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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.

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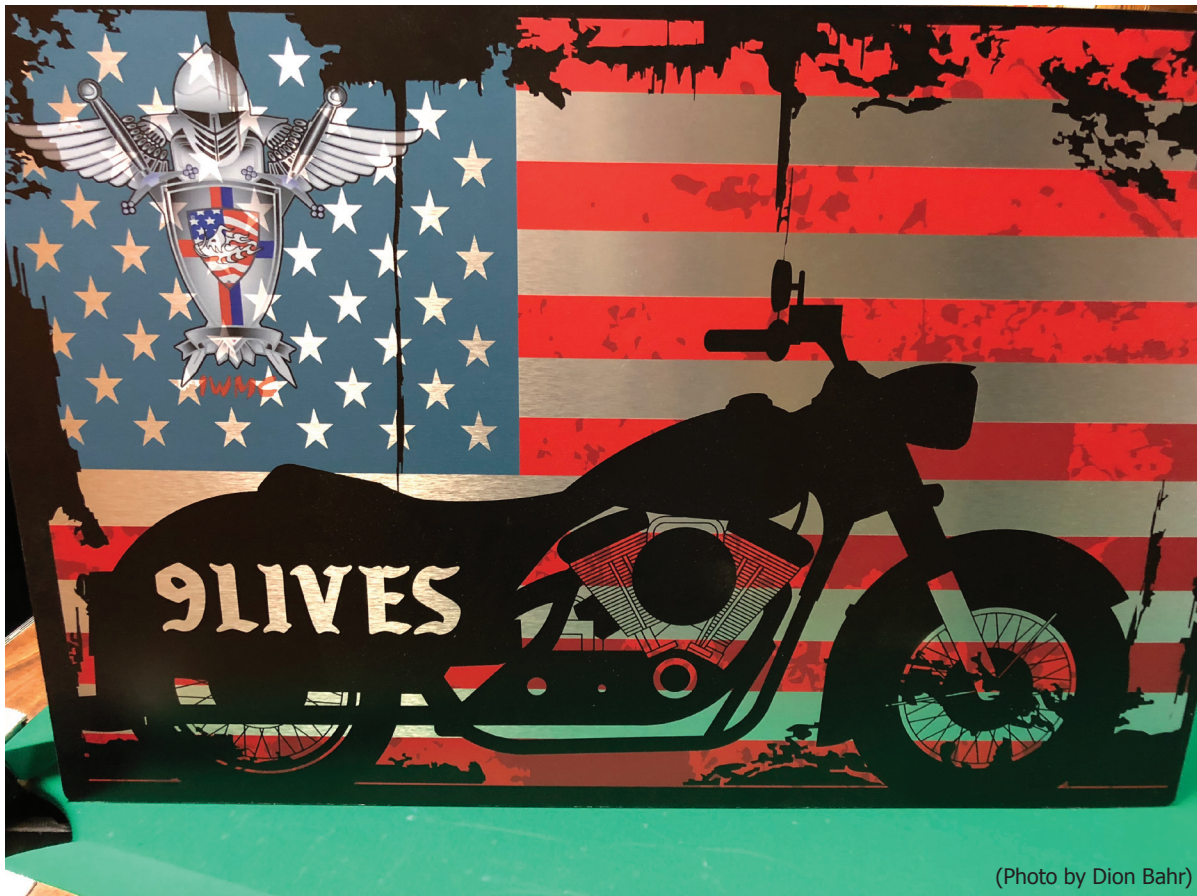
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

## "Ride for Soul" Bike Rally

Motorcycles were lined up on the south end of Main Street Saturday morning as bikers were getting ready for the "Ride for Soul" bike rally. This is the fourth annual event which starts and ends in Groton. They left Groton Saturday morning with 39 motorcycles, traveling 153 miles from Groton to Eden to Waubay to Crocker and back to Groton. They had a free-will dinner at the Eden Park.

Riders are made up of law enforcement and fire fighters. According to Dion Bahr, the event was started in Groton four years ago as a fundraiser for Matt "9 Lives" Cler, who lost his fight with cancer two years ago. This year, the rally is a fundraiser for the Eastern Star and for Archie's Turtles in Britton, which helps to raise money for Relay for Life.

The Iron Warriors is a club from Aberdeen, the only one in South Dakota. There are two clubs from Minnesota, and all three clubs help each other with their bike rallies.



(Photo by Dion Bahr)

A memorial made for Matt "9 Lives" Cler.



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Before leaving Groton, the group met in front of the Jungle for a prayer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The back of the leather vests that the bikers wore as part of the Iron Warriors Hub City chapter. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Fuller Center Bike Adventure headed for Leola

A group of service-oriented cyclists committed to supporting the humanitarian mission of the Fuller Center for Housing is headed for an overnight stay in Leola on July 3rd as part of their 2018 cross country tour.

Now in its 11th year, the Bike Adventure is a ministry of The Fuller Center for Housing – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Americus, GA, which is dedicated to building and renovating homes in partnership with those in need. Pedaling toward a better world, cyclists ride thousands of miles annually under the banner of affordable housing.

The 2018 Fuller Center Bike Adventure includes multiple routes across the United States, with riders raising approximately \$1 per mile. Participants will also work on service sites in numerous cities with local Fuller Center partners.

Approximately 30 cyclists participating in the Port to Port route began this year's adventure in Astoria, Oregon on June 1st and will finish in Portland, Maine on August 11, riding a total distance of approximately 3,700 miles. The group will head east all summer – staying in small towns and big cities alike, such as Kennewick, WA, Missoula, MT, Billings, MT, Bismarck, ND, St. Cloud, MN, Madison, WI, South Bend, IN, Aurora, OH, and Syracuse, NY.

On July 3rd the group will be riding from Strasburg, ND to Leola, a distance of 69 miles, and will stay overnight at the Leola School, where the Leola Development Corporation will be hosting their visit, providing an evening meal and a breakfast for the road the next morning.

Community members are invited to come and meet the cyclists and listen to a program they will be presenting on the evening of July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the school, where a testament to

the mission of the Fuller Center will be shared. Local cyclists are also encouraged to join the group for a ride out of town the next morning as the Bike Adventure continues towards Britton, SD, for a suggested donation of \$50. Additionally, anyone who would like to donate food for the evening meal or breakfast or snacks for the cyclists, may contact Gayle Seibel at 620-242-6740.

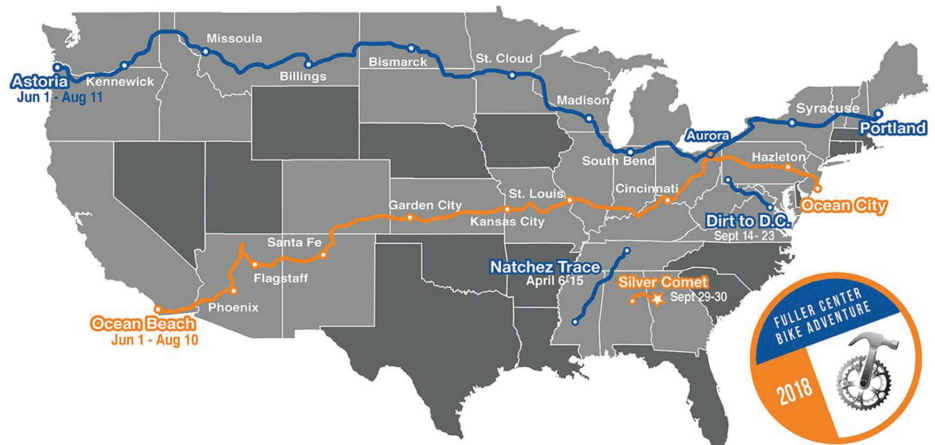
Since its founding in 2008, the Bike Adventure has raised more than \$2 million in support of the Fuller Center. This year the group has a goal of raising \$400,000.

To donate to a rider's campaign, navigate to: <https://fullercenter.donorpages.com/2018BikeAdventure/>  
**About The Fuller Center for Housing**

The Fuller Center was launched in 2005 by Millard and Linda Fuller, who co-founded Habitat for Humanity in 1976. Today, the Fuller Center continues the Fullers' vision for a grassroots, decentralized, and faith-based movement, working to eliminate poverty housing worldwide.

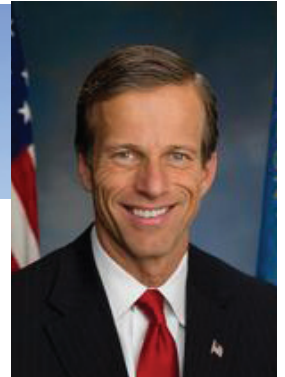
Today the non-profit organization is currently building and renovating homes in dozens of communities in multiple U.S. states, as well as numerous other countries. Working toward a mission to help the more than 1 billion people worldwide who live in poverty housing and the 100 million who are homeless, the Fuller's extraordinary commitment and legacy continues today through the hearts and hands of hundreds of thousands of volunteers who seek to build a better world, one house at a time.

To learn more about the Fuller Center Bike Adventure or to register to ride yourself, visit [fullercenterbikeadventure.org](http://fullercenterbikeadventure.org)





**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## Tax Reform: Six Months Later

The Republican-led effort to reform and strengthen our nation's tax code wasn't a check-the-box exercise in Washington, D.C. Instead, after nearly a decade of economic stagnation, it was a commitment to the American people to help turn things around – to help grow the economy, create more good-paying jobs, and put the United States back in a more globally competitive position. In the six months since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act became law, the economic signs continue to point toward growth and opportunity, and I believe there's only more to come.

While tax reform is a cornerstone of the pro-growth agenda that Republicans have pursued in the less than two years since the president took office, we have also used a congressional oversight process to roll back a record number of Obama-era regulations that were hamstringing economic growth. Collectively, these actions created a better environment in which businesses could grow and hire more workers, and the results speak for themselves.

In April, for the first time since the federal government began tracking the data, the number of job openings outnumbered the number of job seekers in the United States. Think about that for a moment. This means that Americans who are looking for a job are doing so in a market with a surplus of employment opportunities.

In May, the unemployment rate dropped to its lowest level in nearly two decades. Wages are growing at the fastest pace since July 2009, retail sales are on the rise, and according to CNBC, economic growth for the second quarter of 2018 is "on track to double 2017's full-year pace."

This is exactly the kind of good economic news the American people have been waiting to experience, and I'm glad we were able to help create an environment in which it could occur.

Before the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was the law of the land, the tax code was working against American taxpayers and businesses, and, in turn, the entire economy. It was too large, too complicated, and it was being used to take too much money out of hardworking Americans' paychecks. I'm not going to suggest that tax reform was a cure-all, but I can say with certainty that the code is now simpler in many respects, and with an across-the-board reduction in tax rates, Uncle Sam is taking less out of the family budget.

Strengthening the individual side of the tax code was important throughout the tax reform debate, but we also worked hard to ensure that it would be easier for businesses, large and small, to grow, expand, and be more competitive around the world. As a result, companies from coast to coast, including several in South Dakota, announced that they're using their tax savings to invest in their employees, their customers, and their business.

What does a stronger economy mean for South Dakota families? It means more jobs – more than one million jobs have been created nationwide since tax reform became law. It means a bigger paycheck and better benefits. It means there's more in the family budget for kids' education, to fix a leaky roof, or to put new tires on the car. In short, it means a better, more secure life.

The economy has experienced a lot of good news over the last six months, but our work is far from over. Together, with the administration and my colleagues in Congress, we can continue to deliver big things for South Dakota and the rest of the country, and that's exactly what I intend to do.

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## A Win For States' Rights

It's been a historic week for South Dakota. On Thursday, June 21, the United States Supreme Court announced its decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.*, ruling in our favor 5-4.

The case stemmed from a bill I signed into law in 2016 which requires online sellers without a physical presence in South Dakota to collect and remit sales tax. The law applies to online sellers with more than \$100,000 in South Dakota sales or 200 or more transactions. Several companies, including Amazon, began voluntarily to comply after the law's passage, while others objected based on the *Quill* decision issued by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1992.

Our State Supreme Court acted on the matter in September of 2017, affirming the circuit court's ruling that the law was in direct conflict with *Quill*. Groups across the nation – including the National Governors Association, the Tax Foundation, the National Retail Federation and the American Farm Bureau Federation – joined South Dakota in urging the U.S. Supreme Court's favorable consideration. Forty states signed Colorado's "friend of the court" brief, along with two territories and the District of Columbia, supporting our position.

Those efforts were successful, as the U.S. Supreme Court this week announced its decision. The court overturned *Quill*, holding that "Quill has come to serve as a judicially created tax shelter".

The state still has a few remaining procedural steps before the 2016 law can go into effect. The U.S. Supreme Court remanded the issue back to our state Supreme Court, which will need to compare our 2016 law to the new standard established by the June 21 decision. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, gave several indications that our 2016 law has sound protections in place, which increases the likelihood of a favorable decision from our state court.

This isn't just our victory, but a win for states' rights. Under this ruling, other states can take steps to collect tax from online sellers. And if other states already have a law in place or can pass legislation in short order, it's possible they may actually have the ability to tax these sales before we do.

I thank Attorney General Marty Jackley, Sen. Deb Peters and her legislative colleagues, and the Department of Revenue for their efforts that led to this victory. South Dakota's fight for tax fairness has gone on for 20 years, and over that time Gov. Bill Janklow, Gov. Mike Rounds, many state legislators, and our congressional delegation all have played important roles. South Dakota worked hard for this win.

