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## Current Conditions Favor Disease Development in Spring Wheat

BROOKINGS, S.D. - South Dakota's spring wheat crop is at risk for Fusarium head blight (FHB) or scab development, said Emmanuel Byamukama, Assistant Professor & SDSU Extension Plant Pathologist.

"Across South Dakota, the majority of spring wheat is at heading and shortly the crop will be flowering. The flowering growth stage coincides with Fusarium head blight (FHB) or scab development. Current weather conditions indicate a moderate to high risk for scab to develop in spring wheat for several counties in the state (Figure 1)," Byamukama said.

Byamukama encouraged wheat producers to protect their crop by applying a triazole fungicide on spring wheat that is approaching flowering.

Spring wheat growers in low risk areas of the state, (areas indicated in Figure 1 in green) are encouraged to scout spring wheat regularly and watch the weather.

"Weather conditions that favor fungal disease development can change in a short time," Byamukama said. "The risk for scab development is greatest at flowering and decreases over time after flowering."

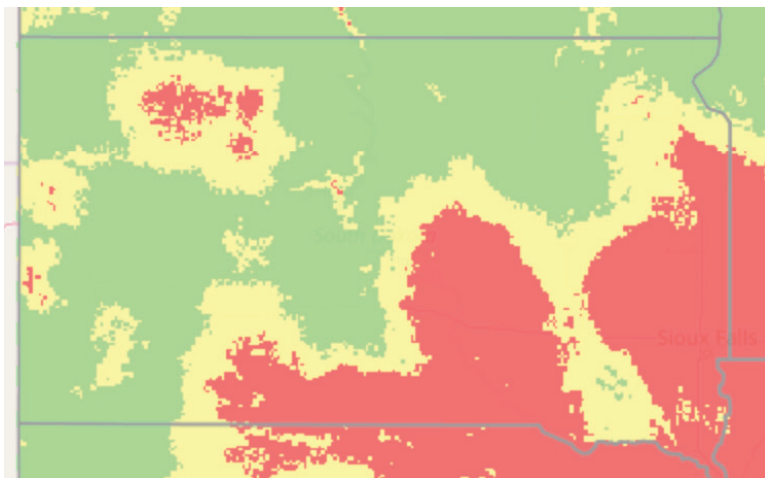
### Leaf rust

Leaf rust is another disease that is likely to develop in spring wheat because this rust has been found in winter wheat (Figure 2) in the state.

"This means there is inoculum in our area, moreover, current weather conditions favor leaf rust to develop," Byamukama said.

Byamukama explained that leaf rust pathogen does not survive in our area; spores are blown from the southern states.

A triazole fungicide applied for scab management will also control foliar fungal diseases including leaf rust.



**Figure 1. Fusarium head blight (scab) risk in spring wheat as of 6/26/2018. Red areas indicate high risk, yellow areas indicate moderate risk, while green areas have low disease risk.**



**Figure 2. Leaf rust pustules on winter wheat leaves. Presence of leaf rust in winter wheat indicates potential for this disease to develop in spring wheat.**

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## Runners Pass Torch Along 11,000-Mile Route Over 100 Countries Worldwide to Organize Similar Events

The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, an international torch relay, will be coming to your area soon. An estimated 50,000 children in over 1,000 cities and towns on the North American route are expected to participate when the Peace Run ([peacerun.org](http://peacerun.org)) visits schools and youth organizations. Runners will offer educational presentations that promote self-esteem and the oneness of humanity.

For over 30 years the Peace Run has traversed over 150 nations throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia as a symbol of humanity's universal aspiration for a more peaceful world.

A team will leave from New York City mid-April passing the Torch along the over 11,000-mile route. The continuous relay will link Mexico, Canada and the US during its 4-month journey before arriving back in New York mid-August. The European relay started in Bulgaria in February and will end in Portugal in October after running some 16,000 miles.

Since the inaugural Run in 1987, more than 6-million people have participated. Commendations have come from many world figures including Pope Francis, President Nelson Mandela, President Mikhail Gorbachev, Mother

Teresa, state governors, city mayors and celebrities across the world.

Carl Lewis, 9-time Olympic Gold-medalist, said, "By carrying the Torch, you will be bridging cultural and social barriers, and all the boundaries that separate nation from nation. You will be the living proof of the ancient vision of having a beautiful and harmonious world."

The Peace Run was inspired by the visionary Sri Chinmoy as a way to give citizens a dynamic way to express their own hopes and dreams for a more harmonious world. An athlete, philosopher, artist, musician and poet, Sri Chinmoy dedicated his life to advancing the ideals of world harmony and said, "How can we have peace? Not by talking about peace, but by walking along the road of peace."

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## Remember Food Safety During Summer Months

PIERRE, S.D. – Keep the unwelcome guest of foodborne illness from making an appearance at family reunions or summer gatherings with some simple food safety tips.

“While you enjoy all the summer festivities, don’t forget good food safety practices,” said Dr. Joshua Clayton, state epidemiologist for the Department of Health. “Wash your hands thoroughly, cook and store foods at proper temperatures, clean and sanitize work surfaces after preparing raw meat and poultry and don’t prepare food when you’re sick.”

Symptoms of foodborne illness include mild or severe diarrhea, fever, vomiting and abdominal pain. Most people recover on their own without medication, but some need fluids to prevent dehydration.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates foodborne illness sickens 48 million Americans every year, resulting in 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths. For South Dakota this extrapolates to approximately 125,000 illnesses, 340 hospitalizations and eight deaths annually.

In 2017, South Dakota reported the following foodborne illness cases: Salmonella (226), Campylobacter (395) and E. coli (91). That’s over 700 cases just last year.

Clayton recommends the following safety tips for preparing and storing food:

- Clean and sanitize. Wash hands, cutting boards, utensils and countertops.
- Separate. Keep raw meat and poultry separate from ready-to-eat foods.
- Cook foods to a safe temperature, checking with a food thermometer (145°F for whole meats, 160°F for ground meats, 165°F for poultry and stuffing).
- Chill. Keep your refrigerator below 40°F and refrigerate leftovers right away. Ensure coolers are fully stocked with ice or frozen gel packs to keep perishable foods cold. Consider packing beverages in one cooler and food in another.
- When cooking food ahead of time cool it quickly and reheat properly.
- Never use unpasteurized milk for cooking or drinking.

Learn more about food safety at [www.foodsafety.gov/keep/basics/](http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/basics/).

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## Academic Offerings Respond to State Workforce Needs

BROOKINGS, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents this week approved new academic program requests from four public universities to meet emerging workforce trends across the state.

The following actions, sorted by the university making the request, were approved:

### **Dakota State University**

- Transition of existing doctor of science (D.Sc.) degrees in cyber operations and information systems at Dakota State to the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. No changes to curriculum or coursework are planned. However, DSU officials say the Ph.D. serves as the more commonly accepted terminal degree in these fields.

### **Northern State University**

- A new minor in legal studies, which will provide Northern students with a stronger foundation for law school admissions. The minor also prepares graduates for careers as law enforcement officers, paralegals, and other positions within the criminal justice system.

- Creation of a stand-alone major leading to the bachelor of fine arts degree in digital media. NSU will convert an existing specialization in graphic design within its art major to the stand-alone degree. The degree prepares graduates in highly technical areas such as commercial photography, video production and editing, web design and programming, 2-D animation, illustration, graphic design, and product/packaging design.

### **South Dakota State University**

- New associate and bachelor degree offerings in data science. The programs will utilize data science-centered mathematics, statistics, and statistical computation courses created over the past several years by SDSU's Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Studies indicate high job-growth potential for data scientists trained at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Instruction for these degree programs also will be available online.

- Two new minors in ranch management and sustainability.

- o The ranch management minor aligns with SDSU's land-grant institutional mission, providing introductory management coursework focused on ranching, finances, grassland, and livestock.

- o The minor in sustainability will prepare graduates to help their employers conserve energy resources and improve efficiencies. It should be of broad appeal to students pursuing careers in business, government, and non-profit organizations.

- A graduate certificate in community development, intended for students already working in the development field and providing them access to cutting-edge practice and research. The 12 credit-hour certificate is part of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, a partnership of 19 public universities that collaboratively deliver online academic programs in the areas of agriculture and human sciences.

- An undergraduate certificate in new product and venture development. The certificate, consisting of 9 credit hours of study and available online, provides students with introductory skills needed to identify business opportunities and take products and services to the marketplace. The certificate may serve as a stand-alone credential, as a complement to a student's major or minor, or as a credential to pair to the entrepreneurial studies major and minor at SDSU.

