters) of rain fell Wednesday and a further downpour on Thursday.

A broadening sheen of oil spread near several of the tankers, which had piled up across the track and earthen berm, some submerged in the water.

Vander Stoep said that drinking water in Doon and the immediate area didn't seem to be in danger of contamination.

But news of the spill was enough to prompt officials in Rock Valley, a small city about 5 miles (8.05 kilometers) southwest of the derailment, to shut off all the city's drinking water wells. The water towers also will be drained as a precaution, said Rock Valley public information officer Travis Olson. In the meantime, the city is getting its water from the nearby Rock Valley Rural Water system, which Olson said is not in danger of being contaminated by the spill.

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The city, with a population of nearly 3,400, will stay on the rural water system until testing by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources confirms the safety of the city's drinking water, Olson said.

"I don't know how long that will be," he said. "It sounds like the cleanup is going to take a while."

Williams said he was unsure how much oil leaked and how many of the cars were leaking. Lyon County Sheriff Stewart Vander Stoep said the oil was being carried downstream into the Rock River a few hundred yards west of the derailment.

No information was immediately available on how much oil each of the tankers was carrying. Cleanup crews were dispatched to the site.

Vander Stoep said four homes near the site were evacuated.

The Rock River had already carried some oil to Rock Valley by midmorning, said Ken Hessenius with the Iowa Natural Resources Department. State crews were trying to determine how fast the oil was travelling south. The Rock River joins the Big Sioux River before merging into the Missouri River at Sioux City.

The task difficulty is compounded by the spreading floodwater, he said.

"The river, instead of being 100 yards wide, is now maybe a half-mile wide" in spots, Hessenius said.

"Our first major concerns are public water supplies," he said, adding that several towns that draw water from shallow wells near the Rock River have been alerted about possible contamination.

Doon is about 40 miles (65 kilometers) southeast of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where several rain-swollen rivers overflowed Thursday. The National Weather Service has forecast flooding in the area into the weekend.

## 3 candidates vying to be Republican attorney general nominee

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Republicans will choose between a longtime county prosecutor, a broadly endorsed Yankton attorney and the head of the state Senate judiciary committee in deciding their candidate to face an experienced Democratic former U.S. attorney in the race for state attorney general.

The attorney general contest is the main show for Republican delegates selecting candidates Saturday at their state convention in Pierre. Lawrence County State's Attorney John Fitzgerald, Yankton lawyer Jason Ravensborg and state Sen. Lance Russell are the Republican hopefuls.

The winner will face former U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler, whom Democrats nominated last week, in November. Republicans dominate in South Dakota politics, but Seiler is viewed as a solid contender because of his long career as a federal prosecutor.

They seek to replace outgoing Attorney General Marty Jackley, who lost the GOP primary for governor, as the state's chief lawyer and law enforcement officer.

The high-profile office has served as a frequent springboard for gubernatorial hopefuls and takes on the state's top legal cases, such as South Dakota's recent successful push to get the U.S. Supreme Court to allow states to make online shoppers pay sales tax.

Fitzgerald, the Lawrence County state's attorney since 1995, called Seiler a "formidable opponent." Fitzgerald is touting his own prosecutorial experience, saying he could apply his attorney's skills to addressing cyber threats, public corruption and keeping people safe from drug cartels.

"When you've been a prosecuting attorney for almost four decades, you really have distinguished yourself from anybody," said Fitzgerald. He said a 1968 mob car bombing in Massachusetts that maimed his father led him to become a prosecutor, "standing up for the rights of victims and trying to keep the place where I live and I love safe."

Fitzgerald has claimed that Ravensborg — a deputy state's attorney for Union County and partner at a Yankton law firm — has "never actually tried as a prosecutor a jury trial." Ravensborg didn't immediately return a telephone message requesting comment from The Associated Press.

Ravnsborg told AP in May that he has a strong background to address South Dakota's drug problem, and his campaign website lists endorsements from a slew of county sheriffs and other officials. He's proposed expanding programs that allow lower-level prisoners to work while serving their sentences and establishing a meth-specific prison and a mental health facility in the western part of the state.

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The Yankton resident is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

"I thought that I brought a unique set of skills to the race, and so hopefully it'll work out," Ravensborg said in May.

Ravnsborg, the top Republican fundraiser, reported roughly 64,300 in the bank in May. Fitzgerald had \$12,400 and Russell \$8,100.

Seiler, the Democrat, had more than \$61,000.

Russell enjoys an endorsement from Senate President Pro Tempore Brock Greenfield, who said in a statement that he has a "record of defeating Democrats." A wrinkle in the campaign was a choice Russell faced: withdrawing from the race for his state Senate seat by Friday afternoon to seek the attorney general nomination.

Russell didn't immediately comment to AP, but Secretary of State Shantel Krebs said Friday he withdrew from the Senate race.

A former state's attorney and current chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Russell said in May that he wants to be attorney general to address rising crime and improve government transparency.

He said then that South Dakota should have a broader public records law that's like the federal Freedom of Information Act.

"I want to give back to the community and the state that has given so much to my family for a number of generations," Russell said at the time. "I decided that I would run for an office that I believe that I'm qualified for at the highest level."

The state Supreme Court censured Russell in 2011 over his handling of controversial situations when he was Fall River County state's attorney, the Rapid City Journal reported .

Republicans on Saturday are expected to name candidates for other offices including Larry Rhoden for lieutenant governor; Steve Barnett for secretary of state; Josh Haeder for state treasurer; Rich Sattgast for state auditor; Ryan Brunner for commissioner of School and Public Lands; and Kristie Fiegen for Public Utilities commissioner.

Party Finance Director Dave Roetman said more than 400 delegates are likely to attend.

## Man sentenced to 80 years in prison in wife's fatal stabbing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls man diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder has been sentenced to 80 years in prison for fatally stabbing his wife in 2016.

Thirty-five-year-old Garrett Solorzano was sentenced Friday on the second day of his sentencing hearing in Minnehaha County.

Solorzano pleaded guilty but mentally ill to manslaughter in the death of his wife, Jennie Lee Smith-Solorzano, in February 2016.

The Argus Leader reports Solorzano also was ordered to pay about \$12,000 in restitution. He apologized in court.

Three medical professionals who evaluated Solorzano say he had post-traumatic stress disorder at the time his wife was killed. Solorzano was honorably discharged from the military in 2012 after being diagnosed with PTSD.

But prosecutor Randy Sample argued that PTSD "is not an excuse to slaughter your spouse."

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

## Deadwood officials attempt to amend noise ordinance

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A western South Dakota city is amending its noise ordinance after residents raised concerns about music levels.

Deadwood officials approved Monday the first reading of an amended ordinance that sets decibel readings and boundaries for noise enforcement, the Black Hills Pioneer reported. The measure establishes acceptable decibel levels for a residential area to 60 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 70 in the business zone

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at all times.

Live music or entertainment in the commercial area that doesn't exceed 80 decibel will be exempt.

"If you have speakers on the outside of your building, you need a permit, but if it's live music, no permit is required," said Kevin Kuchenbecker, Deadwood's historic preservation officer. "It just can't be above 80 decibels at the complainant's property line."

The police department will investigate and issue citations for violations. The ordinance changes set violations punishable by up to 30 days in jail or a \$500 fine. A city permit could be revoked for three or more violations in a year.

The amendments follow complaints last month from members of the business district over the varying levels of music on Main Street.

Commissioner Sharon Martinisko called the change "a starting point."

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

## South Dakota flooding to continue into the weekend

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The National Weather Service says river flooding in southeastern South Dakota will continue into the weekend after days of heavy rain.

The agency says impacted rivers include the Little Sioux, Big Sioux, Vermillion, Rock, Floyd, Redwood and Split Rock Creek. Moderate to major flooding is forecast.

Officials have closed South Dakota Highway 46 at the Iowa state line because of flooding on the road. South Dakota Highway 19 also is closed 16.5 miles (27 kilometers) north of Vermillion.

The state Transportation Department also has closed the bridge over Split Rock Creek on state Highway 11 south of Brandon. Traffic is detoured.

Many rural roads in the region are flooded or barricaded, and some home basements have been flooded. No injuries have been reported.

## Woman who shot boyfriend in videotaped stunt resisted

ADA, Minn. (AP) — A transcript released Friday shows a woman tried to resist as her boyfriend urged her to shoot him for a videotaped stunt in Minnesota that ended in his death.

The Norman County prosecutor also released portions of the video Pedro Ruiz III took with his girlfriend, Monalisa Perez, at their home in Halstad last year.

Ruiz, 22, shows off the .50-caliber Desert Eagle handgun and the bullet he wanted Perez to fire at him as he held a hardcover encyclopedia against his chest. The couple planned to post the video on YouTube.

In the video, Ruiz calls himself "the crazy Pedro" and said he wanted to see if a .50-caliber bullet can go through a book.

"The most trustworthy person that I trust in this world is my girlfriend, Monalisa," Ruiz said in the video "So if I die, I'm pretty much ready to go to heaven right now."

According to the transcript, Perez pleads with her boyfriend "I can't do it, babe. I'm so scared." Ruiz tells her, "As long as you hit the book, you'll be fine. Come on."

"Babe, I'm not doing this, I can't," Perez said.

"Come on," Ruiz replied.

"Babe, if I kill you what's gonna happen to my life. Like no this isn't OK," she said. "I don't want to be responsible."

The bullet went through the book, killing Ruiz. Video of the shooting and aftermath were not released by Norman County Attorney James Brue, who called those portions "clearly offensive to common sensibilities."

Perez, 20, of Redfield, South Dakota, was sentenced earlier this year to 180 days in jail for second-degree manslaughter. Her sentence will be served in 30-day installments each year for six years.

## Wind storm affects South Dakota soybean planting

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Some South Dakota soybean producers have to replant after a wind storm devastated the north-central portion of the state earlier this month.

High and dry winds hit Walworth, Campbell, Faulk, Edmunds, Spink and Brown counties on June 1, Aberdeen American News reported.

"What happened is a significant wind event occurred without any precipitation and it blew residue off the soil, and soybeans were cut off at the ground surface," said Anthony Bly, a soils field specialist with South Dakota State University Extension. "Of course, it's early enough that producers can replant and still probably get a decent yield."

The crop's yield is greatly reduced the further into June and July, but it should still be reasonable, Bly said. Most producers that needed to replant were covered by crop insurance, he said.

State Climatologist Laura Edwards said the storm was unexpected for the time of year.

"We see winds like that, but not usually the dust," Edwards said. "Usually wind speeds like that come with thunderstorm activity around the area. The dust was what was really unusual."

The region's soil conditions, the lack of precipitation and the high winds made for a rare combination, according to Bly.

"It was a non-typical event, it just all lined up and it happened," he said.

Bly said he hopes producers learn from the unfortunate storm and use other soybean management techniques, such as rotating instead of replanting.

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Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

## Campers, bear escape Montana flood as severe weather hits US

By AMY BETH HANSON, Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Helicopters rescued people stranded by flooding in Texas and Montana, including 140 children and counselors stuck in a mountain bible camp for two days, as severe storms swept the Rockies and the Midwest.

Campers attending the Montana Wilderness School of the Bible near the small town of Augusta were airlifted out Thursday after a washed-out road cut off the only exit. Montana was just drying out from spring flooding caused by near-record snowfall over the winter when a storm unleashed heavy rains last weekend.

Texas also saw deluges all week. The soaking in both states comes in stark contrast to the tinder-dry conditions of the American Southwest.

Floodwaters running through two cabins and staff housing woke the campers Tuesday, counselor Dustin Steele said.

"The dryers were going constantly trying to keep the sleeping bags and clothes dry," he said Thursday from the airport in Great Falls, shortly after campers were dropped off to meet their families. "It was hectic, but it was good."

They had enough food and supplies to stay until Friday, but the decision was made to get them out. The Montana Army National Guard sent two Chinook helicopters and made two trips each with about 30 campers and their luggage, Steele said.

The 25-minute flight "was actually pretty loud," said Steele, 19. "You could hardly hear the person next to you."

Officials in south Texas also used helicopters Thursday to rescue residents from flooded areas.

Texas Department of Public Safety Lt. Johnny Hernandez said residents were being rescued by land and air in the Mission area, along the border with Mexico.

Thunderstorms across Texas this week also brought heavy rains to areas that less than a year ago were hit by flooding from Hurricane Harvey, including the Corpus Christi area and the Beaumont-Port Arthur area, east of Houston.

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Forecasters say the rain was expected to move out of south Texas by Friday but much of eastern U.S. will be at risk of severe storms as the weekend approaches. Rain was falling Friday over a large swath of the Midwest from North Dakota to Arkansas.

Meanwhile, parts of Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado were experiencing extreme or exceptional drought, forcing recent closures of national forests and other public lands because of fire danger.

In Montana, the remnants of Hurricane Bud met up with moisture from the Pacific Ocean to create a storm that hung over the western half of the state last weekend, said National Weather Service meteorologist Megan Syner in Great Falls.

"I can't point to any single thing that would make us an anomaly in the western half of the U.S.," Syner said. "We had a record winter season, and we had a storm track that just continued to bring weather systems over Montana."

That led to 9 inches (23 centimeters) of rain falling on the Rocky Mountain Front, causing waterways to overflow and wash out roads, bridges and even sweeping away wildlife.

The mother of one of the campers, Teresa Lane, had an adventure of her own when she and her 9-year-old daughter spotted a grizzly bear that had been swept away by a fast-running creek on her ranch near Augusta.

"I thought it was a dead cow originally," Lane said. "Then it flipped around, and it looked at me, and I said, 'Tiffany, it's a bear!'"

She and her daughter followed the bear for about a quarter-mile as it tried to get out. When it finally did, it limped and appeared agitated before running away.

"It was not a happy camper," she said.

In western Pennsylvania, residents and business owners were cleaning up after a storm dumped nearly 4 inches (10 centimeters) of rain, killing at least one person and prompting scores of evacuations as powerful floodwaters carried off cars and damaged buildings.

Flooding in Minnesota and South Dakota caused some road closures. The Argus Leader newspaper in South Dakota reported that a woman was rescued when her pickup became stranded in floodwaters east of Sioux Falls.

In northwest Iowa, a freight train leaked crude oil into flooded fields along the track after it derailed Friday, leading to the evacuation of four nearby homes. It was not immediately clear what caused the derailment.

Flooding in Virginia forced Richmond International Airport and parts of nearby Interstate 64 to close Friday morning.