South Dakotans can be proud that our state led this charge. Now, finally, all businesses will compete on a level playing field.



## Farm Bill: Feeding the World

I was proud to lead the House in passing a new Farm Bill earlier this month, clearing a major hurdle as we work to reinforce this critical safety net for producers and bolster food security for our country.

While the Farm Bill is commonsense for South Dakota, it takes quite a feat to push something like this through the House. In 1963, more than 200 of the nation's 435 congressional districts were defined as rural. Fifty years later, just over 30 districts carried that same distinction. It's a shift that has dramatically changed the context in which federal policies are debated – a shift that requires rural representatives to fight harder than ever to be heard.

We began holding field hearings and listening sessions more than a year before the September 2018 deadline, a process I was honored to be part of. We've also been working to expand support outside of the Agriculture Committee, which helped secure passage on the House floor.

The House-passed Farm Bill, if enacted, would renew much of the 2014 legislation. Jerry Schmitz, who leads the South Dakota Soybean Association, explains the bill maintains "a strong crop insurance program, along with commodity program reform that will assist farm families, especially young farm families." That's especially important, given that commodity prices are 40 to 50 percent lower than they were five years ago.

The legislation also maintains strong livestock disaster programs. "Without these programs," said Jodie Anderson, Executive Director of South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, "our ability to feed the world would be diminished."

While critical programs are preserved, we did make some tweaks to ensure greater accuracy and accountability.

For instance, during 2014 Farm Bill implementation, the USDA elected to prioritize county yield data from its National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), which has proven unreliable in many cases. Using language I authored, the House-passed Farm Bill directs USDA to prioritize crop insurance data instead, which is a more dependable source.

Additionally, we increase CRP acreage to 29 million acres, a priority for many South Dakota outdoorsmen. At the same time, each state's allotment of CRP acres is based on its historical data, which I previously pressured the USDA to do.

The legislation also includes support for rural broadband and builds on the economic success of tax reform by requiring able-bodied, non-elderly individuals without young children to work or participate in work training for 20 hours per week in order to receive the benefits.

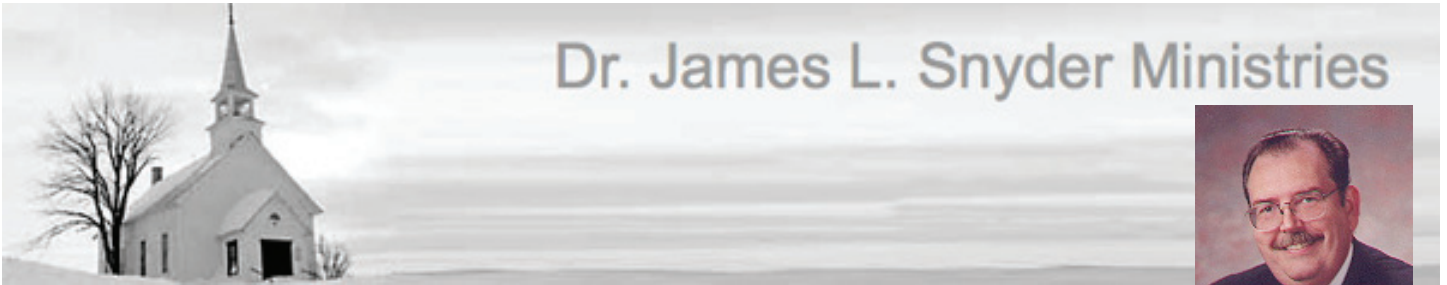
All in all, the Farm Bill "protects producers while respecting the taxpayer dollars we all contribute," as Scott VanderWal, President of the South Dakota Farm Bureau, explained.

As I said before, I was thrilled to see the House come together and pass a strong Farm Bill. Next, the legislation must be debated in the Senate before making it to President Trump's desk. For many producers, this legislation has provided a necessary safety net during these tougher years. But from a broader perspective, the Farm Bill ensures the American people continue to have access to the world's safest, most reliable, and most abundant food supply.



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## The Parsonage Kitchen Shutdown Threat

A certain situation has been building in the Parsonage for the last several months. At first, I did not think it too serious but alas, we have reached a terrible impasse.

It started a few months ago when I came home, walked into the house and was hit in the face so hard I almost passed out. At the time, I was hoping I would pass out, but no such luck.

I think everybody knows what it is like to be hit unexpectedly by something you do not actually expect. I guess that is why it is called unexpectedly. It happened to me and I am not sure I am over it yet.

Even though I have been married 46 years, of which most of it has been happily, I did not see this one coming. Just when you think you have your spouse figured out, they do something off the radar. Every husband knows exactly what I am talking about.

This makes it hard to buy Christmas and birthday presents. What they liked last year is not what they like this year. I remember buying my wife a watch one year for Christmas of which she was so delighted that for the next four years after I bought her a watch for Christmas. How was I supposed to know she only wanted one watch!

I think we hit one of those impasses.

Walking into the house, I was hit with the horrific smell of broccoli cooking on the stove. I do not know if you ever smelt such a smell as that but if you are not prepared for it and even if you are prepared for it, it can smack you in the face like you have never been smacked in the face before.

When I came to myself and gathered what little composure I could find, I queried the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage who was in the kitchen.

"What is that awful smell?"

"I don't know, have you taken a shower yet?"

After being married for 46 years, I know when to respond to a question and when not to. I knew if I responded to this question the way I wanted to respond to this question, the smell of broccoli would be the least of my worries at the time.

"No," I said gathering a little bit of manliness about me, "Something in this house smells dreadful. I smelled it as soon as I walked in the door."

Then she chuckled. I hate it when she chuckles.

"Oh, that must be the wonderful aroma of broccoli cooking on the stove. Isn't it marvelous?"

Adhering to my rules about questions, I tossed that one aside and opted for another one.

"You're not cooking broccoli for supper tonight, are you?"

I was hoping she would catch my attitude of disdain and disgust in this question. Obviously, for whatever reason, she did not catch the drift.

"Yes," she said as chipper as I have ever heard her chip, "I thought I would surprise you with a wonderful dish of broccoli for supper tonight, to go along with our pork chops."

Can you live with a person for so long and not know what they like or do not like? Nobody has to be around me for five minutes before they will understand that broccoli and I have had a feud that has been going on since before the Hatfield's and McCoy's.

"But I thought you knew I do not like broccoli?"

"Oh, that," she said with another chuckle, "I just thought you were joking."

Nobody jokes about broccoli, especially me.





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Then a brilliant idea reverberated between my ears. I thought I could take advantage of this situation and sneak in something forbidden in our kitchen and house for that matter, a rare delicacy.

"I will then run to the store and get some fresh Apple Fritters for our dessert."

I figured if she wants to put in front of me broccoli the least she can do is allow me an Apple Fritter or two.

In a moment, all the chipper drained from her person and she looked at me and said, "Apple Fritters are not allowed in this house."

"Let's negotiate," I said as calmly as I have ever been in my life. "I will allow you to eat broccoli tonight if you allow me an Apple Fritter for my dessert."

I wonder if there is a husband living today, that has ever successfully negotiated with his wife.

"This is how we will negotiate, we will have broccoli tonight without any Apple Fritter. I am only thinking of your health."

The way she glared at me I knew negotiations were off the table at this time and in its place was some steaming broccoli.

What I am going to do is sneak behind her back and eat two, not one but two, Apple Fritters and I will savor every bite.

If only we could act like grownups, come together, voice our differences and strike a compromise. After all, our government works that way.

I thought about this and came to a certain conclusion. The Christian life is not really negotiating your preference but rather honoring Christ. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20 KJV).

When self is at the center of my negotiations, Christ is never honored.

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## Today in Weather History

June 24, 1902: Very strong winds occurred during the evening hours over portions of Hand and Stanley, to Turner and Lincoln Counties. Heavy losses occurred to barns and other farm outbuildings, trees, and windmills. One person was killed, and several were injured. A peak wind gust of 67 mph was recorded in Pierre.

June 24, 2003: An F4 tornado destroyed or heavily damaged all buildings, other structures, and vehicles in the small town of Manchester, in Kingsbury County. Propane and fuel oil tanks were destroyed. Many homes were stripped to the foundation. Of the six residents of the town, four were injured and were transported to hospitals. Three were deemed to be seriously injured, but none of the injuries were listed as life-threatening. One of the injured was in a basement, one was blown out of the home on the way to the same basement, and two were in a mobile home which was destroyed. The tornado damaged crops, trees, and power lines south of Manchester before reaching the town. The tornado also heavily damaged several farms north of Manchester, including two farms on which several buildings, including the houses, were destroyed. About 12 cattle were killed and others injured. The amount of crop damage was not known. Throughout the path, the tornado was observed to have multiple vortices. The tornado was seen and videotaped by numerous storm chasers and researchers. Researchers also deployed weather sensors around the town of Manchester. One of these sensors recorded a 100 millibar pressure drop as the tornado passed.

1816 - The cold weather of early June finally gave way to several days of 90 degree heat in Massachusetts, including a reading of 99 degrees at Salem. (David Ludlum)

1924 - Six men at a rock quarry south of Winston-Salem, NC, sought shelter from a thunderstorm. The structure chosen contained a quantity of dynamite. Lightning struck a near-by tree causing the dynamite to explode. The men were killed instantly. (The Weather Channel)

1929: In Durban, South Africa, a storm drops hailstones the size of baseballs. The rattle produced by the storm is described as sounding like "machine gun fire."

1951 - Twelve inches of hail broke windows and roofs, and dented automobiles, causing more than fourteen million dollars damage. The storm plowed 200 miles from Kingman County KS into Missouri, with the Wichita area hardest hit. It was the most disastrous hailstorm of record for the state of Kansas. (David Ludlum)

1952 - Thunderstorms produced a swath of hail 60 miles long and 3.5 miles wide through parts of Hand, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner and Jerauld counties in South Dakota. Poultry and livestock were killed, and many persons were injured. Hail ten inches in circumference was reported at Huron SD. (The Weather Channel)

1975: An Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed at JFK airport in New York City. 113 of the 124 people on board the aircraft died. Researcher Theodore Fujita studied the incident and discovered that a microburst caused the crash. His research led to improved air safety. The tower never experienced the microburst, which was held back by a sea-breeze front. The plane crashed 2,400 feet short of the runway.








1987 - Thunderstorms spawned six tornadoes in eastern Colorado. Baseball size hail was reported near Yoder, CO, and thunderstorm winds gusting to 92 mph derailed a train near Pratt, KS. The town of Gould, OK, was soaked with nearly an inch and a half of rain in just ten minutes. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Forty-three cities reported record high temperatures for the date. Valentine NE reported an all-time record high of 110 degrees, and highs of 102 degrees at Casper, WY, 103 degrees at Reno, NV, and 106 degrees at Winnemucca, NV, were records for the month of June. Highs of 98 degrees at Logan, UT, and 109 degrees at Rapid City, SD, equalled June records. Lightning killed twenty-one cows near Conway, SC. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

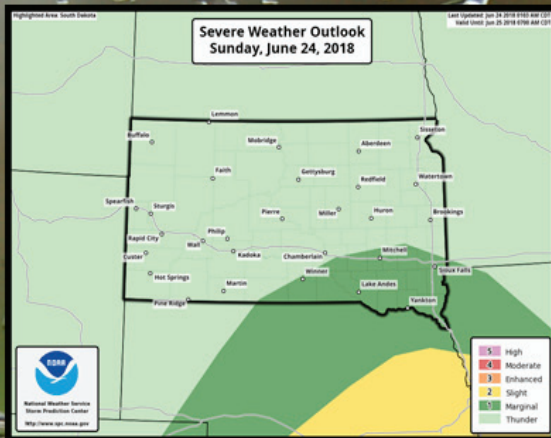


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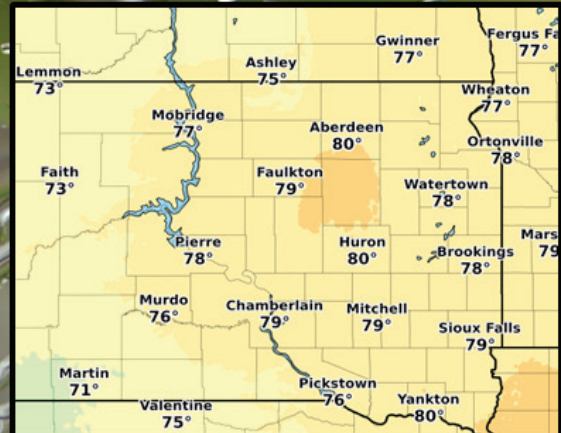
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Chance Showers then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Showers Likely	Chance T-storms then Chance Showers	Slight Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 80 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 80 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 85 °F

## Scattered Showers and Storms Again Today



Highs in the upper 70s to around 80

Severe storm threat stays south today



 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
Aberdeen, SD

Published on: 06/24/2018 at 4:44AM

Low pressure over the region today will once again bring scattered showers and thunderstorms. Any threat for severe storms appears very low, with areas further south across Nebraska and southeast South Dakota having the best chance for strong to severe. Highs will rise into the upper 70s to around 80 degrees today. Rainfall chances will increase on Monday for eastern South Dakota and west central Minnesota as more widespread rainfall moves into the region.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 77.6 F at 11:47 AM**