- Permission to make both the Spanish minor and the undergraduate workplace intercultural competence certificate available through online delivery. SDSU intends to reach more students, including non-traditional learners and place-bound professionals, across the state and region.

### **University of South Dakota**

- Three new minors—in sport medicine, linguistics, and non-profit studies.

- o Students in the sport medicine minor will gain knowledge and experience treating and preventing injuries related to sport and exercise. The minor also helps prepare those interested in graduate studies in athletic training or physical therapy.

- o The linguistics minor covers the systematic study of language, including related aspects of human behaviors and knowledge. This minor will be of particular interest to students majoring in world languages, education, sociology, anthropology, and related fields.

- o The non-profit studies minor prepares students to contribute to the non-profit sector as employees, volunteers, board members, and external stakeholders. Non-profit organizations now constitute 13 percent of the private-sector employment in South Dakota.

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The Fourth of July holiday night and day view of the Kosel home at 110 N Washington St., Groton.



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## Hot Temperatures & High Humidity Today & Friday

- ☀ Limit Outdoor Activities
- ☀ Drink Plenty of Water
- ☀ Avoid Alcohol
- ☀ Wear Light Clothing
- ☀ Wear Sunscreen
- ☀ Work Outdoors Early or Very Late in the Day

**Highs Today:  
Upper 80s & Low 90s  
Heat Index: Mid 90s – 100F**

**Highs Friday:  
Low 80s West ---- Low 90s East  
Heat Index: Mid 80s – Upper 90s**

National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 6/28/2018 3:27 AM Central

Published on: 06/28/2018 at 4:09AM

Hot and humid air is moving into the region today, and will move east on Friday. It will feel like upper 90s in the afternoon so take caution. A front will move across the area Friday relieving much of the area from the worst of it, with readings back into the low 80s with lower humidity for the weekend.



**The moon peaks through  
a hole in the trees early  
Thursday morning.**

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## Today in Weather History

June 28, 1961: An F2 tornado skipped ESE from about 5 miles south of Eureka to Lake Mina. About twelve farm buildings were destroyed. A house was damaged when a small shed was smashed against it in Hillsvie. The storm struck north of Roscoe where a barn was unroofed. A second F2 tornado hit west of Hoven. On one farm, a barn, and five small buildings were destroyed, although grain bin nearby was untouched. Another farm, across the road, lost four buildings including a house. The Langford area of Marshall County was struck by an EF2 tornado shortly after 8:00 pm. An estimated 15 to 20 farm buildings were demolished or heavily damaged, and a store in town was partially unroofed.

June 28, 1982: An estimated thunderstorm wind gust up to 94 mph knocked down trees and caused minor structural damage to several homes just west of Wheaton, Minnesota.

June 28, 1990: KDIO radio in Ortonville, Minnesota, clocked winds of 80 to 85 mph for several minutes as a thunderstorm passed. There were reports of numerous trees downed and scattered power outages in Ortonville.

1788: The Battle of Monmouth in central New Jersey was fought in sweltering heat. The temperature was 96 degrees in the shade, and there were more casualties from the heat than from bullets.

1924: An estimated F4 tornado struck the towns of Sandusky and Lorain, killing 85 people and injuring over 300. This tornado is the deadliest ever in Ohio history. Click [HERE](#) for some images from Ohio Historical Society.

1975: Lightning strikes Lee Trevino and two other golfers at the Western Open golf tournament in Oak Brook, Illinois.

1892 - The temperature at Orogrande UT soared to 116 degrees to establish a record for the state. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders)

1923 - A massive tornado hit Sandusky, OH, then swept across Lake Erie to strike the town of Lorain. The tornado killed 86 persons and caused twelve million dollars damage. The tornado outbreak that day was the worst of record for the state of Ohio up til that time. (David Ludlum)

1975 - Lee Trevino and two other golfers are struck by lightning at the Western Open golf tournament in Oak Brook, IL. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - The temperature at Wichita Falls, TX, soared to 117 degrees, their hottest reading of record. Daily highs were 110 degrees or above between the 24th of June and the 3rd of July. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in the north central U.S. Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced wind gusts to 70 mph and baseball size hail at Arapahoe, and wind gusts to 80 mph along with baseball size hail at Wolback and Belgrade. Six cities in the Ohio Valley reported record low temperatures for the date, including Cincinnati, OH, with a reading of 50 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Showers and thunderstorms brought much needed rains to parts of the central U.S. Madison, WI, received 1.67 inches of rain, a record for the date, and their first measurable rain since the Mother's Day tornado outbreak on the 8th of May. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Evening thunderstorms deluged Winnfield LA with eleven inches of rain in four hours and fifteen minutes, and Baton Rouge LA reported 11 inches of rain in two days. Totals in west central Louisiana ranged up to 17 inches. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Northern High Plains. Two inch hail broke windows in nearly every building at Comstock, NE. Thunderstorms in North Dakota produced two inch hail at Killdeer, and golf ball size hail at Zap. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



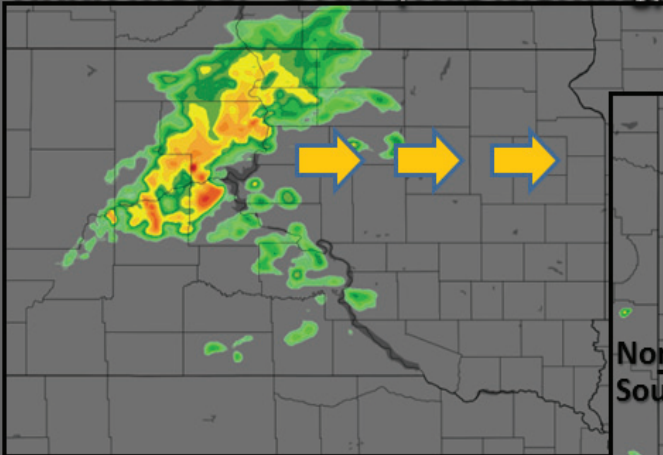
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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
 30%			 20%	 20%		
Severe Thunderstorms	Mostly Cloudy	Hot	Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 93 °F	Low: 72 °F	High: 92 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 87 °F

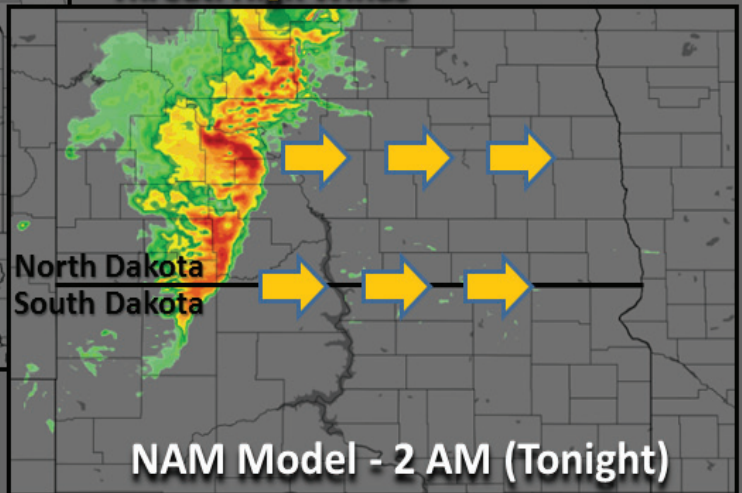
## Storm Threat This Morning - Overnight

HRRR Model - 8 AM (This Morning)






Weak/Scattered Storms Possible  
Mainly During The Morning Hours

Severe Storms Expected Tonight  
Extreme North Central/Northeast SD  
Threat: **High Winds**



NAM Model - 2 AM (Tonight)

 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 6/28/2018 4:40 AM Central

Published on: 06/28/2018 at 4:46AM

We could see some morning convection cross the area - but the severe weather threat is low. Farther to the north tonight, storms could be severe with a threat for large hail and damaging winds, however this event appears to be mainly focused across North Dakota. But if you live in the northern tier of South Dakota, you probably should stay alert as the storms could dip into the state.

