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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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Olive Grove Ladies Invitational

Championship Flight

- 76- Sharon Zastrow and Cyndi Larson
- 77- Toni Gisi and Amy Kessler
- 79- Carmen Meyer and Cindy Kraft
- 82- Suzie Easthouse and Angel McGregor
- 84- Ellen Rener and Terri Holm
- 84- Brenda Waage and Sue Stanley

First Flight

- 83- Renae Ball and Betty Dunker
- 88- Judy Thompson and Julie Flihs
- 91- Sandy Peters and Karen Roehr
- 94- Mary Blackmun and Julie Hinds
- 94- Arlys Kluess and Diane Easthouse
- 102- Jeanne Wanous and Marcy Harder
- 103- Arlowynn Spencer and Mel Eikamp

Closest to Pin #4: Amy Kessler
Longest Drive #7: Cyndi Larson
Longest Putt #9: Sandy Peters



Champions Sharon Zastrow. Cindy Larson. (Photo by Sue Stanley)



Second place, Championship Flight: Toni Gisi. Amy Kessler. (Photo by Sue Stanley)



1st flight winners: Betty Dunker. Renae Ball. (Photo by Sue Stanley)



Second place, First Flight: Judy Thompson. Julie Flihs. (Photo by Sue Stanley)

Farmer Protests impacting year-end school balances

The recent dispute between the farmers and Brown County is now having an impact on county schools who receive their funding from property taxes. The county has \$2.4 million sitting in a trust fund right now that cannot be distributed to the schools. Groton Area School Business Manager Mike Weber said that the Groton district has under-collected, at his best guess, around \$350,000. It is the ending balances as of June 30th that has to be reported to the state. Weber said that he is concerned about the fund balances, especially since the next major influx of cash will not be until November.

Weber also talked about the half-cent sales tax that is designated for education in reference to the recent supreme court case. This is in reference to the state collecting sales tax from on-line companies. He said the way the law is written, part of half-cent tax could be rolled back. Weber also made mention of the article appearing in the Groton Daily Independent about the city pool opt-out tax. It was originally suppose to be 10 years; however, it is currently set up for 20 years. "We had some false information when we had our building project discussions," Weber said.

The middle/high school handbook modifications were discussed and approved by the board. They include that if there are any suspension at the of the school year, the student will need to serve the suspension at the beginning of the following school year. All cell phones are to be off and out of sight in the classroom. On third offense of cell phone, the parent or guardian will be notified.

There is a proposal to replace 200 square feet of tile in the new elementary kitchen. A hot water boiler in the arena addition needs replacement at an estimate cost of \$12,000 plus installation. Superintendent Joe Schwan said he is looking into using existing hot water storage instead of replacing the current one.

There is still a potential so for a boys coop with Warner as Warner has one student that would like to play golf. The Warner superintendent is talking with the South Dakota High School Activities Association about the option as the deadline has passed for this year.

Senior class letter will be sent out shortly. If any students have registered for dual credit classes, they need to check their emails to make sure everything is done right.

No increase in Delta Dental rates this year - third year in a row with no increase.

There are still five staff and four off-staff auxiliary staff members that have not turned in their contracts.

The food service fund was in the red by \$8,000. A transfer of \$26,000 was made from capital outlay into the general fund, and then it will be transferred to the food service fund to cover salaries and insurance. "We are walking a fine line and we'll have to decide what we're going to charge for meals next year," Weber said.

There was only one fuel price quote and that was from MJ's Sinclair. The board accepted the quote. The Groton Independent was awarded the official newspaper designation.

The resignation of Anna Schwan as all-school play director was approved.

An open enrollment of a sophomore from the Doland School District was approved.

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Groton Senior Citizens

Groton Senior citizens met June 11. In attendance were twenty two members . President Ruby Donavon opened the meeting with allegiance to the flag. Lee Schinkel played "my country tis of thee" Minutes and treasures report were read and accepted. Dick and Ruby Donavon and Lee Schinkel planted the flowers at the center. Grace Albrecht and DeLoris Knoll thanked for their get well cards. A get well card was sent to Sharon Zoellner who had surgery.Meeting was adjourned and cards played. The winners of each game. Pinochle- Don Dauwen; Canasta- Beulah Hoops and Pat Larson ; whist- Ella Johnson and Ruby Pray.Bridge- Darlene Fischer; Door prizes- Marilyn Thorson, Wally and Darlene Fischer. Lunch was served by Beverly Sombke and Grace Albrecht.

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Groton Community Center

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St. John's having double celebration



**Pastor Craig Grams
Retiring after 23
years in Groton**

A double celebration is scheduled for Sunday, July 8, 2018, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, SD. The church will be celebrating its 125th anniversary, and its current minister, Pastor Craig Grams, who has served this congregation for 23 years, will rejoice at his recent retirement.

The event begins on Sunday morning with a worship service at 10:00 am, followed immediately by a catered dinner in the church parish hall at 11:30 am. To commemorate this special occasion, various items and memorabilia will be available for interested individuals to view.

St. John's became a congregation in 1893 after local German Lutheran immigrants purchased a lot in Groton and moved the College Chapel onto the site. This building served as the church until 1950 when the current worship center and parish hall were built and dedicated in November, 1951. In the beginning church services were conducted solely in German, switching to alternating services in English, and eventually to all English in 1936. As attendance grew, so did the need for additional space, leading to the addition of the educational wing, built in 1963. In 2005, St. John's started a pre-school for 3 to 5 year olds. This program, which shares the good news of Jesus Christ to pre-school has been very well received and supported by church members and others in the community.

The church has been served over the years by 14 full-time pastors as well as several vacancy pastors when needed. Pastor Grams, who is originally from Zimmerman, MN, served churches in Columbia, Gregory and Groton. After growing up on the family farm, he attended college in St. Paul, MN before entering the seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. After his responsibilities



St. John's Lutheran Church celebrating 125th year

are over in Groton, Pastor Grams plans to move to Sioux Falls, SD where his daughter and her husband currently reside. He is looking forward to a lighter load during retirement but still plans to fill in when local pastors are on vacation. He might also continue with the on-call hospital chaplaincy that he currently does for Avera St. Luke's in Aberdeen.

The celebration for St. John's and for Pastor Grams' retirement are open to everyone. Please join the congregation for this event.

Rounds Statement on Senate Passage of Three Appropriation Bills

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) today made the following statement after the Senate voted to pass the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriation bills:

"Today, the Senate made a step in the right direction toward getting back to 'regular order,' where we debate appropriation bills individually," said Rounds. "Responsible spending starts with a responsible appropriations process where Congress engages in thoughtful debate about how and where tax dollars are spent, rather than passing a two-thousand page long omnibus spending bill at the last minute."

"Since coming to the Senate, I've expressed my frustration with our broken appropriations system, which hasn't worked in 40 of the last 44 years that the current budget process has been in place. I'll continue working with my colleagues in the Senate to push for open debate on each of the appropriation bills passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee."

The legislation passed by the Senate today includes funding for the Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility and Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment at the Sanford Underground Research Lab in Lead. It also prioritizes funding for the snowpack monitoring system in the Upper Missouri River Basin for the Army Corps of Engineers so they can work to prevent flooding downstream in communities along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Additionally, the package appropriates \$15 million for a new National Guard Readiness Center in Rapid City.

GFP Reminds Boaters to Practice Safe Boating

PIERRE, S.D. – As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is joining a national effort to highlight boating safety.

Operation Dry Water will take place June 29 – July 1, 2018, promoting boating safety and responsible use of alcohol while boating across the country.

"We want to ensure that recreational boaters, paddlers, kayakers and others have a safe place to enjoy South Dakota's waters," said Joe Keeton, boating law administrator. "Alcohol impairs judgment and reaction time on the water just as it does when driving a car, even more so because with the added stressors of sun, heat, wind and noise on a boat. Choosing to consume alcohol while boating puts everyone at risk, including passengers and people in the water. Our goal is to remove anyone choosing to operate a vessel impaired and to keep everyone on the water safe."

Alcohol consumption and boating continues to be an issue and is listed as the leading known contributing factor in all fatal boating accidents nationwide. As part of the national event, GFP will conduct extra boating safety patrols statewide to promote safe and responsible boating practices heading into the holiday weekend.

Tips to staying safe on the water this summer:

Boat sober. Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths*. Alcohol and drugs use impairs a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time.

Wear your life jacket. 83% of drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket*.

Take a boating safety education course. 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction, where instruction was known*.

Use your engine cut-off device. Many boating accidents involve operators or passengers who have fallen overboard. Wearing an engine cut-off switch lanyard or wireless engine cut-off device will shut the engine down if the operator is ejected or falls overboard.

File a Float Plan. Leave a float plan with at least one person on land so they know where to find you if needed. You should be able to rely on this person to notify local law enforcement if you do not return within a reasonable hour of expectancy.

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Check the weather. Not only can poor weather spoil a trip, but it can also cause an emergency situation out on the water.

Keeton noted that state regulations require all children under age seven to wear an approved personal flotation device anytime a boat is moving at greater than no-wake speed. He recommends taking the next step and keeping a personal flotation device on all occupants in the boat at all times.

"Before heading onto the water, check your equipment," Keeton said. "Fire extinguishers, life jackets, throwable flotation devices are required and must be in good working condition. The best way to prevent an unwanted tragedy on the water is to be prepared."

Visit operationdrywater.org or gfp.sd.gov/safety/ for more information about boating under the influence. Boaters can view the 2018 South Dakota Boating Handbook online at gfp.sd.gov or pick up a copy at any GFP office.

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*2016 U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics

State Park Visitors are Advised to Leave Fireworks at Home

PIERRE, S.D. – The upcoming Fourth of July holiday is a popular time in South Dakota's state parks and recreation areas. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is asking state park visitors to leave fireworks at home.

"Parks are a Fourth of July destination," said state park director Katie Ceroll. "For many guests, the trip is a family tradition. High use of the campgrounds, beaches and day-use areas over the holiday is a given."

Discharging fireworks is prohibited on all lands owned or leased by GFP. The ban includes state parks, recreation areas, lakeside use areas, game production areas and nature areas. Discharging fireworks is also illegal within the boundaries of the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District, national forests and national parks in South Dakota.

For more information on the South Dakota State Parks, visit gfp.sd.gov or call 605.773.3391.

-GFP-

Celebrate a Traditional Independence Day at Historic Fort Sisseton

FORT SISSETON HISTORIC STATE PARK, S.D. – Fort Sisseton State Park will be hosting its Independence Day commemoration in classic style on June 30, at 1 p.m. CDT.

A number of activities and interpretive programs will be offered for all ages, including blacksmithing, planting pollinator gardens, making ice cream the old-fashioned way and an obstacle course with old fashioned games.

Throughout the day, a scavenger hunt guided tour will be available. The Visitor Center, Museum and Gift Shop will be open.

"This is the twelfth annual Fourth of July celebration at the fort," says Park Manager Ali Tonsfeldt. "The 2018 lineup looks great and should be a wonderful opportunity for families that are seeking a day filled with something for everyone."

There is no charge for the event; however, park entrance fees are required. For more information contact Fort Sisseton at 605.448.5474.

Fort Sisseton Historic State Park is located 10 miles southwest of Lake City, off Highway 10.

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Today in Weather History

June 26, 1998: Heavy rains of 2 to 5 inches fell across much of northern and eastern Brown, western and northern Day and all of Marshall County during the afternoon and evening hours. The additional heavy rain only exacerbated the flooding which had been occurring over much of this area for years. Kidder, in northern Marshall County, received up to 5 inches of rain on the 26th after receiving around 2 inches on the 25th. The heavy rain on the 26th flooded the whole town, filling nearly every basement. One resident had the basement walls cave in. Areas of Britton were also flooded with water in many basements. The heavy rains added to the already thousands of acres of crop and pastureland under water. One farmer in Day County, near Webster, had documented over one-half million dollars in damages to fences, buildings, land, and income from the prolonged flooding. On his farm, he had 15 buildings under water. This farmer said the highest he had measured the water from flooding was 9 feet, but for this year it had gone up to 21 feet. As a result of this and past heavy rains and also many years of above-average precipitation, about 22 percent of the total farm and pastureland acres in the three counties were flooded or too wet to farm. Some rainfall amounts included 2.30 inches at Sand Lake NWR, 2.7 inches at Langford, 2.95 inches at Groton, 3.5 inches northwest of Bristol, and 5.10 inches 9N 9W of Britton.

June 26, 2008: During the evening hours, a compact upper-level low-pressure system tracking through the Northern Plains interacted with a very moist and unstable air mass over western and central South Dakota resulting in a widespread severe weather outbreak. Three confirmed tornadoes occurred briefly in western Dewey County. Little or no damage was reported, and all three tornadoes were rated EF0. In addition to the tornadoes, multiple reports of large hail were received over Corson and Dewey Counties, including some to the size of baseballs near the communities of McLaughlin and Isabel. The large hail broke out many home and vehicle windows and damaged many roofs in Dewey, Corson, and Sully Counties. Significant wind damage occurred over sections of Sully County. There were multiple reports of wind gusts more than 70 mph, with the most concentrated swath of damaging winds extending from near Sutton Bay, eastward to the city of Onida, then southeast to the community of Harrold. The storm survey began near Sutton Bay on Lake Oahe, where a wind gust of 92 mph was recorded. The most significant property damage was found further east near the community of Agar where multiple grain bins were either damaged or destroyed. Nine miles west of Agar, a barn was destroyed, and a large pine tree was snapped in half. Winds in this area were estimated to range from 80 to 100 mph. Near the intersection of Highways 1804 and 175th Street, several Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) electrical transmission towers were collapsed entirely. The damage is consistent with wind speeds ranging from 130-140 mph. In the city of Onida, a bank roof was damaged, and the city was without power until the next day. Four miles north of Onida, a feed wagon was tossed nearly 40 feet. In Harrold, several railroad cars were tipped over. Also of great significance during the event was the peak wind speed of 124 mph recorded at the Onida airport. This wind speed is the strongest wind gust ever measured in the Aberdeen County Warning Area and the 4th highest wind speed ever reported in South Dakota.

1807: Lightning strikes a gunpowder factory in the small European country of Luxembourg, killing more than 300 people. The Luxembourg disaster may have been the most deadly lightning strike in history.

1888 - Residents of New York suffered through a record heat wave. Daily average temperatures were above 80 degrees for fourteen straight days. The heat wave was a sharp contrast to the severe blizzard in March of that year, which buried the city under nearly two feet of snow. (David Ludlum)

1977 - The Human Lightning Conductor, park ranger Roy C. Sullivan, was struck by lightning for the seventh time. He was first hit in 1942, then again in 1970, 1972, 1973 and 1976. (The Weather Channel)




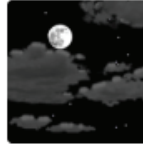



1983 - Record heat prevailed from Texas to Michigan. Alpena MI hit 98 degrees. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1985 - A spectacular early morning waterspout developed at 5:20 AM (MST) from a stationary thunderstorm over the south end of the Great Salt Lake in Utah. It was visible 20 miles away, and lasted four minutes. (The Weather Channel)

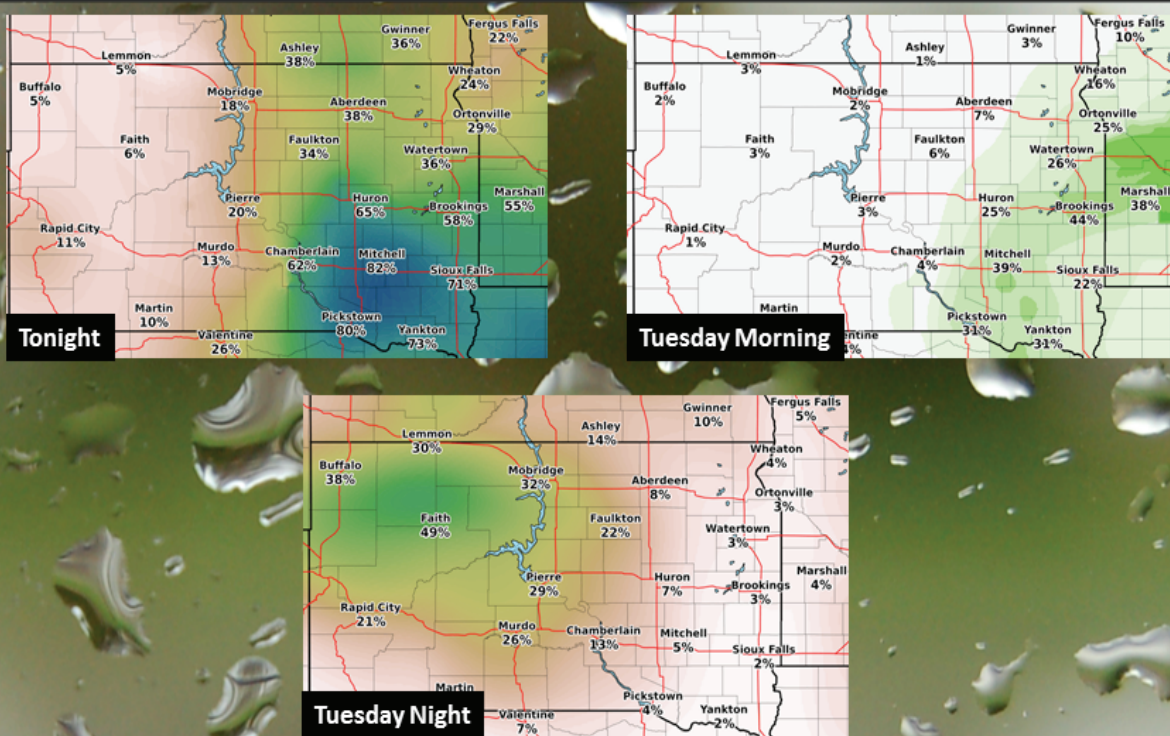
1986: Hurricane Bonnie made landfall on the upper Texas coast. A wind gust to 98 mph occurred at Sea Rim State Park. Ace, Texas recorded a total of 13 inches of rain.