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Associated Press journalists Matt Volz in Helena, Jamie Stengle in Dallas and Juan A. Lozano of Houston contributed to this report.

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This story corrects that the Montana rain fell last weekend, not this week.

## Authorities identify Big Stone City couple killed in crash

MILBANK, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a husband and wife from Big Stone City who died in a two-vehicle crash in Grant County.

The Highway Patrol says 79-year-old Arlo Hurley and 71-year-old Kathleen Hurley were in a sport utility vehicle that was struck by a dump truck at a state Highway 15 intersection north of Milbank on Monday afternoon.

The Hurleys were pronounced dead at a Milbank hospital. They had recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The patrol says the dump truck failed to stop at the intersection. The 82-year-old Milbank man driving the truck was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital with life-threatening injuries. Charges are pending against him.

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## Mitchell man accused of abusing woman, infant daughter

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A Mitchell man is awaiting trial for allegedly beating a woman and throwing his infant child to the ground in March.

The Daily Republic reports that 26-year-old Levi Sapp is accused of hitting the woman in the head with an ashtray and a hair grooming tool, throwing her phone in the toilet, pushing her into a bathtub, hitting her head against a wall, striking her head and threatening to kill her.

He also is accused of throwing his 7-week-old daughter on the ground.

Sapp has pleaded not guilty to several charges related to kidnapping, child abuse and domestic assault. His jury trial is scheduled for early September.

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

## Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

### American News, Aberdeen, June 21

#### Faulk County voters deserve praise for 56% turnout

While none of the primary elections across northeastern South Dakota were close enough for a recount, some high numbers did catch our attention.

In fact, most county voter turnout numbers across our region were above the state total.

But special congratulations must go to the voting residents of Faulk County. Voters there cast 882 ballots for a turnout of 56.17 percent.

Especially in off-year primaries, we don't typically see that high number of voter turnout. Faulk County was second in the state, bested by the West River Jones County's 63.03 percent.

The June 5 primary election ballot in Faulk County had two contested races.

Incumbent Kelly Toennies and Aimee Law, both of Faulkton, were running for auditor. Incumbent Kurt Hall and Grady R. Jolley, both of Faulkton, were running for sheriff. In both cases, the winner is unopposed in November.

And, in the end, those who Faulk County residents voted for in statewide Republican races also won: gubernatorial candidate Kristi Noem (58 percent) and U.S. House candidate Dusty Johnson (40 percent).

Statewide, there were 141,044 votes cast for a voter turnout of 26.57 percent.

Even with e-polling problems and Republican-heavy ballots, 6,703 Brown County residents — or 29.67 percent — found their way to a voting center, or put in the effort to vote early. While only 465 ballots were cast in Campbell County, that was still 42.31 percent of the county's registered voters.

That's how voting works after all. Those who cast his or her ballot are the only voices heard, regardless really of which circles were filled in. It is, after all, everyone's civic duty to register to vote — and then to show up and do just that.

Unfortunately, there have been times when the percentage — sadly — was only in single digits or slightly higher.

We are glad this was not the case June 5.

Statewide results were telling in other ways, too.

For instance, those who ran more negative campaigns in the U.S. House of Representatives race lost in the end.

Johnson won the bid five days after he said he wouldn't run negative ads. That's after he was the target of one himself.

Sometimes it doesn't pay to fight fire with fire, and taking the high road ends up being the better route. This is one of those times.

And that tells us that people were paying attention.

Of course, punches of sorts were thrown in the governor's race as well.

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But there didn't appear to be a high road there — not even a trail for a horse.

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## **Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, Yankton, June 19**

### **South Dakota moves to address voting snafus**

South Dakota isn't wasting time in dealing with the voting glitches that marred the state's primary election earlier this month.

On Monday in Pierre, Secretary of State Shantel Krebs told the State Board of Elections she wants all 66 counties in the state to have backup plans in place for the November election, including having hard copies of voter lists available wherever people vote.

Krebs made the recommendations, which the Election Board approved by a 6-1 margin, after several counties, including Yankton, experienced problems with electronic poll books supplied by the company BPro. Software issues caused the company's central server to shut down, which disrupted voting for some time, creating considerable inconvenience. The problems were eventually fixed, but some counties were required to stay open well past the state-mandated 7 p.m. closing time. This created a lag in the reporting of statewide results.

Voting is, of course, the most sacred of democratic responsibilities, and it's up to governing bodies to make it as clean and as accessible as possible. (From here, we could get into a more spirited debate about purging voter rolls and enacting steps to actually discourage people from voting, but that's an argument — which certainly needs to be waged — for another day.)

Krebs, who has done an excellent job in the secretary of state role after inheriting a mess when she was elected in 2014, was aggressive Monday in her plans for a backup protocol. (She has long been a proponent of paper backup documents for voting places.) She said her aim is to have her plans completed by Aug. 15 so they can be posted for public review.

The paper backups would be required in counties with both voting centers (like Yankton County) where anyone in the county can vote, as well as for voting precincts, where people who live only in that precinct can vote.

Obviously, having paper backups at each of the six voting centers in Yankton County, for example, could be a formidable undertaking, but it would be worth it to ensure that the process transpired without issues.

Nevertheless, this (relatively) new technology places new demands on the process, and the needs for protection are the same. In fact, they're probably even greater in this interconnected age, as recent events would suggest, unfortunately.

Krebs is working vigorously to address the knowable problems that popped up in the process earlier this month. At the very least, her proposals are vital in keeping the voting process in South Dakota as convenient and accessible to the electorate as possible. At this juncture, they are worth implementing.

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## **Madison Daily Leader, Madison, June 20**

### **Madison should watch for ash borer results**

The emerald ash borer has arrived in South Dakota, and we would expect it to come to Lake County soon, if it isn't already here.

The adults borers (which are beetles) nibble on ash tree leaves causing little damage, but the larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients, eventually killing the tree.

States, counties, cities and even countries are working to prevent the spread of the ash borer. A map created by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows the insect has been found in 33 states, with the highest concentration appearing to be in Indiana and Ohio. South Dakota has had only one observation, in Sioux Falls, in May.

Even so, some experts believe the spread is inevitable. The City of Sioux Falls believes the beetle could destroy more than 80,000 trees in the city during the next decade.



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So Sioux Falls has announced it is fighting back, by releasing a certain breed of wasps. The wasps prey on borers by laying eggs inside the beetles, which die when the eggs are hatched.

The U.S. Forest service approves the method and is providing the wasps. South Dakota agriculture entomologist John Ball says the parasitoid species of wasps pose no threat to humans.

Madison should watch this battle carefully. Our city and Lake County have many ash trees and could be severely damaged by an infestation. If the wasps are successful and the borer is halted, we want to know about it.

We have mixed feelings about messing with Mother Nature. Sometimes we believe we do more damage than good if we use toxic chemicals to kill species of plants, insects and animals. On the other hand, releasing the wasps sounds like a more natural solution, in which nature takes care of itself.

There may be a negative side to releasing the wasps. If so, Sioux Falls can find out about it before we try it.

There are efforts all over the country to battle the emerald ash borer. We could learn from those as well, but the fight in Sioux Falls is worth watching most closely.

## **Campground, motorcycle maker dismissed from Sturgis lawsuit**

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed Buffalo Chip Campground and Indian Motorcycles from a lawsuit filed by an Alaska man injured by a motorcycle at the 2016 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota.

Royce Rath, of Sitka, Alaska, was attending a Kid Rock concert when a motorcycle went off the stage and into the crowd, hitting him.

His lawsuit alleged he suffered severe physical and mental anguish and permanent disability. He sued Buffalo Chip, Indian Motorcycles and showman Roland Sands in federal court last fall, seeking money damages.

The Rapid City Journal reports that a judge granted a joint motion to dismiss the campground and motorcycle company. It's not known if Sands and Rath have reached a settlement.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

## **Chaos on the border inflames GOP's split with Latinos**

**By THOMAS BEAUMONT and BILL BARROW, Associated Press**

When more than 1,000 Latino officials \_\_\_ a crop of up-and-coming representatives from a fast-growing demographic \_\_\_ gathered in Phoenix last week, no one from the Trump administration was there to greet them.

It marked the first time a presidential administration skipped the annual conference of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials in at least 24 years. The absence was another fracture in the increasingly broken relationship between Latinos in the U.S. and the Republican Party.

"There is a great amount of anxiety about what is happening throughout the country facing the Latino community, and it's not just immigration," said Arturo Vargas, the group's executive director. "Absence of the nation's leadership at such a meeting is a real problem."

Skipping the event during a week of tumult along the southern border crystalized how the GOP has shifted from the "compassionate" conservatism George W. Bush articulated to win the presidency twice, buoyed by the support of 44 percent of Latinos in 2004. Instead, wrenching photos and audio of the U.S. government separating migrant children from their parents symbolize the tense relationship between Latinos and the White House in the Trump era.

GOP strategists are bracing for the potential fallout the turmoil might have on November's midterm elections, where control of the House \_\_\_ and possibly the Senate \_\_\_ is in play. Some Republicans are warning that President Donald Trump's racially charged appeals to white voters, on display again at a recent rally

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he held in Minnesota, will doom the party's relationship with minorities.

Peter Guzman, a Republican who is the president of the Latin Chamber of Commerce in Nevada, said the president is hurting the GOP's outreach to Latinos in his state, which Trump lost in 2016 and where control of the Senate may hinge this fall. He said Trump damaged the GOP's standing among Latinos by first showing ambivalence to the plight on the border and then stoking ethnic stereotypes.

"When you call them rapists and say they're all criminals, it's bad," he said. "When he looks into the camera and marginalizes all Hispanics, it's not good for the party."

Others worry the administration's disorganized management of the chaos at the border could ripple through the political world for years to come.

"Latinos don't just feel misunderstanding and meanness from Republicans. It's abject cruelty," said former Republican strategist Steve Schmidt, who was the senior adviser to 2008 GOP presidential nominee John McCain. "For the Hispanic community, the Republican brand is gone forever. Kaput. They will never consider voting for a Republican."

Schmidt ended his 30-year relationship with the GOP in the past week, blasting the "complete and total corruption of the Republican Party among its elected officials." His outrage reflects frustration among some Republicans, particularly those aligned with Bush, about the party's long-term ability to harness the growing segment of Latino voters.

Census data released recently showed non-Hispanic whites were the only demographic group whose population decreased from July 1, 2016, to the same date in 2017, declining .02 percent to 197.8 million. The Hispanic population, meanwhile, increased 2.1 percent to 58.9 million during that time period.

Even as American demographics shift, there are few incentives for Republican incumbents to abandon Trump \_\_ or his hard-line approach on many cultural issues. Those who have criticized the president, such as GOP Rep. Mark Sanford of South Carolina, were ousted by primary voters seeking loyalty to Trump. Other Trump critics in Congress, including Republican Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee and Jeff Flake of Arizona, have decided not to seek re-election rather than face Trump's most fervent supporters during a primary race.

And those enthusiastic Trump supporters remain by his side as they have through most of his controversial presidency.

"I've got absolute confidence in how this man handles anything," 68-year-old Pat Shaler of North Scottsdale, Arizona, said in an interview.

For his part, the president — and some Republicans — see the immigration hard line as a winning play. Just hours after reversing himself and ending the family separations, Trump promoted hawkish immigration measures at the rally in northern Minnesota. Reminiscent of the 2016 campaign, Trump smiled upon a throng of 8,000 chanting, "Build the wall! Build the wall!"

The concentration of the non-white voters in cities has allowed Republicans to maximize their strength among white voters by shaping congressional district maps to help them hold majorities in 32 statehouses and the U.S. House. Exit polls in 2016 showed Trump garnered more than 6 out of 10 white votes and two-thirds of whites without college degrees.

"Trump exacerbated the cultural re-alignment of this country to a degree that we didn't think possible," said Tim Miller, an aide to 2016 GOP presidential candidate Jeb Bush, who promoted a path to citizenship for people in the country illegally.

James Aldrete, a Democratic consultant in Texas, says "there is no joy" in watching Trump carry out family separations, which he called "a stupid failed tactic." But Aldrete said it can only exacerbate Republicans' problems among Latinos.

"Does it hit us in the gut? Hell yes," Aldrete said.

Colorado, a perennial political battleground, demonstrates the challenge for the GOP. Republicans competing to win the gubernatorial nomination in Tuesday's primary have united in attacking so-called sanctuary cities. As the border turmoil unfolded, the front-runner in the race, Walker Stapelton, aired a television ad declaring, "I stand with Trump" on immigration.

While such tactics may appeal to the GOP base in a primary, some Republicans said the moves are unhelpful in a state where the Hispanic population has grown almost 40 percent since 2000. Former Colorado Republican Party Chairman Dick Wadhams said candidates should be addressing the economy and education — issues that attract wide swaths of voters.

Messages such as Stapelton's, Wadhams said, "make things very complicated for Republicans in Colorado."

Associated Press writer Melissa Daniels in Phoenix contributed to this report.

## Administration seeks to expand immigrant family detention

By AMY TAXIN, Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — The Trump administration is calling for the expanded use of family detention for immigrant parents and children who are stopped along the U.S.-Mexico border, a move decried by advocates as a cruel and ineffective attempt to deter families from coming to the United States.

Immigration authorities on Friday issued a notice that they may seek up to 15,000 beds to detain families. The Justice Department has also asked a federal court in California to allow children to be detained longer and in facilities that don't require state licensing while they await immigration court proceedings.

"The current situation is untenable," August Flentje, special counsel to the assistant attorney general, wrote in court filings seeking to change a longstanding court settlement that governs the detention of immigrant children. The more constrained the Homeland Security Department is in detaining families together during immigration proceedings, "the more likely it is that families will attempt illegal border crossing."

The proposed expansion comes days after a public outcry moved the administration to cease the practice of separating children from their migrant parents on the border. More than 2,300 children have been taken from their parents since Homeland Security announced a plan in April to prosecute all immigrants caught on the border.

In all, about 9,000 immigrants traveling in family groups have been caught on the border in each of the last three months, according to federal authorities.

Immigrant advocates contend detention is no place for children and insist there are other alternatives to ensure they and their parents attend immigration court hearings, such as ankle bracelets or community-based programs. The federal court ruled several years ago that children must be released as quickly as possible from family detention.

"It is definitely not a solution under any circumstances," said Manoj Govindaiah, director of family detention services at the RAICES advocacy group in Texas. "At no point should a child be incarcerated, and children need to be with their parents."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement currently has three family detention facilities — a 100-bed center opened in Pennsylvania in 2001 and two much larger facilities opened in Texas in 2014. Only the Pennsylvania facility can house men, and all of the detainees at the Texas centers are women with children.