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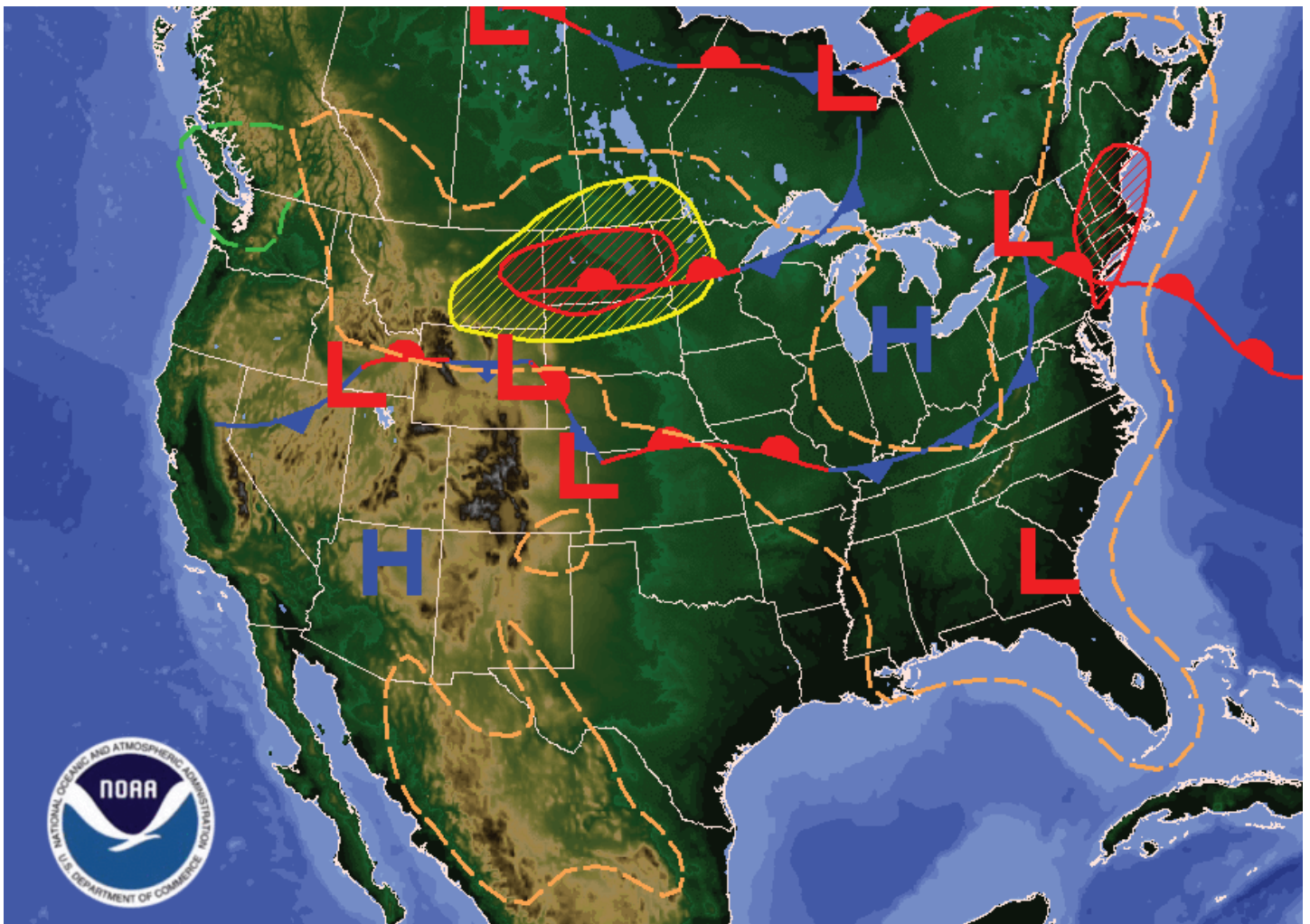
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 87.9 F at 5:17 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 62.6 F at 4:52 AM**  
**High Gust: 37.0 Mph at 6:01 AM**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 112° in 1931**  
**Record Low: 40° in 1951, 1895**  
**Average High: 81°F**  
**Average Low: 57°F**  
**Average Precip in June: 3.46**  
**Precip to date in June: 1.52**  
**Average Precip to date: 10.60**  
**Precip Year to Date: 5.82**  
**Sunset Tonight: 9:26 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:48 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, Jun 28, 2018, issued 4:44 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Mcreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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



## FRIENDS, FOLLOWERS AND FAITH

Will and his friends had an enjoyable afternoon playing in his back yard. Suddenly there was a severe disagreement and he shouted, "Go home. I can play by myself."

His father heard the "noise" and asked, "What happened, Son?"

Angrily he said, "They wouldn't let me have my turn on the teeter-totter so I told them to go!"

"Well," said his Dad, "let me see how it works with you on one end and no one else on the other."

Life is very much like a teeter-totter. We need to have others around to make it "work." And no matter how many friends we may have it seems like there is always room for another one.

But who we choose to have as friends is very important. Our friends tend to tear us down, they give us strength or cause us to stumble and they either lead us closer to the Lord or get between us. A wise proverb reads, "Tell me whom you are with, and I will tell you what you are."

We are not like roses. If we find a bush full of beautiful roses in a field of weeds, it will not take away from their fragrance or beauty. Friends are different because of the influence they have on us. And it seems more likely that it is easier for them to involve us in their vices than we are to get them involved in our virtues.

Wisely the Psalmist said, "I am a friend to all who fear You, to all who follow Your precepts."

Prayer: Guide and guard us, Lord, as we choose our friends. May we be aware of their influence on our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 119:63 I am a friend to all who fear you, to all who follow your precepts.

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## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

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

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## News from the Associated Press

### SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash  
07-09-14-21-33  
(seven, nine, fourteen, twenty-one, thirty-three)  
Estimated jackpot: \$86,000

Lotto America  
17-21-24-37-50, Star Ball: 7, ASB: 2  
(seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-four, thirty-seven, fifty; Star Ball: seven; ASB: two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.17 million

Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$232 million

Powerball  
07-28-37-62-63, Powerball: 15, Power Play: 2  
(seven, twenty-eight, thirty-seven, sixty-two, sixty-three; Powerball: fifteen; Power Play: two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

### Ex-co-op worker: Boss never asked to keep extra money secret

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former South Dakota educational cooperative employee charged in her now-dead boss's embezzlement scheme told state agents in 2016 she'd never been asked to keep secret years of extra salary that eventually spurred her ongoing theft trial.

Stephanie Hubers said in an interview with Division of Criminal Investigation agents played Wednesday in court that Scott Westerhuis never told her not to disclose the second salary she received from a separate nonprofit, The Argus Leader reported . Hubers is a onetime Mid-Central Educational Cooperative staffer accused of receiving about \$55,000 to keep quiet about embezzlement by Westerhuis and his wife before their deaths in a 2015 murder-suicide.

"He never told me to keep quiet," Hubers said in the recording. "I was never told not to say anything to anybody."

Hubers, 45, has pleaded not guilty to one count of grand theft and two counts of grand theft by deception and three alternative receiving stolen property counts. She faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and fines for each count.

Hubers also told investigators she knew Mid-Central bankrolled salaries at other organizations Westerhuis started, but was told the board of directors was aware of it. She said she didn't want to talk out of turn at their meetings.

"I knew what it was," Hubers said. "I guess I was the lesser person. I kept my mouth shut and kept going on."

Catrina Brown, who worked under Westerhuis as an administrative assistant, said Wednesday that he was a bully who lost his temper when employees didn't act as directed. She cried while testifying, remembering instances in which Westerhuis would go off on her and other employees.

Defense attorney Clint Sargent argued that Hubers helped authorities with their financial investigation

launched because Westerhuis in 2015 fatally shot his wife and their four children, then set fire to their home and killed himself. Sargent said Hubers submitted invoices for the money and performed contract work with the nonprofit American Indian Institute for Innovation to earn it.

Authorities say she received roughly \$55,000 from the nonprofit from 2009 to 2014 that she wasn't entitled to or that she knew had been stolen. Attorney General Marty Jackley earlier told jurors that Hubers invoiced the nonprofit for payment for work she didn't perform.

Authorities' investigation spurred the felony charges in 2016 against Hubers and two others who allegedly helped in the couple's embezzlement scheme. Investigators believe the total amount that Scott Westerhuis and his wife, Nicole, stole before their deaths surpassed \$1 million.

Judge Bruce Anderson denied a defense motion Wednesday to clear Hubers, and the trial will continue Thursday.

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

## Paralyzed man sues South Dakota medical center, clinic

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A paralyzed man is suing a South Dakota medical center and an orthopedic clinic for alleged negligence in failing to treat his back injury that resulted in a permanent disability.

Michael Braman alleges in his lawsuit that he sought treatment at Huron Regional Medical Center in 2016 for back pain after tripping on a rug, the Argus Leader reported. The hospital delayed conducting an MRI until the day after he was admitted, according to the lawsuit.

The MRI showed Braman was suffering from a herniated disk obstructing his spinal cord. The lawsuit alleges a physician consulted Dr. Matt McKenzie at the Orthopedic Institute in Sioux Falls, who advised that Braman didn't need immediate surgery. McKenzie suggested scheduling the spinal surgery for after the weekend, according to the lawsuit.