**Low Outside Temp: 60.5 F at 5:59 AM**

**Wind Chill:**

**High Gust: 25.0 Mph at 4:57 PM**

**Precip: 0.10**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 108° in 1988**

**Record Low: 39° in 1917**

**Average High: 80°F**

**Average Low: 56°F**

**Average Precip in June: 2.97**

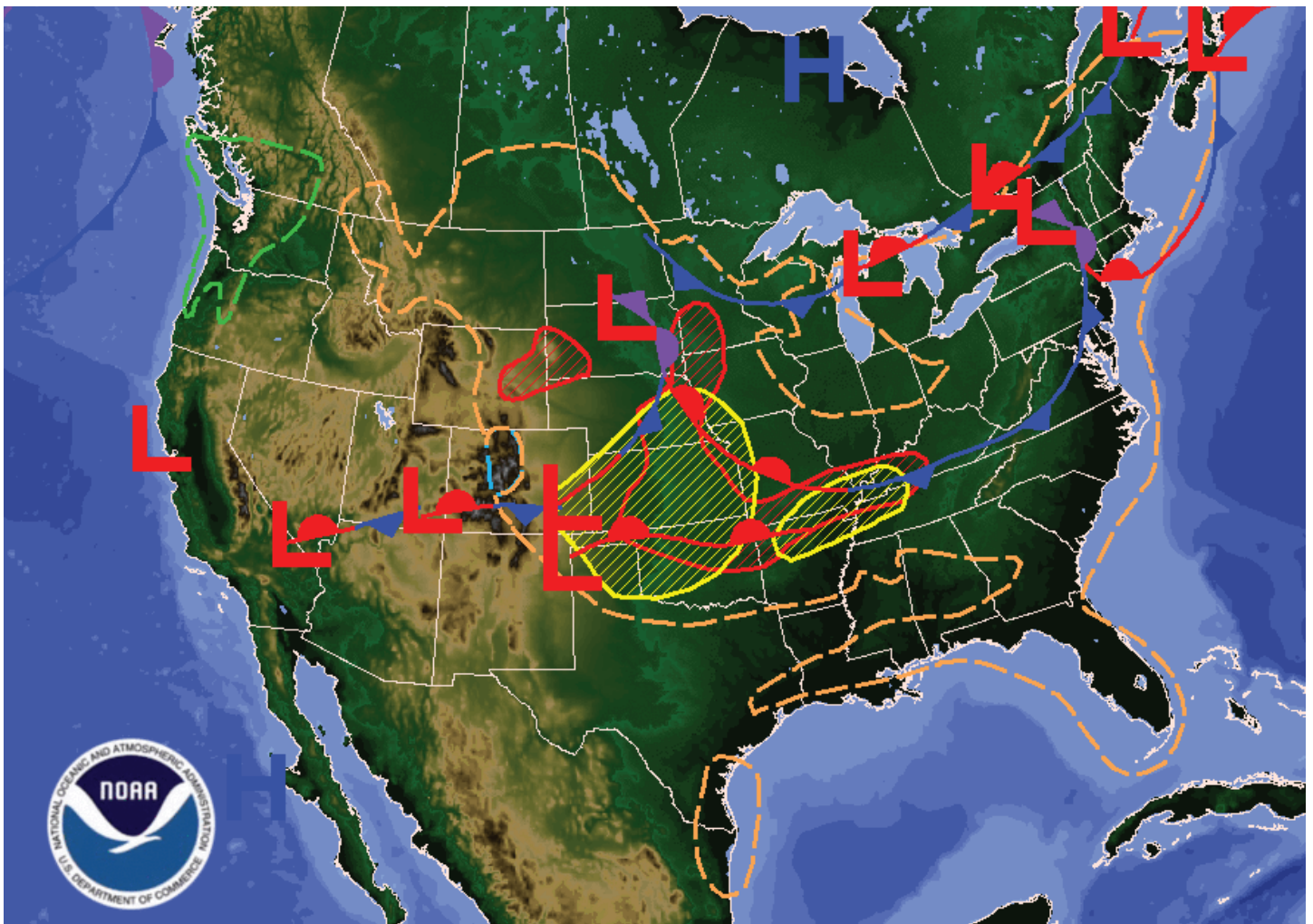
**Precip to date in June: 1.52**

**Average Precip to date: 10.11**

**Precip Year to Date: 5.82**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Jun 24, 2018, issued 4:58 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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## PROMISES! PROMISES!

He spent many years living alone not having the necessities of life. One day in his despair he looked at the top shelf of an old bookcase cluttered with pictures and the mementoes of his life. As his eyes passed from item to item, he noticed his mother's Bible that he had not touched since her death.

Slowly, he opened the well-worn Book and very carefully began to leaf through its pages. As he made his way through Genesis he found \$1,000.00. He did the same with Exodus and found another \$1,000.00. His excitement grew as he went from book to book and found \$1,000.00 in each one of them.

Imagine having \$66,000 within arm's reach and not even knowing it was there, waiting to be discovered. We may fault the old man for living in poverty when it was totally unnecessary and riches were available. We might say, "How sad! Why didn't he look sooner?"

But sadder than the fact that the money was in his mother's Bible waiting for him to discover it is the fact that there are 3,573 promises in the Bible waiting for us to discover and claim. Our good and gracious God placed them there for each of us. Yet, most of us do not know where to find them and they go unclaimed.

The Psalmist said, "My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promises preserve my life." Each promise is a benefit God has placed in His Word waiting for us to claim. Jesus addressed this same issue when He said, "For everyone who asks receives." Don't go without!

Prayer: The best things in life, Father, are ours for the asking. Increase our faith to meet our needs. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.

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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

### SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash  
01-04-06-24-27  
(one, four, six, twenty-four, twenty-seven)  
Estimated jackpot: \$80,000

Lotto America  
02-17-22-30-37, Star Ball: 8, ASB: 5  
(two, seventeen, twenty-two, thirty, thirty-seven; Star Ball: eight; ASB: five)  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.02 million

Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$212 million

Powerball  
16-29-43-45-56, Powerball: 25, Power Play: 2  
(sixteen, twenty-nine, forty-three, forty-five, fifty-six; Powerball: twenty-five; Power Play: two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

### Yankton lawyer Jason Ravensborg wins GOP attorney general nod

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Republicans on Saturday chose Yankton lawyer Jason Ravensborg to run against Democratic former U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler in the race for state attorney general.

GOP delegates voted to nominate Ravensborg at their state party convention, where the attorney general contest was the main show for attendees. Democrats nominated Seiler as their candidate at a party gathering last week.

Ravnsborg won out over state Sen. Lance Russell in a second round of voting after Lawrence County State's Attorney John Fitzgerald was dropped from consideration following his third-place showing in the initial ballot.

"We've been working hard," Ravensborg said after he won. "I've been to every county in our state at least twice."

Ravnsborg has proposed expanding programs that allow lower-level prisoners to work while serving their sentences and establishing a meth-specific prison and mental health facility in the western part of the state. He said he has leadership and management experience and touted his support among county sheriffs to delegates.

Ravnsborg, 42, of Yankton, is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He's looking to succeed outgoing Attorney General Marty Jackley 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.

Russell, a former state's attorney and current chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, had said he wanted to be attorney general to address rising crime and improve government transparency. Fitzgerald

has been the Lawrence County state's attorney since 1995 and campaigned on his experience.

Veda Church, a Ravensborg backer who attended the convention, said she started supporting Ravensborg after sitting by him and talking at a Republican dinner. The Vermillion woman said she believes in him and liked his military background.

"I'm going to do whatever I can to get Jason elected," Church said.

Seiler, 71, has emphasized his experience as he casts himself as Democrats' best hope of ending Republicans' decades-long grip on the attorney general's office. Seiler served as South Dakota's U.S. attorney from 2015 through 2017, leaving after more than two decades at the office.

If elected, Seiler has said he would review the lawsuits the state is engaged in and look at "smart justice" initiatives. A Democrat hasn't held the attorney general's office in South Dakota since the 1970s, and the party last fielded a candidate for the position in 2010. Ravensborg and Seiler reported similar campaign cash on hand in May.

GOP delegates also voted Saturday for 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.

## South Dakota agency studies lake monitoring

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks is studying ways to cut costs while still monitoring some of the smaller bodies of water on the prairie and in the Black Hills.

New Underwood Lake was the most recent to be monitored using vehicle counters and trail cameras instead of a live person giving out surveys and observing how often the lake is used, the Rapid City Journal reported.

Four vehicle counters were placed around the lake as part of the agency's study, taking a count when the sensors detect a change in the electro-magnetic configuration.

"The purpose of it is it would be fiscally irresponsible for us to try to send a person out there to an area where we don't think we'll get a lot of angling going on," said Greg Simpson, a fisheries biologist with the agency. "Our purpose was to ask if there's a different way to have a surrogate, still get information without costing us a lot of money."

The study found the lake had nearly 2,320 visitors over a 61-day period, which adds up to 38 per day.

Simpson said he didn't know how much activity the lake would get, but said he wanted to make sure the agency was able to still get usable data without having someone at the lake.

"We had no clue, it was just kind of a shot in the dark and something we never would have known anything about," he said. "It was all a way to come about knowing how much use we are going to get at a lake."

The agency has saved about \$40,000 by using the car counters on the bodies of water, Simpson said.

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

## Sioux Falls sees increase in arborist applications

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls has seen an uptick in the number of permit applications for arborists and tree-trimming companies after the invasive emerald ash borer was discovered in the city.

City Hall has received at least a dozen applications from companies over the necessary licensing to remove and apply chemical treatments to ash trees since the insect species was identified last month, the Argus Leader reported. Emerald ash borer are expected to destroy more than 80,000 ash trees in the area over the next decade.

There are 46 licensed arborist companies in Sioux Falls but not all of them are able to apply injection treatments that make the trees inhospitable to the invasive beetles. It requires a different kind of license offered by the city.

Duane Stall, forestry specialist for Sioux Falls, said he expects to see even more incoming city permit applications.



"Before the discovery, we had 11 that provided insect and disease treatment," Stall said. "Now there's 24 that provide that service."

The state and city's emerald ash borer management plan involves a moratorium on cutting down ash trees during the summer months. So many of the area's tree trimmers are compensating for the decline in tree removal by expanding their service offerings to tree treatments.

"Some (applicants) were existing arborists," he said. "This is an opportunity for them to expand."

Dr. John Ball, a forestry specialist with the South Dakota Agriculture Department, is warning arborists about skimping on treatments in order to increase profit margins. Arborists in some areas have been found to dilute their treatment formula as a cost savings mechanism.

"I'm going to go around this fall, for trees that have been treated, and randomly check them for the amount of chemical I find in them," Ball said. "And I better find the right amount of chemical."

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

## Man sentenced to 60 years for producing child pornography

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man accused of molesting multiple children and producing child pornography has been sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Thirty-eight-year-old Chance Williams was convicted on two counts of attempted sexual exploitation of a minor.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken sentenced Williams to 30 years on each count and ordered a lifetime of supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Ron Parsons says Williams committed "unimaginably horrendous crimes" against children.

## Saudi women take the wheel as longstanding driving ban ends

By AYA BATRAWY, Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi women drove to work and ran errands on Sunday, relishing the freedom to move about without relying on men after the kingdom lifted the world's last remaining ban on women driving.

It's a historic moment for women who have been at the mercy of their husbands, fathers, brothers and drivers to move around. The ban had relegated women to the backseat, restricting when they could meet friends, where they could spend their time and how they could plan out their day.

"It feels beautiful. It was a dream for us so when it happens in reality, I am between belief and disbelief— between a feeling of joy and astonishment," said Mabkhoutah al-Mari as she pulled up to order a drive-thru coffee on her way to work.

The 27-year-old mother of two is a driving instructor for women and already had a driver's license from the U.S., where she'd spent time in Tennessee studying. But on this morning, she drove freely in her hometown of Riyadh for the first time. As she prepared to set off on the road, her older brother sent her off with a kiss on the forehead and a wave.

For most of her life al-Mari relied on drivers hired by her family, and she and her sisters had to coordinate drop-offs and pick-ups.

"Now, thanks to God, I can plan out my own schedule and my errands and my daughters' errands," al-Mari said.

Some women didn't wait until the morning to drive, jumping in their cars at the stroke of midnight and steering their way through the capital's still busy streets.

"I'm speechless. I'm so excited it's actually happening," said Hessah al-Ajaji, who drove her family's Lexus down Riyadh's Tahlia Street after midnight.

Al-Ajaji had a U.S. driver's license before obtaining a Saudi one and appeared comfortable at the wheel as she pulled up and parked. As for the male drivers on the road, "they were really supportive and cheer-

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ing and smiling," she said.

For nearly three decades, outspoken Saudi women and men had called for women to have the right to drive as a symbol of other changes they said were needed in the deeply conservative kingdom.

While there was never explicitly a law against women driving in Saudi Arabia, a ban was enforced by police and licenses were not issued to women. The driving ban had been a stain on the country's reputation and hindered women's ability to contribute to the economy.

In 1990, during the first driving campaign by activists, women who drove in Riyadh lost their jobs and were barred from traveling abroad, even as women in other conservative Muslim countries drove freely.