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Patched Fog then Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Hot	Slight Chance T-storms	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms
High: 85 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 86 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 92 °F	Low: 71 °F	High: 90 °F

Precipitation Chances Tonight and Tuesday



**Heavy Rain possible for portions of southeastern SD and western MN Tonight
May lead to some ponding of water in low lying areas**

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 6/25/2018 2:47 PM Central

Published on: 06/25/2018 at 2:49PM

Precipitation continues mostly in the Southeastern area of the state this evening with some northward development that could reach into the Watertown, Redfield, Aberdeen area. This system will trek east into MN overnight. Another chance for some shower development later Tuesday in the North and Northwest parts of SD.

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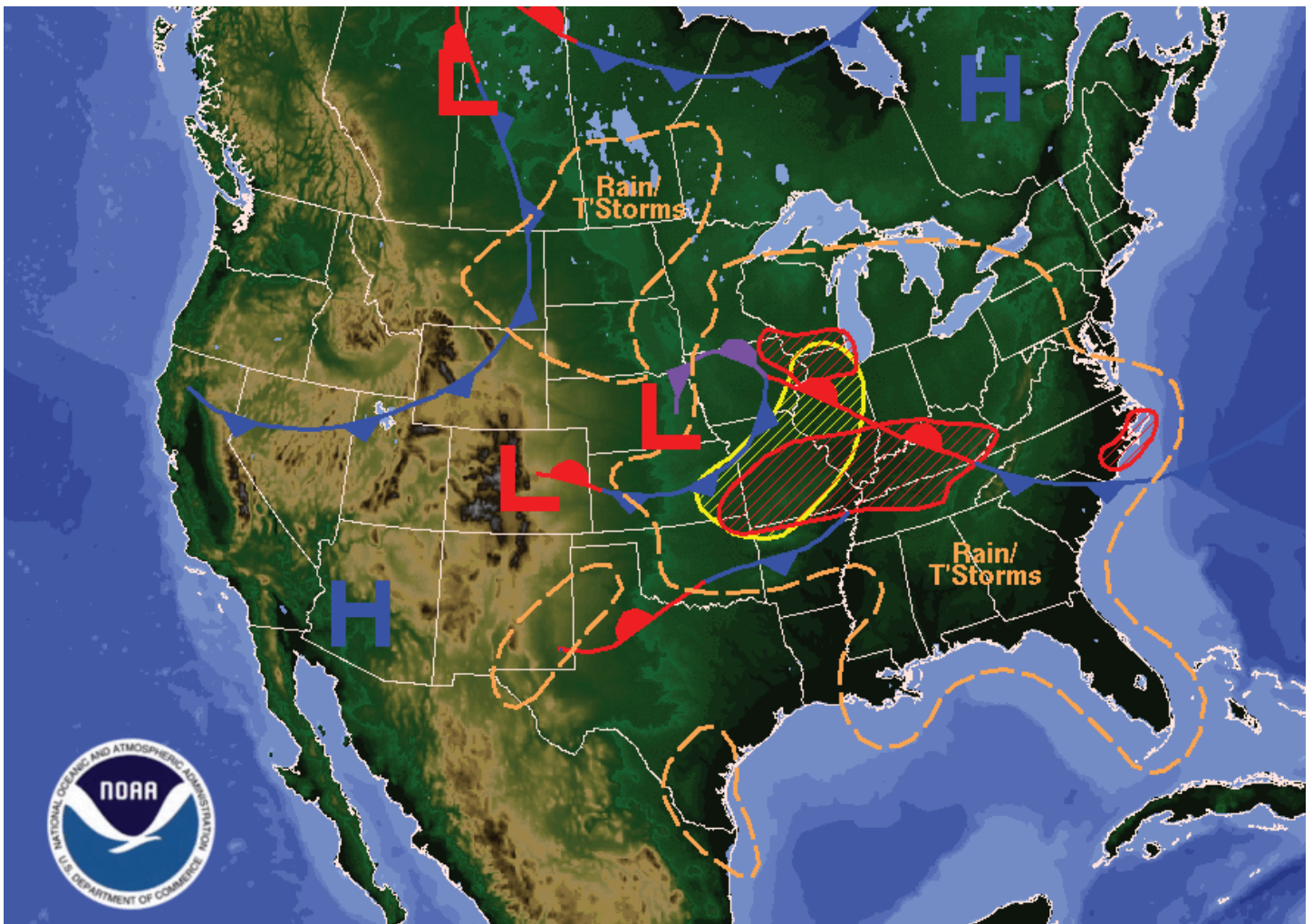
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 76.8 F at 1:37 PM
Low Outside Temp: 63.8 F at 5:44 AM
High Gust: 23.0 Mph at 3:43 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 109° in 1933
Record Low: 39° in 2017
Average High: 81°F
Average Low: 57°F
Average Precip in June: 3.22
Precip to date in June: 1.52
Average Precip to date: 10.36
Precip Year to Date: 5.82
Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:47 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Jun 26, 2018, issued 4:41 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds 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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TO THINK OR NOT TO THINK

Someone said that there are two types of people: those who stop to think or those who stop thinking. If someone stops thinking life will go on without them. On the other hand it is important for those who do think to think about things that matter.

There is a good example of this principle in Psalm 119:59: "I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to Your statutes." What we spend our time thinking about matters more than anything else in our lives. It is our thinking that enables us to discern right from wrong, good from bad, what is helpful from what is hurtful. And the list goes on. Thinking leads to choices and our choices determine our destiny. In fact, that's what the Psalmist wrote about: "When I stopped to consider what I was doing and where I was going, it led me to change my course of direction and follow the laws of the Lord."

Many are too involved in the things of this world to "stop and consider" where they are going or whom they are following. Life becomes a blur and there is not much difference between night and day: everything looks like a long piece of grey flannel that has no beginning or end.

The Psalmist said, "I considered - I turned." It does not take much time to see the difference between God's way and the world's way. And when one sees the benefits of what God has to offer us in contrast to what the world takes from us the choice is clear: life or death. It is wise to stop, consider our choices and turn to God.

Prayer: We have in You, Father, all that we need for today and after "today" a life with You in Heaven. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:59 I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes.

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

Anthrax confirmed in South Dakota cattle herd

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Officials say anthrax has been confirmed in South Dakota livestock for the first time year this year.

State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven has confirmed that eight cows died out of a herd of 87 unvaccinated cattle in Clark County.

The Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory at South Dakota State University confirmed the disease from samples submitted over the weekend.

Anthrax can cause the rapid loss of a large number of animals in a short time. Infected livestock often are found dead with no illness detected.

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board says anthrax spores survive indefinitely in contaminated soil. The board says strict enforcement of quarantines and proper burning and burying of carcasses suspected to have died from anthrax is important to prevent further soil contamination from bacterial spores.

South Dakota hospital hostage standoff ends with boy freed

REDFIELD, S.D. (AP) — A hostage standoff at a hospital in a small city in northeastern South Dakota ended peacefully Monday with a 10-year-old boy released and the armed man who was holding him in custody, authorities said.

The man with a weapon entered the Community Memorial Hospital Avera in Redfield with the 10-year-old child about 8:30 a.m., according to Spink County Attorney Victor Fischbach and Avera. The child was held hostage, later released and was not injured, officials said. The man was later taken into custody, Avera said.

Fischbach said the man had a loaded handgun with him at the hospital and an AK-47 assault rifle with two banana clips carrying 30 rounds each in his vehicle in the hospital parking lot.

Authorities have not disclosed the relationship between the man and the boy. The suspect was in jail, awaiting charges, Fischbach said.

Brown County Sheriff Mark Milbrandt, whose deputies were part of the special response team at the hospital, said no shots were fired and no one has been injured.

Avera said in a statement that all patients were safe and accounted for. The hospital was put on a lockdown that was lifted about 1:30 p.m.

Law enforcement was pursuing the man in a high-speed chase just before he entered the hospital with the child, Fischbach said. The suspect was rattling the door, trying to get into the hospital, when the magnetic lock was "breached," the prosecutor said.

Redfield is a city of about 2,200 about 175 miles (282 kilometers) northwest of Sioux Falls.

The Redfield hospital is a 25-bed facility with about 130 employees. Up to 40 staff members and six patients were evacuated from the hospital, the Aberdeen American News reported.

3 of 4 Carlisle Indian school remains returned to families

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) — Officials say three of the four remains of Native American children who died over 100 years ago at the government-run Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania have been turned over to their families.

PennLive.com reports that executive director Karen Durham-Aguilera of the Army National Military Cemeteries team says the remains were transferred in a private ceremony.

Officials say they are confident that the remains disinterred earlier this month at the Carlisle Barracks cemetery are those of Little Plume of the Northern Arapaho; George Ell of the Blackfeet; and Herbert J. Little Hawk of the Oglala Sioux.

In the early 1880s the children attended the school founded by an Army officer where students were

forced to cut their braids, dress in uniforms, speak English and adopt European names.

Information from: Pennlive.com, <http://www.pennlive.com>

Report: Rapid City sees need for more affordable housing

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City's short supply of affordable housing is due to a high-income housing shortage, wage stagnation, increased demand for single-person homes and an overdependence on tourism, according to a new report.

The recent report released by Jared McEntaffer, economist and director of online research service Black Hills Knowledge Network, found that Rapid City's need for affordable housing is growing. While median household income has risen statewide and nationally, it has declined more than 3 percent in Rapid City from about \$50,000 in 2010 to about \$48,000 in 2016, the Rapid City Journal reported.

The report found that the city's wage stagnation is due to an aging population, rising numbers of one-person households and overdependence on tourism-related jobs. About 11,800 Rapid City residents, or 25 percent, are employed in retail, accommodation, food service and arts and entertainment industries that cater toward tourists.

Lower-than-average household incomes coupled with high demand for one-person units have led to the demand for low-income housing far outpacing supply. Low-income housing is characterized as rent from under \$500 per month up to \$899 per month.

Low-income and high-income households are both being forced into the city's middle-income housing market since demand for high-priced units is also exceeding supply.

McEntaffer recommended increasing housing options in the \$400 to \$600 per month range. He suggested adapting city codes to accommodate changing demographics and housing preferences.

The report also mentioned improving coordination between the city and developers, as well as creating incentives for affordable housing development.

McEntaffer recommended forming a nonprofit organization that functions as a hybrid developer and property manager.

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

Sentencing delayed for pipeline protest shooting suspect

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Sentencing has been delayed a second time for a Denver woman who pleaded guilty in a shooting during protests in North Dakota against the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

Federal court officials in Bismarck say Judge Daniel Hovland was unable to oversee the scheduled Monday sentencing for Red Fawn Fallis. They didn't say why. A new date wasn't immediately scheduled.

Authorities accused Fallis of firing a handgun three times while resisting arrest in October 2016 in southern North Dakota. No one was hurt. She pleaded guilty Jan. 22 to civil disorder and a weapons charge.

Prosecutors are recommending seven years in prison, though Hovland can go as high as 15 years.

Fallis was to be sentenced in late May, but it was delayed to give her attorneys more time to prepare.

Man barricaded at Mount Rushmore later found dead

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Pennington County sheriff's officials say deputies tried to negotiate with an armed man who had barricaded himself in a van at Mount Rushmore National Park, but later found him dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The sheriff's office got a call requesting assistance from the National Park Service about 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Rangers tried to pull the man over for a traffic violation and said he produced a handgun and then barricaded himself in the conversion van.

The Special Response Team was called when officers determined he had additional firearms. Officers tried to negotiate with the man and finally entered the van about 2:30 a.m. Monday and found him dead.

Body in burned Rapid City camper ID'd; death ruled suicide

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Rapid City man found dead inside a burned camper near downtown and ruled the death a suicide.

The body of 54-year-old Joseph Lanoue was found May 11 after firefighters doused the blaze. The Rapid City Journal reports authorities used DNA to identify him.

The fire prompted the evacuation of some homes in the area, and a nearby elementary school was placed on secure status. The fire spread to an outbuilding and a two-story residence, and as the camper burned, ammunition inside it exploded.

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

2 men shot and wounded in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Police say two men have been shot at a mobile home park in Rapid City. Authorities say one man was shot in the face and the other was struck in the arm. They were taken to Rapid City Regional Hospital. Police say both were conscious before they were transported.

KOTA-TV says investigators are questioning six to eight people believed to be connected to the shooting, but there have been no arrests.

Information from: KOTA-TV, <http://www.kotatv.com>

New hog nursery opens in South Dakota BY RANDY DOCKENDORF, Yankton Press and Dakotan

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Before welcoming their first shipment of pigs, Louie and Josh Johnson welcomed visitors to their new hog nursery.

In the process, the rural Volin father and son hoped their open house would dispel misconceptions about large-scale pork production, the Yankton Press and Dakotan reported.

Johnson Family Pork LLC hosted the three-hour event, which drew an estimated 300 people despite rainy, muddy conditions. The hog nursery represents the latest addition to the family farm dating back to 1894.

"With this nursery, the hogs arrive weighing 10 to 12 pounds and leave when they weigh around 55 pounds," Louie said. "This is a 2,400-head facility, where we can hold 1,200 hogs on each side."

The elder Johnson said the open house allowed the general public to tour the barn and see the inner workings. Hopefully, the visitors gained a greater understanding of large-scale pork production, he said.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding about these operations," Louie said. "We have a lot of farmers here today, but we're hoping to reach the people who live in town. We had a lot of 'city' people already visit."

The open house came amidst ongoing controversy over the construction of more concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in Yankton County. The visitors included Yankton City Commission members as well as Yankton County Commission members and candidates.

Louie pointed out the features of his family's hog facility, including odor control and the collection of runoff for later use as fertilizer.

"You hear these horror stories from other states about problems with their pork operations. You hear about lagoons flooding," he said. "But we don't use lagoons here on our farm. We have holding pits under the building."

In addition, Johnson noted his hog nursery seeks to control odor, manure and other problems that many opponents say are found in CAFOs. He pointed out that he and his family would literally live with such problems.

"This is our family farm," he said, noting much has changed since his ancestors' arrival to the area nearly 125 years ago.

Once they entered the barn, visitors could roam throughout the building. They witnessed the white pens

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and various features for odor control and cleanliness.

The open house was held before the hogs arrived for sanitary reasons.

Jon Gunderson, who lives northwest of the Johnson farm, said the hog nursery would receive a thorough cleaning before the pigs' arrival.

"If you look up at the ceiling, you'll see what looks like a shower," he said. "This place will get a real scrub-down, and they'll use power washers."

Gunderson said he realizes a number of Yankton County residents hold strong opposition to CAFOs. However, he urged the general public to learn more about today's large-scale livestock operations. Technology has changed greatly through the years, he said.

In particular, he pointed to the change in manure collection and usage. "Manure is extremely valuable. This barn could meet 75 percent of the farm's fertilizer needs," he said.

The Johnson Family Pork facility drew the interest of state and national officials in attendance.

Centerville farmer Craig Andersen holds the double role of South Dakota Pork Producers Council first vice president and National Pork Producers Council board member.

He commended the open house as a way for the general public to gain a greater understanding of large-scale pork production.

Through the open house, visitors could learn that agriculture represents a huge financial investment, Andersen said. In turn, the producer needs to protect his livestock and investment with proper management and production practices, he said.

Today's hog operations can make use of improved ventilation systems and pit additives, Andersen said.

"These people (who raise hogs) are watching out for the safety and health concerns of their pigs," he said. "These facilities are environmentally controlled."

Besides environmental advances, the CAFOs are driven by the economics of today's agriculture, Andersen said. Today's producers are working on thin profit margins which require larger operations in order to survive, he said.

In turn, agricultural methods have progressed to meet the demands of larger operations, he said.

"Things have changed greatly," he said. "Your grandpa may have used horses, and now you have all of this new machinery."

The elder Johnson acknowledged his hog nursery isn't the same as some CAFOs. However, he has expanded his operation through the years — much of it out of necessity.

"Technology has allowed us to do so much more," he said. "And you're seeing most livestock operations getting bigger and bigger."

The growth comes from the need for great efficiency, Louie said. In addition, U.S. pork producers are seeing a growing domestic and foreign demand.

"If there wasn't a demand (for pork), they wouldn't be building these barns," he said.

Louie pointed to dramatic changes worldwide, noting that China has exploded as a market for U.S. pork.

"Their (Chinese) economy has improved, and their diet has improved. They're demanding more protein," he said.

However, American consumers are also buying more pork products both at home and when dining out, Louie said. "You're seeing a huge demand for bacon on everything, like bacon cheeseburgers," he said.

Agriculture's economic impact isn't limited to the farmer, Andersen said. "You have the ag multiplier effect, where each dollar spent by the producer turns over six or seven times," he said.

The role of agri-business was seen throughout the open house, sponsored by ECL, Parkston-Kaylor Grain & Feed, South Dakota Pork Producer Council and MDS Manufacturing

Brad Hohn of MDS Manufacturing said his Parkston-based business worked with the design of the Johnson hog nursery. The business also produced the white pens and worked with installation of equipment.

Other regional business provided equipment and services for the Johnson operation, which rolled through the economy and helped to create and retain jobs, Hohn said. Farmers want quality material for their operations, he added.

"They don't want cheap — they want to do it right," he said.

In turn, agriculture allows rural communities to survive and thrive, Hohn said. The impact is felt across the state, both in terms of consumer spending and the resulting tax collections, he added.

For Louie Johnson, large-scale pork production has made it possible for his farm to remain in operation. It also ensures future opportunities that might not otherwise be available if his son had to start his own farm from scratch.