Huron Regional and the Orthopedic Institute both deny responsibility for the delayed treatment.

The Orthopedic Institute denied that McKenzie spoke with a Huron Regional emergency room physician or that he recommended delaying surgery. The Huron Regional Medical Center alleged that Braman's medical records show their emergency room staff was told he could wait and be transferred to the Sioux Falls clinic.

Braman was taken in an ambulance to Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls a few days before his scheduled surgery. A neurosurgeon diagnosed him with cauda equine syndrome, a severe compression of the spinal cord. The diagnosis required immediate emergency surgery, which he received.

"Mr. Braman underwent extensive post-surgical rehabilitation, but despite all rehabilitative efforts, he remains permanently and severely disabled," the lawsuit states.

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

## Recount confirms close win in Butte County commissioner race

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. (AP) — A recount has upheld the winner of a county commissioner race in western South Dakota, although the winning margin was narrowed to one vote.

Monday's recount showed James Ager of Belle Fourche winning the District 1 commissioner's seat in Butte County.

Ager defeated fellow Republican Karen Wagner by two votes — 215-213 — according to initial results from the June 5 primary. Wagner requested a recount, because of the slim margin.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports the four-hour recount found some ballot discrepancies, but Ager was declared the winner — by one vote.

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

## **Anthrax strikes another cattle herd in South Dakota**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Officials say anthrax has struck another cattle herd in South Dakota. State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven (OH'-dih-koh-ven) says at least four adult cows died suddenly last week in a herd in Bon Homme County.

The herd had not been vaccinated against anthrax.

Earlier, Oedekoven confirmed that eight cows died of anthrax out of a herd of 87 unvaccinated cattle in Clark County.

Anthrax spores survive indefinitely in contaminated alkaline soils, and nearly all areas of South Dakota have the potential of experiencing an outbreak. Drought, floods and wind can expose anthrax spores to grazing livestock.

Animals with anthrax are often found dead with no illness detected. Officials say suspicious cases should be reported immediately to a local veterinarian or to the state veterinarian at the South Dakota Animal Industry Board .

## **Regents OK naming precision ag project for Raven Industries**

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Officials have approved naming a major new precision agriculture facility at South Dakota State University after a company that donated \$5 million for the project.

The South Dakota Board of Regents voted Wednesday to grant SDSU's request to name the facility the Raven Precision Agriculture Center in recognition of the gift from Sioux Falls-based Raven Industries. It was approved as part of the board's consent agenda.

State lawmakers approved the project this year. The roughly \$55 million project includes building a precision agriculture classroom and laboratory, with renovations to an existing building expected later.

The university says its bachelor's degree in precision agriculture is the first in the nation. Supporters say the new project will provide modern research and education space.

## **Man accused in hospital standoff breached lockdown**

REDFIELD, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say the man accused of holding a boy hostage in a hospital in a north-eastern South Dakota community was able to breach a lockdown of the facility because a door lock failed.

Spink County sheriff's deputies suspected Matthew Mathern was headed for Community Memorial Hospital Avera in Redfield Monday as they chased his vehicle with a 10-year-old boy inside. Officials say Mathern had been at the hospital earlier, appeared agitated and left.

Pursuing deputies notified the hospital to lock down and evacuate. The Argus Leader reports Spink County Attorney Vic Fischbach says Mathern entered the hospital because a magnetic door lock failed.

The boy was released unharmed and Mathern eventually surrendered. He's charged with aggravated assault, child abuse and aggravated eluding. It wasn't immediately clear if Mathern had an attorney who could comment on his behalf.

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

## **Mother given 6 years for cruelty to 8-year-old son**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman has been sentenced to six years in prison for locking her 8-year-old son in a bedroom for 19 hours.

Natalie Connot was charged with abuse and cruelty to a child as well as false imprisonment. Authorities say the boy was locked in the room last August without food, water or access to a bathroom while Connot and her boyfriend, Jeremy Harbert went to visit relatives. The child escaped the second-story room by jumping out of a window.

The Argus Leader says the boy was hospitalized for 10 days following the incident, in part suffering from malnutrition. Authorities say the apartment was filled with trash and junk. Harbert was also sentenced to

six years in prison last March.

Connot's son is expected to return to the custody of his grandmother.

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## Fans throng Florida arena, mourn slain rapper XXXTentacion

By KELLI KENNEDY and JOSHUA REPLOGLE, Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Loudspeakers blasted songs by the late rapper XXXTentacion as thousands of fans chanting his lyrics lined up for hours in a Florida arena to see the performer laid out in a casket, two braids flowing over the side.

XXXTentacion was gunned down last week at the age of 20 in what police said was an apparent robbery. His sudden death shocked fans and unleashed praise for a rapper described as both a gift and troubled figure in the world of music.

XXXTentacion, who sported dreadlocks and facial tattoos and who pronounced his name "Ex ex ex ten-ta-see-YAWN," was a platinum-selling rising star who tackled issues including prejudice and depression in his songs. He also drew criticism over bad behavior and multiple arrests, including charges that he severely beat and abused his girlfriend.

On Wednesday, security guards flanked the casket, which was surrounded by black roses and silver leaves as a row of spotlights lit the stage at the 20,000-seat BB&T Center in Sunrise, Florida. Family members and friends gathered in a roped-off area and wore black T-shirts that said "Bad" on front and "No more pain" on the back.

The somber crowd grew rowdy as popular songs came on and many started jumping and raising their hands in the air as they shouted lyrics. On the way into the arena as well as on stage near the casket, many fans wept openly, held hands and hugged each other.

A fan who identified himself as Choice Bison said on his way in that XXXTentacion stood for hope and energy.

"What was his gift? Fearlessness. Fearlessness," Bison said. "As people, we are always wondering what people are thinking about us. And he just had a beautiful ability to not care what anybody was saying, to not care what anybody was thinking and give us his authentic self."

The performer was shot while leaving a South Florida motorcycle shop in his luxury electric sports car in what police said was an apparent robbery. Police have arrested one suspect and on Wednesday identified another man as person of interest.

Another fan, Andrew Cusumano, said it was sad that XXXTentacion's life was cut short at the start of his career.

"I listened to him almost every day for the last 2 years. He was just someone I saw a lot of potential in and was wanting to follow his career," Cusumano said. "I thought he would be around in the industry for a long time, and you know I watched all his videos."

Meanwhile, the investigation into the rapper's death continues.

Dedrick Williams, 22, was arrested last week and charged with the rapper's slaying. He has not yet entered a plea.

The Broward Sheriff's Office said Wednesday that detectives want to question another man, 22-year-old Robert Allen, about his knowledge of the slaying. Investigators released photos of Allen, including one taken the day XXXTentacion was slain. Allen has not been charged with any crime.

Authorities say in an affidavit that two armed men wearing masks — one black, one red — got out of an SUV that was blocking the rapper's luxury car outside the Riva Motorsports motorcycle shop. After a struggle, XXXTentacion was shot by at least one of the men, who took a small bag from his car and fled in a vehicle detectives later recovered.

Following his death, XXXTentacion topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart with "Sad!" and his two albums have landed in the Top 10.



Billboard reports that the rapper-singer's song originally peaked at No. 7, but jumped back this week from No. 52 to No. 1, supplanting Drake's "Nice for What."

Associated Press writer Curt Anderson in Fort Lauderdale contributed to this story.

## Fire sweeps through market in Kenya's capital, killing 15

By TOM ODULA, Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A fire swept one of Nairobi's largest open-air markets early Thursday, killing 15 people and sending 70 injured to hospitals, an official said, as traders who lived there struggled to wake their families and flee.

Nairobi County Commissioner Kangethe Thuku said six bodies had been recovered and nine were in a building and had yet to be retrieved.

Rescue teams searched for more bodies and survivors in Gikomba market in the Pumwani low-income neighborhood in Kenya's capital. Many Kenyans shop for secondhand clothes from the market, which also supplies other vendors with used clothes from Europe and the United States.

The cause of the fire was not immediately announced but "for now we have declared this site a crime scene," Thuku said. Security forces guarded the smoking site as workers picked through the blackened rubble.

One market trader, Ruth Kaveke, grasped a wad of burnt currency and said it was the only thing she managed to salvage from her cloth-making store. It was the second time fire has destroyed her only source of livelihood in as many years.

"I live in the market because it is convenient and I wanted to be close by; just in case of fire I could salvage my property," she said.

Her two children would not easily wake up when the latest fire broke out, however, and by the time she got them to safety it was too late to save anything else, she said.

The fire started around 2:30 a.m. and was contained about an hour and a half later, according to the St. John Ambulance charity.