Ultraconservatives in Saudi Arabia had long warned that allowing women to drive would lead to sin and expose women to harassment. Ahead of lifting the driving ban, the kingdom passed a law against sexual harassment with up to five years in prison for the most severe cases.

Three of the women who'd taken part in that 1990 protest and several others who campaigned years later for the right to drive were arrested last month, just weeks before the kingdom lifted its ban. Some have since been temporarily released.

The arrests have cast a pall on the social openings being pushed by 32-year-old Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has attempted to brand himself a reformer.

Three of those still detained—Aziza al-Yousef, Loujain al-Hathloul and Eman al-Nafjan—are seen as icons of the women's rights movement in Saudi Arabia. They had also been calling for an end to guardianship laws that give male relatives final say over whether a woman can marry, obtain a passport or travel abroad.

The government has accused them of vague crimes, including working with "foreign entities" to harm the interests of the kingdom. Their arrest, however, appears to send a message that only the king and his powerful son and heir will decide the pace of change.

Although women can now drive in Saudi Arabia and don't need male permission to obtain a license, most will still need the support of a father or husband to drive.

As she drove through the streets of Riyadh, Ammal Farahat, a mother of two, said every effort or risk taken over the years has made a difference and led to Sunday's change.

"It's like they say the ocean is made of little drops of water and that's exactly how I feel today. It's the efforts of everyone, little drops of sweat," Farahat said.

With state-backed support for women driving, more Saudis are openly expressing their support for the decision, saying it is long overdue.

Not all women are driving at once, though. 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 three months ago. There's a waiting list of several months for the classes on offer in major cities. And the classes can be costly, running several hundred dollars.

Other women already own cars driven by chauffeurs and are in no rush to drive themselves. In many cases, women say they'll wait to see how the situation on the streets pans out and how male drivers react.

"I will get my driver's license, but I won't drive because I have a driver. I am going to leave it for an emergency. It is one of my rights and I will keep it in my purse," said 60-year-old Lulwa al-Fireiji.

While some still quietly oppose the change, there are men openly embracing it.

"I see that this decision will make women equal to men and this will show us that women are capable of doing anything a man can do," said Fawaz al-Harbi. "I am very supportive and in fact I have been waiting for this decision so that my mother, my sisters will drive."

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Associated Press writers Fay Abuelgasim and Malak Harb contributed to this report.

## UK euroskeptics urge PM May to prepare for 'no deal' Brexit

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Pro-Brexit politicians and business figures have urged British Prime Minister Theresa May to be ready to walk away from the European Union without a trade agreement, despite warnings

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from major manufacturers that a "no deal" Brexit would be an economic disaster.

In an open letter, 60 lawmakers, economists and business chiefs accused the EU of being "intransigent" in divorce talks and said Britain should threaten to withhold the 39 billion pound (\$52 billion) divorce bill it has already agreed to pay.

The letter released Sunday by Economists for Free Trade was signed by prominent supporters of a "hard Brexit," including ex-U.K. Treasury chief Nigel Lawson, Conservative lawmakers John Redwood and Peter Bone, and Tim Martin, chairman of the Wetherspoons pub chain.

They urged U.K. authorities "to accelerate their preparations for 'no deal' and a move to a World Trade Deal under WTO rules."

That would mean tariffs and other trade barriers between Britain and the EU, and many businesses say it would severely harm the U.K. economy. Airbus, Siemens and BMW have all warned recently that leaving the EU without a free-trade deal would hurt British businesses and cost jobs. Airbus alone employs nearly 14,000 workers in the U.K.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said the warnings from businesses were "inappropriate" and undermined chances of getting a "clean Brexit."

"The more that we undermine Theresa May, the more likely we are to end up with 'a fudge,' which would be an absolute disaster for everyone," he told the BBC.

May's Conservative government is divided between Brexit-backing ministers calling for a clean break so that Britain can strike new trade deals around the world, and those who want to stay closely aligned to the EU, Britain's biggest trading partner.

Hunt urged people to unite behind the prime minister, saying she would mix "cautious pragmatism" with a determination to fulfil voters' decision to leave the EU.

On Saturday, however, tens of thousands of anti-Brexit protesters marched in London to demand a new referendum on leaving the EU as Britain marked the second anniversary of its 2016 vote to quit the bloc.

"Brexit is not a done deal. Brexit is not inevitable. Brexit can be stopped," Liberal Democrat leader Vince Cable told the crowd.

## Erdogan seeks to cement power in Turkey's high-stakes votes

By SUZAN FRASER, Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey held high-stakes presidential and parliamentary elections on Sunday that could consolidate President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's grip on power or curtail his vast political ambitions. Opposition leaders cast their ballots vowing to be vigilant against voting fraud.

The elections will complete Turkey's transition to a new executive presidential system, a move approved in a controversial referendum last year.

Erdogan, 64, is seeking re-election for a five-year term with hugely increased powers under the new system, which he insists will bring prosperity and stability to Turkey, especially after a failed coup attempt in 2016 that has left the country under a state of emergency. His ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, is hoping to retain its majority in parliament.

Still, Erdogan — who has been in power since 2003 — is facing a more robust, united opposition this time. Opposition candidates have vowed to return Turkey to a parliamentary democracy with strong checks and balances and have decried what they call Erdogan's "one-man rule."

"With these elections, Turkey is achieving a virtual democratic revolution," Erdogan told reporters after voting in Istanbul. He said turnout appeared to be high and that "no serious incidents" had occurred.

Supporters outside the polling station chanted his name and urged the Turkish president to "Stand tall!"

Five candidates are running against Erdogan in the presidential race. Although Erdogan is seen as the front-runner, he must secure more than 50 percent of the vote Sunday for an outright win. If that does not happen, a runoff would be held July 8 between the leading two contenders.

Erdogan's main challenger is 54-year-old former physics teacher Muharrem Ince, who is backed by the center-left opposition Republican People's Party, or CHP. Ince has wooed crowds with an unexpectedly



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engaging campaign, drawing massive number at his rallies in Turkey's three main cities of Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir.

Also challenging Erdogan is 61-year-old former Interior Minister Meral Aksener, the only female presidential candidate in the race. She broke away from Turkey's main nationalist party over its support for Erdogan and formed the center-right, nationalist Good Party.

More than 59 million Turkish citizens — including 3 million expatriates — are eligible to vote in Sunday's elections. Erdogan called the ballots more than a year early in what analysts say was a pre-emptive move ahead of a possible economic downturn.

Turkey will also be electing 600 lawmakers to parliament on Sunday — 50 more than in the previous assembly. The constitutional changes have allowed parties to form alliances, paving the way for Ince and Aksener's parties to join a small Islamist party in the "Nation Alliance" against Erdogan.

Both Ince and Aksener vowed Sunday to watch out for voting fraud.

"I hope these elections are beneficial and truly reflect the free will of the voters," Aksener told reporters in Istanbul.

Ince, who voted in his hometown of Yalova in northwest Turkey, said he was returning to Ankara, the capital, where he would monitor the vote count at the High Electoral Board.

The head of Turkey's electoral commission said authorities had taken action following reports of irregularities at voting stations in southeastern Turkey. Videos posted Sunday on social media appeared to show people voting in bulk at a ballot box in the town of Suruc in Sanliurfa province.

Selahattin Demirtas, the presidential candidate of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party, or HDP, was forced to run his campaign from prison, where he is being held in pre-trial detention on terrorism-related charges. Demirtas denies any wrongdoing, saying his imprisonment is politically motivated so Erdogan's government can stay in power.

The pro-Kurdish HDP was left out of the anti-Erdogan alliance and needs to pass a 10 percent threshold to win seats in parliament. If that happens it could cost Erdogan's AKP and its nationalist ally in the "People Alliance" dozens of seats — leading it to lose its parliamentary majority.

Voting on Istanbul's Asian side, 59-year-old Sebnem Uzgit said: "Our hope is Muharrem Ince. I hope that we will wake up to a more beautiful day tomorrow."

"We are voting for a better country for our children," driver Cem Gursen said.

The campaign coverage has been lopsided in favor of Erdogan who directly or indirectly controls a majority of Turkey's media.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe is monitoring the elections with over 350 observers. Election monitors criticized Turkey for denying entry to two monitors who Turkey accused of being politically biased.

Peter Osusky, head of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly delegation, told The Associated Press that all observers "are strongly adhering to so-called code of conduct" regardless of their political opinions.

Recent changes to electoral laws allow civil servants to lead ballot box committees. Ballot papers that don't bear the official stamps will still be considered valid — a measure that led to allegations of fraud in last year's referendum.

Citing security reasons, authorities have relocated thousands of polling stations in predominantly Kurdish provinces, forcing some 144,000 voters to travel further to cast their ballots. Some will even have to pass through security checkpoints to vote.

The vote is taking place under a state of emergency declared after the failed coup attempt, which allows the government to curtail civil rights. Some 50,000 people have been arrested and 110,000 civil servants have been fired under the emergency powers, which opposition lawmakers say Erdogan is using to stifle dissent.

The pro-Kurdish HDP has seen nine of its lawmakers and thousands of party members arrested by the government and says more than 350 of its election workers have been detained since April 28.

Zeynep Bilginsoy in Istanbul and Mehmet Guzel in Ankara contributed.

## Trump Administration says it knows location of all children

By COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press

Trump administration officials say the U.S. government knows the location of all children in its custody after separating them from their families at the border and is working to reunite them.

A fact sheet on "zero-tolerance prosecution and family reunification" released Saturday night by the Department of Homeland Security also says a parent must request that their child be deported with them. In the past, the agency says, many parents have elected to be deported without their children. That may be a reflection of violence or persecution they face in their home countries.

As part of the effort, Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have posted notices in all its facilities advising detained parents who are trying to find or communicate with their children to call a hotline staffed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A parent or guardian trying to determine if a child is in the custody of HHS should contact the Office of Refugee Resettlement National Call Center at 1-800-203-7001, or via email [information@ORRNCC.com](mailto:information@ORRNCC.com). Information will be collected and sent to HHS funded facility where minor is located.

The fact sheet doesn't state how long it might take to reunite families. The Port Isabel Service Processing Center in Texas has been set up as the staging ground for the families to be reunited prior to deportation.

How the government would reunite families has been unclear because the families are first stopped by Customs and Border Patrol, with children taken into custody by HHS and adults detained through ICE. Children have been sent to shelters around the country, raising alarm that parents might never know where their children can be found.

The fact sheet states that ICE has implemented an identification mechanism to ensure on-going tracking of linked family members throughout the detention and removal process; designated detention locations for separated parents and will enhance current processes to ensure communication with children in HHS custody; worked closely with foreign consulates to ensure that travel documents are issued for both the parent and child at time of removal; and coordinated with HHS for the reuniting of the child prior to the parents' departure from the U.S.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday ordered the practice of separating parents and their children to stop. As of last Wednesday, 2,053 minors who were separated at the border were being cared for in HHS-funded facilities, the fact sheet said.

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This version of the story has been corrected to say that the fact sheet was issued by the Department of Homeland Security, not Health and Human Services,

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Online:

HHS zero-tolerance prosecution and family reunification fact sheet:

<http://apne.ws/qjYtmJR>

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Office of Refugee Resettlement National Call Center:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/resource/orr-national-call-center>

## DOJ gives Congress new classified documents on Russia probe

By MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department says it has given House Republicans new classified information related to the Russia investigation after lawmakers had threatened to hold officials in contempt of Congress or even impeach them.

A spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan said Saturday that the department has partially complied with subpoenas from the House Intelligence and Judiciary committees after officials turned over more than a thousand new documents this week. House Republicans had given the Justice Department and FBI a Friday deadline for all documents, most of which are related to the origins of the FBI's Russia investigation

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and the handling of its probe into Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails. Ryan spokeswoman AshLee Strong said the department asked for more time and they will get it — for now.

"Our efforts have resulted in the committees finally getting access to information that was sought months ago, but some important requests remain to be completed," Strong said in a statement Saturday. "Additional time has been requested for the outstanding items, and based on our understanding of the process we believe that request is reasonable. We expect the department to meet its full obligations to the two committees."

The efforts by the Justice Department over the last week to deliver documents to the House Republicans appear to have at least temporarily diffused a monthslong standoff with Congress. Democrats have criticized the multiple document requests, charging that they are intended to discredit the department and distract from or even undermine special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the Trump campaign's Russia ties and whether there was obstruction of justice.

In a letter sent to House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes, R-Calif., late Friday, the Justice Department said it had that day provided a classified letter to his panel regarding whether the FBI used "confidential human sources" before it officially began its Russia investigation in 2016. Bolstered by President Donald Trump, Nunes has been pressing the department on an informant who spoke to members of Trump's campaign as the FBI began to explore the campaign's ties to Russia. Trump has called the matter "spygate," though multiple Republicans who have been briefed on the informant have downplayed its significance.

In the letter, the Justice Department's acting assistant director of congressional affairs, Jill Tyson, said Nunes had also asked for transcripts of conversations between confidential human sources and Trump campaign officials. She said the department had referred that request to National Intelligence Director Dan Coats.

Tyson's letter said the department had also given Nunes materials related to the department's guidelines under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Republicans have for months questioned whether the department abused that act when prosecutors and agents in 2016 applied for and received a secret warrant to monitor the communications of Trump campaign associate Carter Page.