In Dilley, Texas, a facility was built on a remote site that was once an oil workers' encampment. It includes collections of cottages built around playgrounds. The other Texas center, in Karnes City, is ringed by 15-foot fences and has security cameras monitoring movements. It also offers bilingual children's books in the library, classes, TVs and an artificial turf soccer field.

Inside the Karnes City center, there are five or six beds to a room typically shared by a couple of families. Cinderblock walls are painted pastel colors, said Govindaiah, who added that the facilities are run by private prison operators, not humanitarian organizations, as is the case with shelters for unaccompanied immigrant children.

Currently, most families spend up to a few weeks in the facilities and are released once they pass an initial asylum screening. They are then given a date to appear before an immigration judge in the cities where they are headed to see if they qualify to stay in the country legally or will face deportation.

Those who do not pass initial screenings can seek additional review in a video conference with a judge, a process that lasts about six weeks.

But that's much shorter than the six months or a year many families were being held several years ago when the Obama administration began detaining mothers and children in a bid to stem a surge in arrivals on the border, Govindaiah said.

At the time, many were being held until their immigration cases — not just the initial screenings — were resolved.

Advocates then asked the federal court to enforce a decades-old settlement over the detention of immigrant children, and a judge ruled the children should be released as quickly as possible.

The settlement is seen by advocates as a way to ensure children are placed in age-appropriate facilities and for no longer than necessary. State licensing adds another layer of oversight.

"You will have children in facilities that are entirely inappropriate for children and are not meeting child welfare standards," said Michelle Brane, director of the migrant rights and justice program at the Women's Refugee Commission. "They are trying to circumvent child welfare standards."

Brane said there is a viable alternative: supervised release to communities around the country. The federal Family Case Management Program — terminated under the Trump administration — compiled a perfect record of attendance by migrants at court hearings, and a 99 percent appearance record at immigration check-ins, according to a 2017 report by the Homeland Security inspector general.

Just 2 percent of participants — 23 out of 954 — were reported as absconders.

In Friday's notice, ICE said the family detention beds should be in state-licensed facilities and allow freedom of movement for detainees, and should preferably be located in states along the southwest border.

In addition to providing private showers and educational field trips for children, the centers should appear "child-friendly rather than penal in nature," the agency said.

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## Trump tries to change focus of border debate

**BY JONATHAN LEMIRE and DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump tried to cast doubt Friday on wrenching tales of migrant children separated from their families at the border, dismissing "phony stories of sadness and grief" while asserting the real victims of the nation's immigration crisis are Americans killed by those who cross the border unlawfully.

Bombarded with criticism condemning the family-separation situation as a national moment of shame, Trump came back firing, sometimes twisting facts and changing his story but nonetheless highlighting the genuine grief of families on the other side of the equation.

"You hear the other side, you never hear this side," said Trump, standing with a dozen of what he calls the "angel families" who lost loved ones at the hands of people in the country illegally. He focused on the fact that young migrants separated from parents are likely to be reunited, unlike the victims of murders.

"These are the American citizens permanently separated from their loved ones. The word 'permanently' being the word that you have to think about. Permanently — they're not separated for a day or two days, these are permanently separated because they were killed by criminal illegal aliens."

Amid mushrooming bipartisan concern over depictions of terrified migrant children separated from their parents, Trump on Wednesday had abruptly reversed course and signed an executive order to overturn the policy, although up to 2,000 children are still believed to be separated from their parents. But that rare moment of public capitulation was brief from the president, who laced his remarks at a rally in Minnesota that night with hardline immigration rhetoric that continued Friday. In a tweet, the president raised questions about whether the migrants' hardships really existed.

"We must maintain a Strong Southern Border," the president tweeted. "We cannot allow our Country to be overrun by illegal immigrants as the Democrats tell their phony stories of sadness and grief, hoping it will help them in the elections. Obama and others had the same pictures, and did nothing about it!"

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Trump's suggestion that the stories were erroneous was likely fueled by revelations Friday about one of the defining images to this point in the crisis, a 2-year-old Honduran girl crying as her mother was stopped by a Border Patrol agent. But the girl in the photograph, who ended up on the cover of Time Magazine this week, was not separated from her mother but detained with her, the child's father told the Daily Mail. Time Magazine said it stood by the image because it captures "the stakes of this moment."

Trump has long chafed at the media's treatment, his fury only growing in the past week when he felt that he did not receive proper credit for his summit in Singapore with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. He told the Trinity Broadcasting Network, in an interview with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee set to air Saturday, that he found the news coverage "almost treasonous."

Some conservatives seized hold of the migrant photo faux pas to attack the media, and White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders tweeted, "It's shameful that Dems and the media exploited this photo of a little girl to push their agenda."

Other Trump allies have gone even further. Ann Coulter, a conservative pundit, said Sunday in an interview on Fox News that kids at the border were "actor children" who were "given scripts to read by liberals."

Coulter then turned to the camera and said to Trump, "Don't fall for it."

A number of Democrats aggressively pushed back against Trump's claims. Rep. Peter Welch of Vermont said Friday that Trump's assertion was "bizarre" and that the border patrol processing center he visited in Texas in recent days was "nothing short of a prison."

As part of his defense for his zero tolerance border crossing policy, Trump has frequently pointed to — and exaggerated — the threat posed by members of the violent gang MS-13 who have entered the United States. In what was likely not a coincidence, the Justice Department on Friday unsealed an indictment charging 11 suspected MS-13 gang members in connection with the killings of two teens in Virginia. All the suspects were from El Salvador.

But the central piece of Trump's attempts to counter-program against the despairing images at the border was to stand with the "angel families," as he did repeatedly during his presidential campaign, including at the 2016 Republican National Convention. At the somber event at the White House complex on Friday, Trump introduced the families, who delivered heartbreaking tales of their loved ones' lives and, at times, gruesome descriptions of their deaths.

Many of them held large photos of their loved ones, some of which the president autographed. Trump said that one of the victims looked like the actor Tom Selleck.

"Your loss will not have been in vain," Trump said. "We will secure our borders, and we will make sure that they're properly taken care of."

The president also rattled off a litany of statistics that indicated that illegal immigrants commit violent crimes at a far higher rate than U.S. citizens, saying "you hear it's like they're better people than what we have, than our citizens. It's not true."

But his assertion has been contradicted by a number of studies, including one by the Cato Institute and another in the journal *Criminology* that found that places with higher percentages of undocumented immigrants do not have higher rates of crime.

A Homeland Security report said there were 972 calls reporting crimes to its Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement hotline from April 26 through Sept. 30 last year. The hotline handled a total of 4,602 calls including general comments. The report said some of the calls were made for victim impact statements that lead to the deportation of someone who commits a crime. Victims also testified in immigration court proceedings, and their calls led to the arrest and detention of others.

At the event, Trump also bashed "the mayor of San Diego" for warning citizens about immigration agent raids. But the mayor of San Diego, Kevin Faulconer, is a Republican who did not provide a tip; a mayor who did was Libby Schaaf, a Democrat from Oakland.

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## Trump advises GOP: Quit wasting time on immigration.

By LISA MASCARO and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just when House Republicans needed Donald Trump's backing the most — on their big immigration overhaul — he dashed off a presidential tweet saying they should quit wasting their time on it.

The Friday tweet is hardly the first time the president has abandoned his allies in a moment of need. Over and over, Trump has proven himself a saboteur, willing to walk away from promises and blow up a deal, undermining the GOP agenda in Congress.

"You just fear that tweet in the morning," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida. The retiring Republican said members of Congress can't help but think, "Oh no, how many policies will you undo by the day's end? Because the day's not over. Heck, it's not even noon yet. How many times could he change his mind?"

On Capitol Hill on Friday, the mood was gloomy, particularly among the more centrist Republicans who have been pushing the party's immigration compromise. That bill would provide \$25 billion for Trump's border wall and set new limits on family visas in favor of merit-based entry — but also create a path to citizenship for young "Dreamers." It seemed to be losing — rather than gaining — support ahead of re-scheduled voting next week. Trump had publicly backed the bill earlier in the week.

"It's a horrifically chilling signal," said another retiring Republican, Rep. Mark Sanford of South Carolina, who recently lost his primary election after frequently criticizing Trump.

"What the president just signaled is, 'I'm not going to be there.' And therefore I think people will take the cue," Sanford said. "I think it makes immigration reform that much more unlikely."

Republican Rep. Mike Simpson of Idaho said lawmakers who are counting on Trump to provide a presidential nudge should reconsider. "He changes so frequently that anybody who depends on that, I think, is in trouble," he said.

Others, particularly conservative Republicans who don't support the immigration deal, said Trump's actions should come as no surprise. He ran on disrupting Washington, aides said, and that's exactly what he's doing.

In fact, he does it all the time. Last year, not long after House Republicans stood in the Rose Garden with Trump celebrating passage of their replacement for former President Barack Obama's health care law, he mocked their legislation as a "mean" bill. After Congress approved a budget deal to end a government shutdown in February, Trump turned on lawmakers and threatened to veto it.

At a White House meeting this week with some two dozen wayward Republicans who needed nudging on the immigration bill, one lawmaker directly asked the president if he would reverse course on it the way he did when he threatened to veto the budget deal, according to two Republicans familiar with the private exchange.

The president reassured them that would not happen, they said.

"Everybody is sensitive to what the president is saying," said Rep. Paul Cook, R-Calif., who's undecided on the immigration measure. "I think it makes it very, very difficult. ... What he says influences a lot of members."

The assessment of Trump's changes isn't much different at the White House, where officials were caught off guard by his sudden shifts this week on immigration — including his reversal in signing an executive order to halt the separation of immigrant families at the border.

Officials portray a president who increasingly relies on his own counsel, ignoring their advice. They say they follow along with the rest of the country on Twitter to learn what their boss is doing.

"Republicans should stop wasting their time on Immigration until after we elect more Senators and Congressmen/women in November," Trump tweeted early Friday. "Dems are just playing games, have no intention of doing anything to solve this decades old problem. We can pass great legislation after the Red Wave!"

Officials said the president's haphazard actions seem to have less to do with campaign politics — or even his own standing with voters — than ego. He's frustrated with Congress and the media, particularly after

the flop of the GOP's health care overhaul last year, which made him wary of fully embracing legislation before it passes.

What is unclear, though, is whether the president realizes the moderate Republicans he is alienating by shunning their immigration overhaul are among those most endangered in the midterm elections.

"No one has more to lose in November than the president does when it comes to the majority in the House, because if this majority flips over to being a Democrat, there will be a big push for impeachment," said Rep. Bradley Byrne, R-Ala., who opposes the immigration bill.

House GOP leaders have made it clear they do not expect the immigration bill to pass, but have little choice but to press forward and keep a promise made to moderate Republicans.

One leading architect of the bill, Rep. Carlos Curbelo of Florida, holds out hope that the bill can be revised to gain support.

"What we need from the president is for him to sign a good immigration bill, and he and his team have indicated that he will. That's all we need," Curbelo said.

Besides, said Rep. John Faso, R-N.Y., a supporter of the bill, maybe Trump will change his mind again: "Just wait a few hours, the tweet will be different."

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## Justices adopt digital-age privacy rules to track cellphones

By MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police generally need a warrant to look at records that reveal where cellphone users have been, the Supreme Court ruled Friday in a big victory for privacy interests in the digital age.

The justices' 5-4 decision marks a big change in how police may obtain information that phone companies collect from the ubiquitous cellphone towers that allow people to make and receive calls, and transmit data. The information has become an important tool in criminal investigations.

Chief Justice John Roberts, joined by the court's four liberals, said cellphone location information "is detailed, encyclopedic and effortlessly compiled." Roberts wrote that "an individual maintains a legitimate expectation of privacy in the record of his physical movements" as they are captured by cellphone towers.

Roberts said the court's decision is limited to cellphone tracking information and does not affect other business records, including those held by banks. He also wrote that police still can respond to an emergency and obtain records without a warrant.

But the dissenting conservative justices, Anthony Kennedy, Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch, cast doubt on Roberts' claim that the decision was limited. Each wrote a dissenting opinion and Kennedy said in his that the court's "new and uncharted course will inhibit law enforcement" and "keep defendants and judges guessing for years to come."

Roberts does not often line up with his liberal colleagues against a unified front of conservative justices, but digital-age privacy cases can cross ideological lines, as when the court unanimously said in 2014 that a warrant is needed before police can search the cellphone of someone they've just arrested.

The court ruled Friday in the case of Timothy Carpenter, who was sentenced to 116 years in prison for his role in a string of robberies of Radio Shack and T-Mobile stores in Michigan and Ohio. Cell tower records spanning 127 days, which investigators got without a warrant, bolstered the case against Carpenter.

Investigators obtained the records with a court order that requires a lower standard than the "probable cause" needed for a warrant. "Probable cause" requires strong evidence that a person has committed a crime.

The judge at Carpenter's trial refused to suppress the records, finding no warrant was needed, and a federal appeals court agreed. The Trump administration said the lower court decisions should be upheld.

The American Civil Liberties Union, representing Carpenter, said a warrant would provide protection against unjustified government snooping.

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"This is a groundbreaking victory for Americans' privacy rights in the digital age. The Supreme Court has given privacy law an update that it has badly needed for many years, finally bringing it in line with the realities of modern life," said ACLU attorney Nathan Freed Wessler, who argued the Supreme Court case in November.

The administration relied in part on a 1979 Supreme Court decision that treated phone records differently than the conversation in a phone call, for which a warrant generally is required.

The earlier case involved a single home telephone and the court said then that people had no expectation of privacy in the records of calls made and kept by the phone company.

"The government's position fails to contend with the seismic shifts in digital technology that made possible the tracking of not only Carpenter's location but also everyone else's, not for a short period but for years and years," Roberts wrote.

The court decided the 1979 case before the digital age, and even the law on which prosecutors relied to obtain an order for Carpenter's records dates from 1986, when few people had cellphones.

The Supreme Court in recent years has acknowledged technology's effects on privacy. In 2014, Roberts also wrote the opinion that police must generally get a warrant to search the cellphones of people they arrest. Other items people carry with them may be looked at without a warrant, after an arrest.

Roberts said then that a cellphone is almost "a feature of human anatomy." On Friday, he returned to the metaphor to note that a phone "faithfully follows its owner beyond public thoroughfares and into private residences, doctor's offices, political headquarters, and other potentially revealing locales."