"We're Johnson Family Pork LLC, so it can stay in the family if Josh wants to take it all over someday, or if some other family member wants to," Louie said.

"This is about the future. It's about my future, and it's about my kids' future."

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

Enemy turned ally: Poliovirus is used to fight brain tumors

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE, AP Chief Medical Writer

One of the world's most dreaded viruses has been turned into a treatment to fight deadly brain tumors. Survival was better than expected for patients in a small study who were given genetically modified poliovirus, which helped their bodies attack the cancer, doctors report.

It was the first human test of this and it didn't help most patients or improve median survival. But many who did respond seemed to have long-lasting benefit: About 21 percent were alive at three years versus 4 percent in a comparison group of previous brain tumor patients.

Similar survival trends have been seen with some other therapies that enlist the immune system against different types of cancer. None are sold yet for brain tumors.

"This is really a first step," and doctors were excited to see any survival benefit in a study testing safety, said one researcher, Duke University's Dr. Annick Desjardins.

Preliminary results were to be discussed Tuesday at a conference in Norway and published online by the New England Journal of Medicine.

MAKING AN ENEMY AN ALLY

Brain tumors called glioblastomas often recur after initial treatment and survival is usually less than a year. Immunotherapy drugs like Keytruda help fight some cancers that spread to the brain but have not worked well for ones that start there.

Polio ravaged generations until a vaccine came out in the 1950s. The virus invades the nervous system and can cause paralysis. Doctors at Duke wanted to take advantage of the strong immune system response it spurs to try to fight cancer. With the help of the National Cancer Institute, they genetically modified poliovirus so it would not harm nerves but still infect tumor cells.

The one-time treatment is dripped directly into the brain through a thin tube. Inside the tumor, the immune system recognizes the virus as foreign and mounts an attack.

When doctors explained the idea to Michael Niewinski, it seemed a feat "like putting a man on the moon," he said. The 33-year-old from Boca Raton, Florida, was treated last August, and said a recent scan seemed to show some tumor shrinkage.

"I'm pain-free, symptom-free," he said.

STUDY RESULTS

The study tested the modified poliovirus on 61 patients whose tumors had recurred after initial treatments. Median survival was about a year, roughly the same as for a small group of similar patients given other brain tumor treatments at Duke. After two years, the poliovirus group started faring better.

Follow-up is continuing, but survival is estimated at 21 percent at two years versus 14 percent for the comparison group. At three years, survival was still 21 percent for the virus group versus 4 percent for the others.

Eight of the 35 patients who were treated more than two years ago were alive as of March, as were five out of 22 patients treated more than three years ago.

Stephanie Hopper, 27, of Greenville, South Carolina, was the first patient treated in the study in May 2012

and it allowed her to finish college and become a nurse. Scans as recent as early June show no signs that the tumor is growing back, she said.

"I believe wholeheartedly that it was the cure for me," she said. Her only lasting symptom has been seizures, which medicines help control. "Most people wouldn't guess that I had brain cancer."

SIDE EFFECTS

The treatment causes a lot of brain inflammation, and two thirds of patients had side effects. The most common ones were headaches, muscle weakness, seizure, trouble swallowing and altered thinking skills. Doctors stressed that these were due to the immune response in the brain and that no one got polio as a result of treatment.

One patient had serious brain bleeding right after the procedure. Two patients died relatively soon after treatment — one from worsening of the tumor and the other from complications of a drug given to manage a side effect. The planned doses had to be reduced because there were too many seizures and other problems at the higher doses initially chosen.

One independent expert, Dr. Howard Fine, brain tumor chief at New York-Presbyterian and Weill Cornell Medicine, said it was disappointing to see no improvement on median survival, but encouraging to see "extraordinary responders, a small group of patients who have done markedly better than one would expect."

The numbers in the study are small, but it's unusual to see many alive after several years, and suggests the approach merits more and bigger studies, he said.

NEXT STEPS

The National Cancer Institute manufactured the modified virus. Federal grants and several charities funded the work. Some study leaders have formed a company that licenses patents on the treatment from Duke.

Duke has started a second study in adults, combining the poliovirus with chemotherapy, to try to improve response rates. A study in children with brain tumors also is underway, and studies for breast cancer and the skin cancer melanoma also are planned.

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Immigrant parents await word about children's fate

By MORGAN LEE, Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — They came from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, with children in tow. Some were fleeing violence. Others were looking for a better life.

They didn't know they would be separated from their children after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border due to a zero-tolerance policy that called for prosecuting every adult who entered the country illegally.

Five parents out of a group of more than 30 who were recently released from federal custody pending the outcome of their immigration and asylum cases shared their stories Monday during a news conference in El Paso. They have found temporary shelter with a Texas charity organization, with their locations tracked by ankle monitors.

Some have no idea where their children are. Others do but can't say with any certainty when they might see them again. Their children range in age from 4 to 17.

One father said he felt broken without his teenage son, while another cried over his daughter. A mother wiped away tears, fearing that her 4-year-old son believes she abandoned him.

They are just a few of the many families who have been thrust into the center of a long simmering debate over how to handle the flood of migrants on the southern border. The five immigrants spoke on the condition that their last names not be used for fear of deportation by U.S. authorities.

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Detained on June 15, she and her 6-year-old son clung to each other after learning they would be separated and that she was being sent to jail.

The 40-year-old single mother from Honduras asked that they be deported together immediately. She was told it was too late. She let go and persuaded her son to do the same after officials said they would be separated — one way or another.

Iris learned her son is somewhere in Arizona after a social worker contacted a relative. Most of the 32 recently released parents are likely to leave El Paso as they obtain more information and seek out their children.

"I go to sleep at night, and the first thing I do is dream of my son," she said.

MIRIAM

Her 4-year-old son was asleep as immigration agents insisted on separating the two of them in the early morning before dawn.

"If I had known, I never would have come" to the United States, she said.

The Guatemalan mother said she was led to believe when arrested that her son would be returned to her, wherever she was held. She described the boy as tiny and shy.

She located him at a holding facility in New York. When she asked a social worker to speak with him, she was told the boy was angry and would not talk.

"He thinks you abandoned him," she was told.

It's unclear when they might be reunited as she pursues asylum in the U.S.

CHRISTIAN

After traveling 17 days from Honduras to reach the U.S. border, he was arrested for crossing illegally.

"They said I had violated the laws of the United States," said the 23-year-old farmhand. "I said, yes, I accept that, but could they take me away with my daughter."

He broke down while recounting that his 5-year-old daughter was more afraid for him, knowing that he was going to jail.

Christian spoke to his daughter a week ago, when an official with the local sheriff's office intervened to find her at a holding facility in Chicago.

MELVIN

The Honduran immigrant and his 17-year-old son were turned away from a port of entry at El Paso while seeking asylum.

The two opted out of desperation to cross illegally, wandering through a drying concrete culvert along the border as night approached. They feared rumors of migrants being taken and held for ransom by gangs in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

They were arrested by U.S. authorities and separated soon after, exchanging a simple goodbye. Melvin said he doesn't know where his son is being held.

MARIO

The 32-year-old Honduran father spoke of the pain of being separated from his 10-year-old daughter and only child as her birthday came and went Monday, without knowing where she was being held.

He was detained May 25 at a fence that marks the U.S.-Mexico border.

He said authorities provided a phone number to seek information about the whereabouts of his daughter but there has been no answer.

"Since they took my daughter, I haven't heard anything," he said, noting that an attorney was assisting him.

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Prince William kicks off busy day in Israel at Yad Vashem

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prince William started his busy Israel tour Tuesday with a visit to Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and meetings with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

William arrived Monday night in the first-ever official visit by a member of the British royal family to the tumultuous region London once ruled.

The Duke met two survivors who escaped Nazi Germany for the safety of Britain. The memorial has recognized Prince William's great-grandmother, Princess Alice, as part of the Righteous Among the Nations for her role in rescuing Jews during the Holocaust.

Yad Vashem said Princess Alice "hid the three members of the Cohen family - Rachel, Tilda and Michelle - in her palace in Athens during the Nazi occupation of Greece."

It said: "Princess Alice personally saw to it that the members of the persecuted Jewish family had everything they needed, and even visited them in their hiding place, spending many hours in their company."

Thanks to her, the Cohen family survived and today lives in France, it said.

The princess died in 1969 and in 1988 her remains were brought to Jerusalem.

In a private 1994 visit to Yad Vashem, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, planted a tree there in his mother's honor.

Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev is guiding Prince William through the memorial's exhibitions detailing the death of 6 million Jews systematically killed by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during World War II.

After the visit, Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara hosted the Prince at the prime minister's residence.

Though the trip is being billed as non-political, and places a special emphasis on technology and joint Israeli-Arab projects, William is also meeting with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, and visiting landmark Jerusalem sites at the heart of the century-old conflict.

Three decades of British rule between the two world wars helped establish some of the fault lines of today's Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Britain's withdrawal in 1948 led to the eventual establishment of Israel and Jordan.

Britain has since taken a back seat to the United States in mediating peace efforts, and the royal family has mostly steered clear of the region's toxic politics.

For the 36-year-old William, second in line to the throne, it marks a high-profile visit that could burnish his international credentials.

Harley, stung by tariffs, shifts some production overseas

By IVAN MORENO, Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Production of Harley-Davidson motorcycles sold in Europe will move from U.S. factories to facilities overseas, the Milwaukee-based company announced Monday, a consequence of the retaliatory tariffs the EU is imposing on American exports in an escalating trade war with the Trump administration.

President Donald Trump has used the iconic American motorcycle maker as an example of a U.S. business harmed by trade barriers in other countries, but Harley had warned that tariffs could negatively impact its sales.

Trump tweeted Monday that he's surprised that Harley-Davidson was first "to wave the White Flag" in the tariff dispute between the U.S. and the European Union.

"Surprised that Harley-Davidson, of all companies, would be the first to wave the White Flag. I fought hard for them and ultimately they will not pay tariffs selling into the E.U., which has hurt us badly on trade, down \$151 Billion. Taxes just a Harley excuse - be patient! #MAGA," Trump tweeted.

A Harley-Davidson spokesman said the company had nothing to say in response to Trump's tweet beyond its filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The European Union on Friday began rolling out tariffs on American imports including bourbon, peanut butter and orange juice. The EU tariffs on \$3.4 billion worth of U.S. products are retaliation for duties the Trump administration is imposing on European steel and aluminum.

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The company said in a regulatory filing Monday that EU tariffs on its motorcycles exported from the U.S. jumped between 6 percent and 31 percent, adding about \$2,200 per average motorcycle exported from the U.S. to the EU.

The impact on U.S. workers because of Harley-Davidson's decision was not immediately clear. Harley-Davidson declined interview requests Monday but said in prepared remarks that the company "maintains a strong commitment to U.S.-based manufacturing which is valued by riders globally."

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders defended Trump's trade policies Monday during a press briefing.

"The EU is attempting to punish U.S. workers with unfair and discriminatory trade policies, and President Trump will continue to push for free, fair and reciprocal trade and hopes that the EU will join us in that," Sanders said.

Harley-Davidson Inc. sold almost 40,000 motorcycles in the EU last year, its second-largest market after the United States, according to the company. The EU sales make up almost 16.4 percent of Harley-Davidson's worldwide sales. In the U.S., Harley-Davidson sold 147,972 motorcycles last year, according to company data.

"Increasing international production to alleviate the EU tariff burden is not the company's preference, but represents the only sustainable option to make its motorcycles accessible to customers in the EU and maintain a viable business in Europe," the company said in its prepared remarks.

Harley-Davidson said it will not raise its prices to avert "an immediate and lasting detrimental impact" on sales in Europe. It will instead absorb a significant amount of the cost in the near term. It anticipates the cost for the rest of the year to be approximately \$30 million to \$45 million.

Shifting the production overseas could take up to 18 months, the motorcycle maker said.

The company is already struggling with falling sales. In January, it said it would consolidate its Kansas City, Missouri, plant into its York, Pennsylvania, facility. U.S. motorcycle sales peaked at more than 1.1 million in 2005 but then plummeted during the recession. It wasn't immediately known whether any other facilities would be consolidated.

"Harley-Davidson's announcement today is the latest slap in the face to the loyal, highly-skilled workforce that made Harley an iconic American brand," Robert Martinez Jr., president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said in a statement. The union represents Harley-Davidson workers in Milwaukee, and the Kansas City and York plants.

"Will Harley use any excuse to ship jobs overseas?" Martinez added. "Does Harley even understand what 'Made in America' means?"

The Trump administration has started fights with trading partners around the world, imposing tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, provoking retaliation from close U.S. allies including the European Union, Canada, Mexico and Turkey. And it has announced tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods — a tariff list that could swell to \$450 billion if Beijing refuses to back down and counterpunches with retaliatory moves.

"More firms will follow Harley's lead and move production overseas," says Mary Lovely, a Syracuse University economist who studies trade. "Can't blame them. Many companies are being put in very difficult positions."

Lovely said Harley and other companies face retaliatory tariffs in Europe and elsewhere if they try to export products. Trump's tariffs also raise costs on imported parts they need to manufacture in the United States.

Meanwhile, the maker of Jack Daniel's, Brown-Forman Corp., said Monday it would have to raise the price of its product sold in the EU because of the tariff hike, Bloomberg reported.

Wisconsin's elected leaders said the decision pointed to the need to expand markets.

"This is further proof of the harm from unilateral tariffs," said AshLee Strong, a spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican. "The best way to help American workers, consumers, and manufacturers is to open new markets for them, not to raise barriers to our own market."

Gov. Scott Walker echoed those comments, saying increasing markets for Wisconsin and American-made

goods will reduce the trade imbalance and needs for tariffs.

"The ultimate goal, if we could get there, is no tariffs or if anything few tariffs on anything," said Walker, a Republican. "That's what I'm going to push for, ways that we can get to a level playing field then we don't have this tit for tat on any number of products out there."

Associated Press writer Scott Bauer contributed from Madison, Wisconsin and AP Business Writer Paul Wiseman contributed from Washington.

For the latest information about Harley-Davidson: <https://apnews.com/4806d760ecfb4607a219f90c98e29a9>

What's that sound? Singapore scare highlights US concern

By JOSH LEDERMAN and MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Donald Trump was heading to Singapore for a historic summit with North Korea's leader, a State Department diplomatic security agent who was part of the advance team reported hearing an unusual sound he believed was similar to what was experienced by U.S. diplomats in Cuba and China who later became ill.

The agent immediately underwent medical screening — part of a new U.S. government protocol established to respond to such potential health incidents anywhere in the world. And while the president was flying to the Southeast Asian city state, the U.S. delegation preparing for his arrival was exchanging urgent messages with the State Department headquarters back in Washington, including the agency's Diplomatic Security and the U.S. Secret Service.

It turned out to be a false alarm, according to four U.S. officials familiar with the matter, who were not authorized to speak to the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. But the rapid response underscored how seriously the Trump administration views the potential risks at far-flung diplomatic outposts. So far, Americans who have served in at least seven cities in four countries have been tested for possible exposure, with 26 Americans "medically confirmed" to have been hurt.

The incidents have become a new source of anxiety for U.S. officials working overseas and their families — one that remains shrouded in mystery because of investigators' inability to say what or who is responsible for the unexplained incidents that started more than 18 months ago. Cuba patients have been found to have a range of symptoms and diagnoses including mild traumatic brain injury, also known as concussions.

Medical officials at the State Department are now encouraging U.S. diplomats abroad to be proactive in immediately reporting suspicious sounds or unexplained symptoms, an aggressive approach that U.S. officials described as "an abundance of caution."

In the immediate aftermath of the first Cuba incidents, there was no established procedure for how to investigate incidents or treat patients. Over many months, State Department officials working with doctors from the University of Pennsylvania, along with a Miami doctor initially dispatched to Havana, have developed a thorough, formalized protocol that involves screening prospective patients for the most rapid-onset symptoms of brain injury. Diplomats newly sent to posts including Havana are given "baseline" screenings so that if they later report an incident, their tests results can be compared to their results from before they arrived in the country.

Details of the previously unreported incident in Singapore, which ended up having no impact on the June 12 meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, are emerging as the White House moves ahead with planning for Trump's next high-stakes, face-to-face meeting with a foreign leader outside the United States: a potential mid-July summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin next month in the Austrian capital of Vienna.

To be sure, there has been no determination by the U.S. that the health incidents have occurred in locations other than Cuba and China. Until late last month, the only known incidents affected U.S. officials in Havana who were struck by what the State Department called "specific attacks."

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Yet, the discovery in May of at least one case in China — affecting an American employee at the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou — has added to the sense that any unusual sound or concerning physical symptom should be treated with seriousness until a suspicious incident can be ruled out, U.S. diplomats told The Associated Press.

Asked for comment about the Singapore incident, the State Department would say only that “the health, safety, and well-being of U.S. citizens and U.S. government employees and their family members are our greatest concern.”

“For privacy reasons we are not able to provide information on individual medical cases,” it added.

Similar concern prompted a USAID employee in Uzbekistan to be pulled out of the Central Asian country for medical testing late last year after reporting symptoms he suspected resulted from the same kind of “health attack” that then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson had warned about in Cuba. That warning was accompanied by a new travel warning for Americans living in or visiting Cuba and a steep reduction in staffing at what was then the 1-year-old U.S. Embassy in Havana.

The State Department ultimately suggested it was a false alarm, saying that after medical testing, the worker was not diagnosed with the conditions observed in Cuba.

But once evidence that the incidents might not be confined to Cuba emerged with the Guangzhou case, U.S. officials reviewed other health complaints, including one of the child of an American couple posted to another consulate in China, according to officials. That also turned out to be negative, although a State Department medical team is still in China visiting all U.S. diplomatic missions there to conduct screenings of employees and family members who ask for them.