The department is also working to provide outstanding documents related to former British spy Christopher Steele, Tyson said, and the dossier he compiled of anti-Trump research during the presidential campaign. Trump and congressional Republicans have charged that the research in the dossier, paid for by Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee, was used inappropriately to obtain the warrant on Page.

House Speaker Paul Ryan has backed the document requests, and he led a meeting last week with committee chairmen and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to try to resolve the issue. In a television interview two days after that meeting, on June 17, Nunes said if they don't get the documents by this week, "there's going to be hell to pay" and indicated the House could act on contempt or even impeachment. A spokesman for Nunes did not immediately respond to a request for comment Saturday.

Tyson also wrote House Judiciary Committee Chairman Robert Goodlatte, R-Va., and House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., who have requested more than a million documents as part of multiple investigations into the FBI and Justice Department's handling of the Russia and Clinton probes. Tyson said the department has already provided more than 800,000 documents for review and "the FBI produced over 1,400 pages of responsive materials" on Friday, among other documents already sent to the panel.

The letter says FBI is also working to address a request about "proposed, recommended or actual" surveillance on the Clinton Foundation. Tyson said the department was responding in a separate, classified letter, and that the request had proven "difficult to address." She said the department hoped to talk to lawmakers further about it.

In the letters, Tyson said the department had built "new tools" to search top secret documents and had diverted resources from other congressional requests.

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Read the letter to Nunes: <http://apne.ws/XBmX2Db>



Read the letter to Goodlatte and Gowdy: <http://apne.ws/WnqLdrO>

## Trump pushes tough immigration stance in Nevada appearance

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Eager to keep the Republican Party in control of the Senate, President Donald Trump pressed his tough anti-illegal immigration stance before supporters Saturday, saying “we have to be very strong” as he sought to help boost the candidacy of a one-time critic.

Trump was in Las Vegas to assist Dean Heller, the only Republican U.S. senator seeking re-election in a state that Democrat Hillary Clinton won in 2016. Trump and Heller have papered over their once prickly relationship to present a united front in their shared goal of helping Republicans maintain, if not expand, their thin 51-49 majority in the Senate in November’s congressional elections.

Heller was among the officials waiting on the sweltering airport tarmac to greet Trump.

In remarks to several hundred often-cheering attendees at the Nevada GOP Convention, Trump portrayed himself as the toughest against illegal immigration, saying at one point, “I think I got elected largely because we are strong on the border.”

But he excluded any mention of the fact that a massive public outcry, including from members of his own family, forced him to reverse course this week and end the practice of separating children from families after they illegally cross the southern border into the U.S.

“On immigration, we have to be very strong,” Trump said, saying the immigration problem should have been solved years ago and blaming Democrats for causing it. “The fact is we need more Republicans because the Democrats are obstructionists.”

Trump said Republicans are for “strong borders, no crime” and called it a winning issue for the party. He alleged that Democrats are for “open borders and MS-13 all over our country,” referring to the violent street gang, adding that stance is a losing issue for the opposition.

Trump praised Heller for voting to cut taxes, and said U.S. Rep. Jacky Rosen, Heller’s Democratic opponent, would vote to raise them. He declared that he had a “great nickname” for Rosen before allowing the audience to egg him into saying it: “Wacky Jacky.”

The president noted that Rosen was in Reno with Democratic U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren for the state Democratic Party convention. He again referred to Warren as “Pocahontas” to ridicule her claims of Native American ancestry.

“Wacky Jacky is campaigning with Pocahontas. Do you believe this?” Trump said. “When you see that, that’s not the senator you want.”

Rosen responded quickly, first on Twitter, then saying in a statement that Trump’s visit was Heller’s “reward” for his loyalty to Trump.

“The President is attacking me with lies and petty insults because I’m not afraid to stand up to him,” she said. “Dean Heller has been a rubber stamp for Donald Trump in Washington, caving to the President’s divisive agenda at Nevada’s expense.”

Outside the convention, at least 300 people protesting Trump’s policy of separating families at the southern border were stretched along a sidewalk outside the casino-hotel where the president met behind closed doors with supporters before addressing the Nevada GOP convention. His motorcade drove past a smaller group of people holding signs that said “Resist” and “History Has Its Eyes On You.”

Trump also held a separate event promoting tax cuts he signed into law six months ago.

Heller had renounced Trump during the campaign as someone who “denigrates human beings” and suggested he wouldn’t vote for Trump, but later said he did. Heller also donated to charity a \$2,000 donation he received from Trump in 2015.

Last year, Trump publicly scolded Heller for holding up the GOP’s long-promised effort to repeal President Barack Obama’s health care law. He later repaired his relationship with Trump and helped deliver the rewrite of U.S. tax laws to Trump’s desk.

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Trump acknowledged the relationship was "a little shaky in the beginning" but said "nobody fought harder to cut taxes than Dean Heller."

Heller was among a group of Republican senators this week who urged the Trump administration to end the practice of separating families. Heller made no mention of the issue Saturday.

The president also intervened in Nevada's Senate race in March and persuaded Heller's main challenger, Republican Danny Tarkanian, to step aside and run for a U.S. House seat instead. Heller has said he didn't ask for the favor.

Trump said he would be back in Nevada "a lot" to campaign for Heller and other Republicans. He said a vote for Rosen is the same as voting for the Democratic leaders of Congress, Nancy Pelosi in the House and Chuck Schumer in the Senate, "and it's a vote for all of the problems they bring."

"I don't think you want that," he said.

Trump was accompanied by former top campaign aides Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie, now acting as outside advisers to the president. Days earlier, Lewandowski responded with "Wah-wah" during a Fox News Channel appearance after another panelist raised the case of a 10-year-old disabled girl who had been separated from her parents under Trump's immigration policy.

Convention-goers lined up to have photos taken with Lewandowski before Trump addressed the gathering.

The event marked Trump's second campaign appearance this week. He was in Minnesota on Wednesday for Pete Stauber, a Republican congressional candidate running in a traditionally Democratic district.

Trump is scheduled to stop in South Carolina on Monday to help boost Gov. Henry McMaster's fortunes on the eve of a Republican gubernatorial runoff. He is also scheduled to travel to North Dakota to campaign for Republican Kevin Cramer, who is challenging U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, a Democrat seeking another six-year term in a state Trump won by 36 percentage points in 2016.

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## US moves 100 coffins to N. Korean border for war remains

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The U.S. military said it moved 100 wooden coffins to the inter-Korean border to prepare for North Korea's returning of the remains of American soldiers who have been missing since the 1950-53 Korean War.

U.S. Forces Korea spokesman Col. Chad Carroll also said Saturday that 158 metal transfer cases were sent to a U.S. air base near Seoul, South Korea's capital, and would be used to send the remains home.

North Korea agreed to return U.S. war remains during the June 12 summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump. While the U.S. military preparations suggest that the repatriation of war remains could be imminent, it remains unclear when and how it would occur.

Earlier Saturday, Carroll denied a report by South Korea's Yonhap news agency that U.S. military vehicles carrying more than 200 caskets were planning to cross into North Korea on Saturday. He said plans for the repatriation were "still preliminary."

U.S. Forces Korea said in a statement later in the day that 100 wooden "temporary transit cases" built in Seoul were sent to the Joint Security Area at the border as part of preparations to "receive and transport remains in a dignified manner when we get the call to do so."

From 1996 to 2005, joint U.S.-North Korea military search teams conducted 33 recovery operations that collected 229 sets of American remains.

But efforts to recover and return other remains have stalled for more than a decade because of the North's nuclear weapons development and U.S. claims that the safety of recovery teams it sent during the administration of former President George W. Bush was not sufficiently guaranteed.

U.S. officials have said earlier that the remains are believed to be some or all of the more than 200 that the North Koreans have had for some time. But the precise number and the identities — including whether

they are U.S. or allied service members — won't be known until the remains are tested.

The transfer of remains is usually done in a somber, formal ceremony, and that is what officials said was being planned.

Richard Downes, executive director of the Coalition of Families of Korean & Cold War POW/MIAs, said last week that he had been told the North may have the remains of more than 200 American service members that were likely recovered from land during farming or construction and could be easily returned. But he said the vast majority have yet to be located and retrieved from various cemeteries and battlefields across the countryside.

More than 36,000 U.S. troops died in the conflict, including those listed as missing in action. Close to 7,700 U.S. troops remain unaccounted for from the Korean War, and about 5,300 of those were lost in North Korea.

The last time North Korea turned over remains was in 2007, when Bill Richardson, a former U.N. ambassador and New Mexico governor, secured the return of six sets.

According to Chuck Prichard, spokesman for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, once the remains are turned over, they would be sent to one of two Defense Department facilities — Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii and Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska — for tests to determine identification.

## **Protesters, Democrats want immigrant families reunited**

**By WILL WEISSERT, ELLIOT SPAGAT and MANUEL VALDES, Associated Press**

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Demonstrators led rallies and protests Saturday to decry the separation of immigrant parents from their children by U.S. border authorities, while Democratic lawmakers said they aren't convinced the Trump administration has any real plan to reunite them.

Hundreds of people rallied near a Homestead, Florida, facility where immigrant children are being held. Demonstrators marched in San Diego carrying signs reading "Free the Kids" and "Keep Families Together" and in other California cities.

Outside a Border Patrol processing facility in McAllen, Texas, protesters carrying American flags temporarily blocked a bus carrying immigrants and shouted "Shame! Shame!" at border agents.

"Something has to be done," said Gabriel Rosales, the League of United Latin American Citizens' national vice president for the southwest. "This is not something that's OK in America today. And ours is to show those kids that they have people here in the United States that care."

The demonstrations came days after the Trump administration reversed course in the face of public and political outrage and had authorities stop separating immigrant families caught crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

In recent weeks, more than 2,300 children were taken from their families under a "zero-tolerance" policy in which people entering the U.S. illegally face prosecution. While the family separations were ended, confusion has ensued, with parents left searching for their children.

The administration says it will now seek to detain immigrant families during their immigration proceedings, which has also stoked an outcry.

Department of Homeland Security spokesman Tyler Houlton issued a statement that criticized protests in Portland, Oregon, against immigration enforcement activities that closed federal immigration offices there this week, but did not address the other demonstrations occurring around the country Saturday.

Evelyn Stauffer, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said her agency is trying to help reunite families or place unaccompanied immigrant children with an appropriate sponsor.

In Florida, Argentine immigrant Maria Bilbao said she joined the protest because she came to the country 17 years ago with her then-9-year-old son and understands the fear of being separated from a child.

"What is happening in this country is disgusting," said Bilbao, who worked as a cleaning woman before becoming a legal resident and now works for an immigrant rights group. "They should be letting people go to the outside so they can work and contribute to this country."

More protests are planned for next weekend in states from Connecticut to California.



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A group of 25 Democratic lawmakers who toured the border processing facility in McAllen, Texas, said they hadn't seen a clear federal system for reuniting those who were split up. Everyone — even infants — is assigned "A" or alien numbers, only to be given different identification numbers by other federal agencies.

They described seeing children sleeping behind bars, on concrete floors and under emergency "mylar" heat-resistant blankets.

"There are still thousands of children who are out there right now untethered to their parents and no coherent system to fix that," Rep. Joe Courtney, a Democrat from Connecticut, told reporters after the tour.

Immigration lawyers are also trying to help facilitate reunions. At criminal court hearings in McAllen, one lawyer identified parents separated from their children, and immigration attorney Jodi Goodwin said she followed up with them at a detention facility in Port Isabel, Texas, to collect information about their cases and their children.

Goodwin said she has been inundated with requests from the parents, and the list is still growing.

"Once you end up talking with one parent they tell you that there are 70 other parents in their dorm that are also separated and can I help them," she said, adding that Immigration and Customs Enforcement had asked her to share the information so they could assist. "We haven't tapped out on the number of adults that have been separated."

Tens of thousands of immigrants traveling with their families have been caught on the U.S.-Mexico border in recent years, many fleeing gang violence in Central America. About 9,000 such family units have been caught in each of the last three months, according to U.S. border authorities.

The Trump administration announced plans in April to prosecute all immigrants caught along the southwest border with illegally entering the country. Parents were jailed and children were taken to government-contracted shelters.

The administration says it will continue with prosecutions and seek to detain families together during their immigration proceedings. Immigration officials have said they could seek up to 15,000 beds in family detention facilities, and the Pentagon is drawing up plans to house as many as 20,000 unaccompanied immigrant children on military bases.

The administration also is seeking changes to a decades-old settlement governing the detention of immigrant children to try to be able to detain children with their parents in family detention centers for longer periods of time.

AP photographers David J. Phillip in McAllen, Texas and Brynn Anderson in Homestead, Florida, and writers Terry Spencer, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Amy Taxin in Santa Ana, California and Michael Balsamo in Los Angeles 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

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caught on the border.

It also comes as the Pentagon is drawing up plans to house as many as 20,000 unaccompanied immigrant children on military bases.

Tens of thousands of immigrants traveling as families have been caught along the southwest border in recent years, many of them fleeing gang violence in Central America.

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. Many immigrant children traveling alone have also been stopped — about 15,000 during the same period.

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 officials say immigrants are given proper care in its family detention facilities, which include playrooms, educational services and access to lawyers. The Department of Homeland Security issued a statement that says it's complying with President Donald Trump's executive order to keep immigrant families together, but called on lawmakers to enact immigration reform, saying "only Congress can fix the problem."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has three family detention facilities that can house up to 3,300 people— 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 (4.5-meter) 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.