As a result, he said, "when the government tracks the location of a cell phone it achieves near perfect surveillance, as if it had attached an ankle monitor to the phone's user."

Even with the court's ruling in Carpenter's favor, it's too soon to know whether he will benefit from Friday's decision, said Harold Gurewitz, Carpenter's lawyer in Detroit. The Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will have to evaluate whether the cellphone tracking records can still be used against Carpenter under the "good faith" exception for law enforcement — evidence should not necessarily be thrown out if authorities obtained it in a way they thought the law required. There also is other evidence implicating Carpenter that might be sufficient to sustain his conviction.

## Plans unclear for reuniting separated immigrant children

By WILL WEISSERT, AMY TAXIN and COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Two days after President Donald Trump ordered an end to the separation of families at the border, federal authorities Friday cast about for jail space to detain them together, leaving hundreds of parents in the dark on when they would be reunited with their children.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement posted a notice saying it is looking into creating 15,000 beds for use in detaining immigrant families. A day earlier, the Pentagon agreed to provide space for as many as 20,000 migrants on U.S. military bases.

Beyond that, however, there was nothing but frustration and worry for many of the parents separated from their children and placed in detention centers for illegally entering the country over the past several weeks.

Some parents struggled to get in touch with youngsters being held in many cases hundreds of miles away, in places like New York and the Chicago area. Some said they didn't even know where their children were.

Trump himself took a hard line on the crisis, accusing the Democrats of telling "phony stories of sadness and grief." He met with parents who had children killed by immigrants in the country illegally to make the point that they are the real victims of weak borders.

"We cannot allow our country to be overrun by illegal immigrants," the president tweeted.

More than 2,300 children were taken from their families at the border in recent weeks. A senior Trump administration official said that about 500 of them have been reunited since May.

Trump's decision to stop separating families, announced Wednesday after a fierce international outcry, has led to confusion and uncertainty along the border.



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Federal agencies are working to set up a centralized reunification process for all remaining children at a detention center in Texas, said the senior administration official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

An ICE official said it is unclear how families will be reunified.

"It's a big question. There have not been a lot of answers," Henry Lucero, a director of field operations, confessed at a forum in Weslaco, Texas.

Lucero said family reunification isn't new to the agency but the numbers are larger now. Parents are first asked if they wish to reunite and often elect to leave their children in the U.S. with caretakers.

In the meantime, federal authorities appear to be easing up on the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy of prosecuting all adults caught illegally entering the U.S. — though the Justice Department flatly denied there has been any change.

The federal public defender's office for the region that covers El Paso to San Antonio said in an email that prosecutors will no longer charge parents with illegally entering the U.S. if they have children with them.

Outside the federal courthouse in McAllen, immigration attorney Efrén Olivares said 67 people were charged Friday morning with illegal entry, but none were parents with children. He said it was the first time since May 24 that that happened in McAllen.

"It appears that this is a consequence of a change in policy by the government," he said.

In Arizona, the federal public defender's office in Tucson quickly put together a legal education class for attorneys and advocates on how to handle cases of separated families. The course was put together quickly to help attorneys understand what they can do to help.

Amid the chaos over the zero-tolerance policy, many immigrants continue to seek asylum at the border, and they are typically allowed to stay with their children.

Maria Del Carmen Barrios, 33, said she, her 15-year-old sister and her 6-month old baby boy fled violence in their native San Marcos in Guatemala. After a 13-day journey, she said the trio presented themselves for asylum this week with Border Patrol. Barrios was never separated from her son, but that her sister was taken to another part of the facility and hadn't been heard from since.

Barrios and her son were released to the McAllen bus station Friday with an ankle monitor and an order to appear in court.

Asked if she was relieved to be free, Barrios broke down crying. "No because of my sister," she sobbed. "She was there with me but they separated us."

ICE has only three facilities nationwide — two in Texas, one in Pennsylvania — that can be used to detain immigrant families, and they have a combined 3,300 beds.

The one in Dilley, Texas, opened in 2015 on a remote site that was once an encampment for oil workers. It contains collections of cottages built around playgrounds and common areas, but also has high security.

Finding space is not the only hurdle: Under a 1997 court settlement that the Trump administration is trying to overturn, children can be held with their parents in detention centers for no more than 20 days.

Zenén Jaimes Pérez of the Texas Civil Rights Project said immigrant families are still awaiting details from the administration on how parents and children are to be reunited.

"It could take a couple of months, a couple of days ... but we don't have timelines," Jaimes Pérez said. "What we need to hear is what the administration says this process is going to look like, because we don't know."

The group has been interviewing migrants each morning at the McAllen courthouse and entering information into a database to help keep track of parents and children held in different facilities, sometimes scattered around the country.

Olivares said it is difficult for government agencies to reunite immigrant families once they are separated because the systems that process adults and those that handle youngsters often don't communicate with each other.

Adults accused of immigration offenses are under the authority of the Homeland Security Department, while children taken from their parents are overseen by Health and Human Services.

Meanwhile, a 7-year-old boy and his mother, separated a month ago, were reunited Friday after she sued in federal court and the Justice Department agreed to release the child.

They were brought back together around 2:30 a.m. at Baltimore-Washington International Airport in Maryland, hours after the government relented.

The mother, Beata Mariana de Jesus Mejia-Mejia, had filed for political asylum after crossing the border with her son, Darwin, following a trek from Guatemala. She said that she cried when the two were reunited and that she is never going to be away from him again.

But a 31-year-old Brazilian man held in Cibola County Correctional Center in Milan, New Mexico, said he didn't know when he would see his 9-year-old son again.

The father told the AP in a phone interview that he spoke to his son once by phone since they were separated 26 days earlier. The man, who is seeking asylum, spoke on condition of anonymity because, he said, a gang is looking for him in Brazil for failure to pay an \$8,000 debt.

On Capitol Hill, in yet another abrupt reversal by the president, Trump on Friday told fellow Republicans in Congress to "stop wasting their time" on immigration legislation until after the November elections.

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See AP's complete coverage of the debate over the Trump administration's policy of family separation at the border: <https://apnews.com/tag/Immigration>

## First lady's 'don't care' jacket is a gift to memers online

By **LEANNE ITALIE**, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — I really don't care, do u?

Perhaps one day first lady Melania Trump will use her own words to illuminate her fashion "don't care" message. Until that theoretical moment, we have the memes on one of the digisphere's most perfect blank canvases: Her green \$39 jacket — one so five seasons ago, no less.

Tony European labels have been more Mrs. Trump's de rigueur, until Thursday's trip to a Texas center housing some of the more than 2,300 migrant children sent there after their families entered the U.S. illegally. When the first lady left Washington and returned, it was in the Zara jacket with the message heard 'round the interwebs scrawled graffiti-style in white block letters on the back. (She switched to a different jacket for the visit)

It's the back, where "I really don't care, do u?" was placed by the global mass market brand Zara, that has become social media's playground, from the compassionate to the downright raunchy. Whatever Mrs. Trump may or may not have intended — her spokeswoman declared "it's a jacket" with "no hidden message" — the outerwear's doctored image not only spread rapidly among those looking to sound off, but to raise money benefiting children like those the first lady visited.

If Mrs. Trump's jacket, from Zara's spring-summer 2016 collection, was some sort of counter-message, or a clear diss of the "fake news media" as her husband tweeted, the memes' clear winner is a reconfiguring to read, simply: "I really do care, do you?" Other messages shouted on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram: "Rise up" and "I have no idea what I'm doing." One was a wordy trope about the wearer's racial, sexual and immigrant background.

Not all the fast-spreading, reinvented backs of jackets have been posted by detractors. Some used the military green soapbox to revisit birther theories involving former President Barack Obama.

But the majority of the messages were spicy retorts, such as "November is coming" (others went with the midterm elections instead) and "I wore the heels on purpose," referring to Mrs. Trump's sky-high footwear for a trip aboard Air Force One to, again, Texas after Hurricane Harvey. Jackets also read "Robert Mueller is my hero," "I voted for Hillary" and "I believe Stormy Daniels." One used a sentiment that also fit nicely

on baseball-style caps of the same fatigue green, "Let them eat cake."

The Statue of Liberty was bandied about. A hand-drawn version shows the old gal holding the hand of a little pink-shirted girl, the other hand raised high with her torch in place. Liberty is in Mrs. Trump's jacket and declares: "We should all care."

Celebrities got into the act, weighing in with memes and mere words. The ever-Instagram present actress Busy Philipps went DIY in a beachy top with yellow stick-on letters used by kids for their art projects spelling out, "I care, do u?"

Some politicians also did it themselves. Rep. Dina Titus, a Nevada Democrat, taped a hand-drawn sign to her back reading "I care" and tweeted out a photo of herself next to one of Mrs. Trump boarding Thursday's plane to Texas with a personalized message: "Hey #FLOTUS, try this on for size. #WhoWoreItBest #ICare."

## Trump sabotages GOP plans in Congress. Again.

By LISA MASCARO and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just when House Republicans needed Donald Trump's backing the most — on their big immigration overhaul — he dashed off a presidential tweet on Friday saying they should quit wasting their time on it.

It's hardly the first time the president has abandoned his allies in a moment of need. Over and over, Trump has proven himself a saboteur, willing to walk away from promises and blow up a deal, undermining the GOP agenda in Congress.

"You just fear that tweet in the morning," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida. The retiring Republican said members of Congress can't help but think, "Oh no, how many policies will you undo by the day's end? Because the day's not over. Heck, it's not even noon yet. How many times could he change his mind?"

On Capitol Hill on Friday, the mood was gloomy, particularly among the more centrist Republicans who have been pushing the party's immigration compromise. That bill would provide \$25 billion for Trump's border wall and set new limits on family visas in favor of merit-based entry — but also create a path to citizenship for young "Dreamers." It seemed to be losing — rather than gaining — support ahead of re-scheduled voting next week. Trump had publicly backed the bill earlier in the week.

"It's a horrifically chilling signal," said another retiring Republican, Rep. Mark Sanford of South Carolina, who recently lost his primary election after frequently criticizing Trump.

"What the president just signaled is, 'I'm not going to be there.' And therefore I think people will take the cue," Sanford said. "I think it makes immigration reform that much more unlikely."

Republican Rep. Mike Simpson of Idaho said lawmakers who are counting on Trump to provide a presidential nudge should reconsider. "He changes so frequently that anybody who depends on that, I think, is in trouble," he said.

Others, particularly conservative Republicans who don't support the immigration deal, said Trump's actions should come as no surprise. He ran on disrupting Washington, aides said, and that's exactly what he's doing.

In fact, he does it all the time. Last year, not long after House Republicans stood in the Rose Garden with Trump celebrating passage of their replacement for former President Barack Obama's health care law, he mocked their legislation as a "mean" bill. After Congress approved a budget deal to end a government shutdown in February, Trump turned on lawmakers and threatened to veto it.

At a White House meeting this week with some two dozen wayward Republicans who needed nudging on the immigration bill, one lawmaker directly asked the president if he would reverse course on it the way he did when he threatened to veto the budget deal, according to two Republicans familiar with the private exchange.

The president reassured them that would not happen, they said.

"Everybody is sensitive to what the president is saying," said Rep. Paul Cook, R-Calif., who's undecided on the immigration measure. "I think it makes it very, very difficult. ... What he says influences a lot of members."

The assessment of Trump's changes isn't much different at the White House, where officials were caught off guard by his sudden shifts this week on immigration — including his reversal in signing an executive order to halt the separation of immigrant families at the border.

Officials portray a president who increasingly relies on his own counsel, ignoring their advice. They say they follow along with the rest of the country on Twitter to learn what their boss is doing.

"Republicans should stop wasting their time on Immigration until after we elect more Senators and Congressmen/women in November," Trump tweeted early Friday. "Dems are just playing games, have no intention of doing anything to solve this decades old problem. We can pass great legislation after the Red Wave!"

Officials said the president's haphazard actions seem to have less to do with campaign politics — or even his own standing with voters — than ego. He's frustrated with Congress and the media, particularly after the flop of the GOP's health care overhaul last year, which made him wary of fully embracing legislation before it passes.

What is unclear, though, is whether the president realizes the moderate Republicans he is alienating by shunning their immigration overhaul are among those most endangered in the midterm elections.

"No one has more to lose in November than the president does when it comes to the majority in the House, because if this majority flips over to being a Democrat, there will be a big push for impeachment," said Rep. Bradley Byrne, R-Ala., who opposes the immigration bill.

House GOP leaders have made it clear they do not expect the immigration bill to pass, but have little choice but to press forward and keep a promise made to moderate Republicans.

One leading architect of the bill, Rep. Carlos Curbelo of Florida, holds out hope that the bill can be revised to gain support.

"What we need from the president is for him to sign a good immigration bill, and he and his team have indicated that he will. That's all we need," Curbelo said.

Besides, said Rep. John Faso, R-N.Y., a supporter of the bill, maybe Trump will change his mind again: "Just wait a few hours, the tweet will be different."

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## Trump pushes back against border separation uproar

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump tried to cast doubt Friday on wrenching tales of migrant children separated from their families at the border, dismissing "phony stories of sadness and grief" while asserting the real victims of the nation's immigration crisis are Americans killed by those who cross the border unlawfully.

Bombarded with criticism condemning the family-separation situation as a national moment of shame, Trump came back firing, sometimes twisting facts and changing his story but nonetheless highlighting the genuine grief of families on the other side of the equation.

"You hear the other side, you never hear this side," said Trump, standing with a dozen of what he calls the "angel families" who lost loved ones at the hands of people in the country illegally. He focused on the fact that young migrants separated from parents are likely to be reunited, unlike the victims of murders.

"These are the American citizens permanently separated from their loved ones. The word 'permanently' being the word that you have to think about. Permanently — they're not separated for a day or two days, these are permanently separated because they were killed by criminal illegal aliens."

Amid mushrooming bipartisan concern over depictions of terrified migrant children separated from their parents, Trump on Wednesday had abruptly reversed course and signed an executive order to overturn the policy, although up to 2,000 children are still believed to be separated from their parents. But that rare moment of public capitulation was brief from the president, who laced his remarks at a rally in Minnesota

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that night with hardline immigration rhetoric that continued Friday. In a tweet, the president raised questions about whether the migrants' hardships really existed.

"We must maintain a Strong Southern Border," the president tweeted. "We cannot allow our Country to be overrun by illegal immigrants as the Democrats tell their phony stories of sadness and grief, hoping it will help them in the elections. Obama and others had the same pictures, and did nothing about it!"