Residents said the crowded market has had fires multiple times in recent years, and traders have suffered huge losses. Officials have said access roads are clogged with traders who block emergency response services, while critics say those services are poor.

The market is a five-minute walk from Nairobi's central business district in an area targeted by the Nairobi County Government for an upgrade.

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## Rescuers in Thailand search for alternative entrance to cave

By TASSANEE VEJPONGSA, Associated Press

MAE SAI, Thailand (AP) — Rescuers in northern Thailand were scouring a mountainside Thursday in search of alternative entrances to a flooded cave where 12 boys and their soccer coach have been missing for five days.

Near-constant rains have stalled search efforts inside the cave by raising water levels and forcing elite navy SEAL divers slowly making their way through the sprawling complex to pause. Authorities have also had to switch off power to water pumps due to electrical hazards as teams work to raise power cables above the floodwaters.

"There's not much we can do right now," Interior Minister Anupong Paojinda said, adding that a key passageway was completely flooded. "We have to wait for the water level to decrease. (Divers) can't do anything right now."

Thai rescuers have been joined by a U.S. military team and British cave experts. At a morning briefing,

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the Thai SEALs explained to the U.S. team that water levels had been rising overnight at a rate of about 15 centimeters (6 inches) per hour, complicating efforts to squeeze through tight passages, some of which require divers to contort their bodies around L-shaped bends.

The missing boys and coach entered the Tham Luang Nang Non cave in Chiang Rai province on Saturday afternoon. The cave complex extends several kilometers (miles) with narrow passageways and uneven ground and is known to flood severely in rainy season.

Still, authorities have expressed hope there are dry places on higher ground within the cave where the group may be able to wait.

Deputy national police chief Wirachai Songmetta said he would join more than 600 rescuers above ground trying to find shafts that might be possible entrances into the cave. The few shafts found so far did not provide access.

"We won't give up. That's the key here," he said as he got into a vehicle that was part of a convoy carrying rescuers.

Anupong said there are three locations that rescuers are looking at and they will have to work with the geological department and their equipment to explore further, using small cameras for example.

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii confirmed a U.S. team of about 30 people was sent to assist the search. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nicole Schwegman said Wednesday that a search and rescue team had been sent at the request of Thailand's government.

Some parents of the missing children have been spending the nights in tents outside the cave entrance as the rain poured. On Thursday morning, a Buddhist monk led a prayer for a small group of relatives, many of them red-eyed and crying during the prayer.

Medics sat in a tent nearby, and bicycles, backpacks and soccer cleats the boys left behind remained at the entrance.

Anmar Mirza, national coordinator of the National Cave Rescue Commission in the U.S. and editor of the book *Manual of U.S. Cave Rescue Techniques*, said that in a situation like this it would seem there were only two things that could be done: pump the water down and search for alternative entrances.

If there were a high-quality map, drilling would be another possibility, but that is extremely difficult for a number of reasons and could also take days to weeks, he said, adding that it was important not to take needless risks.

Mirza said the boys' youth and health is to their advantage and if the cave is not too cold, they should be able to survive four to five days with no water and a month or more with water but no food.

"The biggest concern is them getting desperate and trying to enter swift moving water," he said.

## Battle lines already being drawn on Kennedy's successor

By CATHERINE LUCEY and LISA MASCARO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement is setting off a momentous confirmation battle for President Donald Trump's next Supreme Court nominee that is certain to consume the Senate, inflame partisan tensions and shape the outcome of the midterm elections.

All sides quickly mobilized Wednesday after Kennedy — a singular voice on the court whose votes have decided issues on abortion, affirmative action, gay rights, guns, campaign finance and voting rights — sent shockwaves through Washington by announcing his retirement plans.

Trump said he would start the effort to replace Kennedy "immediately" and would pick from a list of 25 names that he updated last year. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell declared that the Senate "will vote to confirm Justice Kennedy's successor this fall."

With Kennedy's departure, Republicans have a longed-for opportunity to tip the balance of the court. It already has four justices picked by Democratic presidents and four picked by Republicans, so Trump's pick could shift the ideological balance toward conservatives for years to come.

Republicans also have a chance to make judicial nominees a top campaign issue, which could help motivate conservatives and evangelicals to vote in November. The playbook worked in 2016, when Republi-

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cans rallied around McConnell's successful block of then-President Barack Obama's nominee to the court, Merrick Garland.

If Republicans unite behind Trump's selection, there's little that Democrats can do to stop it. Republicans changed the Senate rules last year so that Supreme Court nominees cannot be filibustered, meaning only 51 votes will be required to confirm.

Last year, Trump's first nominee to the court, Neil Gorsuch, was confirmed 54-45, with three Democrats voting in favor. Those Democrats — Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, Sen. Joe Donnelly of Indiana and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota— are facing difficult re-election races and could find it difficult to oppose the president's second pick.

But while Republicans are aiming for speedy action, Democrats quickly argued that any decision should be put on hold until after midterm elections, citing McConnell's 2016 moves. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said it would be the "height of hypocrisy" to vote sooner.

He said the voices of millions of Americans heading to the polls this fall "deserve to be heard."

McConnell refused to consider Garland because it was a presidential election year. He said the seat should be left open for the next president to fill.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, told reporters that the 2016 delay on Supreme Court confirmations only applied to presidential election years. He noted that Justice Elena Kagan was confirmed in 2010, a midterm election year.

Another flashpoint in the court debate will be abortion rights, which puts a spotlight on key female Republican senators, Sen. Susan Collins of Maine and Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. Both have supported abortion access. The abortion issue could also prove difficult for Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada, the most endangered Senate Republican running for re-election this fall, whose views have shifted against abortion rights.

Schumer said the Senate should reject "on a bipartisan basis any justice who would overturn *Roe v. Wade* or undermine key health care protections."

Speaking to reporters at the White House, Trump deflected a question on whether he should wait until after the midterm elections to announce a successor to Kennedy, saying he hasn't "really thought about that. I think you want to go as quickly as possible."

The president stressed his confidence in the picks on his list, saying, "You see the kind of quality we're looking at when you look at that list."

Some possible nominees being eyed include Thomas Hardiman, who serves alongside Trump's sister on the Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Raymond Kethledge, a federal appeals court judge who clerked for Kennedy. Also of interest are Amul Thapar, a federal appeals court judge from Kentucky who is close to McConnell; Brett Kavanaugh, a former clerk for Kennedy who serves on the federal appeals court in Washington, D.C.; and Amy Coney Barrett, who serves on the federal appeals court in Chicago.

Among Trump's counselors is Leonard Leo, who is taking a leave of absence as executive vice president of the Federalist Society to serve as an outside adviser to the process. Leo said Wednesday that it was important to first focus on Kennedy's legacy and demonstrate appreciation. From there, he said, the "White House will begin to winnow the president's list to a manageable short list."

"The president has been very clear over and over what his standards are," Leo said.

Senators were bracing for the tough days ahead.

Republican Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska, a member of the Judiciary Committee, bluntly talked of the "blood sport" likely to be triggered by the nomination fight.

"Americans ought to aim higher," he said.

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## Immigrant mom heads to court to get her son back

By MARTHA IRVINE and JULIE WATSON, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — When Lidia Karine Souza would call her 9-year-old son — allowed just 20 minutes per week — he would beg his mom through tears to do everything in her power to get him out of U.S. government custody and back to her.

The 27-year-old Brazilian mother, who is seeking asylum, has been trying with all her might.

She searched for weeks to find Diogo after the two were separated at the border in late May. When she was released June 9 from a Texas facility, she filled out nearly 40 pages of documents that U.S. officials told her were required to regain custody.

Then they told her that the rules had changed and that she needed any family members living with her in the United States to be fingerprinted and still more documents. This was not the safety she had sought for herself and her son. This was not the American dream.

"This ... is a nightmare," she said, sitting in a suburban Chicago hotel, still waiting to be reunited with Diogo, from whom she'd never spent more than a week apart before this.

On Tuesday, Souza's attorneys filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration to demand her son be immediately released. He has spent four weeks at a government-contracted shelter in Chicago, much of it alone in a room, quarantined with chicken pox. He spent his 9th birthday on Monday without his mom.

Her lawyers said they will be going forward with an emergency hearing Thursday morning in U.S. District Court in Chicago despite a federal judge's order forcing the government to reunite more than 2,000 children with their families within 30 days, or 14 days in the case of those younger than 5.

Jesse Bless, an attorney from Jeff Goldman Immigration in Boston, one of two firms representing Souza, said he had trouble getting excited over Tuesday's injunction because the government could still delay further. "We struggle to trust at this point," he said.

For days and weeks now, some of the hundreds of parents separated from their children at the Mexican border by the Trump administration have been battling one of the world's most complex immigration systems to find their youngsters and get them back.