As of late last week, nearly 200 have taken the offer up to date, although only a handful — less than a dozen — have been evacuated to the U.S. for further review by neurological experts at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Ambassador Ronald Neumann, president of the American Academy of Diplomacy, said diplomats sign up to serve knowing there are risks to their health and safety. He said the mission takes priority because the United States can’t afford to cut off relations with other countries, especially those as powerful as China.

“In some places it’s more violence, in some places its disease. Now we’ve got a new one that nobody knows what the hell it is,” said Neumann, who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen and other high-risk posts. “So you do the best to give diplomats and families options, and you soldier on, because that’s what the profession is about.”

Trump’s clout within GOP on the line in Tuesday elections

By **STEVE PEOPLES** and **MEG KINNARD**, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — President Donald Trump is not on the ballot, but he has invested time, energy and political capital in a slate of primary contests across America that will again test his clout within his own party.

Voters weigh in on candidates in seven states Tuesday, but the contest that matters most to Trump is South Carolina, where he appeared at a rally to help Gov. Henry McMaster hours before polls opened. The Republican governor, one of Trump’s first high-profile supporters, is fighting for his political life against self-made millionaire John Warren in a runoff election that threatens to embarrass the White House if McMaster falls short.

“Henry was for me from the beginning. There was nobody else,” Trump said Monday night before giving his audience an order: “Get your asses out tomorrow and vote.”

The South Carolina gubernatorial race headlined the latest in a series of primary contests that stretched across New York, Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, Maryland and Mississippi on Tuesday. With the November general election nearly four months away, more than half of all states will have selected their general-election candidates after the day’s votes are counted.

History suggests that Trump’s Republican Party, like the political party of virtually every first-term president dating back to Ronald Reagan in 1982, will face heavy losses this fall. Yet it remains unclear whether

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Democrats' enthusiasm advantage demonstrated in the early months of Trump's presidency will be enough to seize control of Congress and key governor's offices nationwide.

It is clear, however, that Trump will be an active participant in the GOP's fight to maintain power.

As he has in other states with mixed success over the last year, the president also injected himself into marquee races Tuesday in New York, where a convicted felon is fighting for his old job, and in Utah, where the 2012 Republican presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, is seeking a political comeback as a 71-year-old freshman senator.

Trump last month stepped into a messy congressional primary in New York City's only Republican stronghold, Staten Island, calling for the re-election of GOP Rep. Dan Donovan. Standing in his way: Michael Grimm, who held the seat until 2015, when he pleaded guilty to knowingly hiring immigrants in the country without legal authorization to work at his Manhattan restaurant and cooking the books to hide income and evade taxes.

Grimm, who served seven months in prison for the offenses, was also known for his tough-guy talk while in Congress, where he once threatened, on camera, to break a reporter in half "like a boy" and throw him from a balcony.

Elsewhere in New York, a handful of incumbent congressmen from both parties could lose their jobs. They include Rep. Joe Crowley, considered a candidate to become the next House speaker should Democrats win the majority. He is locked in his first serious Democratic primary in more than a decade.

Political newcomer Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a 28-year-old former aide to the late Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy, hopes to take down the Democratic leader. While Crowley is backed by many unions, Ocasio-Cortez has been endorsed by a handful of influential liberal groups, including MoveOn.

More than 2,000 miles (3,200 kilometers) away in deep-red Utah, Trump also endorsed Romney, who once served as the face of the "Never Trump" movement but has since warmed to the Trump presidency.

The former Massachusetts governor is facing little-known state Rep. Mike Kennedy, who questions Romney's conservative credentials and ability to work well with the president. Kennedy won over far-right conservatives at the state GOP convention earlier in the year, but he's expected to struggle among more moderate Republican voters — including many Trump critics — around the state.

In a weekend op-ed published in The Salt Lake Tribune, Romney wrote that the Trump administration's policies have exceeded his expectations in its first year, but he pledged to "continue to speak out when the president says or does something which is divisive, racist, sexist, anti-immigrant, dishonest or destructive to democratic institutions."

Not to be forgotten Tuesday: races to determine gubernatorial candidates in Maryland, Colorado and Oklahoma. Oklahoma is also deciding whether to legalize the cultivation, possession and use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

But the most significant test of Trump's influence comes in South Carolina, where McMaster — elevated to the state's top office last year when Nikki Haley became U.N. ambassador — is in jeopardy. Two weeks ago, the sitting governor failed to win the GOP primary outright, requiring a runoff election this week with Warren.

Warren, a millionaire businessman and a Marine, has argued that his outsider candidacy makes him, not longtime GOP establishment figure McMaster, more akin to Trump. McMaster shocked even his closest advisers when, as lieutenant governor in early 2016, he became the first statewide-elected official in the country to back Trump's White House bid.

The White House has been throwing everything at its disposal into the race to save McMaster. Trump visited the state for a fundraiser last year. Vice President Mike Pence appeared at a campaign rally with McMaster over the weekend.

Trump dedicated only a few minutes of his hourlong rambling speech to the Republican governor he was there to support. But McMaster got the image he wanted as he embraced Trump while they briefly shared the stage.

"He's a fighter," Trump said of McMaster. "He's tough and he's strong."

McMaster, given his turn to speak, called Trump "a real force of nature."

Migrant kids could end up in already strained foster system

By JESSE J. HOLLAND, Associated Press

Foster care advocates say the government won't likely be able to reunite thousands of children separated from parents who crossed the border illegally, and some will end up in an American foster care system that is stacked against Latinos and other minorities.

With few Spanish-speaking caseworkers, it's a challenge tracking down family members of the children who live south of the U.S.-Mexico border, and other relatives living in the states might be afraid to step forward to claim them because of fears of being detained or deported themselves.

Many complications have arisen for these separated families since the Trump administration adopted its "zero-tolerance" policy on entering the country illegally. As many as 2,300 children have been taken from their migrant parents at the border and long-term treatment of them is a concern.

"Because they are Latino and because their relatives are living, not in Europe, not in Asia, but down south of the border, they are going to be discriminated against," said Richard Villasana, founder of Forever Homes for Foster Kids, who concentrates on locating relatives of foster children. "That's exactly what's going to happen to these migrant kids. The probability they are going to get better treatment than our U.S.-born Latino children? It's not going to happen."

Those children who do get placed with families face the likelihood of losing their language and culture, which advocates say could have a detrimental effect on how they develop.

Peter Schey, the attorney in a lawsuit resulting in the 1997 Flores settlement that generally bars children from being kept in immigration detention for more than 20 days and is now being challenged by the Trump administration, said he was concerned that several thousand children have already been separated from their parents "without the Trump administration having any effective procedures in place to reunite children with their parents, many of whom have already been deported."

Officials have said they are working to reunite families as soon as possible but have provided no clear answers on how that will happen. The children are now in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement, and can be "held in a temporary shelter or hosted by an appropriate family."

The Homeland Security Department said in fiscal year 2017, before the zero tolerance policy began, it was able to place 90 percent of its children with either a parent or close relative. And Immigration and Customs Enforcement is working on "dedicating a facility as its primary family reunification and removal center," a briefing sheet said.

However, many child welfare professionals worry these children will "end up in a child welfare system where we already have thousands of children across this country where many of them are trying to reunify" with parents and relatives, said Maria L. Quintanilla, founder and executive director of the Latino Family Institute.

In 2016, more than 91,000 Hispanic or Latino children were in the foster care system in the United States, according to government data. Hispanic children made up a little more than 1 in 5 — 21 percent — of all children in foster care in September 2016, according to the most recent data available. That was an increase from 10 years earlier, when Hispanic children made up 19 percent of the foster care population.

More than 54,000 Hispanic children entered foster care in 2016, with more than 25,000 waiting to be adopted at the end of the fiscal year. More than 53,000 exited the foster care system that year because they were reunified with their parents, adopted or entered guardianship with another family.

By comparison, there were more than 191,000 non-Hispanic white children in foster care in fiscal 2016, with around 127,000 entering the system, 112,000 exiting the system and 51,000 waiting to be adopted at the end of the fiscal year.

In a July 2017 paper, San Diego State University economics department chair Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Oxford University professor Esther Arenas-Arroyo wrote that the increase in immigration enforcement between 2001 and 2015 contributed to raising the share of Hispanic children in foster care between 15 and 21 percent.

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Villasana said it's rare that foster care agencies will go the extra mile to find families who live in Mexico or Latin America for children already in the foster care system.

"These migrant kids are going to be put into the same discriminatory system that discriminates against a Latino child because their relatives happen to be located south of the border," Villasana said. "You've got individuals who will not pay to bring in someone who speaks Spanish, understands Spanish, can read Spanish and knows the country and knows how to proceed in this matter, and will pick up the phone and go do this work."

There are some people who will, but "we're talking about the exceptions rather than the rule," he added. "The rule primarily for the United States is that those children are not going to go anywhere."

If they end up in the foster care system, social workers will be concerned with trying to place them with families, given that they know the children just came into the United States with relatives or to stay with relatives who might not want to risk being deported to claim them, Quintanilla said.

"I would be very, very cautious about wanting to work with a child we know for a fact has a family," she said. "Why would we want to place that child with another family, a nonrelated family, with the only crime being the government's zero-tolerance policy (keeping relatives from claiming the children)?"

Cultural concerns also come into play as children can find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings after being separated from their parents — possibly in households where their native language isn't spoken, Quintanilla said.

"It's difficult for any child to be separated from their parents, regardless of what the circumstances are, but if you're placed in a home that doesn't look like you, that doesn't have the familiar smells that doesn't have the familiar rituals, it just adds on to the loss for this child," she said.

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

Trump makes runoff election for SC governor about him, too

By **KEN THOMAS** and **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**, Associated Press

WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — President Donald Trump campaigned Monday for the state's GOP governor, who is in a tense runoff election — but made the vote all about himself, too.

Speaking of Gov. Henry McMaster, Trump told an overflow rally crowd: "If a horrible thing happened and we weren't lucky enough to have Henry win ... they will say Donald Trump suffered a major, major defeat in the great state of South Carolina. It was a humiliating defeat for Donald Trump."

"So please, get your asses out tomorrow and vote," he said.

Trump did allow that his reputation wasn't the only reason to back McMaster: "You've got to get out there and vote and, honestly, not for that reason." And while Trump suggested he was joking, he did put his own credibility on the line by going all-in for McMaster.

The president also used the rally to revisit past battles by digging into his tough trade negotiations with U.S. allies, his ongoing fight with Democrats over immigration, his 2016 election and a long-running feud with television's late-night talk-show hosts.

Trump arrived an hour late after storms forced Air Force One to circle South Carolina's capital city.

"I have never taken a longer trip ever to South Carolina," he joked later, before quickly imploring Republicans to back McMaster in Tuesday's contest against Greenville businessman John Warren, a political newcomer.

In a steamy high school gymnasium where supporters fanned themselves with red "McMaster Governor" signs, Trump elicited boos at his mention of Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters of California.

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Trump said earlier Monday on Twitter that Waters should "be careful" after she urged the public to make Trump administration officials feel unwelcome wherever they go in public. Waters spoke in response to Trump's immigration policy of separating families at the U.S.-Mexico border and after the owner of a Virginia restaurant asked White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders to leave the establishment because she works for Trump.

Trump again accused Democrats of wanting open borders and portrayed himself as the nation's defender. "If you don't have borders, you don't have a country," he said. "Democrats want open borders and they don't mind crime."

Trump also lit into late-night comedians Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel and Stephen Colbert, suggesting they lack talent.

"Johnny Carson was talented. This guy on CBS has no talent," he said, referring to Colbert. Trump said that Kimmel fawned over him when he appeared on Kimmel's show and that he recently had to tell Fallon to "be a man" and not apologize for messing up Trump's hair during a 2016 appearance.

All three comics are Trump critics to varying degrees. Fallon recently told The Hollywood Reporter that he "made a mistake" when he mussed up Trump's hair on the Sept. 15, 2016, episode and said he would do it differently. Trump tweeted at Fallon to stop "whimpering" about it, and Fallon tweeted back to say he was making a donation in Trump's name to a nonprofit group that provides legal assistance to immigrant children, families and refugees in Texas.

The rally, in a state where Trump triumphed in a key Republican primary and easily defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016, also brought chants of "Lock her up!" when he mentioned his vanquished rival, and "Build that wall!" when he delved into the immigration debate.

Hearing the chants, the president issued a correction: "It's not 'build that wall' anymore. It's 'continue building that wall.'" He pointed to a \$1.6 billion down payment he secured last year, well short of the \$25 billion he has requested from Congress.

The president insisted that he had been dealt a "bad hand" on a number of trade deals and recounted his recent dealings with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. He said Trudeau didn't know "Air Force One has 22 televisions" so he watched as Trudeau criticized Trump for hitting Canada with tariffs.

McMaster, a former lieutenant governor, became the nation's first statewide elected official to endorse Trump in January 2016. He became governor after Trump tapped then-South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to be his ambassador to the United Nations.

The winner of Tuesday's runoff will face Democratic state Rep. James Smith in November. The Republican-leaning state hasn't elected a Democratic governor since Jim Hodges in 1998.

Superville reported from Washington.

Drought-stricken West braces as wildfire season flares up

By PAUL ELIAS, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Thousands fled their homes as major wildfires encroached on a charred area of Northern California still recovering from severe blazes in recent years, sparking concern the state may be in for another destructive series of wildfires this summer.

Severe drought has already forced officials in several western states to close national parks as precautions against wildfires and issue warnings throughout the region to prepare for the worst.

In California, officials said unusually hot weather, high winds and highly flammable vegetation turned brittle by drought helped fuel the fires that began over the weekend, the same conditions that led to the state's deadliest and most destructive fire year in 2017.

Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday declared a state of emergency in Lake County, where the biggest fire was raging about 120 miles (190 kilometers) north of San Francisco, a rural region particularly hard-hit by fires in recent years. The declaration will enable officials to receive more state resources to fight the fire and for recovery.

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Jim Steele, an elected supervisor, said the county is impoverished and its fire-fighting equipment antiquated. He also said the county has just a few roads into and out of the region, which can hinder response time. Steele said the area has also been susceptible to fire for many decades because dense brush and trees in the sparsely populated area, but the severity of the latest blazes is unexpected.

"What's happened with the more warming climate is we get low humidity and higher winds and then when we get a fire that's worse than it's been in those 50 years," Steele said.

The fire that broke out Saturday evening has forced 3,000 residents from their homes and destroyed at least 22 buildings. It is the latest devastating blaze to rip through the isolated and impoverished county of just 65,000 people in the last few years.

In 2015, a series of fires destroyed 2,000 buildings and killed four people.

The following year, an arsonist started a fire that wiped out 300 buildings.

Last year, the county was among those ravaged by a string of fires that ripped through Northern California wine country.

"I think we're all just so traumatized and overwhelmed with all these fires year after year, this whole community is at a breaking point," said Terri Gonsalves, 55, who evacuated her home around midnight Sunday.

She put four goats into her truck after she looked out her back window and saw a big hill aflame. She is staying with her daughter in nearby Middletown, a small city where dozens of homes were destroyed in 2015. "When this stuff happens, we rally around each other."

Fire Battalion Chief Jonathan Cox said more than 230 firefighters were battling the Lake County fire in a rugged area that made it difficult to get equipment close to the blaze.

A forestry scientist says it's difficult to forecast how severe California's wildfires will be this year, but said the drought-dried vegetation throughout the state is a bad omen.

"You have a lot of grass and it's dry and that's cause for concern," said Keith Gillless, the dean of the University of California, Berkeley's department of environmental science.

Authorities on Monday afternoon lifted evacuation orders in Tehama County, where two wildfires were burning. Multiple homes and businesses in the city of Red Bluff were destroyed.

A Red Bluff police officer helping residents evacuate lost his home, authorities said. Red Bluff Police Lt. Matt Hansen said people had donated about \$10,000 in cash along with furniture and clothing to the family as they search for a rental home.

Residents also fled a wildfire in Shasta County.

No cause has been determined for any of the fires.

Last year, California's costliest fires killed 44 people and tore through the state's wine country in October, causing an estimated \$10 billion in damage.

While the weekend's blazes were the first major ones of the season to hit California, others have raged throughout the west for weeks. Earlier this month, a Colorado wildfire forced residents of more than 2,000 homes to evacuate. The last evacuees returned home last week.

The fire north of Durango was in the Four Corners Region where Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah meet — the epicenter of a large U.S. Southwest swath of exceptional drought, the worst category of drought.

Moderate to extreme drought conditions affect those four states plus parts of Nevada, California, Oregon, Oklahoma and Texas, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Associated Press writers Lorin Eleni Gill and Janie Har contributed to this story from San Francisco.

A day with Border Patrol: imperiled infant, distraught dad

By ELLIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The 4-month-old Honduran had just entered the United States illegally with a man who first claimed to be her father, then said he was her uncle, and presented what appeared to be a false birth certificate.

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The girl, wrapped in white bedding, was placed in a white crib under close watch of U.S. investigators, who waited for a Honduran consular official to arrive Monday. She was among about 1,100 people in a former warehouse that tripled in size last year, largely to accommodate people — many from Central America — traveling as families, and children traveling alone.

Customs and Border Protection allowed news media organizations to tour of the 77,000-square-foot facility in McAllen on Monday on condition that no photos or video be taken. Families and children rested under shiny thermal blankets in cells of chain-link fences adorned with high-hanging televisions. They exited their cells for a lunch of a sandwich and apples.

After a similar facility in Nogales, Arizona, built for an influx of Central Americans in 2014 closed, McAllen's "Ursula" processing center — named for the street on which it is located — became the agency's only holding facility in the country with chain-link fences to detain children and families. There are separate pods for boys who came alone, girls who came alone and parents with their young children. Some older children are split from their parents to avoid having them mix with much younger children.