Trump's suggestion that the stories were erroneous was likely fueled by revelations Friday about one of the defining images to this point in the crisis, a 2-year-old Honduran girl crying as her mother was stopped by a Border Patrol agent. But the girl in the photograph, who ended up on the cover of Time Magazine this week, was not separated from her mother but detained with her, the child's father told the Daily Mail. Time Magazine said it stood by the image because it captures "the stakes of this moment."

Trump has long chafed at the media's treatment, his fury only growing in the past week when he felt that he did not receive proper credit for his summit in Singapore with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. He told the Trinity Broadcasting Network, in an interview with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee set to air Saturday, that he found the news coverage "almost treasonous."

Some conservatives seized hold of the migrant photo faux pas to attack the media, and White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders tweeted, "It's shameful that Dems and the media exploited this photo of a little girl to push their agenda."

Other Trump allies have gone even further. Ann Coulter, a conservative pundit, said Sunday in an interview on Fox News that kids at the border were "actor children" who were "given scripts to read by liberals."

Coulter then turned to the camera and said to Trump, "Don't fall for it."

A number of Democrats aggressively pushed back against Trump's claims. Rep. Peter Welch of Vermont said Friday that Trump's assertion was "bizarre" and that the border patrol processing center he visited in Texas in recent days was "nothing short of a prison."

As part of his defense for his zero tolerance border crossing policy, Trump has frequently pointed to — and exaggerated — the threat posed by members of the violent gang MS-13 who have entered the United States. In what was likely not a coincidence, the Justice Department on Friday unsealed an indictment charging 11 suspected MS-13 gang members in connection with the killings of two teens in Virginia. All the suspects were from El Salvador.

But the central piece of Trump's attempts to counter-program against the despairing images at the border was to stand with the "angel families," as he did repeatedly during his presidential campaign, including at the 2016 Republican National Convention. At the somber event at the White House complex on Friday, Trump introduced the families, who delivered heartbreaking tales of their loved ones' lives and, at times, gruesome descriptions of their deaths.

Many of them held large photos of their loved ones, some of which the president autographed. Trump said that one of the victims looked like the actor Tom Selleck.

"Your loss will not have been in vain," Trump said. "We will secure our borders, and we will make sure that they're properly taken care of."

The president also rattled off a litany of statistics that indicated that illegal immigrants commit violent crimes at a far higher rate than U.S. citizens, saying "you hear it's like they're better people than what we have, than our citizens. It's not true."

But his assertion has been contradicted by a number of studies, including one by the Cato Institute and another in the journal *Criminology* that found that places with higher percentages of undocumented immigrants do not have higher rates of crime.

A Homeland Security report said there were 972 calls reporting crimes to its Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement hotline from April 26 through Sept. 30 last year. The hotline handled a total of 4,602 calls including general comments. The report said some of the calls were made for victim impact statements that lead to the deportation of someone who commits a crime. Victims also testified in immigration court proceedings, and their calls led to the arrest and detention of others.

At the event, Trump also bashed "the mayor of San Diego" for warning citizens about immigration agent raids. But the mayor of San Diego, Kevin Faulconer, is a Republican who did not provide a tip; a mayor

who did was Libby Schaaf, a Democrat from Oakland,

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## Latino teens who alleged abuse at center no longer in US

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawyer for immigrant children who say they were cuffed and beaten by staff inside a Virginia detention facility said Friday they plan to press forward with a federal civil-rights lawsuit, even though two of the teens involved in the case are no longer in the United States.

Hannah M. Lieberman said two of the unidentified teens who described severe abuse inside the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center recently left the country following the resolution of their immigration cases. A third teen remains in federal custody, but has been transferred to another detention facility in Alexandria, Virginia.

Shenandoah executive director Timothy J. Smith said Friday that an internal investigation had concluded that the incidents described in the lawsuit filed against his facility last year are unfounded and "can be readily dispelled." Smith says his staff will fully cooperate with state and federal investigations.

Lieberman said her legal team at the Washington Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs will consult with the federal district court judge overseeing the case about how to proceed.

"These kids show a remarkable consistency in their stories, and they have no connection to one another," Lieberman said. "We believe our kids."

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam on Thursday ordered two state agencies to open probes into the facility, hours after The Associated Press first published first-person accounts of severe abuse described by children as young as 14. The teens said they were handcuffed, shackled and beaten by guards. They also described being stripped of their clothes and locked in solitary confinement for days at a time.

The incidents described in sworn statements from six Latino teens are alleged to have occurred between 2015 and 2018, under both the Obama and Trump administrations.

Though incarcerated in a facility similar to a prison, the children detained on administrative immigration charges have not been convicted of any crime.

Virginia Democratic Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine sent a list of questions about the case Friday to the head of the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement, which oversees the care of immigrant children held in federal custody.

The senators asked whether regulators had received any past complaints involving the facility located near Staunton, Virginia. The Democrats also want to know whether there is a system in place to discipline staff members who abuse children in federal custody.

Officials at the Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the Refugee Resettlement office, have refused to discuss when they first learned of the abuse allegations at the Shenandoah center and whether any action has been taken to determine the veracity of those claims.

"HHS takes seriously the responsibility of ensuring the care of unaccompanied minors by our grantees," said Ryan Murphy, a spokesman for the agency, referring to facilities that receive federal money to house immigrant children.

The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

The Shenandoah lockup is one of only three juvenile detention facilities in the United States with federal contracts to provide "secure placement" for immigrant children who had problems at less-restrictive housing.

The center was built by a coalition of seven nearby towns and counties to lock up local kids charged with serious crimes. Since 2007, about half the 58 beds are occupied by male and female immigrants between the ages of 12 and 17 facing deportation proceedings or awaiting rulings on asylum claims. It received \$4.2 million in federal funds last year to house the immigrant children.

On average, 92 immigrant children each year cycle through Shenandoah, most of them from Mexico and Central America.

As part of a federal class-action lawsuit, young immigrants held at the Shenandoah facility said in sworn statements said they were beaten while handcuffed and locked up for long periods in solitary confinement, left nude and shivering in concrete cells. Children as young as 14 also said the guards there stripped them of their clothes and strapped them to chairs with bags placed over their heads.

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## **OPEC agrees to pump more oil but crude prices jump anyway**

**By KIYOKO METZLER, Associated Press**

VIENNA (AP) — The countries of the OPEC cartel agreed on Friday to pump 1 million barrels more crude oil per day, a move that should help contain the recent rise in global energy prices.

Questions remain, however, over the ability of some OPEC nations — Iran and Venezuela in particular — to increase production as they struggle with domestic turmoil and sanctions.

Oil prices rose after OPEC's announcement, which analysts cited as evidence that investors believe the actual increase in production will be smaller, about 600,000 to 700,000 barrels a day.

After an OPEC meeting in Vienna, Emirati Energy Minister Suhail al-Mazrouei said the cartel decided to fully comply with its existing production ceiling.

Because the group had been producing below that level, that means an increase in production of "a little bit less than 1 million barrels," the Emirati minister said.

How that translates into effective production increases is uncertain, as some OPEC countries cannot easily ramp up production. Iran, for example, has been hit by U.S. sanctions that hinder its energy exports. Venezuela's production has dropped amid domestic political instability.

The price of oil jumped after the announcement, with the international benchmark, Brent, gaining 2.5 percent to \$74.84 a barrel in London, and U.S. crude climbing 4.9 percent to \$68.72 a barrel in afternoon trading in New York — on track for its biggest one-day rise since OPEC agreed in November 2016 to cut production.

Al-Mazrouei noted that the decision "is challenging for those countries that are struggling with keeping their level of production." However, he indicated that some countries could pick up production if others lag.

"We will deal with it collectively," he said.

U.S. shale oil production has helped offset some of OPEC's cutbacks since 2016. However, operators in the Permian Basin of Texas face a shortage of pipeline capacity, "trapping a fair amount of oil and limiting the availability of that shale increase," said Jim Rittersbusch, a consultant to oil traders.

Still, some analysts believe that a combination of the OPEC deal, U.S. oil, and an easing of American demand for energy should eventually contribute to lower oil prices, which in May hit their highest levels in more than three years.

"Longer term, this is a bit of a win for consumers," said Jamie Webster, director of Boston Consulting Group's Center for Energy Impact. "More oil on the market means relatively lower prices for consumers."

Friday's decision means the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries will observe the production level it agreed on in late 2016, when it cut output by 1.2 million barrels a day. In practice, the reduction was even deeper due to production problems. That has since then helped push up the price of oil by almost 50 percent.

Non-OPEC countries like Russia had agreed in 2016 to participate in OPEC's effort to raise prices, cutting another 600,000 barrels a day of their own production. They will discuss with OPEC on Saturday on whether to increase their production.

While OPEC's largest producer, Saudi Arabia, was open to higher production, Iran has been hesitant

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because sanctions imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump are making it difficult for the country to export its oil.

Trump has been calling publicly for the cartel to help lower prices by producing more. And after OPEC's deal on Friday, Trump tweeted: "Hope OPEC will increase output substantially. Need to keep prices down!"

Some analysts note that while Trump has blamed OPEC, his policies have also helped increase the cost of oil by, for example, limiting exports from Iran.

Some analysts believe that Saudi Arabia needs a Brent price closer to \$90 a barrel to cover its domestic spending but is feeling pressure from the United States to head off rising prices by boosting output. Russia may be happy to pump more oil and settle for prices in the \$60s, according to Tamar Essner, chief energy analyst for Nasdaq.

There are other considerations than dollars and rubles.

Daniel Yergin, the vice chairman of research firm IHS Markit and author of several books on the energy industry, says geopolitical factors are a big element in the oil production talks.

Yergin said Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates support the current, tougher U.S. policy toward Iran, Saudi Arabia's rival for influence in the region. So they will want to support Trump's call for higher production and lower prices. Iran will struggle to increase production, meaning it could lose market share and revenue to its rivals.

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## Hope, despair in poetry by immigrant children in US lockup

By JAKE PEARSON, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The young immigrants held in prison-like conditions at a juvenile detention center in the mountains of Virginia express despair. Some cling to pleasant memories from home. For a select few, there is hope.

For a handful of immigrants who came to the U.S. from Central America — many as unaccompanied minors — poetry has given them a chance to tell the world both about their journeys north — and through the byzantine immigration system.

"A lot happens in life, most of it sad, an occasional happiness, and sometimes you have no choice but to play the clown and laugh on the outside, even though inside we feel less than failures," wrote one of them in a poem titled "The Future."

The collection of poems in "Dreaming America," published last year, was assembled by a Washington and Lee University professor and students who visited the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center in Staunton, Virginia, lockup and helped the young immigrants put pencil to paper, giving voice to a largely unheard population at the center of an increasingly heated U.S. policy debate.

The Associated Press reported Thursday that immigrants as young as 14 at the center said they were beaten, locked away in solitary confinement for long periods of time and left alone naked in cold cells. Their claims were included in a federal civil rights lawsuit filed in October. The AP's reporting also cited an adult who saw bruises and broken bones the children said were caused by guards. In court filings, officials at the detention facility denied all the allegations of physical abuse, which the lawsuit asserts happened between 2015 to 2018, during both the Obama and Trump administrations.

Republicans and Democrats in Washington said the allegations described by the AP were alarming, and Virginia's governor on Thursday ordered state officials to investigate the abuse claims.

The writings in "Dreaming America" offer another kind of sworn testimony than what is detailed in the court files, said poet Jimmy Santiago Baca, who visited the center last year and worked with the immigrants on their poems.

"Every single kid in there acknowledged it was despair without an outlet, it was a dark tomorrow without a voice," he said.



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In a poem titled "Hi, Love," one of the immigrants wrote: "Bitterness, thank you for feeding me and giving me life. Without you I don't know what I'd be, I'd be someone without emotions, without reason to exist or reason to live."

In an untitled poem, another child wrote about trying to end his life six times.

"I don't know what will happen with my life," wrote yet another teen, in a poem called "I have a dream..." "But I don't worry about that. My life has been a disaster and I don't think that will change."

None of the poems' authors is identified and the facility in Virginia was not identified in the book.

Cristina Casado, who manages the Office of Refugee Resettlement program at the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center, wrote in a postscript of the 111-page book that the children had behavioral or criminal histories and experienced trauma in their home countries. She said, "working with these children in a secure environment is a difficult but extremely rewarding experience."

The book's publisher, Larry Moffi, said that so far "Dreaming America" sold about 1,500 copies, and all proceeds from the \$16 sales were donated to a Washington legal clinic representing the immigrants in their deportation proceedings.

"They were so excited to have this book," Moffi said. The immigrants were given copies of "Dreaming America" after it was published last fall. "It's the first book they'd ever had and they're in it."

Not all the poems dwell on the bleakness of their journeys north and confinement since.

In "My Dog Spay," one immigrant wrote about the joy of his long-lost pet.

"Being without him now makes me feel like I have nothing in my life," he wrote. "And when we see each other he's going to be so happy he'll start jumping like crazy."

Another immigrant directly addresses President Donald Trump.

"You don't know what you're doing/ It's your fault we're being booted/ It's our jobs we're losing/ Damn fool, why you hassling us," he wrote.

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This story has been corrected to show the title of the book is "Dreaming America," not "American Dream."

## Car dealers gear up for Saudi women to hit the roads

**AYA BATRAWY and MALAK HARB, Associated Press**

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Cradling her four-month-old daughter, Nour Obeid scans the car showroom and heads to the mid-sized SUVs.

In the past, a woman looking to buy a car in Saudi Arabia would focus on the features in the back, but Obeid is checking out the driver's seat, picturing herself doing grocery store runs or school drop-offs.

This Sunday, the kingdom will lift the world's only ban on women driving, a milestone for women who have had to rely on drivers, male relatives, taxis and ride-hailing services to get to work, go shopping and get around.

The move could help boost the Saudi economy by ensuring stronger female participation in the workforce, meaning increased household incomes.

Car companies also see opportunity in this country of 20 million people, half of them female. Ahead of the ban being lifted, they've put Saudi saleswomen on showroom floors and targeted potential new drivers with advertising and social media marketing. Earlier this year, Ford sponsored a driving experience specifically for women in the city of Jiddah.

Saudi Arabia is the largest automobile market in the Middle East, with at least 405,000 cars expected to be sold this year. That's down significantly from a few years ago, and the cost of buying a new car has gone up with the introduction of a value-added tax.