Associated Press writers Will Weissert in McAllen, Texas, and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar in Washington, D.C., contributed to this report.

## Stars flock to the Dior debut of Kim Jones at Paris menswear

By THOMAS ADAMSON, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — In a week marked by big debuts, it was designer Kim Jones' turn at Dior Men on Saturday. The British designer drew stars from the worlds of film, music and fashion to Paris for his first collection at the storied powerhouse.

Stars such as Bella Hadid, Victoria Beckham, Naomi Campbell, Robert Pattinson, Kelly Osbourne and Gwendoline Christie all marveled as they entered the historic courtyard venue in which a 20-meter (66-foot) avatar sculpture of Christian Dior made of flowers towered over guests.

Here are some highlights from Saturday's runway shows.

### KIM JONES' DEBUT AT DIOR

British designer Kim Jones dug deep into the Dior women's archives to produce a softer-than-usual collection for men, which retained the house's signature edginess.

Gentle pastel colors fused with flashes of cobalt blue, yellow and florals for the display that moved the Dior aesthetic in a gentler direction than that of Jones' predecessor, Kris Van Assche, who looked on from the front row.

"Translating a quintessentially feminine couture identity into a masculine idiom results in clothes which are softer, with rounded shoulders and eased shapes," the house explained.

There was much artistry. The house's staple shirt was given a slashed cowl at the back, exposing the back — in a touch of cool. Floral motifs referenced Dior's love of flowers and a decorative landscape print cropped up in jacquards, embroideries and even in feathers. The program notes said it was a pattern used in the original 1947 boutique on Paris' Avenue Montaigne.

The Dior suits, in cashmere and summer mohair, were double breasted in reference to the diagonal shape of a women's Dior jacket from 1950. But to retain the edginess, the suits were worn against a naked torso on a model in sneakers.

It was a great touch that perfectly summed up Dior's sportswear-meets-couture style.

### DIOR AS A FLOWER GIANT

The sweet scents from a giant flower figure — by artist Kaws and made of pink, green and black flowers — wafted in between Dior's celebrity guests.

The strange man — an avatar of Christian Dior clutching a perfume bottle in the shape of his dog Bobby — bowled over guests, including Kelly Osbourne.

"The set is actually incredible," said Osbourne, craning her neck.

The 33-year-old British singer, who joined model Natalia Vodianova on the front row, said she was attending the Paris debut to support her friend Jones, whose previous job was menswear chief at Louise Vuitton.

"As a proud Brit, it just goes to show how artistically talented we all are ... we're so proud of him," she said. "It might be the entire front row crying."



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## THOM BROWNE'S GARDEN WONDERLAND

Floating multicolored balloons, giant lollypops, garden gnomes, colored origami windmills and myriad blooms spilling from colored pots greeted guests at the Leftbank's Ecole des Beaux Arts.

To showcase his summer designs Saturday, Thom Browne transformed the chic Paris inner courtyard into a verdant garden wonderland.

It drew comparisons to Alice in Wonderland, Willy Wonka's factory and even Munchkinland as models with comic beards pretended to mow the lawn with metal contraptions or push a wheelbarrow full of flowers. One "gnome" model even climbed inside a tiny garden shed and stayed motionless the entire show.

Browne's dramatically oversized clothes continued the wacky, off-kilter vibe.

A sheeny sky blue coat with images of whales opened the show, introducing a beautifully random maritime theme that continued in lobsters and crabs.

Sloping-shoulder suit jackets, oversize coats, bags and billowing culottes were imagined in picnic blanket-style crisscross. For the 60 looks, it was stripes and check galore. A double breasted coat-jacket in gray had blown-up pinstripes with the dominant silhouette of a wide, flat front.

All of the designs were accessorized with a bowler hat with a flower in it, a colored tie and gargantuan striped platform shoes.

## BROWNE SHOWS WINTER COATS FOR SUMMER AS SEASONS BLUR

Thom Browne's decision to include big, thick coats for his summer collection triggered a debate between two front-row fashion editors.

"Winter coats for summer?" asked one, puzzled.

"The seasons are almost the same in the industry now, anyway," answered the other, with some truth.

Progressively over the years, spring-summer and fall-winter fashion seasons have become increasingly blurred. Winter clothes such as big sweaters and big coats are no stranger to the summer catwalks. Often, summer shows are now distinguishable only for their brighter color palette and the occasional pair of shorts — and even that garment has been spotted in some winter shows.

Critics cite several reasons for the seasonal blur.

Summer collections are first available to buy during the winter months and the proliferation of social media means that more people see, and therefore want, to wear the clothes months earlier than in past decades.

Global warming has also been blamed for designers' desire to mix up their styles given that the seasons themselves are less predictable than before.

## VIVID COLORS AT SACAI

A multicolored cube of giant speakers tied together with fluorescent yellow banding greeted guests at Sacai's warehouse show, suggesting that a quirky, avant-garde show was coming from one of Japan's top fashion houses.

That was not wrong.

Men's and women's designs merged in the diverse 57-piece show from Sacai, with geometric prints, checks and denim all mixing with silhouettes. Some coats or billowing skirts had exaggerated tapering proportions.

The one thing that created unity in this eccentric display was its vivid colors: purple, dark navy, bitter lemon, crimson and bronze. At times, the bright hues came on printed and patterned garments that evoked the ethnic styles of Latin America.

## HERMES IS LUXURY

Veronique Nichanian showed exactly why she is one of the longest-serving fashion designers on the menswear calendar.

The French Hermes designer pulled off a highly saleable, color-sensitive and texture-rich display in Paris'

chic Leftbank Saturday night.

Hermes is a byword for luxury; and Nichanian has been very instrumental in shaping this storied French house's menswear aesthetic.

Notably, her styles — as seen for spring-summer — demonstrate how men's clothes can be both elegant and colorful and retain full-throttle masculinity.

This isn't always the case on Paris' luxury runways.

Colors such as royal orange, Cetacean blue, lemon and burnt Sienna were tastefully combined in loose silhouettes sometimes capped with a relaxed-looking two-strap sandal.

A beautiful leather knee length Crayola yellow coat shimmered next to a matte open-neck vanilla colored sweater in a perfectly studied contrast.

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## Oklahoma conservatives' views on medical marijuana evolving

By SEAN MURPHY, Associated Press

LINDSAY, Okla. (AP) — Danny Daniels, an evangelical Christian in the rural Oklahoma town of Lindsay, is reliably conservative on just about every political issue.

The 45-year-old church pastor is anti-abortion, voted for President Donald Trump and is a member of the National Rifle Association who owns an AR-15 rifle. He also came of age during the 1980s and believed in the anti-drug mantra that labeled marijuana as a dangerous gateway drug.

But his view on marijuana changed as his pastoral work extended into hospice care and he saw patients at the end of their lives benefiting from the use of cannabis.

"Some people said I couldn't be a pastor and support medical marijuana, but I would say most of the people I know, including the Christians I pastor, are in favor of it," said Daniels, pastor of Better Life Community Church in downtown Lindsay, a rural agricultural and energy industry town about 50 miles (80.5 kilometers) south of Oklahoma City.

Daniels is among a growing group of traditionally conservative Republican voters in Oklahoma who have shifted their position on the topic. Their support for a medical marijuana measure on Tuesday's ballot could ensure Oklahoma joins the growing list of states that have legalized some form of pot.

It's the first medical marijuana state question on a ballot in 2018, and Oklahoma's vote precedes elections on marijuana legalization later this year in Michigan and Utah. Michigan voters will decide whether to legalize recreational pot while Utah is considering medical marijuana.

Among the reddest states in the country, Oklahoma has for decades embraced a tough-on-crime philosophy that includes harsh penalties for drug crimes that has contributed to the state now leading the nation in the percentage of its population behind bars.

But voters' attitudes are changing. Two years ago Oklahomans voted to make all drug possession crimes misdemeanors over the objection of law enforcement and prosecutors. When one GOP senator discussed adding exceptions after the public vote, he faced an angry mob at a town-hall meeting.

Oklahoma's State Question 788, the result of an activist-led signature drive, would allow physicians to approve medical marijuana licenses for people to legally grow, keep and use cannabis. The proposal outlines no qualifying medical conditions to obtain a license, and an opposition group that includes law enforcement, business, political and faith leaders launched a late, half-million-dollar campaign to defeat it, saying it's too loosely written.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, who typically defers from commenting on pending state questions, recently expressed reservations about the question, saying it's so broadly worded it would essentially allow recreational use of marijuana. If approved, Fallin said she intends to call the Legislature back to a special session so that a statutory framework could be approved to further regulate sale and use.

Bill Shapard, a pollster, said support for medical marijuana has been consistently strong during the five years he's surveyed likely Oklahoma voters. Not surprisingly, Shapard said young people, Democrats and

independents overwhelmingly support it.

But he said about half of self-identified evangelicals, churchgoers and those over 65 also endorse medical cannabis.

"When you can get a large majority of the Democrats and independents and a third to a half of Republicans to support you, you can get anything passed in Oklahoma," Shapard said.

Joanna Francisco, a longtime Republican voter and self-described evangelical, said the issue of medical cannabis "should appeal to everyone who calls themselves a pro-life conservative."

"If you're a conservative, you should also be opposed to the state spending exorbitant amounts of money on prosecutors and law enforcement to keep this medicine out of the hands of people who might need it," said Francisco, 49, who holds regular Bible studies in her Tulsa home.

At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 382 in El Reno, a conservative suburb 30 miles (48.3 kilometers) west of Oklahoma City, many of the regulars don't like the idea of legalizing marijuana, even for medical reasons. But attitudes are changing, said 73-year-old Bill Elkins, a disabled Vietnam veteran who volunteers at the post.

"I've got mixed thoughts on that," said Elkins, a Republican who said his daughter benefited from taking cannabidiol oil, a non-intoxicating form of cannabis, for nerve pain. "Right now I'm on the fence."

Jack Hodgkinson, 71, a Vietnam veteran and supporter of Trump, said he doesn't have a problem with the medical use of marijuana and plans to vote for it.

"I've never messed with any drugs, marijuana or anything like that," Hodgkinson said. "But if it helps people who need it, I'm all for it."

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## US House candidate who beat Sanford seriously hurt in wreck

By MEG KINNARD, Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A South Carolina lawmaker who defeated U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford in his reelection bid was seriously injured in a vehicle crash on Friday and will require weeks of recovery and more procedures, a spokesman said.

State Rep. Katie Arrington underwent surgery for her injuries and was recovering Saturday at a Charleston-area hospital, Arrington spokesman Michael Mule said.

Arrington and a friend were traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 17 around 9 p.m. Friday when a vehicle traveling in the wrong direction hit their vehicle, according to the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

The driver of the other vehicle died at the scene, according to Sheriff's Capt. Roger Antonio. Officials are awaiting autopsy results to determine the cause of death of 69-year-old Helen White of nearby Ravenel, the Charleston County Coroner's Office said in a statement.

The crash remains under investigation.

The driver of Arrington's vehicle, a friend identified as Jacqueline Goff of Mandeville, Louisiana, also sustained serious injuries.

Mule said the Summerville Republican sustained a back fracture, as well as several broken ribs, and underwent surgery to remove portions of her small intestine and colon.

Mule said Arrington would need more surgeries, as well as a stent to repair the partial collapse of the primary artery in her legs, and would need to stay in the hospital for two weeks. He told news outlets that Arrington was alert and talking Saturday morning.

"Katie asks for your continued prayers for the deceased and the deceased's family, as well as prayers for a quick recovery for Katie and her friend," Mule said in a statement.

Arrington, 47, defeated Sanford in a GOP primary earlier this month, repeatedly highlighting Sanford's criticism of President Donald Trump. The president himself weighed in hours before polls closed on Election Day to endorse Arrington and denounce Sanford as "nothing but trouble."

In a tweet Saturday, Trump said his "thoughts and prayers are with Representative Katie Arrington of



South Carolina, including all of those involved in last night's car accident, and their families."

Sanford, a former South Carolina governor, had never lost an election before the June 12 congressional primary, even after a high-profile extramarital affair with a woman in Argentina.

Sanford posted a link to a story about the wreck on Twitter, adding in a post: "Our thoughts and prayers this morning go to Katie Arrington, her family and those involved in last night's automobile accident."

In a message posted to Twitter on Saturday, Democratic nominee Joe Cunningham said that he was suspending his campaign until further notice.

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## 1 dead after attack at huge rally for Ethiopia's new PM

By ELIAS MESERET, Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — A thwarted attempt to hurl a grenade at Ethiopia's reformist new prime minister led to a deadly explosion Saturday at a massive rally in support of sweeping changes in Africa's second most populous country. Nine police officials were arrested, state media reported.

Witnesses said a man tried to throw the grenade at the stage as Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed waved to the cheering crowd of tens of thousands shortly after he made a strong appeal for unity following months of anti-government protests.

Addressing the nation minutes after he was rushed to safety, Abiy called the blast a "well-orchestrated attack" but one that failed. He did not lay blame and said police were investigating. At least one person was killed and 155 people were hurt, nine critically, Health Minister Amir Aman said.