For many, it has been a lopsided battle, and a frustrating and heartbreaking one. Most do not speak English. Many know nothing about their children's whereabouts. And some say their calls to the government's 1-800 information hotline have gone unanswered.

Huge logistical challenges remain, and whether the U.S. government can manage to clear away the red tape, confusion and seeming lack of coordination and make the deadline remains to be seen.

The Justice Department and the Department of Health and Human Services, which is in charge of the children, gave no immediate details Wednesday on how they intend to respond to the ruling.

Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said he believes the deadline is realistic. "It's a question of political will, not resources," he said.

Among the complicating factors: Children have been sent to shelters all over the United States, thousands of miles from the border. And perhaps hundreds of parents have already been deported from the U.S. without their children.

A woman in Guatemala who was deported without her 8-year-old son has had to find a U.S. lawyer from her cinderblock home on the outskirts of Guatemala City to help her get Anthony back. Elsa Johana Ortiz applauded the federal judge's ruling but added, "As long as he's not with me, I will not be at peace."

In El Paso, three dozen parents released Sunday from a U.S. detention center started a feverish search for their children, using a single shared landline phone at a shelter run by Annunciation House.

Some at that shelter rushed to catch buses bound for New York, Dallas and the West Coast to live with family members in the hope that establishing residency will make it easier to get their kids back. Those who left for other cities carried little more than shopping bags stuffed with sandwiches and folders of birth certificates and asylum paperwork.

One asylum-seeker at Annunciation House, Wilson Romero, hoped to be reunited with his 5-year-old daughter Nataly in California — at the home of his mother, a recent immigrant herself. He said Nataly

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appeared to be recovering from chickenpox, also contracted in detention, as Diogo did. She told him she had been vomiting and not wanting to eat.

The 26-year-old father was separated from Nataly by U.S. authorities in El Paso in May. In Honduras, he worked at a textile factory making logos for U.S. brands on the outskirts of San Pedro Sula, one of Latin America's most violent cities. He said he left his homeland so his daughter would have a chance at having a career someday. Now he just wants to see her again.

"I pray to God it is soon," said Romero, who has a tattoo of his daughter's name on his right arm.

Souza also has a tattoo of her son's name on her wrist.

Her lawyer, Bless, said some parents who are trying to get their children placed with friends or relatives in the U.S. are being asked by the government to provide, along with fingerprints of relatives, utility bills and lease information, which many newly arrived immigrants don't have.

Souza and her son were separated about four weeks ago after she requested asylum, arguing her life was in danger in her native Brazil. "I came out of necessity," she said in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday.

After her son was taken, she had no idea where he was until another detained mother said her child knew a boy named Diogo in a Chicago shelter. She talked to him for no more than 20 minutes a week and has been told the soonest he could be released would be in late July.

But she hopes her lawsuit will help reunite them sooner.

Souza, who moved in with relatives outside Boston, visited Diogo for the first time since May on Tuesday. They embraced, and she kissed him several times on the head and face, then grabbed his cheeks gently with her hands as they both cried.

"I missed you so much," she said in Portuguese.

Asked how he was, Diogo said: "I am better now."

Their visit lasted an hour. Then he returned to U.S. government custody.

"He cried a lot when the time came to say goodbye," she said. "He thought we would be taking him home."

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Watson reported from San Diego and Irvine from Chicago. Associated Press writers Morgan Lee in El Paso, Texas; Sonia Perez in Guatemala City; and Will Weissert in McAllen, Texas, contributed to this report.

## Trump dubs Heitkamp a 'liberal Democrat,' urges her defeat

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — President Donald Trump urged voters Wednesday to fire "liberal Democrat" Sen. Heidi Heitkamp in November, claiming that she promised to be an independent mind but instead has voted in lockstep with her party leadership and against his agenda.

Trump called instead for the election of Republican U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer, one of his staunchest allies in Congress.

"When Heidi ran for office, she promised to be an independent vote for the people of North Dakota," Trump said to an arena packed with thousands of cheering supporters in Fargo. "Instead, she went to Washington and immediately joined Chuck ... and Nancy," a reference to Democratic congressional leaders Sen. Chuck Schumer and Rep. Nancy Pelosi.

But Heitkamp, one of the most vulnerable incumbents seeking re-election this year, is considered a moderate and one of the least reliably partisan Democratic votes in the Senate. She's largely backed the oil-rich state's corporate interests on energy and has opposed some restrictions on guns. She voted to confirm 21 of Trump's 26 Cabinet-level nominations.

The president, however, noted Heitkamp's votes against tax cuts he signed into law in December as well as the GOP's long-sought goal to undo the health care program enacted by President Barack Obama.

"You need a senator who doesn't just talk like they're from North Dakota but votes like they're from

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North Dakota," Trump bellowed. "That's what you need and that is Kevin Cramer."

Called to the microphone by the president, Cramer thanked Trump for rolling back federal regulations, cutting taxes and, "on behalf of the most vulnerable forgotten people, the unborn babies, thank you for standing for life."

He pledged to always be with Trump.

"And on these very important North Dakota values, you never have to wonder where I'll be because I'll always be with them and with you 100 percent of the time," Cramer said.

Heitkamp stood next to Trump at the White House when he signed a banking deregulation bill into law, alarming some Republicans who worried he was becoming too close to her. Trump also invited her to join him on stage with Cramer during a past appearance in North Dakota. At that event, Trump called her a "good woman" and said he hoped for her support. Heitkamp has described having a "friendly" relationship with Trump.

Trump urged the election of more Republican senators, saying the current 51-49 GOP majority is a "problem." Most legislation needs 60 votes to get through the Senate, and Democrats have refused to go along with much of what Trump and the Republicans have proposed.

"It's a very tough situation," he said. Trump added that "we have to hold the House and maybe even increase it, and I think we'll be able to do it."

To that end, he pointed to primary election results Tuesday night that saw the surprise upset of House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley of New York to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a 28-year-old Latina who worked for Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign.

He referred to Crowley, a Trump critic, as a "slovenly man" who "got his ass kicked by a young woman who had a lot of energy."

Trump said he was happy that Pelosi and California Rep. Maxine Waters would remain the faces of the Democratic Party.

"I mean, (Waters) practically was telling people the other day to assault. Can you imagine if I said the things she said?" asked Trump, who has encouraged violence against protesters at his campaign rallies.

The president also mocked Democrats' talk of a "blue wave" in November that will help their party take back the House, saying they "keep talking about this blue wave," but "their blue wave is really sputtering pretty badly."

Trump also touched on Wednesday's announcement by Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy that he is retiring after 31 years on the bench, giving the president a second opportunity to put a justice on the high court and cement its conservative wing.

Trump said he has to name someone young enough "that's going to be there for 45 years. We need intellect ... so many elements go into the making of a great justice of the Supreme Court."

He claimed that Heitkamp will vote against whomever he nominates to succeed Kennedy, despite her vote to approve Neil Gorsuch, Trump's first nominee to the Supreme Court. But, referring to the rally, Trump said, "Maybe because of this she will be forced to vote 'yes.'"

Trump spent the night in Milwaukee. He was set to speak Thursday at the ceremonial groundbreaking for a massive \$10 billion Foxconn factory complex in Wisconsin and attend a closed-door fundraiser.

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## Migrating birds create flu bonanza for scientists to study

By LAURAN NEERGAARD, AP Medical Writer

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Huge flocks of famished birds scour the sands of Delaware Bay for the tiny greenish eggs an army of horseshoe crabs lays every spring.

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It's a marvel of ecology as shorebirds migrating from South America to the Arctic time a stop critical to their survival to this mass crab spawning. It's also one of the world's hot spots for bird flu — a bonanza for scientists seeking clues about how influenza evolves so they just might better protect people.

"Eventually, we would like to be able to predict which would be the next pandemic," said flu pioneer Robert Webster of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

These humble beaches turn into a mixing bowl for influenza between mid-May and early June, as thousands of shorebirds and gulls crowd together and swap viruses. Researchers carefully step around the nesting crabs to scoop up the evidence — potentially flu-infected bird droppings.

"We have trained our eyes for this, that's for sure," said St. Jude researcher Pamela McKenzie as she bent over damp sand last month in search of the freshest samples to go on ice for later testing.

Not just any splat will do. Too dry, and tests might not be able to detect virus. Too big, and it's likely not from the species that carries the most flu here, the calico-patterned ruddy turnstone.

Why test birds? "That's where all flu viruses come from," said Richard Webby, who directs St. Jude's Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance, a program funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Aquatic birds, including wild ducks and migrating shorebirds, are considered nature's main reservoir for influenza.