Within 72 hours, the adults and families are turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and unaccompanied children are turned over to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The agency also gave reporters a tour of the McAllen station's area of responsibility along the snaking Rio Grande, the nation's busiest station after the key drivers of illegal immigration shifted over the last decade from adult Mexican men entering in Arizona to Central American families and unaccompanied children crossing the river on Texas' southern tip.

Two Honduran women — one with a 12-year-old daughter and one with a year-old boy — and two teenagers turned themselves in to Border Patrol agents a short distance from the river. The smuggler escaped back to Mexico on a dirt road surrounded on both sides by a lush landscape of mesquite trees and thorny brush.

Agents found Gerberht Charac, 19, on the roof of a trailer with a fellow Guatemalan seeking to elude authorities. Charac said he agreed to pay a smuggler \$12,000 to get from Guatemala to Houston, where he planned to join a friend. He swam across the Rio Grande and stayed in a smuggling organization's house before getting caught.

"I had hopes of making it," Charac said after he choked up explaining that he came to the U.S. to provide for his wife and daughter who stayed behind in Guatemala.

Authorities abandon 'zero-tolerance' for immigrant families

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and MORGAN LEE, Associated Press

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The Trump administration has scaled back a key element of its zero-tolerance immigration policy amid a global uproar over the separation of more than 2,300 migrant families, halting the practice of turning over parents to prosecutors for charges of illegally entering the country.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said Monday that President Donald Trump's order last week to stop splitting immigrant families at the border required a temporary halt to prosecuting parents and guardians, unless they had criminal history or the child's welfare was in question. He insisted the White House's zero tolerance policy toward illegal entry remained intact.

McAleenan's comments came shortly after Attorney General Jeff Sessions defended the administration's tactics in a speech in Nevada and asserted that many children were brought to the border by violent gang members.

Together, their remarks added to the nationwide confusion as mothers and fathers struggled to reunite families that were split up by the government and sometimes sent to different parts of the country.

Families are growing increasingly frustrated in trying to reunite with their children after weeks apart.

A mother from Guatemala wiped tears from her eyes Monday as she told reporters in El Paso, Texas, about her 4-year-old son being taken away after they crossed the border.

The boy ended up at a shelter in New York. When the mother contacted a social worker to speak with her son, she was told that the child was angry and didn't want to talk because he believed his mother

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had abandoned him.

The mother was one of five parents who described their ordeals to reporters in El Paso. Speaking Spanish and all wearing ankle bracelets, the parents said they have not been told when they will see their sons and daughters again.

Addressing reporters in Texas, McAleenan said he stopped sending cases of parents charged with illegally entering the country to prosecutors "within hours" after Trump signed an executive order last week to cease the separations.

The commissioner and Sessions insisted that the administration's policy remains in effect, even though immigrant parents are no longer being prosecuted under the new guidelines McAleenan said he is working on a plan to resume prosecutions.

"We can work on a plan where adults who bring kids across, who violate our laws, who risk their lives at the border could be prosecuted without an extended separation from their children," he said. "We're looking at how to implement that now."

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders stressed that the administration's reversal was only temporary because the government is running out of resources.

"We're going to run out of space," she said. "We're going to run out of resources to keep people together."

Providing a glimpse of relief, McAleenan said border apprehensions in June were trending "lower" from previous months but he declined to be more specific until numbers are released July 8.

Speaking at a school-safety conference in Reno, Sessions cast the children as victims of a broken immigration system and urged Congress to act.

While hundreds of protesters rallied outside a hotel-casino, the attorney general said more than 80 percent of children crossing the border arrive alone, without parents or guardians, and are "often sent with a paid smuggler. We can only guess how many never make it to our border during that dangerous journey."

He claimed the MS-13 gang "is recruiting children who were sent here as unaccompanied minors, and some are brought to help replenish the gang. And they are terrorizing immigrant schools and communities from Los Angeles to Louisville to Long Island to Boston. They are able to do so because we do not have a secure southwest border."

He said five children had been found at the border carrying a combined 35 pounds of fentanyl, the powerful synthetic opioid drug blamed for an epidemic of overdose deaths nationwide.

Just outside the building where Sessions spoke, more than 200 protesters opposed to the administration's immigration policies blocked a busy road. The coalition of civil rights, religious and union activists carried signs and drums and were joined by a mariachi band. Some sat in a busy roadway for while police diverted traffic around them.

No arrests were reported.

McAleenan's remarks follow an announcement last week by the federal public defender's office in El Paso that federal prosecutors would no longer bring criminal charges against parents entering the U.S. if they have their child with them.

Amid the confusion, some Democratic members of Congress reiterated their frustrations that the Trump administration had not released its plan for reunifying families.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut was among those who toured a shelter at the Tornillo border crossing in West Texas.

"I think there is very, very powerful consensus on both sides of the aisle that reunification should be done immediately," Blumenthal said. "These stories are gut-wrenching and heartbreaking of children 6 and 7 years old, separated from their parents, not know where they are and the parents not knowing where their children are."

U.S. defense officials said the administration had chosen two military bases in Texas to house detained migrants. An official says Fort Bliss will house families and Goodfellow Air Force Base will house detained unaccompanied children. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record about a pending announcement.

As many as 2,300 children were separated from their migrant parents from the time the administration

adopted the zero-tolerance policy until June 9, officials have said.

The temporary shelter at Tornillo was close to its 360-person capacity. Reporters were allowed Monday to briefly visit the shelter, where more than 320 children ages 13 to 17 are being held in air conditioned tents. A facility administrator told reporters that the main complaint he hears from children on site is that the tents get too cold sometimes.

About half were from Guatemala, and 23 of the children had been separated from adults who accompanied them across the border.

Reporters were not allowed to enter any tents holding children. Two girls who stopped briefly in front of reporters said that they were doing well.

The exact process to reunite families has been unclear because migrants are first stopped by Customs and Border Protection. Then children are transferred to the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services, while adults are detained through Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is under the Department of Homeland Security.

Justice Department officials have asked a federal judge to amend a class-action settlement that governs how children are treated in immigration custody. Right now, children can only be detained with their families for 20 days. Trump administration officials are seeking to detain them together indefinitely as their cases progress.

Associated Press writers Lolita C. Baldor and Robert Burns in Washington, D.C.; Ken Ritter in Las Vegas; Scott Sonner in Reno, Nevada; Susan Montoya Bryan in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and John L. Mone in El Paso, Texas, also contributed to this report.

Detainees released days after AP report on UAE-run prisons

By MAGGIE MICHAEL, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — With hugs and kisses, family and friends of a Yemeni actor celebrated Monday after he and at least three other detainees were freed from prisons controlled by the United Arab Emirates in southern Yemen where they had been held without charges for nearly a year.

The actor, Nasser al-Anbari, a well-known comedian who appeared in TV shows and online videos, grinned and waved as he walked among the well-wishers in the southern city of Aden and motorists honked their car horns, a video filmed by his family shows.

"I couldn't believe my eyes. I was filming him while in disbelief," said one of al-Anbari's sons. When al-Anbari met with his wife, who has cancer, "the two wept," the son said, speaking on condition of anonymity out of security concerns.

The release on Monday came days after The Associated Press revealed that hundreds of Yemeni prisoners swept up in anti-terror raids by Emirati-backed forces have been subjected to torture and sexual abuse. In Aden's Beir Ahmed prison, where al-Anbari was held, hundreds of inmates were forced to undress and Emirati officers searched their anal cavities March 10, claiming to be looking for contraband cellphones.

At least three others were also freed from various Emirati-linked facilities. One was an elder called Mahmoud al-Baydani, who used to work for the International Committee of the Red Cross to help mediate releases of hostages held by al-Qaida. He had been held at Beir Ahmed and another UAE-controlled prison in Buriqa. One of the others was held in a lockup in the house of Aden's Emirati-backed security chief Shalal Shaye.

A brother of one of the newly released detainees told the AP that "he was freed all of a sudden without notifying the family in advance." The brother said the family found out about his release when he arrived at the house, half an hour later.

A state prosecutor, Mohammed Ali Saleh, declined to say how many detainees were freed on Monday.

Security officials told the AP that more prisoners are expected to be released in the coming days from different secret prisons in Aden.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak to the media.

UAE denied that it controls any prisons in Yemen and said that Yemen's government is in full control.

Yemeni Interior Minister Ahmed al-Maysari has said on previous occasions that he has no control over the prisons and he can't enter Aden without the Emiratis' permission. The UAE is a key U.S. ally whose secret prisons, where torture is said to be widespread, were first reported in an AP investigation last June. The AP has since identified at least five prisons where security forces use sexual torture to brutalize and break inmates.

The AP first asked the Pentagon about abuses committed by the UAE one year ago. Despite reports of torture documented by the AP from former and current detainees, human rights groups and the United Nations, Marine Maj. Adrian Rankine-Galloway, a Pentagon spokesman, said the U.S. has seen no evidence of detainee abuse in Yemen.

"U.S. forces are required to report credible allegations of detainee abuse," he said. "We have received no credible allegations that would substantiate the allegations put forth in your line of question/story."

U.S. officials have acknowledged that American forces receive intelligence from UAE partners and have participated in interrogations in Yemen. Rankine-Galloway said he could not comment on intelligence sharing with partners.

Houston's Harden wins NBA MVP over James and Davis

By BETH HARRIS, AP Sports Writer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Third time was the charm for James Harden.

The Houston Rockets star was voted the NBA's Most Valuable Player after twice being runner-up, beating out four-time winner LeBron James and Anthony Davis of the Pelicans at the NBA Awards on Monday night.

Harden joined Michael Jordan as the only players to average at least 20 points, eight assists, five rebounds and 1.7 steals in a season.

He led the league in scoring, 3-pointers and 50-point games with four while helping the Rockets to an NBA-leading 65 wins.

"The last four years have been like knocking on the door, knocking on the door. Now the moment is finally here," Harden said backstage. "Just every single year you try to come back and be better than you were the year before, and just to be holding that trophy finally, it means a lot."

James didn't attend the show in Barker Hangar at the Santa Monica Airport amid frenzied speculation about his future. He has until Friday to tell the Cavaliers if he will pick up his \$35.6 million option for next season or opt for free agency.

Harden, who is from Los Angeles, led his mother on stage before he accepted the trophy from Commissioner Adam Silver.

"I'm not going to get emotional," he said from behind dark sunglasses. "She's my backbone in good times and bad times."

Harden received a total of 965 points and 86 first-place votes. James finished second with 738 points and 15 first-place votes, while Davis was third with 445 points and no first-place votes.

Harden didn't prepare a speech.

"I felt like last year I should have won as well, so I didn't see a difference between last year and this year," he said backstage. "If I won it, then I was going to go off the top and try to show my appreciation to everybody helping me along the way."

Harden's teammate, Chris Paul, popped up among reporters backstage and asked Harden how many bottles of liquor Rockets CEO Tad Brown would have to buy at the next location.

"Couple cases," Harden said, grinning.

The Rockets had another winner in Daryl Morey, who was honored as Executive of the Year.

In other awards, Ben Simmons of the Philadelphia 76ers won Rookie of the Year.

The guard averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, joining Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson as the only rookies to post those numbers in a season.

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Simmons helped Philadelphia to a 52-30 record, including ending the season with a 16-game winning streak.

He beat out finalists Donovan Mitchell of Utah and Jayson Tatum of Boston.

Guard Victor Oladipo of the Indiana Pacers earned Most Improved Player.

He averaged 23.1 points in his first season with the Pacers while nabbing his first All-Star berth. He also led the league in steals for the first time.

The Defensive Player of the Year went to center Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz.

He was the leading vote-getter for the league's All-Defensive first team while anchoring a Jazz defense that ranked second in the NBA in defensive rating.

Lou Williams of the Los Angeles Clippers took Sixth Man honors.

The guard became the first player to average at least 20 points for the first time in his 13th season or later. He led the league in fourth-quarter points and scoring average.

Williams kissed his two young daughters on his way to the stage after becoming the Clippers' third winner in the last five years.

Dwane Casey was chosen Coach of the Year for his work with the Toronto Raptors, who fired him last month. He has since become coach of the Detroit Pistons.

"Can't look in the rear view mirror," Casey said backstage. "Winston Churchill said success is measured by failure, failure, and then come back with enthusiasm, and that's what I've done."

Casey led the Raptors to the No. 1 seed in the East for the first time in franchise history after winning a team-record 59 games. Casey coached the East in the All-Star Game for the first time.

Casey won over Quin Snyder of Utah and Brad Stevens of Boston.

Robertson received the Lifetime Achievement Award from presenters Charles Barkley and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

After Barkley mentioned last year's recipient Bill Russell, Boston's Hall of Fame center flipped his middle finger in Barkley's direction.

Robertson is the career leader in triple-doubles and was the first player to average one for a season. His antitrust case against the NBA also ushered in free agency for players, which Robertson said was his most important assist.

Backstage, Robertson commended the activism of today's players, although he wondered why more white athletes aren't speaking out.

"The only thing that really bothers me is where are the white athletes when this is happening?" he said. "This is not a black athlete problem. You see injustice in the world. It's all around."

Robertson went on to say he hopes "the whites and the blacks get together, even with the football," a reference to NFL players who have taken a knee or sat in silence during the national anthem to protest police brutality and racial inequality.

Former NBA player Dikembe Mutombo received the Sager Strong Award, named for the late Turner Sports broadcaster. He donned a garish sports coat similar to what Craig Sager always wore.

The Hustle Award went to Amir Johnson of the 76ers.

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House GOP struggles with immigration bill ahead of recess

By LISA MASCARO and ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Struggling to find the votes to pass an immigration overhaul, House Republicans are focusing on a slimmed-down bill to stem the crisis of separating immigrant families at the border.

But even that more modest measure hit uncertainty Monday. President Donald Trump rejected the idea of adding more immigration judges, insisting it would only lead to graft even though supporters say the step could help expedite the logjam of claims that can prolong detentions.

With Congress wavering on the next moves, it's uncertain if lawmakers will be able to swiftly act on

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any bills to address the border crisis despite an outpouring of public concern over reports of immigrant children being separated from their parents.

"We want a system where, when people come in illegally, they have to go out," Trump said Monday during an event at the White House. "A nice simple system that works."

House Republicans were set to meet Tuesday behind closed doors to map out their options for taking action before lawmakers leave town at the end of the week for the Fourth of July holiday recess. Votes may be scheduled for Wednesday. But with Trump's on-again, off-again support, the outlook for passage of the broader immigration overhaul was dimming.

"The president is the fuel that propels this rocket off the pad," said Rep. Mark Walker of North Carolina, chairman of the conservative Republican Study Committee. "If that's not there, no matter how good the framework is, it's going to be challenging."

Still, many Republicans are eager to address the border crisis and distance themselves from the Trump administration's policy that has resulted in more than 2,300 migrant children being separated from their parents.

Even though the president signed an executive order last week reversing the situation, lawmakers heading into a midterm election year want to be able to show constituents back home they voted to end it. Some 500 minors have been reunited so far, officials said.

"I don't know why we wouldn't vote for a bill that keeps families together," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

Senate Republicans have proposed legislation that would lift rules that prevent children from being held longer than 20 days in custody. It would add 200 immigration judges to more quickly process the claims.

But Trump has repeatedly dismissed the need for more judges, and did so again Monday.

"You know what it leads? It leads to graft," Trump said. "It leads to a lot of other things."

Meanwhile, senators soldiered on trying to broker a compromise. Late Monday, Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas was meeting with a top Democrat on immigration issues, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who has drafted an alternative approach.

With the Senate's narrow 51-seat GOP majority, a compromise with Democrats would likely be needed to reach the 60-vote threshold usually required to advance legislation. But resolution seemed difficult.

House Republicans were considering a similar approach to the family separations as the Senate, but it remained a work in progress Monday.

Meanwhile, a broad Republican immigration bill is also expected to be voted on in the House this week, though revisions are being made and timing is uncertain.

The legislation would provide \$25 billion for Trump's proposed border wall with Mexico and give immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children a chance at eventually becoming citizens. It also would end the 20-day cap on custody so minors could be held with their parents without being separated, though critics say that would make for lengthy detentions.

Changes were being made to the bill to secure more support, including the addition of a provision that would require employees to verify the legal status of their workers and another that would address immigrants working in the agricultural industry.

Republicans were considering even more changes after a 75-minute conference call over the weekend. Among them, a provision to block the parents of "Dreamers," the young immigrants in the country illegally since childhood, from being allowed to gain eventual citizenship. It was unclear if it would be added to the emerging GOP bill.

The broad overhaul is the product of weeks of bargaining between party conservatives and moderates. Even so, the two GOP factions have been unable to resolve their final differences and vote-counters have yet to round up a majority. Republicans are getting no help from Democrats, who uniformly oppose the legislation.

And Trump has given mixed signals on the bill — first telling Republicans he was "1,000 percent" in favor of it, then suggesting they should quit wasting their time, since the legislation would be blocked by Senate Democrats.

Republicans, though, who control Congress, are worried about leaving town for the weeklong recess

without addressing immigration issues, particularly the family separations at the border.

Rep. Mark Meadows, the leader of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, told Fox on Monday that Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., was working on legislation to “keep those families together.” She is the fourth-ranking Republican in House GOP leadership and faces a potentially competitive re-election bid this fall.

Tempers raised by immigration issue give way to insults

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Political rancor over immigration has boiled over into increasingly personal insults, as President Donald Trump took a harsh shot at a prominent congresswoman’s intellect and Democrats worried that some of their own anti-Trump rhetoric might play into his hands and backfire in November.