"The prime minister was the target," a rally organizer, Seyoum Teshome, told The Associated Press. "An individual tried to hurl the grenade toward a stage where the prime minister was sitting but was held back by the crowd."

The man with the grenade was wearing a police uniform, witness Abraham Tilahun told the AP. Police officers nearby quickly restrained him, he said. "Then we heard the explosion."

Nine police officials were arrested, including the deputy head of the capital's police commission, state broadcaster ETV reported.

AP video from the scene showed bloodstained ground and abandoned shoes while people chanting the prime minister's name fled, some clutching their heads in shock and despair.

The attack was "cheap and unacceptable," the prime minister said, and added: "Love always wins. Killing others is a defeat. To those who tried to divide us, I want to tell you that you have not succeeded."

The ruling party in a statement blamed "desperate anti-peace elements" and vowed to continue with the country's reforms.

The explosion in packed Meskel Square in Addis Ababa followed weeks of dramatic changes that shocked many in the East African nation after years of anti-government tensions, states of emergency, thousands of arrests and long internet shutdowns.

The 42-year-old Abiy took office in April and quickly announced the release of tens of thousands of prisoners, the opening of state-owned companies to private investment and the unconditional embrace of a peace deal with rival Eritrea. Websites were unblocked and opposition figures were invited to dinner. Ethiopians said they could hardly keep up with the pace of change.

Saturday's rally began as a show of exuberance, with supporters wearing clothes displaying Abiy's image and carrying signs saying "One Love, One Ethiopia."

Informal in a neon green T-shirt, Abiy told the tens of thousands of supporters that change was coming and there was no turning back.

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"For the past 100 years hate has done a great deal of damage to us," he said, stressing the need for even more reforms.

After the explosion the state broadcaster quickly cut away from coverage of the rally, which broke up with people singing, chanting and going back to their homes.

"I've never thought this day will come in Ethiopia. I'm very emotional right now," said supporter Mulugeta Sema, who wore a T-shirt with the new leader's image and spoke before the blast. "We should never get back to dictatorship. This is time for change."

In a sign of the new effort at dialogue between bitter rivals after a deadly border war and years of skirmishes, one Eritrean diplomat, ambassador to Japan Estifanos Afeworki, said on Twitter that his country "strongly condemns the attempt to incite violence" in Saturday's attack.

The United States has been among those in the international community expressing support for the dramatic changes in Ethiopia, a key security ally in a turbulent region with neighbors including Somalia and South Sudan. The U.S. Embassy on Saturday said "violence has no place as Ethiopia pursues meaningful political and economic reforms."

Not everyone has cheered the changes. Some Ethiopians in the north near the border with Eritrea, one of the world's most reclusive nations, have protested the embrace of the peace deal. And the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front, a party in Ethiopia's ruling coalition that has been the dominant force in government for most of the past 27 years, said the announcement on the peace deal had been made before the ruling coalition's congress met to discuss it: "We see this as a flaw."

Abiy is the first prime minister from the Oromo ethnic group, the largest in the country, since the ruling party came to power in 1991. Ethiopia's sometimes deadly protests demanding more freedoms began in the Oromia and Amhara regions in late 2015 and spread elsewhere, finally leading to the resignation of Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn early this year.

Abiy visited the restive regions shortly after taking office and stressed the importance of resolving differences through dialogue instead.

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## Debate over migrants divides EU; Mini-summit seeks solutions

By LORNE COOK and NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — With another migrant rescue ship stranded in the Mediterranean and both Italy and Malta again refusing to let it dock, European Union leaders will try to find common ground for tackling a growing political crisis that is threatening to undermine the entire EU.

The leaders of about 16 countries — more than half the 28-nation bloc — will take part in what is being billed as "informal talks" in Brussels on Sunday ahead of a full EU summit next Thursday and Friday, where migration will top the agenda.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the meeting involves "talking with particularly affected nations about all problems connected with migration." She said the hope is to see if "we can reach bi-, tri- or even multinational agreements to better solve certain problems."

The arrival of more than one million people in 2015, most fleeing wars in Syria and Iraq, exposed glaring deficiencies in EU migrant reception capacities and asylum laws. It has fueled tensions among EU nations and anti-migrant parties have won votes in Europe by fomenting public fears of foreigners.

"These rescue ships can forget about reaching Italy," Italy's new firebrand interior minister, Matteo Salvini, said Saturday as he assured his anti-migrant base that he would "crush" the human trafficking business.

At the heart of the problem lie deep divisions over who should take responsibility for arriving migrants — often Mediterranean countries like Italy, Greece and increasingly Spain — how long they should be required to accommodate them, and what should be done to help those EU countries hardest hit.

The problem was crystalized last week in a row between Italy's new populist government, Malta and France over who should take responsibility for 630 people rescued from the Mediterranean Sea off the

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coast of Libya, the main departure point for people trying to reach Europe.

Amid the mud-slinging, Spain's new Socialist government agreed to take charge of the migrants and the ship eventually made a weeklong voyage to Valencia.

On Saturday, Spain also announced it had rescued 569 more migrants at sea, many from boats in the Strait of Gibraltar, a busy shipping lane with treacherous currents.

But another rescue ship, the Lifeline of the German NGO Mission Lifeline, was stranded in the Mediterranean off Malta after both Italy and Malta refused to let it dock with its 234 migrants. Lifeline said a merchant vessel, the Alexander Maersk, had another 113 migrants and was also waiting for a port to receive them.

Salvini has demanded that Malta, the EU's smallest country, allow the Lifeline to dock because it was in the island's waters.

Maltese authorities on Saturday provided humanitarian assistance to the Lifeline's passengers but Maltese Premier Joseph Muscat stood firm and insisted that Malta had "no responsibility" for the rescue.

The Lifeline "should move from its position toward their original destination to prevent escalation" of the situation, Muscat tweeted.

The rhetoric ahead of the Sunday summit extended north, with Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz saying his country would reintroduce controls on its border with Italy if neighboring Germany were to turn back migrants at its border to Austria.

Like everything to do with migrants in Europe lately, even this meeting is proving controversial. What started as talks between half a dozen leaders now involves at least 16, as others demanded to take part. Four countries in Eastern Europe — the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia — have refused to attend and reject taking in migrants in general.

Referring to hasty arrangements and a domestic crisis over migration policies within Germany's coalition government, the fervently anti-migrant Hungarian prime minister, Viktor Orban, said: "We understand that countries have domestic political difficulties, but this can't result in pan-European confusion."

"This is an open invitation. Nobody is excluded, everybody is invited. Nobody is forced to attend either," said Alexander Winterstein, spokesman for the European Commission, where the talks will take place.

With plans to reform Europe's asylum laws bogged down, EU leaders hope to stop migrants leaving North Africa by paying countries like Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia to hold people until their eligibility for asylum can be established.

French President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday proposed that migrants arriving in Europe be placed in "closed centers on European soil" so authorities can quickly decide whether they are eligible to apply for asylum and send home those who don't qualify.

Speaking in Paris after meeting with new Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, Macron said European countries would take in migrants who qualify to apply for asylum, helping to remove the burden of caring for them from Mediterranean nations on the front line like Italy or Spain.

Italy has proposed these asylum-processing "hotspots" be located in the migrants' countries of origin or transit.

Ironically, the tough talk comes as the number of migrants entering Europe is dropping significantly. The U.N.'s refugee agency says around 80,000 people are expected to arrive by sea this year, about half the number from 2017.

"We do not have a crisis of numbers. We continue to have a crisis of political will," said UNHCR Europe chief Sophie Magennis.

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## 'Game of Thrones' co-stars Kit Harington, Rose Leslie wed

LONDON (AP) — Former "Game of Thrones" co-stars Kit Harington and Rose Leslie married Saturday with a church service and a celebration at the bride's ancestral castle in Scotland.

The couple and guests arrived for the afternoon service at Rayne Church, close to the 900-year-old Wardhill Castle in northeast Scotland, which is owned by Leslie's family. Harington, wearing a morning suit, and Leslie, in a flowing ivory gown and veil, smiled at members of the public who had gathered outside the church.

Guests included the pair's "Game of Thrones" co-stars Peter Dinklage, Maisie Williams, Sophie Turner and Emilia Clarke.

Later the newlyweds were showered with rose petal confetti as they left the church and drove off in a Land Rover festooned with "Just Married" signs to a reception on the castle grounds.

Harington and Leslie, who are both 31, met in 2012 on the set of the HBO fantasy series, where they played a couple as the characters Jon Snow and Ygritte. Leslie left the cast in 2014 and currently stars in U.S. legal drama "The Good Fight."

The couple announced their engagement with a notice in the Times of London newspaper in September. The bride's father, Sebastian Leslie, said Saturday he was "absolutely thrilled" about the wedding. "It's an absolutely lovely day for us," he said.

## 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. But the absence was striking for another reason. As jarring images of severed Central American migrant families played out on television, the White House chose not to make the case for its immigration policy to these key politicians.

For some, the choice was more evidence that the relationship between Latinos in the U.S. and the GOP is not just fractured, but broken — a breach with both immediate and long-term consequences.

GOP strategists are bracing for the potential fallout the turmoil at the border 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 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 say the administration's approach to the crisis at the border adds to the perception that the nation's top-ranking Republican cares little about Latinos' plight.

"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 George W. Bush, about the party's long-term ability to harness the growing segment of Latino voters. Bush was re-elected in 2004 with the support of 44

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percent of Latinos.

The Trump administration's decision to skip the Latino conference showed how far the GOP has shifted from Bush's "compassionate" conservatism.

"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 Latino group's executive director. "Absence of the nation's leadership at such a meeting is a real problem."

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."

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

## Vinnie Paul, co-founder, drummer of Pantera, dies at 54

The Associated Press

Vinnie Paul, co-founder and drummer of metal band Pantera, has died at 54.

Pantera's official Facebook page posted a statement early Saturday announcing his death. The label of Hellyeah, his most recent group, confirmed the death but neither statement mentioned Paul's cause of death.

His real name was Vincent Paul Abbott. He and his brother, Dimebag Darrell, formed Pantera in 1981. Dimebag, whose real name was Darrell Lance Abbott, was shot to death while on stage with the band Damageplan in 2004.

The two brothers founded Damageplan in 2003 after Pantera broke up.

Paul was most recently in the band Hellyeah, a heavy metal supergroup which included Mudvayne vocalist Chad Gray and Nothingface guitarist Tom Maxwell.

"Today, the world not only lost a legend, but also a genuine human being who lived to put a smile on the faces of everyone he met," Hellyeah's label Eleven Seven Music said in a statement. "May he be reunited with his brother as we all strive to continue his legacy."

Alice Cooper tweeted Paul's impact on music was "immeasurable." Tributes poured in from others in the rock and metal communities, including Slash and the bands Disturbed and Megadeth.

## Ex-S. Korean premier Kim Jong-pil, spy agency founder, dies

By HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Kim Jong-pil, the founder of South Korea's spy agency whose political skills helped him also serve twice as prime minister, first under his dictator boss and later under a man his agency kidnapped, has died. He was 92.

Kim was declared dead on arrival at Seoul's Soonchunhyang University Hospital from his home on Saturday, said hospital official Lee Mi-jong. He described the cause of death as age-related complications.

South Korea's presidential office released a statement saying Kim's "fingerprints and footprints that marked South Korea's modern political history will not be easily erased."

A retired lieutenant colonel, Kim was a key member of a 1961 coup that put army Maj. Gen. Park Chung-hee in power until his 1979 assassination. Park was the father of Park Geun-hye, South Korea's first female president, who was ousted from office last year over an explosive corruption scandal and is now serving a 24-year prison term.

After the senior Park seized power, Kim created and headed the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, a predecessor of the current National Intelligence Service, before serving as his prime minister, the country's No. 2 post, from 1971 to 1975.

Park Chung-hee used the spy agency as a tool to suppress his political rivals at home, including then-opposition leader Kim Dae-jung, who became South Korea's president in the late 1990s.

A government fact-finding panel said in 2007 that KCIA agents kidnapped Kim Dae-jung from a Tokyo hotel in 1973, days before he was to start a coalition of Japan-based South Korean organizations to work for their country's democratization. It was the first official confirmation of one of the most notorious KCIA operations to stifle dissent.

Kim Jong-pil didn't direct the agency at the time of the 1973 kidnapping, and 25 years later he joined forces with Kim Dae-jung and helped him win the 1997 presidential election. He served as Kim Dae-jung's prime minister from 1998 to 2000 under a power-sharing plan.

The 2007 panel report did not draw a clear conclusion on whether the kidnapping was ultimately aimed at killing Kim Dae-jung, who said his abductors nearly dumped him from a ship at sea before they stopped when a U.S. military helicopter made a low pass over the vessel.

Related to Park by marriage, Kim Jong-pil was his No. 2 man for much of his rule. But after Park was gunned down by his intelligence chief during a late-night drinking party in October 1979 and a new military junta led by Maj. Gen. Chun Doo-hwan seized power through a coup, Kim was accused of corruption and



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surrendered property worth millions of dollars before moving to the United States.

Kim returned to South Korea after Chun, bowing to weeks of massive public protests, allowed a free, direct presidential election in 1987, which marked South Korea's transition toward a genuine democracy. Kim founded his own conservative party and ran for the hotly contested 1987 election to compete with Chun's army buddy and government candidate Roh Tae-woo, Kim Dae-jung and another opposition leader, Kim Young-sam.