Whether it's the typical winter misery or a pandemic, every strain that infects humans "started off somewhere along the family tree in the aquatic bird reservoirs," Webby said.

Usually wild birds don't get sick, simply trading flu viruses they carry in the gut. But strains from wild birds can threaten domesticated chickens and turkeys, and every so often jump to pigs or even people.

St. Jude's annual study at Delaware Bay offers a glimpse into little-known efforts around the world — including testing migrating ducks in China and Canada, and live poultry markets in Bangladesh — to track how bird flu circulates and changes, information that can help determine what vaccines to make for animals and people.

And nowhere else in the world have scientists found so many shorebirds carrying diverse flu strains as when red knots, ruddy turnstones and other species make their migratory stopover at this bay nestled between New Jersey and Delaware.

Most bird flu isn't easily spread to people, stressed McKenzie, who doesn't even wear gloves as she pooper-scoops along a beach before the tide washes back.

Still, "it's amazing how the virus can change so rapidly, what genes they inherit," added McKenzie, who oversees St. Jude's global bird flu surveillance.

The U.S. stockpiles just-in-case vaccines against worrisome strains.

"It only has to happen once," Webby said. "The right virus comes and gets into the right population which happens to fly over the right farm of turkeys which happens at the right time of year where the right farmer picks up the wrong bird — and we're in trouble."

Webster, now an emeritus virologist at St. Jude, made the connection between bird and human flu decades ago when he found some seabirds in Australia carrying antibodies against the strain that caused the 1957 pandemic. In 1985, his continuing hunt for bird flu took him to Delaware Bay.

Today, scientists know that if two different types of flu infect a single animal at the same time — say a pig catches both a chicken strain and a human strain — the genes can shuffle to produce a totally new virus.

But worry about bird flu as a threat to both poultry farms and humans has grown since a strain named H5N1 spread directly to people in the late 1990s in Hong Kong's crowded live-poultry markets. Cousins of that virus have cropped up, as has another flu named H7N9 that since 2013 has infected more than 1,500 people in China through close contact with infected chickens.

Those are very different viruses than what St. Jude finds in shorebirds passing through Delaware Bay, Webby said. For some reason, viruses carried by Asian and European birds rarely make it to the Americas, he said, but it's important to look — and to understand the normal ebb and flow of different strains so it's

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more obvious when something new crops up.

The research is "one way to stay a little bit ahead of the virus," said Marciela DeGrace of NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "Understanding how this virus can change and how much it can change in a quick amount of time is going to be critical for us to make countermeasures like vaccines."

Why flu erupts during the Delaware Bay stopover remains a mystery. But the longest travelers arrive wasted, and must double their weight in two weeks.

"You can hold a bird and say, 'This bird just got here.' They're here to do work," said Alinde Fojtik of the University of Georgia's Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, a longtime flu researcher who this year volunteered her vacation to help count and tag shorebirds.

So the birds can feast uninterrupted, only scientists and conservation workers are allowed on their preferred beaches, carefully catching and counting them, testing their overall health and tagging them for tracking as the migration continues.

For the flu hunters, finding the right spot is a trick. St. Jude researcher Patrick Seiler pulls out binoculars: Nope, mostly gulls on one beach. Down the road, he spots a better target, a crowd of ruddy turnstones with their distinctive black, white and brown plumage.

The skittish birds take flight as the team approaches. Each dropping gets whisked up on a cotton swab, put into a small vial of preservative and stored in a cooler.

The team carried more than 600 samples back to St. Jude's labs in Memphis, Tennessee, where researchers are beginning the monthslong process to test how many droppings harbor flu and what kind. The viral library is used for further experiments to test how well strains spread, said NIH's DeGrace.

"I would love to be able to look at the sequence of virus we find in Delaware Bay this year say, 'Uh-oh, that's the guy that's coming.' We're not at that point yet," Webby cautioned. "That's our end goal, to be able to say, 'Uh-oh, here's something we have to worry about.'"

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## Court's ruling hits teachers unions, but how hard is unclear

By KANTELE FRANKO, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Teachers unions are hoping that recent grass-roots protests over pay and working conditions will blunt the impact of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on union fees and help persuade dues-paying members not to abandon them.

The court said in a 5-4 ruling Wednesday that government workers can no longer be required to pay fees to labor organizations that represent them in collective bargaining.

The non-members paying those fees are only a small portion of the people represented by teachers unions, which are more concerned about a potentially bigger financial blow if members decide to opt out and join those who benefit from the bargaining representation without having to pay for it.

That leaves unions fighting to prove their worth and relevance.

"There has been an interesting surge in union militancy and strikes, whether we look at the West Virginia teachers, the Tennessee teachers, all of those teachers strikes this past spring occurred in right to work states, where supposedly unions were not strong. And those were some of the largest movements of workers that we've seen in a long time," said Ileen DeVault, a Cornell University professor of labor history and director of The Worker Institute at Cornell.

"I think the inequality in our country has reached a point where people really can't stand for it going any lower. Even Republicans may learn why it was better to have unions rather than to have people out in the streets on strike," she said.

The court's ruling provides "a powerful opportunity for union leaders to hit the reset button," said Kate Walsh, president of the National Council on Teacher Quality, a research and policy group.



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"Union leaders in this sector have too often confused their protection and advocacy for some members with their obligation to the profession at large," she said.

The teachers unions hope the successful protests will blunt the impact of the court's ruling.

The head of the largest teachers union, National Education Association President Lily Eskelsen Garcia, said the demonstrations helped recruit new members and illustrate the power of a collective voice.

"I think there are a whole lot of people paying attention now that maybe weren't paying attention before," she said.

She and American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten accused the high court of siding with wealthy business interests over the working class and emphasized their unions aren't going anywhere.

But supporters of the ruling hailed it as a victory for non-union employees who object to paying unions that might be advocating for political causes with which they disagree.

"Public sector unions will now have to prioritize how they spend their funds without the revenue stream of nonmembers' compelled agency fees," said Elizabeth Slattery of the conservative-leaning Heritage Foundation.

The teachers unions have been bracing for the court's decision since it split 4-4 when it considered the issue in 2016 following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Like other public-sector unions, they say they've tried to be extra-attentive to member concerns and boost one-on-one communication with members, making a case for the value of unions in anticipation of an increased push by opponents of organized labor to pressure members to leave.

"That's where our concern comes in," said Melissa Cropper, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers. "When people start getting social media ads, getting things in their mail, getting people knocking on their door saying, 'Give yourself a raise. Don't pay your union dues anymore,' what impact will that have on our membership?"

Unions can only guess to what extent the ruling might dent their funding, services and political advocacy. They argue it should be a matter of public interest because unions bargain not only issues like teachers' wages and benefits but also class sizes and other elements that affect students' learning environments.

"When you see attacks on unions, that can have an impact on what's happening in the classroom, and that's what should be concerning to people," Cropper said.

In the short term, unions will lose some resources, members and maybe even staff, making it hard for them to be effective, said Robert Bruno, a professor of labor and employment relations at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

He said the long-term impact — whether it be shrinking union membership or a resurgence and more activism — depends on how unions have prepared for and react to this shift, and whether teachers in collective-bargaining states can preserve other industry-related public policies, such as the ability to bargain health insurance or pensions.

If unions weaken and working conditions worsen, educators may look for ways to fight back, whether it's at the bargaining table or in public demonstrations to state governments, Bruno said.

"They will stand and take a bullet for a kid," Bruno said. "If they think that they can march on a state capital and they can shut a school down and they can get attention to the needs of that school then, you know, I think they're going to do it."

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## Gorsuch shows how much 1 vote matters on Supreme court

By MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Neil Gorsuch's role in his first full term on the Supreme Court offers a striking illustration of the difference a single justice can make, and why both sides are gearing up for a

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titanic fight over replacing retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy.

The term that roared to its finish Wednesday — before it was overshadowed by Kennedy's announcement of his retirement — was a triumphal one for conservatives. In Kennedy's last term and the first for Gorsuch, Kennedy's former law clerk, both justices were part of 5-4 conservative majorities to uphold President Donald Trump's travel ban, deal labor unions a major financial setback, affirm Ohio's aggressive purge of its voter rolls and prohibit millions of workers from banding together to complain about pay.

Those cases probably all would have come out differently — if they even had made their way to the Supreme Court — had the seat Gorsuch holds instead been filled by Judge Merrick Garland, whom President Barack Obama nominated after Justice Antonin Scalia's death in 2016.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions was quick to trumpet the decision in the union case because it was one of four where his Justice Department flipped the position taken in the Obama administration and won. "The favorable Supreme Court decisions in all four cases reflect that we took the proper course of action. The decisions speak for themselves," Sessions said.