Still, car sales are expected to increase between six and 10 percent once women start driving, the chairman of the national committee for cars at the Council of Saudi Chambers told the daily Saudi Gazette.

The government recently began allowing women to sell cars as well. Sales jobs had previously been reserved for men in the highly conservative country, where unrelated men and women cannot freely mix.

Earlier this month, Saudi Arabia issued its first driver's licenses to 10 women who already had licenses

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from other countries. Since then, dozens more have been licensed. None can drive until the ban is officially lifted.

The overwhelming majority of women in Saudi Arabia still don't have licenses. Many haven't had a chance to take the gender-segregated driving courses that were first offered to women only a few months ago. There's also a waitlist of several months for a course at Princess Nora University in Riyadh. And the classes can be costly, running several hundred dollars.

Others already own cars driven by chauffeurs and are in no rush to drive themselves.

"We were princesses ... We were in a good place. Now we're going to be in a better place," said Maram Al-Hazer, a manager at several car showrooms, including Ford, who has two family drivers. "To be honest everyone wants to relax and sit in the backseat and have someone to drive for them."

Though women don't need a male relative's approval to get a driver's license or buy a car, the moral and even financial support of a husband or father is key in this male-dominated society, where men have final say over a woman's ability to marry, travel abroad or obtain a passport.

Nourah Almehaize started selling cars for the first time two months ago, but had already worked for six years in a call center handling queries about vehicles. She's eager to learn how to drive so she can test-drive the Ford Explorer and Edge she's been selling to customers, but her husband is telling her to wait.

"He is telling me not to (drive right away), to postpone it for a year until we see what it will be like, but I will apply anyways," she said. "Currently, I have a driver. After a year I may not need him if I've had enough practice and I'm comfortable."

Uzma Chohan, 38, has never driven and relies on a driver or her husband to go places. She prefers to run errands with her husband, which means waiting until he's back from work in the evening or until the weekend.

The couple from Pakistan, who have two boys, has lived in Saudi Arabia for the past 17 years. They're looking at larger SUVs for the family, but she won't be driving just yet.

"In the beginning years, like to two and three, I'm a little scared about the people. Some naughty guys, you know," she said, giggling shyly. "But after two years, after one year, it becomes normal, inshallah (God willing)."

Meanwhile, Obeid, who already has a driver's license from Jordan, plans to obtain a Saudi license when she's back from traveling abroad this summer.

"Me personally, it's what the car looks like that's important to me. Then I ask my husband about the specs so he takes a look at it to see what it's like and if it's durable," she said.

Her husband, Mustafa Radwan, is encouraging her to drive and says he'd feel safer knowing that she and their two kids don't need to rely on ride-hailing services. He's optimistic and hopeful that Saudi men will be courteous to female drivers on the road.

"It's different than what people expect. Myself as a man, or any man, when he sees a woman, he'll give her the priority and give her the right of way to drive, and protect her. Maybe it's in the culture," Radwan said.

Not sounding as convinced, Obeid said: "I wish there were more men like you."

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## Warming drives spread of toxic algae in US, researchers say

By TOM JAMES, Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The words blasted to cellphones around Oregon's capital city were ominous: "Civil emergency . prepare for action."

Within half an hour, a second official alert clarified the subject wasn't impending violence but toxins from an algae bloom, detected in Salem's water supply.

Across the U.S., reservoirs that supply drinking water and lakes used for recreation are experiencing

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similar events with growing frequency. The trend represents another impact of global warming and raises looming questions about the effects on human health, researchers say.

"When water bodies warm up earlier and stay warmer longer ... you increase the number of incidents," said Wayne Carmichael, a retired Wright State University professor specializing in the organisms. "That's just logical, and it's being borne out."

Technically called cyanobacteria, the ancient class of organisms that create the blooms are present nearly everywhere water is found but thrive in warm, still bodies like lakes and ponds. They also create a unique class of toxins, the impact of which on humans is only partly understood.

Long linked to animal deaths, high doses of the toxins in humans can cause liver damage and attack the nervous system. In the largest outbreaks, hundreds have been sickened by blooms in reservoirs and lakes, and officials in some areas now routinely close water bodies used for recreation and post warnings when blooms occur.

But less is known about exposure at lower doses, especially over the long term.

Small studies have linked exposure to liver cancer — one toxin is classified as a carcinogen, and others have pointed to potential links to neurodegenerative disease. But definitively proving those links would require larger studies, said Carmichael, who helped the World Health Organization set the first safe exposure standards for the toxins.

"It's absolutely certain in my mind that warming temperatures are going to end up causing more of these algal blooms," said Steven Chapra, an environmental engineering professor at Tufts University.

Chapra led a team including scientists from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in one of the most comprehensive studies of the interplay between global warming and the blooms, published in 2017.

Because they prefer warm water, higher summer temperatures and more frequent heat waves help the organisms. More frequent droughts also cause reservoirs to be shallower in summer, causing them to warm faster.

And more intense rainstorms, also conclusively linked to climate change, can wash more nutrients into lakes and reservoirs, especially from farms where nitrogen and phosphorous-rich fertilizers are used, Chapra said.

In Utah, a 2016 algae bloom in a recreational-use lake sickened more than 100. When the story made national headlines, other states reached out.

"We started getting calls from other health departments all over the country saying, 'Hey, we're dealing with an algal bloom in a lake that has never ever had one before,'" said Aislynn Tolman-Hill, Utah County Health Department spokeswoman.

Officials only recently started carefully logging the blooms, but they seem to be becoming more intense, said Ben Holcomb, a biologist for Utah's environmental agency. "They're starting earlier, they're lasting longer, and their peaks seem to be getting bigger," Holcomb said. "I don't think any state is isolated."

In Lake Erie, a major bloom in 2014 caused authorities to warn against drinking tap water in Toledo, Ohio, for more than two days, cutting off the main water source for more than 400,000 people.

Now blooms happen every year in Utah and Ohio. Officials in both states say they've largely been able to stop them from toxifying drinking water. But the blooms can still sicken people and pets that go in the water, and often hit recreation businesses that depend on lake access.

Other blooms, including flare-ups affecting drinking water, have been logged in recent years in New York, Florida and California.

In Oregon, officials lifted Salem's drinking water advisory after several days, but then had to re-issue the warning. The water supply serves a population of just over 150,000 in the city, along with residents outside city limits.

Officials also warned that dozens of other water supplies could be vulnerable, and indeed, when workers from the city of Cottage Grove inspected another reservoir, they found a bloom, according to a report by Oregon Public Broadcasting.

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Testing for the blooms isn't required by either federal or state law, officials noted.

Researchers say that needs to change because blooms are likely to become more common, including in states where low temperatures previously provided a buffer against them.

"These things like you're seeing in Lake Erie and in Oregon are kind of like the canary in the coal mine," said Chapra, the Tufts researcher.

"It's going to get worse, and it's going to get worse in a big way."

## Charles Krauthammer, conservative columnist and pundit, dies

By HILLEL ITALIE, AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Krauthammer, the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and pundit who helped shape and occasionally dissented from the conservative movement as he evolved from "Great Society" Democrat to Iraq War cheerleader to denouncer of Donald Trump, has died at age 68.

His death was announced Thursday by two longtime employers, Fox News Channel and The Washington Post. Krauthammer had said publicly a year ago he was being treated for a cancerous tumor in his abdomen and earlier this month revealed that he likely had just weeks to live.

"I leave this life with no regrets," Krauthammer wrote in The Washington Post, where his column had run since 1984. "It was a wonderful life — full and complete with the great loves and great endeavors that make it worth living. I am sad to leave, but I leave with the knowledge that I lived the life that I intended."

Sometimes scornful, sometimes reflective, he was awarded a Pulitzer in 1987 for "his witty and insightful" commentary and was an influential voice among Republicans, whether through his syndicated column or his appearances on Fox News Channel. He was most associated with Brit Hume's nightly newscast and stayed with it when Bret Baier took over in 2009.

Krauthammer is credited with coining the term "The Reagan Doctrine" for President Reagan's policy of aiding anti-Communist movements worldwide. He was a leading advocate for the Iraq War and a prominent critic of President Barack Obama, whom he praised for his "first-class intellect and first-class temperament" and denounced for having a "highly suspect" character.

Krauthammer was a former Harvard medical student who graduated even after he was paralyzed from the neck down because of a diving board accident, continuing his studies from his hospital bed. He was a Democrat in his youth and his political engagement dated back to 1976, when he handed out leaflets for Henry Jackson's unsuccessful presidential campaign.

But through the 1980s and beyond, Krauthammer followed a journey akin to such neo-conservative predecessors as Irving Kristol and Norman Podhoretz, turning against his old party on foreign and domestic issues. He aligned with Republicans on everything from confrontation with the Soviet Union to rejection of the "Great Society" programs enacted during the 1960s.

"As I became convinced of the practical and theoretical defects of the social-democratic tendencies of my youth, it was but a short distance to a philosophy of restrained, free-market governance that gave more space and place to the individual and to the civil society that stands between citizen and state," he wrote in the introduction to "Things That Matter," a million-selling compilation of his writings published in 2013. As of midday Friday, the hardcover edition of "Things That Matter" Was No. 1 on Amazon.com. The paperback was No. 2.

For the Post, Time magazine, The New Republic and other publications, Krauthammer wrote on a wide range of subjects, and in "Things That Matter" listed chess, baseball, "the innocence of dogs" and "the cunning of cats" among his passions. As a psychiatrist in the 1970s, he did groundbreaking research on bipolar disorder.

He was attacked for his politics, and for his predictions. He was so confident of quick success in Iraq he initially labeled the 2003 invasion "The Three Week War" and defended the conflict for years. He also backed the George W. Bush administration's use of torture as an "uncontrolled experiment" carried out "sometimes clumsily, sometimes cruelly, indeed, sometimes wrongly. But successfully. It kept us safe."

And the former president praised Krauthammer after hearing of his death.

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"For decades, Charles' words have strengthened our democracy," George W. Bush said in a statement. "His work was far-reaching and influential — and while his voice will be deeply missed, his ideas and values will always be a part of our country."

Krauthammer was sure that Obama would lose in 2008 because of lingering fears from the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and foresaw Mitt Romney defeating him in 2012.

But he prided himself on his rejection of orthodoxy and took on Republicans, too, observing during a Fox special in 2013 that "If you're going to leave the medical profession because you think you have something to say, you betray your whole life if you don't say what you think and if you don't say it honestly and bluntly."

He criticized the death penalty and rejected intelligent design as "today's tarted-up version of creationism." In 2005, he was widely cited as a key factor in convincing Bush to rescind the Supreme Court nomination of the president's friend and legal adviser Harriet Miers, whom Krauthammer and others said lacked the necessary credentials. And he differed with such Fox commentators as Bill O'Reilly and Laura Ingraham as he found himself among the increasingly isolated "Never Trumpers," Republicans regarding the real estate baron and former "Apprentice" star as a vulgarian unfit for the presidency.

"I used to think Trump was an 11-year-old, an undeveloped schoolyard bully," he wrote in August 2016, around the time Trump officially became the Republican nominee. "I was off by about 10 years. His needs are more primitive, an infantile hunger for approval and praise, a craving that can never be satisfied. He lives in a cocoon of solipsism where the world outside himself has value — indeed exists — only insofar as it sustains and inflates him."

Trump, of course, tweeted about Krauthammer, who "pretends to be a smart guy, but if you look at his record, he isn't. A dummy who is on too many Fox shows. An overrated clown!"

Krauthammer married Robyn Trethewey, an artist and former attorney, in 1974. They had a son, Daniel, who also became a columnist and commentator.

The son of Jewish immigrants from Europe, Krauthammer was born in New York City and moved with his family to Montreal when he was 5, growing up in a French speaking home. His path to political writing was unexpected. First, at McGill University, he became editor in chief of the student newspaper after his predecessor was ousted over what Krauthammer called his "mindless, humorless Maoism."

After Krauthammer announced that he was dying of cancer, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wrote him a letter, telling him that he had gleaned wisdom from his insights. "You never bored. You were never mundane," Netanyahu wrote in his June 10 letter.

"More than anything else, you have lived a life of purpose. As a proud American and a proud son of the Jewish people, you harnessed your formidable intellect to defend liberty and the Jewish state."

In the late 1970s, while a psychiatric resident at Massachusetts General Hospital, a professor with whom he had researched manic depression was appointed to a mental health agency created by President Jimmy Carter. Krauthammer went, too, began writing for The New Republic and was soon recruited to write speeches for Carter's vice president and 1980 running mate, Walter Mondale.

Carter was defeated by Reagan and on Jan. 20, 1981, Reagan's inauguration day, Krauthammer formally joined The New Republic as a writer and editor.

"These quite fantastic twists and turns have given me a profound respect for serendipity," he wrote in 2013. "A long forgotten, utterly trivial student council fight brought me to journalism. A moment of adolescent anger led me to the impulsive decision to quit political studies and enroll in medical school. A decade later, a random presidential appointment having nothing to do with me brought me to a place where my writing and public career could begin."

"When a young journalist asks me today, 'How do I get to a nationally syndicated columnist?' I have my answer: 'First, go to medical school.'"

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AP Television Writer David Bauder contributed to this report.

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## EU imposes tariffs on US peanuts, motorcycles and whiskey

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union started enforcing tariffs Friday on American imports like bourbon, peanut butter and orange juice, part of a growing global trade rift that's likely to intensify over the next few weeks.

The EU tariffs on \$3.4 billion worth of U.S. products are in retaliation for duties the Trump administration has imposed on European steel and aluminum.

The EU trade commissioner has acknowledged that the EU targeted some iconic American items to put political pressure on U.S. President Donald Trump and senior U.S. politicians. European Commission spokesman Alexander Winterstein said the EU's response is proportionate and reasonable.

Daniel Gros, director for Economy and Finance at the Center for European Policy Studies, said that in a trade war everyone stands to lose, but the U.S. has put itself in a worse position.

"I think the United States is losing more because it has put tariffs on a very important input which very often it doesn't produce itself," he said. "The EU perhaps will find a few disgruntled consumers who have to pay more for their Harley Davidsons, but that is not a big loss for us."

Trump imposed tariffs of 25 percent on EU steel and 10 percent on aluminum on June 1. Europeans claim that breaks global trade rules.

The spat is part of a wider tussle over global trade. In two weeks, the United States will start taxing \$34 billion in Chinese goods. Beijing has vowed to immediately retaliate with its own tariffs on U.S. soybeans and other farm products.