Roh won the election largely thanks to a split in opposition votes, while Kim Jong-pil placed fourth. The three opposition candidates came to dominate South Korean politics in the so-called "era of the three Kims."

Kim Jong-pil had enjoyed strong support from his home turf in central Chungcheong province and people who valued the rapid economic development during Park's rule. But he never reached a level of support to seriously contend for the presidency and instead became a kingmaker by exercising his political leverage in presidential races.

In 1990, he and Kim Young-sam merged their parties with Roh's ruling party in a landmark three-way alliance, which eventually helped Kim Young-sam win the 1992 presidential election. The merger of pro-democracy fighters and former coup members invited long-running criticism that it dampened democracy.

After supporting Kim Dae-jung's successful 1997 presidential bid, Kim Jong-pil and his conservative party members were given several Cabinet posts in the new government. But their coalition fell apart in 2001 because of a dispute over Kim Dae-jung's famous "sunshine policy" of engaging North Korea with aid and exchange programs. Kim Dae-jung won the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to reconcile with North Korea and promote democracy in South Korea.

Dubbed as "perennial No. 2 man," Kim Jong-pil served as a member of the National Assembly nine times. He quit politics in 2004 after his now-defunct United Liberal Democrats suffered crushing defeats in parliamentary elections.

"I've been completely burned to ashes," he said at a retirement news conference.

Kim is to be buried at a family cemetery in central South Korea after five days of mourning, according to South Korean media.

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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

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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!"

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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## Iceland, Mexico, England vie for US World Cup support

By RONALD BLUM, AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — American soccer fans: Iceland's prime minister wants your support.

The United States is absent from the World Cup for the first time since 1986, which means up to 325 million Americans are temporarily free agents.

Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir says her island nation about 900 miles (1,450 kilometers) off Norway's coast is the perfect pick for their passion. Iceland is the least-populous country ever at soccer's showcase with just 350,000.

"We can do with more supporters. We absolutely need them," she said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We've got a lot of support from people around the world. I think a lot of people like the way the Icelandic team played. I think the team spirit really was something that people liked."

Costa Rica, Egypt, Morocco, Peru and Saudi Arabia already are out, and Argentina is on the verge of elimination, but alluring alternatives remain for those still unsure how to release their pent-up fervor with no U.S. red-white-and-blue to root for.

About 200,000 tickets were bought by American residents for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, second behind only the host nation and up from approximately 130,000 four years earlier in South Africa. The U.S. remains second this year, but the total is down to approximately 87,000, FIFA said. That means more soccer supporters back home.

Reyka Vodka set up viewing parties in a dozen or so states to recruit fans for "Strakarnir Okkar," the nickname of Iceland's "Our Boys." Viet Lam, a 35-year-old emergency room pharmacist from Seattle, was at The George & Dragon Pub to watch Iceland's 2-0 loss Friday to Nigeria, which started at 8 a.m. PDT. He first visited Iceland in 2013 and has gone back two more times.

"I just fell in love with it. It was my first solo trip ever," he said. "I was gone for seven weeks and it was first stop. The landscape doesn't look like anything else."

Former American star Landon Donovan is part of Wells Fargo's "Vamos Mexico" marketing campaign, proclaiming on a scarf: "My other team is Mexico." The 35-year-old hopes El Tri can reach the quarterfinals for the first time since 1986.

"I find myself rooting for Mexico, having been there and seeing how the people have suffered over the years with this fifth game," Donovan said. "I think if fans need a team to get behind, they can get behind Mexico and hope to see that happen."

Given that Mexico is the Americans' biggest rival, Donovan's ads provoked an angry riposte.

"I'd rather cut off my toe than root for (Mexican flag)," tweeted former U.S. forward Taylor Twellman, now ESPN's lead soccer analyst.

Donovan responded with a statement saying "my heart bleeds red, white and blue and no one should ever question my allegiance to and support of US Soccer and its national teams," but reiterated that with no American team to cheer for he will root for Mexico.

The American Outlaws supporters group chartered two Boeing 767s from Houston that brought 530 fans to Brazil in 2014, and the U.S. Soccer Federation said it sold its official allotment of about 2,000 tickets.

This time?

"AO didn't organize anything," co-founder Korey Donahoo said.

Mexico has the biggest base for attracting U.S. fan affection.

Among 43 million foreign-born U.S. residents in 2015, 11.58 million were born in Mexico, according to



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the Pew Research Center. The next seven-highest totals were all countries that failed to reach the World Cup: China, India, the Philippines, El Salvador, Vietnam, Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

Korea was ninth at 1.06 million. World Cup teams included Colombia (13th at 698,000), Germany (16th at 577,000), Peru (17th at 451,000), Ecuador (18th at 441,000), Poland (19th at 417,000), Iran (20th at 392,000) and Russia (21st at 389,000).

England was 28th at 318,000, and Iceland 149th at 4,400.

"For me it will be reminiscent of when I was a kid at the 1994 World Cup when I was wearing Valderrama wigs and cheering for Colombia!" American midfielder Alejandro Bedoja said, referring to star Carlos Valderrama's blond Afro. "I have so much family still living there, and it only feels natural for me to show support for the country of my heritage. I'll be eating a lot of empanadas and arepas and drinking Colombian coffee, all while cheering on for the Colombian team."

Several American players planned to root for their club teammates.

"When you come into training there is always games on here while you're getting prepared to go out or when you're coming in and doing rehab," American forward Clint Dempsey said. "If there's games on, you'll watch it. If my family, my kids, if they want to watch it or family, if my brother is in town or family is in town and they want to watch it, then yeah, we'll check it out. I'm not opposed to it."

Tony and Emmy Award-winning British actor James Corden, host of "The Late Late Show" on CBS, recorded a segment with England players Harry Kane, Dele Alli, Eric Dier, Jesse Lingard, Jamie Vardy and Kyle Walker appealing to Americans for their support.

"Prince Harry. Harry Styles. Harry Kane. I may be your third-favorite British Harry," Kane said.

"We're forgetting Harry Potter," Corden interrupted.

In Reykjavik, Jakobsdottir hopes to see purple jerseys throughout the world.

"If I can say something about the Icelandic team, which I think also is part of the Icelandic national psyche," she proclaimed, "is that we never give up hope."

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## **Beyond World Cup: Advocates call attention to Russian abuses**

**By MARIA DANILOVA, Associated Press**

MOSCOW (AP) — Wrapped in national flags, jubilant fans dance at midnight in the streets of Moscow, smiling, laughing and cheering.

While foreign spectators from all over the world are having a blast at the World Cup being hosted by Russia, human rights activists are urging them not to overlook the other side of Vladimir Putin's nation: political prisoners and the harassment of critical voices.

Friday marked the 40th day that Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov has been refusing food in a Russian prison. Sentsov, an outspoken opponent of Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine, was sentenced in 2015 to 20 years for conspiracy to commit terror acts. He calls the case against him politically motivated and went on a hunger strike in mid-May to demand his release, as well as that of other Ukrainians held by Russia. Western nations have been calling for Sentsov's release.

Sentsov's lawyer, Dmitry Dinze, visited him in a prison clinic Friday and said his client has lost about 20 kilograms (44 pounds) and was very frail.

"His condition is bad. He is very weak, very pale," Dinze told The Associated Press by telephone. Dinze said Sentsov is able to walk, but talking is difficult and he has kidney and heart problems. Sentsov is receiving vitamins and other nutrients through an intravenous line and is refusing to be force-fed.

"He has stated his position firmly. Nobody will be able to talk him out of it, he will continue until his demands are met," Dinze said.

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Russian officials have been saying Sentsov is in satisfactory condition and his health has not suffered.

"This is a double picture of a very bright, very sparkling celebration, but on the other hand, there is an entire abyss of despair," said Tanya Lokshina, the Russia program director at Human Rights Watch. "It is very important that today those who watch Russia, film Russia, write about Russia see not only this celebration, beautiful by itself, which will come and go, understand even a little bit what today's Russia is in terms of human rights and basic freedoms."

Ukrainian rights activist Maria Tomak was among about a dozen people who staged a rally Friday outside the Russian consulate in Kiev, urging Putin to exchange Sentsov and other Ukrainians jailed in Russia for Russians detained in Ukraine.

"The situation around Oleg Sentsov is a threat to everyone," Tomak said. "If there is some kind of fatal incident with Oleg in Russia during the World Cup, this will look awful, this will lead to (Russia's) isolation."

On the opening day of the World Cup, Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny walked out of a Moscow jail after 30 days behind bars on charges of organizing an authorized rally and resisting police. Two days later, Navalny's press secretary was released after a 25-day stint in prison.

In the Chechen capital of Grozny, where Egypt's national team set up its base, Chechen strongman Ramzan Kadyrov was posing for photos with the Egypt star soccer forward Mohamed Salah. All the while, across town, the region's top human rights activist Oyub Titiev was in a prison on drug charges that he calls fabricated.

International human rights organizations have dismissed the charges against Titiev as fake and have called on FIFA to intervene and seek his release.

Beyond soccer, movie theaters across Russia are playing "Summer," a romantic period drama about the budding rock scene in the waning years of the Soviet Union that received a standing ovation at the Cannes Film festival in May. But its director, Kirill Serebrennikov, is under house arrest on embezzlement charges, which he denies. The case is viewed by many in Russia as punishment for Serebrennikov's iconoclastic views and has raised fears of a return to Soviet-style censorship.

Before hosting the Sochi Winter Olympics in 2014, Russia freed its most prominent prisoners, the oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky and two women from the Pussy Riot punk band. Lokshina called for the same for Sentsov, Titiev and others.

"If this doesn't happen, the legacy of the World Cup will be clouded by these awful, horrible cases," Lokshina said.

Independent political analyst Masha Lipman welcomed the festive and positive atmosphere of the World Cup, given that relations between Russia and the West had sunk to their lowest point in recent history. Lipman said that Western leaders have already made their position clear by not attending World Cup games but she says regular fans who have spent a lot of money and effort to come to come to Russia should focus on soccer and enjoy their stay.

"Do you think it would be better if everybody was walking around somber and angry, for tourists and fans to come here and to be looking for what else would upset them? Of course it is better when there is a friendly attitude toward the country," Lipman said. "At least for a change."

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Inna Varenysia contributed to this report from Kiev.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, June 24, the 175th day of 2018. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 24, 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed down by authorities.

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In 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.

In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England; his wife, Catherine of Aragon, was crowned queen consort.

In 1793, the first republican constitution in France was adopted.

In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Virginia, indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).

In 1908, Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 71.

In 1939, the Southeast Asian country Siam changed its name to Thailand. (It went back to being Siam in 1945, then became Thailand once again in 1949.)

In 1947, what's regarded as the first modern UFO sighting took place as private pilot Kenneth Arnold, an Idaho businessman, reported seeing nine silvery objects flying in a "weaving formation" near Mount Rainier in Washington.

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift. The Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president.

In 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Roth v. United States*, ruled 6-3 that obscene materials were not protected by the First Amendment.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when Eastern Airlines Flight 66, a Boeing 727 carrying 124 people, crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1997, the U.S. Air Force released a report on the so-called "Roswell Incident," suggesting the "alien bodies" that witnesses reported seeing in 1947 were actually life-sized dummies. Actor Brian Keith was found dead in his Malibu home, an apparent suicide; he was 75.

Ten years ago: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe (moo-GAH'-bay) refused to give in to pressure from Africa and the West, saying the world could "shout as loud as they like" but he would not cancel an upcoming runoff election even though his opponent had quit the race. Leonid Hurwicz, who shared the Nobel Prize in economics in 2007, died in Minneapolis at age 90.

Five years ago: Opening statements took place in the Sanford, Florida, trial of George Zimmerman, accused of murdering 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. (Zimmerman was acquitted.) The Chicago Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup with a stunning 3-2 comeback victory in Game 6 over the Boston Bruins. In one of Wimbledon's greatest upsets, an ailing Rafael Nadal (rah-fay-ehl nah-DAHL') was knocked out in straight sets by 135th-ranked Steve Darcis of Belgium, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8), 6-4.

One year ago: President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump were among the guests as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin (mih-NOO'-shin's) married Scottish actress Louise Linton in Washington. At least 10 people were killed by a landslide in a mountain village in southwestern China.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Arthur Brown is 76. Actress Michele Lee is 76. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 75. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 74. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 73. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 71. Actor Peter Weller is 71. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 69. Actress Nancy Allen is 68. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 68. Actor Joe Penny is 62. Reggae singer Astro (UB40) is 61. Singer-musician Andy McCluskey (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 59. Rhythm and blues/pop singer-songwriter Siedah (sy-EE'-dah) Garrett is 58. Actor Iain Glen is 57. Rock singer Curt Smith is 57. Actress Danielle Spencer is 53. Actress Sherry Stringfield is 51. Singer Glenn Medeiros is 48. Actress Carla Gallo is 43. Actor Amir Talai (TV: "LA to Vegas") is 41. Actress-producer Mindy Kaling is 39. Actress Minka Kelly is 38. Actress Vanessa Ray is 37. Actor Justin Hires is 33. Actress Candice Patton is 33. Actress Kaitlin Cullum is 32. Singer Solange Knowles is 32. Actor Max Ehrich is 27. Actress Beanie Feldstein is 25.

Thought for Today: "Move, and the way will open." — Zen saying.