With language reaching belligerent levels seldom heard since the 2016 campaign, Republican tactics seemed aimed at least in part at activating loyal supporters for the midterm elections.

The issue of what passes for political civility in 2018 has been eagerly stoked by Trump, who has embraced the cultural battles playing out everywhere from restaurant tables to football fields to late-night comedy. And the ejection of White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and her family from a Virginia restaurant over the weekend symbolizes the public anger that has tied Democrats in knots, leaving them torn as to how to respond to a president who defies the norms of his office.

Trump punched back sharply Monday after Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters of California told a crowd in her state over the weekend that “If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd, and you push back on them!”

Trump, always eager for a foil, tweeted in retort: “Congresswoman Maxine Waters, an extraordinarily low IQ person, has become, together with Nancy Pelosi, the Face of the Democrat Party. She has just called for harm to supporters, of which there are many, of the Make America Great Again movement. Be careful what you wish for Max!”

Other Democrats quickly distanced themselves from Waters’ call to action, suggesting it could endanger Democrats’ chances in the midterms that could determine the next chapter of Trump’s presidency.

“In the crucial months ahead, we must strive to make America beautiful again,” tweeted Pelosi, the House minority leader. “Trump’s daily lack of civility has provoked responses that are predictable but unacceptable. As we go forward, we must conduct elections in a way that achieves unity from sea to shining sea.”

Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said Monday from the Senate floor that “the best solution is to win elections. That is a far more productive way to channel the legitimate frustrations with this president’s policies than with harassing members of his administration.”

Trump welcomes the fight, from the depiction of his supporters in the short-lived “Roseanne” revival to NFL players kneeling for the national anthem, believing that us-versus-them partisan issues fire up his base of supporters. With the Russia investigation swirling and Republicans facing an uncertain fate in November, he has further abandoned any unifying powers of his office, leaning hard into partisan warfare while adopting an aggrieved stance to dish out attacks that dominate the news and distract from scandals.

And while his rough rhetoric since his campaign has given license for some of his followers to engage in inflammatory acts, the anger on the left has sparked its own set of unruly images, further amplifying the political divisions in the nation’s civility war.

Sanders was shown the door at the Red Hen in Lexington, about three hours outside Washington, by the restaurant’s owner on Friday. The press secretary tweeted from her government Twitter account that she was asked “to leave because I work for @POTUS and I politely left. Her actions say far more about her than about me.” She used her press briefing on Monday, the first in a week, to declare that Americans are “allowed to disagree, but we should be able to do so freely and without fear of harm.”

The restaurant episode comes amid other acts of street protests against Trump aides and allies. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen was hounded from a Mexican restaurant in Washington amid cries of “Shame!” last week. Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi was heckled at a screening of a documentary

about Mr. Rogers, the paragon of kindness and civility.

Many on the left cheered the efforts, citing the Trump administration's policies toward immigrants as attacks on human rights that deserved the same sort of public displays of disobedience that defined the civil rights and gay rights movements.

But some Democrats worried that the protesters were going too far.

In a series of tweets, David Axelrod, the former chief strategist to President Barack Obama, warned that the push for public provocation was "a counterproductive gesture." He wrote that he was "amazed and appalled" at liberals who cheered Sanders' ejection, which he framed as "a triumph for @realDonaldTrump vision of America."

Trump himself appeared to agree that the debate was to his advantage, retweeting a post from Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, who wrote that "Trump haters still haven't realized how much they help him with their condescension of those who either voted for him or don't share their hatred of him. And how much they help him with their irrational hostility toward those who work for him."

Sanders' father, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, used the moment to tweet a photo of tattooed MS-13 gang members and suggested that they were part of Pelosi's campaign committee to take back the House. That tweet came amid a stretch of days when Trump used seemingly coded language — including "invaders" and "infests" — to describe the Latino migrants illegally crossing the border into the United States.

Trump, meanwhile, also targeted the Red Hen by using his 53-million-follower Twitter account as if he were posting a restaurant review on Yelp.

"The Red Hen Restaurant should focus more on cleaning its filthy canopies, doors and windows (badly needs a paint job) rather than refusing to serve a fine person like Sarah Huckabee Sanders," he wrote. "I always had a rule, if a restaurant is dirty on the outside, it is dirty on the inside!"

The restaurant's most recent health inspection showed no violations and complimented the staff.

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Medical milestone: US OKs marijuana-based drug for seizures

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**, AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. health regulators on Monday approved the first prescription drug made from marijuana, a milestone that could spur more research into a drug that remains illegal under federal law, despite growing legalization for recreational and medical use.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the medication, called Epidiolex, to treat two rare forms of epilepsy in patients 2 years and older. But it's not quite medical marijuana.

The strawberry-flavored syrup is a purified form of a chemical ingredient found in the cannabis plant — but not the one that gets users high. It's not yet clear why the ingredient, called cannabidiol, or CBD, reduces seizures in some people with epilepsy.

British drugmaker GW Pharmaceuticals studied the drug in more than 500 children and adults with hard-to-treat seizures, overcoming numerous legal hurdles that have long stymied research into cannabis.

FDA officials said the drug reduced seizures when combined with older epilepsy drugs. FDA chief Scott Gottlieb said his agency had supported research on cannabis-derived products "for many years."

"This approval serves as a reminder that sound development programs that properly evaluate active ingredients contained in marijuana can lead to important medical therapies," Gottlieb told reporters.

The FDA has previously approved synthetic versions of another cannabis ingredient for medical use, including severe weight loss in patients with HIV.

Epidiolex is essentially a pharmaceutical-grade version CBD oil, which some parents already use to treat children with epilepsy. CBD is one of more than 100 chemicals found in marijuana. It doesn't contain THC,

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the ingredient that gives marijuana its mind-altering effect.

Physicians say it's important to have a consistent, government-regulated version.

"I'm really happy we have a product that will be much cleaner and one that I know what it is," said Dr. Elaine Wirrell, director of the Mayo Clinic's program for childhood epilepsy. "In the artisanal products there's often a huge variation in doses from bottle to bottle depending on where you get it."

Side effects with the drug include diarrhea, vomiting, fatigue and sleep problems.

Several years ago, Allison Hendershot considered relocating her family to Colorado, one of the first states to legalize marijuana and home to a large network of CBD producers and providers. Her 13-year-old daughter, Molly, has suffered from severe seizures since she was 4 months old. But then Hendershot learned about a trial of Epidiolex at New York University.

"I preferred this to some of those other options because it's is a commercial product that has gone through rigorous testing," said Hendershot, who lives in Rochester, New York.

Since receiving Epidiolex, Hendershot says her daughter has been able to concentrate more and has had fewer "drop" seizures — in which her entire body goes limp and collapses.

CBD oil is currently sold online and in specialty shops across the U.S., though its legal status remains murky. Most producers say their oil is made from hemp, a plant in the cannabis family that contains little THC and can be legally farmed in a number of states for clothing, food and other uses.

The immediate impact of Monday's approval on these products is unclear.

FDA's Gottlieb warned about the use of CBD products with "unproven medical claims."

"The promotion and use of these unapproved products may keep some patients from accessing appropriate, recognized therapies to treat serious and even fatal diseases," Gottlieb said.

The FDA previously issued warnings to CBD producers that claimed their products could treat specific diseases, such as cancer or Alzheimer's. Only products that have received formal FDA approval can make such claims, typically requiring clinical trials costing millions.

Most CBD producers sidestep the issue by making only broad claims about general health and well-being.

Industry supporters downplayed the impact of the FDA approval.

"I don't know a mom or dad in their right mind who is going to change what's already working," said Heather Jackson, CEO of Realm of Caring, a charitable group that supports access to CBD. "I really don't think it's going to affect us much."

Jackson's group estimates the typical family using CBD to treat childhood epilepsy spends about \$1,800 per year on the substance.

A GW Pharmaceuticals spokeswoman said the company would not immediately announce a price for the drug, which it expects to launch in the fall. Wall Street analysts have previously predicted it could cost \$25,000 per year, with annual sales eventually reaching \$1 billion.

For their part, GW Pharmaceuticals executives say they are not trying to disrupt products already on the market. The company has pushed legislation in several states to make sure its drug can be legally sold and prescribed.

The FDA approval for Epidiolex is technically limited to patients with Dravet and Lennox-Gastaut syndromes, two rare forms of epilepsy for which there are few effective treatments. Patients experience frequent, severe seizures, in some cases more than 100 per day.

But doctors will have the option to prescribe it for other uses.

The new medication enters an increasingly complicated legal environment for marijuana.

Nine states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for recreational use. Another 20 states allow medical marijuana, but the U.S. government continues to classify it as a controlled substance with no medical use, in the same category as heroin and LSD.

Despite increasing acceptance, there is little rigorous research on the benefits and harms of marijuana. Last year a government-commissioned group concluded that the lack of scientific information about marijuana and CBD poses a risk to public health.

Before sales of Epidiolex can begin, the Drug Enforcement Administration must formally reclassify CBD into a different category of drugs that have federal medical approval. That decision is expected within 90

days.

GW Pharmaceuticals makes the drug in the U.K. from cannabis plants that are specially bred to contain high levels of CBD. And the company plans to continue importing the medicine, bypassing onerous U.S. regulations on manufacturing restricted substances. European approval is expected in early 2019.

Find complete AP marijuana coverage here: <http://apnews.com/tag/LegalMarijuana>

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This story has been corrected to reflect that Realm of Caring is not affiliated with the Colorado-based company CW Hemp.

Police: Fire captain fatally shot at retirement home blaze

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER and MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A retirement home resident shot at firefighters who responded to a report of an explosion at the Southern California facility on Monday, killing a veteran fire captain and leaving a second firefighter and another resident wounded, officials said.

Investigators believe based on a preliminary investigation that the man, Thomas Kim, had set a fire early Monday morning to draw first responders to his second-floor apartment at the retirement home in Long Beach, south of Los Angeles, and then opened fire, Police Chief Robert Luna said.

Kim, 77, was arrested on suspicion of murder, attempted murder and arson. Investigators were still working to determine Kim's motive, Luna said. It was not immediately known if he has an attorney.

The shooting happened shortly after firefighters arrived at the 11-story retirement facility around 4 a.m. and found some windows blown out, activated sprinklers, the smell of gas and a fire that they extinguished, authorities said. Firefighters were searching the building when shots rang out and the two firefighters were hit, Long Beach Fire Chief Michael DuRee said.

Fire Capt. Dave Rosa, who had worked for the department for 17 years, died at a hospital Monday morning, DuRee said. He is survived by a wife and two children — ages 16 and 25, the chief said.

The other firefighter, Ernesto Torres, was released from the hospital Monday and is expected to make a full recovery, officials said.

An elderly resident at the retirement home was also shot and was in critical but stable condition, said Police Chief Robert Luna. The specific circumstances of how the resident was shot were not immediately known.

"Long Beach lost a hero today," Mayor Robert Garcia said.

Eighty senior citizens remained evacuated from the retirement home Monday afternoon and were being offered health services and counseling at a local community center, the mayor said.

Dozens of firefighters stood at attention and saluted as the flag-draped coffin carrying Rosa's body was brought out of a hospital Monday afternoon and loaded into a coroner's van. Community members waved American flags along the street outside the hospital as the procession of police and fire vehicles escorted the van to the coroner's office.

Luna said a revolver was recovered after Kim was taken into custody Monday morning. He had a prior arrest for car theft, the chief said.

"There's still a large puzzle we're trying to put together. There's still a lot of information we don't know," he said.

Investigators also found two "suspicious devices" when they arrested Kim and called the bomb squad to "render those safe," Luna said.

Detectives still have "a lot of questions about the devices that were found and the suspect's intent," Luna said.

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"That's the environment we work in today, as law enforcement and firefighters. You go to these scenes and you never know what's on the other side of those doors. And these brave firefighters went through those doors and unfortunately they were met with gunfire," Luna said earlier Monday.

Pamela Barr, who lives in the building, said she was awakened by fire alarms and didn't panic because false alarms are not uncommon. She tried to go back to sleep but then learned what was happening by watching TV news. Firefighters later evacuated the building and put residents on buses.

"This is a lot to deal with," said Barr, 73, as she sat with her son in a car, waiting to be allowed back in the tower, where she lives on the ninth floor on the opposite end of the building from where the fire occurred.

Barr said she hadn't heard of any troubles involving residents of the facility, where she has lived for seven years. She described it as clean, well run and secure.

Gloria Ford, 58, who lives a few blocks away, was awakened by screaming sirens earlier and came to check out the scene.

"I'm very sorry about it. I'm sick about it," she said about the death of the firefighter. "It's just mad."

The residential tower near downtown Long Beach has 100 apartments for low-income people age 62 and older as well as disabled adults over age 18, according to its website.

Long Beach is a major port city with a population of more than 400,000.

Balsamo reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writer John Antczak in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

Mourners: Black teen killed by police more than a hashtag

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK, Associated Press

SWISSVALE, Pa. (AP) — Classmates and community members on Monday honored Antwon Rose Jr. as a dynamic and determined young man who deserves to be remembered as more than just the latest hashtag given to unarmed black men killed by police, while vowing to continue pushing for justice.

The funeral for Rose was held in a packed school auditorium six days after the 17-year-old was fatally shot by a police officer as he fled a traffic stop in a town near Pittsburgh. He would have been a senior in high school.

"Long before you were a cause, you were my friend," said classmate Mian Laubscher, who was also a pallbearer.

"I won't allow them to turn you into a stereotype," he continued, mentioning Rose's many traits, from musician, to artist, athlete and jokester. "You were so much more than what people see or want to believe."

The two-hour, tear-filled service was an emotional celebration of a young man whose personality drew a diverse crowd of mourners. Portraits in tribute to Rose were near the stage, and respect came in the form of letters, speeches and performances from close friends and people who didn't know him well, but were touched by his legacy.

Muslim minister Victor Muhammad told the audience that Rose's life and death are part of "a perfect storm" meant to bring about "justice for all" and social progress in America. Muhammad said Rose's unfinished work is now up to those he leaves behind.

The funeral program included a poem Rose wrote two years before he was killed, and mourners referenced it frequently during the service. In it, he wrote about being "confused and afraid" and wondering what path his life would take.

"I see mothers bury their sons," he wrote. "I want my mom to never feel that pain. I understand people believe I'm just a statistic. I say to them I'm different."

Rose was a passenger in a car pulled over by Officer Michael Rosfeld because police said it matched the description of a car wanted in a shooting in a nearby town.

Rose was an avid skater and skier who also played the saxophone. His favorite color was purple, and some mourners wore that color in his honor.

The crowd cheered and clapped when friend Tre Hanis said of Rose: "Now his smile is all across the

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country.”

“I know who you are, Antwon,” Hanis said, referring to the poem. “A brave, fearless friend who has changed the lives of others around the world today.”

Messages such as “#SayHisName” and “Justice 4 Antwon” in the windows of some of the cars and on T-shirts bearing Rose’s image were the only outward signs of protest after a week of demonstrations calling for Rosfeld to be charged in the shooting. Protesters said there would be no demonstrations Monday out of respect for the family.

Many at Monday’s funeral service also acknowledged Rose’s mother, thanking her for raising such a polite, helpful, thoughtful and respectful son.

Gisele Fetterman, the wife of Braddock, Pennsylvania, mayor John Fetterman, told the audience of Rose’s generous spirit, which she witnessed at Free Store, the non-profit she founded in the city where the teen volunteered.

“He was a kid that we shouldn’t be here talking about in this way, at this time,” she said.

Rose’s shooting remains under investigation by the county district attorney. No charges have been filed.

His mother, Michelle Kenney, told ABC News in an interview over the weekend the officer “murdered my son in cold blood.”

“If he has a son, I pray his heart never has to hurt the way mine does,” she said. “But I think he should pay for taking my son’s life.”

The case is among several across the country in recent years that have ignited a national debate over race and policing.

Rosfeld is on administrative leave. He told WTAE-TV last week he could not discuss the shooting but said he was getting a lot of support from law enforcement. His attorney did not return a call Monday seeking his comment on the family’s statements.

A video taken from a nearby house shows Rose and another passenger running from the car. Three gunshots can be heard, and the passengers can be seen either falling or crouching as they pass between houses. It is unclear from the video if Rosfeld yelled for them to stop.

Authorities said two handguns were retrieved from the car, and District Attorney Stephen Zappala said an empty gun magazine was found in Rose’s pocket.

Lawyers for his family have said no evidence has been produced to show Rose posed a threat to police.

___ This story has been corrected to show Antwon Rose Jr. wrote the poem in 2016, not two weeks before his death.

UK lawmakers approve big expansion for Heathrow Airport

By **DANICA KIRKA**, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Parliament approved plans to make Europe’s biggest airport even bigger, backing on Monday what the government described as the most important transportation decision in a generation.

The House of Commons voted overwhelmingly, 415-119, to build a third runway at Heathrow Airport after hours of debate on the 14 billion-pound (\$18.6 billion) project. The decision follows decades of study and argument over how to expand airport capacity in southeastern England, and it is certain to be challenged in the courts.

Prime Minister Theresa May believes the project will boost economic growth while signaling the country’s commitment to expand international trade and transport links as it prepares to leave the European Union.

Neighbors and environmentalists object because of concerns about pollution, noise and the communities — some dating back hundreds of years — that will be destroyed.

Business groups strongly backed the government. They argued that increasing the capacity at Heathrow would be tantamount to putting out an “open for business” sign as Britain prepares to leave the European Union.

“This is a really important moment in the history of this House and the history of this country,” Transport Secretary Chris Grayling told the House of Commons as he appealed for lawmakers to “move on from de-

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ades of debate and set, to my mind, a clear path to our future as a global nation in the post-Brexit world.”

Opponents object to the third runway on environmental, noise and financial grounds. Friends of the Earth described it as a “morally reprehensible” move that would result in Heathrow emitting as much carbon as the whole of Portugal.