## AP-NORC Poll: Americans say no to presidential self-pardons

By STEVE PEOPLES and EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Even in an era of deep political division, Democrats and Republicans agree presidents should not pardon themselves. And if the nation's chief executive ever does so, majorities of Americans in both parties believe Congress should impeach that president.

Those are the findings of a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, which comes as federal authorities continue their months-long criminal investigation into Russia's intervention in the 2016 election and the actions of President Donald Trump's campaign.

Already, prosecutors have charged four Trump campaign associates — including the one-time campaign chairman, Paul Manafort — with felonies as part of the probe, and special counsel Robert Mueller wants to question the Republican president directly.

Trump raised the possibility of a self-pardon on Twitter earlier in this month, writing: "As has been stated by numerous legal scholars, I have the absolute right to PARDON myself, but why would I do that when I have done nothing wrong?"

By a wide margin, Americans believe Trump is wrong: 85 percent think it would be unacceptable for presidents to pardon themselves if charged with a crime, and 76 percent think Congress should take steps to remove a president from office if they did so.

The survey did not ask about Trump by name, but several poll respondents in follow-up interviews — including some strong Trump supporters — said their feelings would not change when applied to the current president.

"Pardon himself? You might as well cash in your chips and leave office," said Bruce Novak, a retiree from Davie, Florida, who otherwise praised Trump's job performance and vowed to vote for him again in 2020. "It's not at all acceptable. I don't care who you are."

Recent AP-NORC surveys have found strong splits in opinion by party on issues related to Trump and his policies. While eight in 10 Republicans approve of the job he's doing as president, for example, only one out of every 10 Democrats says the same.

But there's little such disagreement on the question of pardons. Three-quarters of Republicans say a president should not self-pardon if charged with a crime, while 56 percent say Congress should impeach a president who did so. More than 9 in 10 Democrats agree.

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Brynn Alexander, a 34-year-old registered Republican who lives in Fort Mitchell, Alabama, railed against what she called bias among Mueller's investigators. "They really hate this guy," Alexander said, referring to Trump. But, she added, "I don't think he should pardon himself. It looks bad."

If he did so, Alexander is among the minority of Americans who don't believe that should lead Congress to take immediate action. "I don't think they should automatically remove him. He's doing so much good for the country," said Alexander, a stay-at-home mother of three whose husband is an active duty soldier in the Army.

"Maybe he did do something wrong, but because there's so much bias, it's hard to say," she said.

One of the most sweeping powers granted to a president, pardons are outlined in Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, which says the president "shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment."

Trump has issued several high profile pardons since taking office, including to former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was awaiting sentencing for contempt of court, and a U.S. Navy sailor convicted of taking photos of classified portions of a submarine. In May, he issued a rare posthumous pardon to Jack Johnson, clearing boxing's first black heavyweight champion more than 100 years after what many believe was a racist conviction.

In April, Trump also pardoned I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, a former top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney, who Trump said had been "treated unfairly" during an investigation carried out by a special counsel.

Despite Trump's declaration on social media that he could pardon himself, it's not clear the Constitution grants him that authority and that question has never been tested in the courts. Trump's lawyer, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, has argued that a president "probably does" have the power to pardon himself — but he also insists Trump would never do so.

"Pardoning himself would be unthinkable and probably lead to immediate impeachment," Giuliani told NBC's "Meet the Press" earlier this month.

On that point, James Baker agrees. The 76-year-old Republican from the northern Chicago suburbs has been pleasantly surprised by Trump's job performance. But he says the Constitution doesn't go so far as to allow a president to use the power of the pardon as a get out of jail free card.

"If it ever did get to that point and he's convicted of crimes — it has to be pretty serious to get to that point — then that should stand," said Baker, a self-described history buff. "I don't think anybody should ever have the power to pardon himself.

"No one's above the law," Baker added. "Not even the president."

AP Polling Editor Emily Swanson reported from Washington.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,109 adults was conducted June 13-18 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

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## Rival Koreas agree to August reunions of war-split families

By KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North and South Korea agreed Friday to hold temporary reunions of families divided by the 1950-53 Korean War as they boost reconciliation efforts amid a diplomatic push to resolve the North Korean nuclear crisis.

The reunions will take place at North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort from Aug. 20 to 26, Seoul's Uni-

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fication Ministry said after a nine-hour meeting between Red Cross officials from the two sides.

It said the countries will each send 100 participants to the reunions. People with mobility problems will be allowed to bring a relative to help them.

Such temporary reunions are highly emotional as most wishing to take part are elderly people who are eager to see their loved ones before they die. The families were driven apart during the turmoil of the war.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in agreed during a summit in April to hold the family reunions about Aug. 15, the anniversary of the Korean Peninsula's independence from Japanese colonial rule at the end of World War II in 1945.

Friday's talks between Red Cross officials at the Diamond Mountain resort were to arrange details of the reunions.

Kim and Moon met again in May. Their two summits have opened various channels of peace talks between the countries. The rivals recently agreed to restore cross-border military hotline communication channels and field joint teams in some events at the upcoming Asian Games in Indonesia.

"If we sternly separate ourselves from the unfortunate past and acquire a strong mindset for the new times, humanitarian cooperation between the North and South will flourish," North Korea delegate Pak Yong Il said at the start of the meeting. Park Kyung-seo, president of South Korea's Red Cross, expressed hope for talks that could "resolve the grief of our nation."

The Koreas last held family reunions in 2015 before relations worsened because of North Korea's accelerated pursuit of nuclear long-range missiles and the hard-line response of Seoul's then-conservative government.

Since the end of the Korean War, both Koreas have banned ordinary citizens from visiting relatives on the other side of the border or contacting them without permission. Nearly 20,000 Koreans have participated in 20 rounds of face-to-face temporary reunions held between the countries since 2000.

Aside from setting up a new round of reunions, South Korean officials also proposed a survey to confirm surviving members of war-separated families in North Korea and the possibility of hometown visits, but couldn't reach an agreement with North Korean officials, Park told reporters after the meeting.

The limited numbers of reunions are vastly insufficient to meet the demands of aging relatives, who are mostly in their 80s and 90s, South Korean officials say. According to Seoul's Unification Ministry, more than 75,000 of the 132,000 South Koreans who have applied to attend a reunion have died. None of the past participants has had a second reunion.

South Korea uses a computerized lottery to pick participants for the reunions, while North Korea is believed to choose based on loyalty to its authoritarian leadership. South Korean analysts say North Korea allows only infrequent reunions for fear of wasting what it sees as an important diplomatic bargaining chip. North Korea may also worry that its citizens will become influenced by the much more affluent South, which could loosen the government's grip on power.

There had been expectations that Friday's meeting could get contentious if North Korean officials reiterated the country's demand for the return of 12 North Korean restaurant workers in return for allowing reunions.

Seoul has said the 12 women, who had worked in a restaurant in China, had defected and willingly settled in South Korea in 2016 but is now reviewing the circumstances following a media report suggesting at least some were brought against their will.

Park was unwilling to provide a clear answer when asked whether North Korea had raised the issue during the meeting. The North rejected a South Korean proposal for family reunions last year, seeking the workers' return first.

## No. 1 Sun: Phoenix takes Ayton; Trae Young, Doncic swapped

By BRIAN MAHONEY, AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Phoenix Suns stayed close to home for their first No. 1 pick. The Dallas Mavericks looked all the way to Slovenia for the player they hope can be their next European superstar.



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Shortly after the Suns took Deandre Ayton to start the NBA draft Thursday night, the Mavericks traded up two spots for the rights to Luka Doncic.

The Atlanta Hawks swapped the rights to Doncic, the No. 3 pick who has spent the last year winning championships all over Europe, to Atlanta for Trae Young, the No. 5 selection from Oklahoma.

The Mavericks also gave up a future first-round pick to draft Doncic, who only arrived in New York on Wednesday after helping Spain's Real Madrid win its league championship after he won Euroleague MVP and Final Four MVP honors when they won that title this year.

His lengthy European season kept him from working out for teams but he knew the Mavericks were interested in having him on their team for what's expected to be Dirk Nowitzki's final NBA season.

"I've been talking to Dallas a lot. They really wanted me, and they were very, very nice," the 19-year-old said. "They were very nice to me, and I think we had a very good relationship."

The Hawks will get perhaps the most exciting player in college basketball last season in Young, the first player to lead the nation in scoring and assists in the same season.

"Whatever city I went to, I was going to be able to be comfortable in," said Young, who wore suit shorts with his burgundy-colored jacket. "I was just really excited to get to Atlanta."

After that, it was a mostly straightforward draft with little fireworks, but plenty of national champion Villanova Wildcats.

The top of it was dominated by big men, starting with a pair of former high school teammates.

The Suns made the 7-foot-1 Ayton the first No. 1 pick in franchise history. The center from Arizona averaged 20.1 points and 11.6 rebounds in his lone season in Tucson, tying for the national lead with 24 double-doubles in 35 games.

He joined Mychal Thompson — father of Golden State All-Star Klay Thompson — in 1978 as the only players from the Bahamas to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft.

"Having my name called to be the first pick for the Phoenix Suns was mind-blowing," Ayton said. "Having all that confidence and leading up to that point when I saw Adam Silver come out, I was just waiting for my name, and when he called it, my mind went blank."

The Sacramento Kings followed by taking Marvin Bagley III, the Duke big man who played with Ayton at Hillcrest Prep Academy in Phoenix in 2015-16.

With Michigan State's Jaren Jackson Jr. going fourth to Memphis, Texas center Mo Bamba going No. 6 to Orlando and Wendell Carter Jr. following to Chicago, it was an early run of big men in what's increasingly become a perimeter-based league.

Then it was another guard with Alabama's Collin Sexton going at No. 8 to Cleveland, triggering chants of Michael Porter Jr.'s name by Knicks fans who hoped they would take him with the No. 9 pick. But they ended up disappointed as New York went with Kentucky's Kevin Knox.

"They booed (Kristaps) Porzingis (on draft night) and look where he is now. That's the same mindset I'm going to have," Knox said. "They can chant Michael Porter all they want. But they got Kevin Knox, and I'm willing to work and I'm willing to get better."

With concerns over back problems that limited him to only three games at Missouri last season, followed by a recent hip injury that he believe scared off teams, Porter ended up falling all the way to Denver at No. 14, the last lottery position.

There were a couple other trades involving lottery picks. Mikal Bridges, the No. 10 pick from Villanova who thought he was staying in Philadelphia with the 76ers — who employ his mother — but was dealt to Phoenix for the rights to No. 16 pick Zhaire Smith of Texas Tech and a 2012 first-round pick from the Miami Heat.

The Charlotte Hornets sent the rights to No. 11 pick Shai Gilgeous-Alexander — whose floral-patterned suit stood out among the selections — to the Clippers for No. 12 pick Miles Bridges and two future second-round picks.

After Bridges, Final Four Most Outstanding Player Donte DiVincenzo went to Milwaukee at No. 17 and Omari Spellman to Atlanta at No. 30, giving Villanova three first-round picks for the first time. National player of the year Jalen Brunson then was picked by Dallas with the third pick of the second round.

The Holiday brothers had an NBA reunion when Aaron Holiday was taken at No. 23 by Indiana. Brothers Jrue and Justin already play in the league.

Speaking of brothers, Kostas Antetokounmpo of Dayton, brother of Bucks All-Star Giannis Antetokounmpo, was the 60th and final pick by Philadelphia. That marked the first time three international siblings were drafted into the NBA, as Thanasis Antetokounmpo was the No. 51 pick in 2014.

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## Give up after scandals? Television history shows otherwise

By MARK KENNEDY, AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Say this about TV creators in 2018 — they don't give up easily.

Three current shows — "Roseanne," "Transparent" and "House of Cards" — have been crippled by scandal, but each plans to continue without their disgraced stars.

"The bottom line is fundamentally money," said Karen Tongson, a professor of English, Gender Studies and American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California. "These crews, these actors, these shows that have audiences, that have critical acclaim, are pushed to continue for those reasons."

The reboot of "Roseanne" had an excellent first season in the ratings — it also earned an estimated \$45 million in advertising revenue for ABC — when its future was thrown into doubt by a racist tweet by star Roseanne Barr.

On Thursday, ABC said it ordered 10 episodes of a spinoff called "The Conners" after Barr relinquished any creative or financial participation in it, which the network had said was a condition of such a series.

In a statement issued by the show's producer, Barr said she agreed to the settlement to save the jobs of 200 cast and crew members who were idled when "Roseanne" was canceled last month.

"I regret the circumstances that have caused me to be removed from 'Roseanne,' she said, adding, "I wish the best for everyone involved."

A Barr-less "Roseanne" sitcom might get viewers to tune in but Tongson doesn't believe they'll all hang around. "I think people will be curious to see what they try to do with the exit of its lead. But I'm not sure it will hold necessarily," she said.

"People tuned in largely because of the volatility of Roseanne — the character and also the personality," she added. "It has the opportunity to gain different audiences and new audiences by centering certain characters, but I think that some of that tension might be removed."

"Roseanne" isn't alone in trying to forge a new TV path without a key member.

"House of Cards," Netflix's first original series and one that's important for its brand, was rocked last October amid sexual misconduct allegations against star Kevin Spacey. Robin Wright, who co-starred as wife to Spacey's Francis Underwood, will be the focus of the new final season.

And Amazon Studios has said "Transparent" star Jeffrey Tambor won't be on the series when it returns for its fifth season. Two women — an actress on his show and his assistant — allege sexual misconduct; he has vehemently denied it.

Marc Berman, a TV analyst who is the creator of Programming Insider, said any network taking a lead character off a hit show is taking a gamble. But networks are loathe to walk away from a successful show.

"To not have the lead character on any of these three shows is certainly a challenge. It's not impossible, but it's a challenge," he said. "When you do something like this, you have to focus on the ensemble of the show. You have to focus on the other characters."

Tongson notes that "Roseanne," "Transparent" and "House of Cards" — two of which appear on streaming platforms and one on a big network — face different challenges when they restart.

"The thing about all three shows is that they appeal to widely different demographics so there will be different reasons for tuning in for those audiences," she said.

Tongson notes that while Tambor was a prominent character on "Transparent," he's not as front-and-center any more, perhaps meaning that the show can better survive his loss. The series also prides itself

on having a diverse production staff with many transgender people represented, something creators want to keep together.

With "House of Cards," while Spacey was without a doubt a central character, Tongson notes that the show has always been about the interplay between Frank and Claire Underwood. "Spacey was both iritant and stimulant for many viewers of that show, so I think they can easily see themselves proceeding without that character," she said.