Greenpeace said that if ministers wouldn’t protect people from toxic air, opponents would ask a court to do so.

John Stewart, a longtime opponent of Heathrow expansion, took to Twitter to lament that the new runway had become a government policy.

“A third runway will turn peaceful areas of London & the Home Counties into torrents of noise as planes pass over at a rate of 1 every 90 seconds,” he said of the towns under the airport’s flight path.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan has pledged to join local government councils in filing legal action seeking to block the expansion and has said Heathrow already exposes the city to more aircraft noise than Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Munich and Madrid combined. He argues that the project would also push toxic emissions above legal limits.

“This will be a critical moment, and for the sake of Londoners affected by poor air quality, disruption from noise and the costs needed to improve transport connections, I will do what I can to stop these poor plans,” Khan said in a statement.

May directed Conservative Party lawmakers to vote for the project. Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, who once pledged to lie down in front of bulldozers to stop the expansion, avoided a confrontation with the prime minister because he was visiting Afghanistan on Monday.

His absence did not go unnoticed. Opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn said Johnson, who represents the Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency near Heathrow, should resign.

“If he is unable to be present, then we have to ask the question what on Earth is he doing and who is he representing?” Corbyn said.

Shouts of “Where’s Boris?” could be heard in the Commons as lawmakers spoke out against Heathrow expansion plans.

Johnson, in a letter to councilors in his parliamentary district obtained by the Evening Standard newspaper, said that staying in the Cabinet would allow him to keep fighting against the runway.

“Some of my critics have suggested that I should resign over the issue. No doubt they have my best interests at heart,” the newspaper quoted him as saying. “But it is clear from what is likely to be a large majority of (lawmakers) who are in favor of a third runway that my resignation would have achieved absolutely nothing.”

Business groups were elated at a decision that took decades of debate.

“The race for global competitiveness is well underway and the UK must now be quick off the mark - work on the new runway should start as soon as possible.” Said Carolyn Fairbairn, the director general of trade group, the CBI. “The prize is tens of thousands of jobs and billions of pounds of growth for the British economy.

Some airline CEOs quickly applauded the decision. Craig Kreeger, CEO of Virgin Atlantic, said the vote sent “a strong signal to the world that we’re open for business.”

But the view was not universal. Willie Walsh, the CEO of IAG, the parent company of British Airways, said Parliament had little idea of the costs involved.

“We have zero confidence in Heathrow’s management’s ability to deliver this project while keeping airport charges flat,” he said, adding that IAG was looking to the regulator, the CAA, “to fulfil its role to protect consumers and stop Heathrow rewarding its shareholders to the detriment of the UK.”

In a reflection of the divisiveness of the vote, former Conservative Party Transport Secretary Justine Greening — who broke with her party to reject expansion — told lawmakers the story of Heathrow was one of “broken promises, broken politics and broken economics”.

“People simply get ignored in this process, you actually have to be either a big business or, I think, a big union before your voice counts, and that is totally unacceptable,” she said.

Leak fight nixes Stormy Daniels meet with feds in Cohen case

By MICHAEL BALSAMO and CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

Stormy Daniels' planned meeting with investigators Monday in the federal probe of President Donald Trump's longtime personal attorney was abruptly canceled just hours before it was to start after an ugly, finger-pointing spat between prosecutors and the porn star's lawyer over who tipped off the media to the sit-down.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, was supposed to meet with prosecutors from the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan in preparation for a possible grand jury appearance as they work to assemble a case against Trump's longtime personal lawyer, Michael Cohen.

But after several news organizations, including The Associated Press, reported on the meeting, two prosecutors called Daniels' lawyer, Michael Avenatti, and told him that they were concerned about media attention in the case, he said.

Avenatti offered to move the meeting to another location and reiterated that Daniels — who he says has been cooperating with prosecutors for months — was ready to go forward with the meeting, but they called back to cancel it, he said. The meeting has not been rescheduled, he said.

Daniels has said she had sex with Trump in 2006 when he was married, which Trump has denied. As part of their investigation into Cohen, prosecutors have been examining the \$130,000 payment that was made to Daniels as part of a confidentiality agreement days before the 2016 presidential election.

"We believe canceling the meeting because the press has now caught wind of it is ridiculous," Avenatti wrote in an email to Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicolas Roos. "We do not think it was any secret that at some point you were going to meet with my client."

In response, Roos accused Avenatti of leaking the details of the meeting — an allegation that Avenatti said was "patently false" — and said it called into question Avenatti's "commitment to maintaining the required confidentiality" of what is discussed in the meeting with Daniels.

"Such confidentiality is critical to the diligence, fairness, and integrity of this, and indeed all, investigations conducted by this Office," Roos wrote. "This is not our preferred approach, and a step we are only rarely forced to take, but we are left with no choice."

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan had declined to comment on the meeting earlier Sunday night and did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment on the cancellation.

Daniels is suing to invalidate the confidentiality agreement that prevents her from discussing the alleged relationship with Trump. She argues the nondisclosure agreement should be invalidated because Cohen, signed it, but the president did not.

Daniels and Avenatti have also turned over documents in response to a subpoena from federal prosecutors about the \$130,000 that Daniels was paid, a person familiar with the matter said. The person wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Daniels was supposed to appear before a grand jury in New York on June 15, but the appearance was canceled after she voluntarily agreed to come in for the interview that had been scheduled for Monday, according to an email from Roos to Avenatti.

In April, FBI agents raided Cohen's home, office and hotel room as part of a probe into his business dealings and investigators were seeking records about the nondisclosure agreement that Daniels had signed, among other things.

Cohen had said he paid Daniels himself, through a limited liability company known as Essential Consultants, LLC, and that "neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was a party to the transaction with Ms. Clifford, and neither reimbursed me for the payment, either directly or indirectly."

In May, Rudy Giuliani, one of Trump's attorneys, said the president had repaid Cohen for the \$130,000 payment to Daniels, contradicting Trump's prior claims that he didn't know the source of the money.

Earlier this month, Trump said he hadn't spoken with Cohen — his longtime fixer and a key power player in the Trump Organization — in "a long time" and that Cohen is "not my lawyer anymore."

The canceled interview with Daniels came as lawyers for Cohen said Monday that they've finished an

attorney-client privilege review of over four million files seized in the raids, finding that over 12,061 files are disqualified for the privilege or because of "attorney-work product doctrine."

Lawyers for Cohen, Trump and the Trump Organization have analyzed items seized in the raids since April 26.

The Trump Organization asked Saturday that the Wednesday deadline to finish making challenges be extended two weeks. Prosecutors on Monday opposed the request, saying further delay "will unreasonably impede the government's investigation." They added that any extension should not go beyond July 5.

Lucey reported from Washington.

Donations, volunteering surge at border asylum-seeker center

By MANUEL VALDES, Associated Press

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — One by one, around Father's Day, the surge of Amazon boxes containing shirts, pants, underwear and many other items began arriving at an asylum-seeker rest center in the border town of McAllen, Texas.

Included in the packages were notes of support. One read: "As someone who has a dad who would do anything for their child I hope this helps a few of the dads that come through your doors with the same ideas."

The boxes started arriving as people across the country began to learn about President Donald Trump's policy of separating children from their families.

"All of the sudden they started getting like a thousand boxes a day and then more and then more. And they had to come and secure space here and that filled up and they got another space and that filled up," said Natalie Montelongo, a native of nearby Brownsville who flew in from Washington, D.C., to volunteer at the center. She set up an Amazon wish list with items needed by the shelter and posted the link on social media.

Now, the immigrant respite center run by Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley has received so many boxes that it had to rent additional storage space.

"I feel like each one of these boxes represents one person that wishes they were here and is following the issue and that cares," said Montelongo, who is a national campaign strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union.

But donations also came the old fashioned way, too. Local residents stopping by and dropping off what they could and caravans of volunteers from around the country who made the journey to McAllen in Texas Rio Grande Valley packed with donations and cash.

Every day, busloads of migrants are transferred from federal facilities to a central station in McAllen. There, volunteers from the respite shelter help find the right buses and purchase bus tickets. As a group, they then walk to the shelter three blocks away, where they can shower, eat, and pick up new clothes, medicine and hygiene products.

Colorado librarian Wyne Cler saw a Facebook post from a friend's friend asking for volunteers to help. Even with her limited Spanish, she jumped at the chance, raised \$4,000 in one day and brought her daughter. She spent hours trying her best to help migrants at the center and trying to cheer up their day with hearty hugs and laughter. Cler and her family fled Vietnam as the war ended, she said.

"This is not my America. When we came in '75 we were welcomed with open arms. And we were not separated. My entire family got here safely," Cler said.

On a typical day, more than 100 asylum-seekers are released from McAllen-area holding facilities, clutching their belongings in clear plastic bags stamped with Department of Homeland Security logos, said Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley.

Now, Pimentel is trying to channel some of the help into cash donations so they can construct a new building by their church. The rest center currently rents its space.

The center also needs more volunteers to keep up with the flow of people and donations, and it needs

additional medicine for babies. Montelongo said the center has seen several babies arriving sick.

"I'm so devoted to this respite because I think it's the first glimpse of what we all think the U.S. stands for," Montelongo said.

On the web: Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley donation page: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2052979071443386/>

Justices won't hear case of anti-gay marriage florist

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court ordered Washington state courts Monday to take a new look at the case of a florist who refused to provide services for a same-sex wedding, in light of the justices' recent ruling in a similar case involving a Colorado baker.

The order means the Supreme Court is again, for now, passing on the key issue in both cases: whether business owners citing their faith can refuse to comply with anti-discrimination laws that protect LGBT people.

The 73-year-old florist, Barronelle Stutzman, appealed after Washington's Supreme Court ruled unanimously last year that she broke the state's anti-discrimination law by refusing on religious grounds to provide flowers for the wedding of a customer at her Richland shop, Arlene's Flowers, in 2013.

Early this month, the Supreme Court issued a limited ruling in favor of Jack Phillips, the proprietor of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood, Colorado.

In an opinion by Justice Anthony Kennedy, the 7-2 majority found that comments by a member of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission displayed an anti-religious bias — depriving Phillips of the respect and consideration his beliefs deserved. The commissioner had said that "religion has been used to justify all kinds of discrimination throughout history," including slavery and the Holocaust.

Kennedy wrote that such disputes "must be resolved with tolerance, without undue disrespect to sincere religious beliefs, and without subjecting gay persons to indignities when they seek goods and services in an open market."

Washington courts will now review the florist's case for similar issues, but it's unclear whether their analysis will change. The state's high court held in its ruling floral arrangements do not constitute protected free speech, and that providing flowers to a same-sex wedding would not serve as an endorsement of same-sex marriage.

Both Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Stutzman's attorneys said the U.S. Supreme Court's action was appropriate in light of the Masterpiece Cakeshop decision.

"The Washington State Supreme Court now has the job of determining whether the U.S. Supreme Court ruling affects this case," Ferguson said in a written statement. "I am confident they will come to the same conclusion they did in their previous, unanimous ruling upholding the civil rights of same-sex couples in our state."

But Stutzman's attorney, Kristen Waggoner, senior counsel at the religious liberty law firm Alliance Defending Freedom, said the Masterpiece Cakeshop decision should prompt an overturning of Stutzman's case. She cited what she described as the attorney general's "unprecedented measures to punish Barronelle not just in her capacity as a business owner but also in her personal capacity."

"The Washington attorney general's efforts to punish her because he dislikes her beliefs about marriage are as impermissible as Colorado's attempt to punish Jack," Waggoner said.

Waggoner said Stutzman had sold the customer, Rob Ingersoll, flowers for nearly a decade and knew he was gay, but that his marriage did not comport with her beliefs and she could not provide services for it.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington represents Ingersoll and his husband, Curt Freed.

"There is simply no record of anti-religious sentiment from the Washington State courts, and we have every reason to believe the Washington State Supreme Court will reaffirm Curt and Robert's right to be full and equal members of our society," Emily Chiang said, the chapter's legal director.

Associated Press writer Mark Sherman contributed from Washington.

Enemy turned ally: Poliovirus is used to fight brain tumors

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE, AP Chief Medical Writer

One of the world's most dreaded viruses has been turned into a treatment to fight deadly brain tumors. Survival was better than expected for patients in a small study who were given genetically modified poliovirus, which helped their bodies attack the cancer, doctors report.

It was the first human test of this and it didn't help most patients or improve median survival. But many who did respond seemed to have long-lasting benefit: About 21 percent were alive at three years versus 4 percent in a comparison group of previous brain tumor patients.

Similar survival trends have been seen with some other therapies that enlist the immune system against different types of cancer. None are sold yet for brain tumors.

"This is really a first step," and doctors were excited to see any survival benefit in a study testing safety, said one researcher, Duke University's Dr. Annick Desjardins.

Preliminary results were to be discussed Tuesday at a conference in Norway and published online by the New England Journal of Medicine.

MAKING AN ENEMY AN ALLY

Brain tumors called glioblastomas often recur after initial treatment and survival is usually less than a year. Immunotherapy drugs like Keytruda help fight some cancers that spread to the brain but have not worked well for ones that start there.

Polio ravaged generations until a vaccine came out in the 1950s. The virus invades the nervous system and can cause paralysis. Doctors at Duke wanted to take advantage of the strong immune system response it spurs to try to fight cancer. With the help of the National Cancer Institute, they genetically modified poliovirus so it would not harm nerves but still infect tumor cells.

The one-time treatment is dripped directly into the brain through a thin tube. Inside the tumor, the immune system recognizes the virus as foreign and mounts an attack.

When doctors explained the idea to Michael Niewinski, it seemed a feat "like putting a man on the moon," he said. The 33-year-old from Boca Raton, Florida, was treated last August, and said a recent scan seemed to show some tumor shrinkage.

"I'm pain-free, symptom-free," he said.

STUDY RESULTS

The study tested the modified poliovirus on 61 patients whose tumors had recurred after initial treatments. Median survival was about a year, roughly the same as for a small group of similar patients given other brain tumor treatments at Duke. After two years, the poliovirus group started faring better.

Follow-up is continuing, but survival is estimated at 21 percent at two years versus 14 percent for the comparison group. At three years, survival was still 21 percent for the virus group versus 4 percent for the others.

Eight of the 35 patients who were treated more than two years ago were alive as of March, as were five out of 22 patients treated more than three years ago.

Stephanie Hopper, 27, of Greenville, South Carolina, was the first patient treated in the study in May 2012 and it allowed her to finish college and become a nurse. Scans as recent as early June show no signs that the tumor is growing back, she said.

"I believe wholeheartedly that it was the cure for me," she said. Her only lasting symptom has been seizures, which medicines help control. "Most people wouldn't guess that I had brain cancer."

SIDE EFFECTS

The treatment causes a lot of brain inflammation, and two thirds of patients had side effects. The most common ones were headaches, muscle weakness, seizure, trouble swallowing and altered thinking skills. Doctors stressed that these were due to the immune response in the brain and that no one got polio as

a result of treatment.

One patient had serious brain bleeding right after the procedure. Two patients died relatively soon after treatment — one from worsening of the tumor and the other from complications of a drug given to manage a side effect. The planned doses had to be reduced because there were too many seizures and other problems at the higher doses initially chosen.

One independent expert, Dr. Howard Fine, brain tumor chief at New York-Presbyterian and Weill Cornell Medicine, said it was disappointing to see no improvement on median survival, but encouraging to see “extraordinary responders, a small group of patients who have done markedly better than one would expect.”

The numbers in the study are small, but it’s unusual to see many alive after several years, and suggests the approach merits more and bigger studies, he said.

NEXT STEPS

The National Cancer Institute manufactured the modified virus. Federal grants and several charities funded the work. Some study leaders have formed a company that licenses patents on the treatment from Duke.

Duke has started a second study in adults, combining the poliovirus with chemotherapy, to try to improve response rates. A study in children with brain tumors also is underway, and studies for breast cancer and the skin cancer melanoma also are planned.

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Do you really know what your kid’s doing on that device?

By MARTHA IRVINE, AP National Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The 7th grader looks desperate as she approaches. She’s just been to a cybersecurity talk at her school, where she raised her hand when asked if she has a social media account - Snapchat, in her case.

Most students at Chicago’s Nathan Hale Elementary School, many of them younger than the required social media age of 13, did the same when retired police detective Rich Wistocki inquired about Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat or any other number of applications and games.

“Please, please, pleeeeeease, don’t use my picture or a video of me raising my hand,” this particular kid begs repeatedly, despite assurances that she was not caught on camera.

“Don’t use mine either,” a friend quickly pipes in, as they reclaim and then busily start scrolling through the mobile phones, which all students at Nathan Hale are required to give to their homeroom teachers during the school day.

They are pleading because their parents don’t know they’re on social media, the gateway to the secret digital lives many of today’s teens are living — and that, for a good number, might also include:

— Using video and chat functions to meet strangers on apps ranging from Musical.ly to WhatsApp and Houseparty;

— Storing risqué photos in vault apps that look like something as innocent as a calculator — and then trading those photos like baseball cards;

— Using Text Burner and other apps to harass and bully peers with anonymous messages;

— Using apps that secretly record messages on Snapchat and other apps before they disappear;

— Ordering pot and other drugs via any number of social media and communication apps or encrypted websites — or buying something else online that you don’t want them to have using prepaid credit cards (makeup maybe?) and having it sent to a friend’s house;

— Buying or borrowing “burner” phones to avoid parental monitoring or when phone privileges are lost.

— And giving their significant others or friends the password to social media accounts so they can “manage” their accounts when their phones are taken away.

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How are they getting away with this in 2018? In a world where the words “cyberbullying” and “predator” have been etched on the collective parental psyche for some time? Well, for one, devices have gotten smaller and the kids receiving them — phones, tablets and iPods — are getting younger and, thus, savvier sooner. The number of apps and games also has exploded and those offerings continually morph.

Many parents are just plain overwhelmed — and often far too trusting, says Wistocki, now a cybersecurity consultant whose packed schedule has him crisscrossing the country to speak to parents and young people since he retired from the police department in Naperville, Illinois.

During those talks, he holds up a mobile phone and regularly tells wide-eyed parents:

“When you give this kid, at the ripe old age of 11, this ominous device, it’s like giving them the keys to their brand new Mercedes and saying, ‘Sweetheart you can go to Vegas. You can drive to Texas, Florida, New York, wherever you want to go ..’ And with wi-fi, device doesn’t just mean a phone, but also tablets and iPods.

Wistocki was invited to speak earlier this month at Nathan Hale Elementary by the principal, Dawn Iles-Gomez, whose days are increasingly filled with drama that begins on social media.

And it’s often not the usual suspects in her office, but rather a long and diverse parade of students she sees acting one way in person and very differently in the digital world.

“It’s shocking — the language and the threats and the mean things that are said,” she says. “And I would say, 75 percent of the time, I call a parent and their parent will say, ‘Well, no, they said they didn’t do that.’

“And I’m like, ‘Well — they did.’”

To get parents to the meeting with Wistocki, she offered extra graduation passes and other incentives. About 70 showed up, in a school that has 930 students.

Kathleen Kazupski, a mom with two daughters, ages 13 and 17, was one of them — and she hung on Wistocki’s every word.

“As parents, we need to wake up, no doubt,” she said after the talk. She came, in part, because she discovered last year that her younger daughter was messaging with a boy she didn’t know, until mom put an end to it. “I scared the hell out of her.”

Jenea Bivens, another parent who attended, uses an app called MMGuardian to manage and monitor her 13-year-old daughter’s phone use. She shuts it down during the school day, though her daughter can call her, and at bedtime. She turns off certain apps, sometimes as punishment, and monitors texts. To monitor most social media, though, she must either be on her daughter’s phone, or check the accounts she knows exists from her own social media, most recently getting after her daughter for cussing on some of her video posts. “It’s a full-time job,” Bivens concedes.

“People laugh at me because I monitor her stuff. But I don’t have the same problems as other people do.”

A 2016 survey from the Pew Research Center found that, back then, about half of parents said they had ever checked their children’s phone calls and text messages — or ever friended their kids on social media (if they knew what social media their kids were using). But they were less likely to use tech-based tools to monitor, block or track their teens.

Since then, built-in parental restrictions, including screen time limits and app blocking, have been added all the time for Google’s Android via its Family Link. In addition to already allowing parental approval for app and music purchases, the upcoming Apple operating system — iOS 12 being widely released this fall — also will give parents more control over screen time, app usage and web surfing on iPhones, iPads and iPods.

Beyond that, independent monitoring apps also have proliferated, sometimes allowing parents even more control to view and manage some content from their own devices, often for a monthly fee. But, as Wistocki notes, only a few of those apps allow parents to see actual posts and messages on social media, such as Snapchat and Instagram. In his own talks with parents, he recommends monitoring apps WebWatcher and My Mobile Watchdog, which he says can dig most deeply into the more open Android system, in some cases, even notifying a parent when certain words are used or provocative images are taken or exchanged.

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Until his own sons turned 18, Wistocki monitored their locations and messages on various social media, controlled phone use and approved which apps they could download. He tells parents they should do the same.

"There is no such thing as privacy for children," is one of his most commonly used mantras, which he uses to prod reluctant parents.

Other tech experts agree that monitoring makes sense for younger kids. But Pam Wisniewski, an assistant professor in the department of computer science at the University of Central Florida, is among those who suggest a gradual loosening of the strings as teens prove they can be trusted. She says she and her students are working on a different kind of monitoring app for parents called Circle of Trust that is based on that concept.

"I'm almost to the point where I feel like the world would be better off without social media," says Wisniewski, who studies human computer interaction and adolescent online safety. "But I'm also a pragmatist.. So how do we make the best of it?"

Rather than cutting off a kid from social media, she encourages parents to look for teachable moments. When inappropriate content runs through their feed, for instance, she suggests discussing coping strategies, such as hiding that person's content or blocking them, if necessary.

Sarita Schoenebeck, an assistant professor and director of the Living Online Lab at the University of Michigan, says her research also has found that shutting teens out of social media only tends to make them sneakier.

She also cautions parents against thinking a particular application is bad, simply because some use it inappropriately — say, for sharing "sexting" photos or videos, nude or semi-nude images that have become a very common part of teen dating life.

"Focus on the behavior, not the application," Schoenebeck advises.

A few more pieces of advice for parents:

— While he advocates vigilant monitoring, Wistocki also tells parents to offer their children the "Golden Ticket" — no punishment when they come to them about mistakes they've made online or help they need with a social media problem. Don't take away the devices, he says, but do keep limits firm. And always make sure they delete naked content, which is viewed as child pornography in many states.

— David Coffey, the chief digital officer at IDShield, a company that helps its customers fend off identity theft, tells his own two teens: "Don't put anything on your phone you wouldn't want Grandma Judy to see and read."

— Many tech experts tell parents to stand firm and not allow children to charge their devices in their rooms overnight, removing the temptation to text and go on social media. Iles-Gomez, the principal at Nathan Hale, says her step-children initially protested and said they needed the phone to wake them up in the morning. She countered with, "They sell alarm clocks."

Monitoring also isn't foolproof. Recently, Bivens' daughter, Ayril Miller, went "live" on Twitter and came across a stranger who asked her to show her bare feet — a strange request that caused her to end the connection quickly.

"It is so hard to see and catch everything," Bivens, the parent who's so vigilant about monitoring her daughter's phone, concedes.

In this instance, Ayril was using a tablet. But the good news was that she quickly told her mom what happened.

In recent days, they've been spending time going through her social media contacts, as Wistocki suggested they do. If her daughter doesn't know the person's name, how she knows them and where they live, the contact gets deleted.

"It's annoying," a sometimes grumpy Ayril says of her mother's monitoring. "But then I see that she cares about me."

Eventually, she hopes mom will "back up" a bit.

"When I'm in high school, that might get embarrassing sometimes, you know?" she says. "You need to

learn your own — how do I put this? — discipline.. You need to learn from your own mistakes.”

If she doesn't, she says she's always coming up with new tricks to get online secretly. And nope, she won't share how.

Online:

Wistocki's TEDx Talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2buaziaNnE>

University of Michigan Living Online Lab: <http://yardi.people.si.umich.edu/lol/>

Google Family Link: <https://families.google.com/familylink/>

Apple's Family Page: <https://www.apple.com/families/>

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Venezuela's wealthy beat water crisis drilling private wells

By SCOTT SMITH, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Reaching for the faucet felt like a frustrating game of chance for Elizabeth Robles.

At first, water flowed only one or two days a week, so Robles, president of her homeowners' association, hired trucks to fill the building's underground storage tank. With self-imposed rationing, the residents had water — but only for an hour, three times each day.

“When you get home at five in the afternoon all sweaty, you couldn't take a shower,” said Robles, a small business owner and lawyer. “It's like punishment by water.”

Finally they were fed up. Since the government couldn't provide water, they decided to drill their own well alongside their apartment building in the tony Campo Alegre neighborhood, an increasingly popular solution among the well-to-do as Venezuela's water system crumbles along with its socialist-run economy.

Venezuela's meltdown has been accelerating under President Nicolas Maduro's rule, prompting masses of people to abandon the nation in frustration at shortages of food and medicine, street violence, rampant blackouts — and now sputtering faucets.

Robles said she and her neighbors hired a drilling firm in February for \$7,000 — roughly \$280 per family. At least three other buildings on their tree-lined street, which is near the city's most-exclusive country club, have hired the same engineer.

The firm moves its crew and towering yellow rig from one work site to the next. The noisy diesel-powered machine clatters around the clock for several days until the drill strikes water, generally about 260 feet (80 meters) down.

Meanwhile, the less fortunate struggle with dwindling public water supplies, hoping sporadic flows will fill their 150-gallon (560-liter) plastic storage tanks fitted with buzzing electric pumps. Or they stand in line at trickling hillside springs to fill up empty jugs for free.

“Sometimes your dirty clothes pile up,” said Carlos Garcia, an unemployed construction worker who used up eight hours one day filling containers at a spring.

Neighborhood water shortages have sparked more than 400 protests countrywide in the first five months of the year, according to the Venezuelan Observatory of Social Conflict.

Caracas once had a world-class water system, pumping water from far-off reservoirs over towering mountains into the valley that cradles the city. Now its pipes are bursting, pumps are failing and a small herd of cattle grazes at the bottom of the Mariposa reservoir outside the city, feeding on grass that should be deep underwater.

A lack of rain compounds the lack of maintenance, experts say.

Jose Maria de Viana, former president of Caracas' state-run water provider, Hidrocapital, blames incompetence, and dismisses the government's explanation that the rainy season has been slow to kick off and replenish drained reservoirs. The system was designed to see the city through dry spells, he said.

“Without staying on top of the problems every day, we'll have less and less water in the city,” De Viana

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said. "We'll only have more protesting and rage."

Officials at Hidrocapital and Venezuela's Ecosocialism and Water Ministry did not respond to requests for comment by The Associated Press.

Well driller Fernando Gomez at the firm Venezuela Pump Engineering said calls have spiked in the last two months from people desperate for water. The phone rings four or five times a day, compared to one or two calls a week a year ago. He said the company's single drilling rig doesn't get a rest.

"Everybody in the world wants it now," Gomez said.

Most of the private wells are going in illegally. The law requires a permit before drilling starts, but the paperwork can take up to two years, and few are willing to wait. When officials stick their nose in, a building's residents ask the best-connected among them to pull strings.

But drilling isn't an option for the vast majority of Venezuelans who have seen wages pulverized by a collapsing currency and five-digit inflation. The minimum wage amounts to less than \$2 a month.

Down a maze of narrow passageways in Petare, one of Venezuela's most sprawling slums, Carmen Rivero said water is a source of celebration when it flows, and anger when it doesn't — which is most of the time. She said the neighborhood recently went three months without tap water, and before that, a full eight months. Residents get by filling water barrels from a spring and service from city water trucks.

One night recently, a surprise surge of water made her neighborhood break out in joy. "Everybody shouted, 'Ay, the water came!'" said Rivero, who rushed to a spigot in her home.

She filled up blue tub, like an oversized children's swimming pool, which hogs the corner of her small concrete and red-brick shack.

Frustration over water recently erupted, driving residents into Petare's streets in protest, some mothers carrying their children. Rivero said heavily armed national guard soldiers wearing riot gear met them, threatening arrest if they didn't return home.

"You're a human being, and you know we can't do anything without water," Rivero recalled telling a soldier. He replied that his family was just like hers, but he had to follow orders.

Scott Smith on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ScottSmithAP>

Asian stocks dip as trade tensions weigh on US tech sector

ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Asian markets were mostly lower on Tuesday, as moves by the U.S to gain an upper hand on trade with China weighed on the technology sector. Tech stocks have been the pillar of the Wall Street's long-running bull market.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index dropped 0.5 percent to 22,221.33 and South Korea's Kospi lost 0.9 percent to 2,337.60. Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 1.2 percent to 28,619.21 and the Shanghai Composite in mainland China slipped 0.6 percent to 2,842.22. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 dipped 0.4 percent to 6,186.40. Taiwan's benchmark fell and Southeast Asian indexes were mostly lower.

WALL STREET: Major U.S. benchmarks finished broadly lower. The S&P 500 index dropped 1.4 percent to 2,717.07, its worst loss since April 6. The Dow Jones industrial average fell for the ninth time in 10 days, losing 1.3 percent to 24,252.80. The Nasdaq composite shed 2.1 percent to 7,532.01. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks slid 1.7 percent to 1,657.51.

TECH DOWNTURN: Stocks tumbled on reports that the Trump administration plans to limit exports of some high-tech products to China, and also limit investment in technology firms by companies with substantial Chinese ownership. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's suggestion that the investment restrictions wouldn't be limited to China caused stocks to slide further. The market recovered when Peter Navarro, one of President Donald Trump's top trade advisors, told CNBC that there was no plan for investment restrictions and that the administration's probe into alleged technology theft is limited to China. All but one of the 72 technology companies listed on the S&P 500 index closed lower on Monday.

TRADE TENSIONS: U.S. efforts to secure a pole position in trade are seeing some hit back. Iconic Ameri-

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can motorcycle maker Harley-Davidson said it would move some production overseas to avoid tariffs the European Union is placing on motorcycles made in the U.S. Those tariffs were a response to taxes the U.S. placed on steel and aluminum from Europe. In less than two weeks, a 25 percent tariff will be imposed by the U.S. on billions of dollars of Chinese products. China will also raise import duties on \$34 billion worth of American goods. China and the European Union agreed on Monday to launch a group that will, among other things, preserve support for international trade amid U.S. threats of import controls.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Fears that China may pull investments in U.S. tech firms have caused a broad drawback. There is a sense that trade tensions could be long drawn and somewhat more antagonistic going forward," said Vishnu Varathan, head of economics and macro strategy at Mizuho Bank.

ENERGY: OPEC countries have agreed to raise the supply of crude oil by 1 million barrels a day. But investors aren't sure if the cartel will carry it out. Benchmark U.S. crude gained 7 cents to \$68.15 per barrel in New York. It dipped 0.7 percent to settle at \$68.08 per barrel on Monday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 5 cents to \$74.60 per barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar remained at 109.45 yen from late trading Monday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1718 from \$1.1704.

AP Markets Writer Marley Jay contributed to this report.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 26, the 177th day of 2018. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.

On this date:

In 1483, Richard III began his reign as King of England (he was crowned the following month at Westminster Abbey).

In 1541, Francisco Pizarro, Spanish conqueror of Peru, was slain in Lima by rival conquistadors.

In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, New Jersey's Boardwalk was opened to the public.

In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force deployed to France during World War I landed in St. Nazaire.

In 1925, Charles Chaplin's classic comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office by delegates to the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway. Swedish boxer Ingemar Johansson knocked out Floyd Patterson in the third round of their match at New York's Yankee Stadium to win the heavyweight title.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech expressing solidarity with the city's residents, declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced his choice of Abe Fortas to succeed the retiring Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States (however, Fortas later withdrew in the face of stiff Senate opposition).

In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tennessee. Elvis Presley performed his last concert at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

In 1988, three people were killed when a new Airbus A320 jetliner carrying more than 130 people crashed into a forest during a demonstration at an air show in Mulhouse (muh-LOOZ'), France.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton announced the U.S. had launched missiles against Iraqi targets because

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of "compelling evidence" Iraq had plotted to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a handgun ban in the District of Columbia as it affirmed, 5-4, that an individual right to gun ownership existed. Juan Alvarez, who triggered a 2005 rail disaster in Glendale, California, by parking a sport-utility vehicle on the tracks, was convicted of 11 counts of first-degree murder. (Alvarez was later sentenced to 11 consecutive life terms.)

Five years ago: In deciding its first cases on the issue, the U.S. Supreme Court gave the nation's legally married gay couples equal federal footing with all other married Americans and also cleared the way for same-sex marriages to resume in California. New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez was arrested in the shooting death of Odin Lloyd; Hernandez was convicted of first-degree murder. Seven-time champion Roger Federer was stunned by 116th-ranked Sergiy Stakhovsky in the second round of Wimbledon, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 7-5, 7-6 (5); third-seeded Maria Sharapova was knocked out by the 131st-ranked qualifier, losing 6-3, 6-4 to Michelle Larcher de Brito of Portugal.

One year ago: President Donald Trump welcomed India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (nah-REN'-drah MOH'-dee) to the White House as the two leaders heralded an increasingly close strategic partnership. The Supreme Court said President Trump could forge ahead with a limited version of his ban on travel from six mostly Muslim countries. Helmsman Peter Burling and Emirates Team New Zealand won the America's Cup with a resounding romp against software tycoon Larry Ellison's two-time defending champion Oracle Team USA. Teemu Selanne (TAY'-moo suh-LAH'-nay) and Paul Kariya (kuh-REE'-uh), a dynamic duo in Anaheim for several years, were elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook capped his historic season at the NBA's inaugural awards show, winning the 2016-17 Most Valuable Player award.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician-film composer Dave Grusin is 84. Actor Josef Sommer is 84. Singer Billy Davis Jr. is 80. Rock singer Georgie Fame is 75. Actor Clive Francis is 72. Rhythm and blues singer Brenda Holloway is 72. Actor Michael Paul Chan is 68. Actor Robert Davi is 67. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 63. Actor Gedde Watanabe (GEH'-dee wah-tah-NAH'-bee) is 63. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 62. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 61. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 59. U.S. Bicycling Hall of Famer Greg LeMond is 57. Rock singer Harriet Wheeler (The Sundays) is 55. Country musician Eddie Perez (The Mavericks) is 50. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 49. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 48. Actor Sean Hayes is 48. Actor Matt Letscher is 48. Actor Chris O'Donnell is 48. Actor Nick Offerman is 48. Actress Rebecca Budig is 45. Retired MLB All-Star Derek Jeter is 44. Contemporary Christian musician Jeff Frankenstein (Newsboys) is 44. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 44. Rock musician Nathan Followill (Kings of Leon) is 39. Pop-rock singer-musician Ryan Tedder (OneRepublic) is 39. Actor-musician Jason Schwartzman is 38. Actress Aubrey Plaza is 34. Actress-singer Jennette McCurdy is 26. Actress-singer Ariana Grande is 25.

Thought for Today: "Nothing is improbable until it moves into the past tense." — George Ade, American writer (1866-1944).