Television history offers a mixed scorecard of shows surviving without its original star: For every successful one — "Cheers" and "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" — there's a "Nashville" or a "Spin City" that largely failed.

Hit shows surviving the loss of their stars include "The Office," which bid farewell to Steve Carell after seven seasons and continued on for two more. "Cheers" nicely weathered the loss of Shelley Long and kept going for six more seasons and "NYPD Blue" shrugged off the loss of David Caruso.

Other examples include "Charmed," which survived the loss of Shannen Doherty after three seasons to press on for five more, and "CSI," which kept solving cases until the final 15th season with Laurence Fishburne and Ted Danson after William Petersen walked away from regular duties after season nine. Even the show "Valerie" survived without its star, Valerie Harper.

But "Nashville" couldn't overcome the loss of Connie Britton after season five and ratings plunged for the final season six. And Charlie Sheen couldn't save "Spin City" after the departure of Michael J. Fox. Many believe "The X-Files" didn't succeed without star David Duchovny in seasons 8 and 9.

Berman said he thought "The Conners" might succeed simply because "Roseanne" lasted for 10 seasons. "These characters have been around for a very long time. We know who they are. In some ways, this will give these characters a chance to stand out a little bit more without the central character on the show," he said. "The secret sauce in all these shows is it's not just about this one character."

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## From boat makers to farmers, US-led tariff war inflicts pain

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A Florida boat builder absorbs \$4 million in lost business and expects more pain. An Ohio pork producer is losing access to a vital export market and fears the damage will last years. A motorcycle shop near Cologne, Germany, wonders if it even has a future.

A brawl that the United States provoked with its closest trading partners is starting to draw blood. On Friday, the European Union began imposing tariffs on \$3.4 billion in American goods — from whiskey and motorcycles to peanuts and cranberries — to retaliate for President Donald Trump's own tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. China, India and Turkey had earlier begun penalizing American products in response to the U.S. tariffs on metals.

"We're bleeding pretty bad right now," said Jim Heimerl, a pork producer in Johnstown, Ohio.

Pork producers like Heimerl are already suffering from plunging prices and reduced income since China's move to impose a 25 percent tariff on American pork in retaliation for Trump's tariffs on imported steel and aluminum.

If the trade rift doesn't worsen, the damage to the overall economy will likely be modest, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. But no one can say that the economic harm will end soon.

On July 6, the United States is set to slap tariffs on \$34 billion in Chinese goods to punish Beijing for forcing American companies to hand over technology in exchange for access to China's market and other brass-knuckled attempts to supplant U.S. technological dominance.

Beijing has vowed to retaliate. And Trump has threatened to punch back again with tariffs that could eventually cover \$450 billion in Chinese products — representing nearly 90 percent of all goods Beijing exports to the United States.

Escalating tariffs would likely raise prices for consumers, inflate costs for companies that rely on imported

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parts, rattle markets and paralyze business investment as executives wait to see whether the United States can reach a truce with the trading partners it's fighting with.

A full-fledged trade war, economists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch warn, risks tipping the U.S. economy into recession.

Heimerl, president of the National Pork Producers Council, noted that American hog farmers depend on China's growing market. The price of hog futures has plunged since the tensions with Beijing started flaring in March. On an annual basis, it means a loss to pork producers of \$2.2 billion, according to Iowa State University economist Dermot Hayes.

China is "a big player to us," Heimerl said. "They take a lot of products the U.S. doesn't eat — hearts, lungs, intestines, stomachs and heads, some of the products we don't eat here."

He recalls that it took American farmers years to recover after President Jimmy Carter imposed a grain embargo on the Soviet Union in 1980 and cut off a crucial market.

In the next round of tariffs, the Chinese are preparing retaliatory penalties on American soybeans — an economically vital export of Midwestern farmers, who have been a key source of support for Trump.

The Europeans, too, targeted American products with political calculation — bourbon from Kentucky, the home state of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and motorcycles, which are made in Wisconsin, represented by House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Yet the pain of the EU's 25 percent motorcycle tariffs is being felt across the Atlantic, too. Just ask Andy Mueller, who sells Tennessee-made Boss Hoss motorcycles in Huerth, Germany, near Cologne.

"The tariffs affect done deals," Mueller said. "We bought a couple of motorcycles recently. They were already ordered by customers, and they're on their way now. Now we need to explain that they have to pay a special price" that includes the added cost of the tariff.

"We can sell what we have, but we can't order new units," Mueller said. He fears for the future: "Boss Hoss is done for sure in Europe."

Also in the EU's crosshairs: America's recreational boating industry. It employs 650,000 people in the United States at manufacturers, marinas and dealers.

Ninety-five percent of the boats sold in the U.S. are American-made. It's no coincidence that the EU slapped U.S. motorboats, sailboats and yachts with 25 percent tariffs, said Nicole Vasilaros of the National Marine Manufacturers Association. Canada is also readying a 10 percent tariff on boats to begin July 1.

The industry has "become a target for those that are wishing to make a point to this president," Vasilaros said. "It's a real U.S. manufacturing industry. In an era where not a lot is still made here in the U.S., boats are."

The top boat-building states are Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, Minnesota, Indiana, Arkansas and Wisconsin. In Orlando, Florida, Regal Marine Industries — which makes everything from 19-foot motorboats to 53-foot yachts priced above \$1 million — said it's had \$4 million worth of orders canceled or delayed. CEO Duane Kuck estimates that the company, which employs 750 in Orlando and Valdosta, Georgia, will lose \$13 million in revenue this year from European and Canadian tariffs.

"It's hitting very hard and very quick," Kuck said.

The EU and Canada accounted for up to 20 percent of Regal's business. If the tariffs last past 60 days, Kuck estimates that his company would have to cut about 40 jobs, either through attrition or layoffs.

Bertram Yachts in Tampa, Florida, is scrambling to salvage sales. This week, a customer in Monaco called to cancel the purchase of a \$4 million, 61-foot yacht, citing the added cost of the tariffs. To save the deal, CEO Peter Truslow plans to offer to make the contract contingent on the tariffs being lifted. Yet it's far from clear when — or whether — that might happen.

"It could be a day, it could be years," Truslow said.

Before the tariffs, Bertram had been growing rapidly, with Europe accounting for perhaps 15 percent of sales. The company had planned to expand its staff of 90; the tariffs have put any hiring on hold.

"The perception in the public," Truslow said, "is there's a bunch of rich guys hanging out at fancy marinas or something. But 90 percent of the people that work in the yacht business, they're laying fiberglass and installing hardware. They're hourly, hard-working guys, the same as you'd see in a car manufacturer."

Those are the ones that get affected.

"Who's the loser in this? The small yacht companies and the employees."

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## US stocks finish mostly higher as energy companies climb

By MARLEY JAY, AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices and energy companies rallied Friday after OPEC said it will produce more oil, but not as much as investors feared. While trade tensions remained in the headlines, U.S. stocks finished slightly higher at the end of a bumpy week.

U.S. crude futures jumped 4.6 percent after OPEC nations agreed to produce about 1 million additional barrels of oil per day. Reports have said for weeks that production was likely to rise, but analysts said investors appear to think the boost will be smaller than OPEC says it will. So oil prices rallied even though they usually go down when production rises.

"People were pricing crude in the last couple of weeks (expecting) a bigger increase by OPEC than what they agreed to," said Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist for the Leuthold Group.

The European Union followed through on its promise to put import taxes on \$3.4 billion in U.S. goods including bourbon, peanut butter and orange juice in response to U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum. Automakers were jolted after President Donald Trump threatened to put a 20 percent tax on cars imported from Europe, although none of them took big losses.

The S&P 500 index rose as much as 14 points but ended with a gain of just 5.12 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,754.88. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 119.19 points, or 0.5 percent, to 24,580.89 to break an eight-day losing streak. The Dow lost 2 percent this week, with Boeing off 5.3 percent and Caterpillar down 6.7 percent. That was both companies' biggest loss in three months. Makers of chemicals and other basic materials like 3M also lost ground this week and technology companies slipped.

The Nasdaq composite fell 20.13 points, or 0.3 percent, to 7,692.82. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks sank 3.37 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,685.58.

U.S. crude climbed 4.6 percent to \$68.58 a barrel in New York. That was its biggest one-day gain since November 2016, when OPEC and a group of other countries including Russia agreed to cut production by 1.8 million barrels a day. Prices have been rising since then, and U.S. crude hit a three-year high of about \$72 a barrel in May.

Brent crude, the standard for international oil prices, rose 3.4 percent to \$75.55 a barrel in London.

Exxon Mobil picked up 2.1 percent to \$81.38 and Marathon Oil surged 7.8 percent to \$21.48.

The European Union is enforcing tariffs on \$3.4 billion in U.S. products in retaliation for duties the Trump administration has put on European steel and aluminum. The taxes are on American products including bourbon, peanut butter and orange juice, and the choices appear designed to create political pressure on Trump and senior U.S. politicians.

EU authorities had said the move was coming in response to the U.S. import duties. On Twitter, Trump threatened to impose a 20 percent tax on cars imported from the EU if barriers to trade are not removed soon. He previously ordered the U.S. Trade Representative to look into possible tariffs or quotas on imported cars and car parts.

That jolted car companies. In Germany, shares of BMW lost 1.1 percent and Daimler sank 0.3 percent. Daimler fell more than 4 percent Thursday after it said Chinese tariffs on U.S. cars would contribute to a decline in its earnings this year. Ford and Toyota also dipped while Peugeot and General Motors rose.

"If you're in the direct line of fire from a tariff, it's hugely important," said Paulsen. Still, he said investors are very skeptical that a damaging trade war will break out. "The trade war has heated up over the last

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couple of months and yet stocks are up over that period of time," he said. That was also the case Friday. Health care and household goods companies also rose while technology companies and banks fell.

Open source software maker Red Hat dropped 12.4 percent to \$142.14 after it cut its sales forecasts due to the strengthening dollar. Other technology companies also declined. The industry has been leading the market for more than a year, but it makes more of its sales outside the U.S. than any other major S&P 500 sector. Micron Technology fell 3.9 percent to \$57.10 and Nvidia lost 2.4 percent to \$250.95.

In other commodity trading, wholesale gasoline jumped 2.9 percent to \$2.07 a gallon. Heating oil added 2.7 percent to \$2.13 a gallon. Natural gas skidded 1 percent to \$2.95 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold slid 0.3 percent to \$1,270.70 an ounce. Silver added 0.8 percent to \$16.46 an ounce. Copper edged up 0.2 percent to \$3.03 a pound.

Bond prices rose slightly. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note slid to 2.89 percent.

The dollar rose to 109.91 yen from 109.90 yen. The euro advanced to \$1.1663 from \$1.1617.

The CAC 40 in France climbed 1.3 percent and Britain's FTSE 100 gained 1.7 percent. In Germany the DAX rose 0.5 percent.

Some Asian markets gained following heavy losses on previous days but finished lower than a week ago. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index edged up 0.2 percent while Japan's Nikkei 225 lost 0.8 percent. The South Korean Kospi advanced 0.8 percent.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, June 23, the 174th day of 2018. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 23, 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his "Type-Writer," featuring a QWERTY keyboard; it was the first commercially successful typewriter.

On this date:

In 1314, during the First War of Scottish Independence, the two-day Battle of Bannockburn, resulting in victory for the forces of Robert the Bruce over the army of King Edward II, began near Stirling.

In 1537, Spanish explorer Pedro de Mendoza, the founder of Buenos Aires, died aboard his ship while heading back to Spain.

In 1757, forces of the East India Company led by Robert Clive won the Battle of Plassey, which effectively marked the beginning of British colonial rule in India.

In 1892, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated former President Grover Cleveland on the first ballot.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1950, Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 2501, a DC-4, crashed into Lake Michigan with the loss of all 58 people on board.

In 1968, a syndicated newspaper column by Joseph Kraft coined the term "Middle America."

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed using the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.) President Nixon signed Title IX barring discrimination on the basis of sex for "any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

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In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland because of a bomb authorities believe was planted by Sikh separatists.

In 1993, in a case that drew widespread attention, Lorena Bobbitt of Prince William County, Virginia, sexually mutilated her husband, John, after he allegedly raped her. (John Bobbitt was later acquitted of marital sexual assault; Lorena Bobbitt was later acquitted by reason of insanity of malicious wounding.) Canada's Senate ratified the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Ten years ago: Condemning the turmoil in Zimbabwe, the U.N. Security Council declared that a fair presidential vote was impossible because of a "campaign of violence" waged by President Robert Mugabe's government. Seattle's Felix Hernandez hit the first grand slam by an American League pitcher in 37 years, then departed with a sprained ankle before he could qualify for a win in the Mariners' 5-2 victory over the New York Mets.

Five years ago: Edward Snowden, the National Security Agency contractor behind the disclosures of the U.S. government's sweeping surveillance programs, left Hong Kong for Moscow with the stated intention of seeking asylum in Ecuador; however, Snowden ended up remaining in Moscow. Aerialist Nik Wallenda completed a tightrope walk that took him a quarter mile over the Little Colorado River Gorge in north-eastern Arizona. Sci-fi and fantasy writer Richard Matheson, 87, died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: President Donald Trump signed a bill making it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to fire employees, part of a push to overhaul an agency struggling to serve millions of military vets. California Gov. Jerry Brown blocked parole for Charles Manson follower and convicted killer Bruce Davis. The New Jersey Devils selected center Nico Hischier with the No. 1 overall pick in the NHL draft.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 78. Musical conductor James Levine (luh-VYN') is 75. Actor Ted Shackelford is 72. Actor Bryan Brown is 71. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 70. Actor Jim Metzler is 67. "American Idol" ex-judge Randy Jackson is 62. Actress Frances McDormand is 61. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 56. Actor Paul La Greca is 56. Writer-director Joss Whedon is 54. Rhythm and blues singer Chico DeBarge is 48. Actress Selma Blair is 46. Actor Joel Edgerton is 44. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 43. Rhythm and blues singer Virgo Williams (Ghostowns DJs) is 43. Actress Emmanuelle Vaugier is 42. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 41. Football Hall of Famer LaDainian Tomlinson is 39. Actress Melissa Rauch is 38. Rock singer Duffy is 34. Country singer Katie Armiger is 27.

Thought for Today: "To have felt too much is to end in feeling nothing." — Dorothy Thompson, American journalist (1894-1961).