There were 14 cases in all in which conservatives prevailed and liberals were in dissent. By contrast, the liberal justices were in the majority in just three ideologically divided cases in which one conservative joined them. The most significant of those was a digital-age privacy decision saying that police generally need a warrant for cellphone company records showing where a phone was used.

Beyond the votes in individual cases, the makeup of the court in part determines the kind of cases people push to get in front of the justices. The case that ended labor unions ability in nearly two dozen states to collect fees from government workers they represent is a prime example.

When Scalia died, the remaining eight justices divided 4-4 in an earlier case about the same issue. After Trump won election, anti-union groups pressed to get a new case to the high court quickly.

Abortion foes could follow a similar path with Kennedy's successor on a court that could be more willing to sustain abortion restrictions.

"Conservative legal activists have jumped on the opportunity by bringing cases that continue to push the law in a conservative direction," said Elizabeth Wydra, president of the liberal Constitutional Accountability Center. "If we get a justice even more reliably conservative than Justice Kennedy, I'd expect that to be an even more extreme trend."

Not every Supreme Court case — or even most cases — fall along those lines, including the two cases this term that are likely to lead to less money in people's pockets and more in state coffers.

In one, the court opened the door to legalized betting on sporting events across the country. Delaware and New Jersey were the first states to start taking bets and several more states plan to follow suit to try to capture some of the \$150 billion that Americans have been wagering illegally each year, according to some estimates.

The justices also made it possible for states to force more people to pay sales tax when they make online purchases. The court overruled a pair of decades-old decisions that states said cost them billions of dollars in lost revenue annually.

As the justices look ahead to next term, the 30 cases already set for arguments generally do not have the same high profile as this term's biggest ones. Among the notable cases are appeals by death row inmates in Alabama and Missouri, a case about the rights of immigrants in detention and a class action involving iPhone apps.

The court still could return to two big issues it considered but ultimately did not decide this term — political gerrymandering and religious objections to LGBT rights under anti-discrimination laws.

On both counts, the liberal justices saw Kennedy as a potentially decisive vote to impose limits on re-districting for political gain and to assert that a business owner's opposition to same-sex marriage could not justify a refusal to serve a customer.

The issues may be back at the high court soon, but probably in front of a more conservative court.

The court's senior liberal justice, 85-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsburg, was prophetic when she talked with a reporter in the summer before Trump's election.

At that point, Kennedy had just written an opinion upholding the consideration of race in college admis-

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sions and the court had rebuked Texas for burdensome restrictions on abortion clinics.

Ginsburg was looking ahead to a Hillary Clinton presidency, but she acknowledged how different things would look for the court if Trump won.

"I don't want to think about that possibility, but if it should be, then everything is up for grabs," Ginsburg said.

## Kennedy retirement guaranteed to ratchet up midterm rhetoric

By **STEVE PEOPLES** and **BILL BARROW**, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Nothing could have shifted the political landscape more than this.

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement and President Donald Trump's pledge to move quickly to fill the seat guarantee a searing summer of charged rhetoric that could touch on virtually every hot-button social and cultural issue in American politics.

The news was especially deflating for Democrats, who felt immediate flashbacks to the 2016 presidential election, when the tantalizing prospect of an open Supreme Court seat spurred some GOP voters to back Trump even if they found him personally objectionable.

It was a dramatic shift for Democrats who had been optimistic about seizing the House majority, if not the Senate. Some of the most dejected responded on social media with obscenities. Others teased a political strategy by warning of severe consequences for health care and abortion rights should Trump have his way.

But for Republicans who have feared a massive enthusiasm advantage for Democrats, the sudden vacancy that could shape the court's direction for a generation was nothing short of a gift from the political gods. In addition to a massive dose of energy, the Supreme Court fight is expected to trigger a flood of new campaign cash that will strengthen the GOP's midterm efforts.

"It's a game changer," said Republican strategist Chris Wilson. "There's no piece of legislation, no executive order, no Supreme Court decision that would have created the level of motivation that an empty seat does."

Indeed, a similar scenario played out in 2016 and, two years later, the strategy is proving successful for Republicans. Trump's first pick for the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch, helped uphold the president's ban on travel from several mostly Muslim countries this week. Gorsuch and his fellow conservatives delivered on another GOP priority Wednesday in a decision that will deal a serious financial blow to Democratic-leaning organized labor.

Trump now has a chance to nominate a second justice who could cement the court's conservative bend and deliver Republican victories for years to come.

The political focus shifts immediately to the Senate, where 10 Democrats running for re-election in states Trump carried in 2016 will soon have to weigh in on the vacancy.

Three of the most vulnerable Senate Democrats — North Dakota's Heidi Heitkamp, West Virginia's Joe Manchin and Indiana's Joe Donnelly — voted in favor of Gorsuch last year. They will face enormous pressure from both parties as they grapple with the president's next pick.

And Republicans, who have been struggling to energize their voters, now get a powerful persuader.

"It's going to be a huge plus for Republican candidates in terms of answering that easy but sometimes difficult question: Why me? Why now?" said Republican strategist Andrea Bozek, who is working with several Republican candidates this cycle. "It makes the case very real on why we need to maintain and grow the Republican majority in the Senate."

Added Republican pollster Frank Luntz: "Now all the marbles are on the Senate."

The conservative Koch network's political arm, Americans For Prosperity, promised to invest more than \$1 million on a broader campaign to support Trump's pick on the ground in key states, according to spokesman James Davis.

"Obviously, we're looking at the nominee first. We want another nominee who's principled, who's going to follow the rule of law similar to Justice Gorsuch," Davis said. "Then we'll launch immediately."

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There was immediate pressure on Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York to use all the tools at his disposal to stop Trump from filling a vacancy. But with the elimination of the filibuster on Supreme Court nominees, he doesn't have much leverage beyond rhetoric and unifying his party, forcing Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to supply the votes.

McConnell refused to even grant a committee hearing to President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland, arguing that voters should decide the issue. Democrats insisted that McConnell follow the same approach now.

"Mitch McConnell should follow the Mitch McConnell rule. Let the American people have a say when women's health and equal rights are on the line," Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a 2020 Democratic presidential prospect, tweeted.

Another ambitious Democrat, California Sen. Kamala Harris, outlined her message with a simple question: "When our nation's values and ideals are under attack — do we retreat or do we fight? I say, we fight," she tweeted.

The issue was already reshaping the nation's top Senate contests.

Missouri Republican Senate hopeful Josh Hawley, the state attorney general, seized on his Democratic opponent's vote against Gorsuch last year.

"Claire McCaskill has never once voted in line with Missouri's wishes on a Supreme Court nominee, and that's why she must be replaced," Hawley charged.

In Nevada, Democratic Rep. Jacky Rosen tried to go on the offensive against one of the country's few vulnerable GOP senators: "Let's repeal and replace Senator Heller and protect the future of the Supreme Court," she tweeted.

Dean Heller sent out a fundraising appeal roughly an hour after the news broke, declaring that he alone could stop Democrats from taking the Senate and determining the next Supreme Court justice.

In Tennessee, Democratic Senate nominee Phil Bredesen immediately embraced the opportunity as well, arguing that he'd be an independent voice amid partisan rancor.

"Not long ago, Senate confirmation was free of openly partisan politics," Bredesen says in a 30-second ad that his campaign says was already cut in anticipation of Kennedy's retirement.

His Republican opponent, Rep. Marsha Blackburn, responded immediately to the vacancy, charging that Bredesen would side with "Chuck Schumer who will attempt to block the President's pick and weaken the court."

And in Texas, Republican Sen. Ted Cruz's campaign had already drafted a fundraising letter about the vacancy even before Kennedy's retirement was official.

"If we lose the Senate, we will lose the opportunity to approve the nominations of strong Constitutionalists to the Supreme Court and other important positions," Cruz wrote. "These are the stakes."

Barrow reported from Atlanta. AP writers Thomas Beaumont in Des Moines, Iowa, and Michelle Price in Las Vegas contributed to this report.

## Frustration, heartbreak for migrant parents looking for kids

By MORGAN LEE and JULIE WATSON, Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — In an unmarked brick building a few blocks from the Mexican border, immigrant parents clutched folders of birth certificates and asylum paperwork and sat on folding chairs, waiting to use a single, shared landline phone.

They rushed to the phone as their names were called with word that a relative or government worker was on the line, perhaps with news about their children.

For days and weeks now, some of the hundreds of parents separated from their children at the Mexican border by the Trump administration have been battling one of the world's most complex immigration systems to find their youngsters and get them back.

For many, it has been a lopsided battle, and a frustrating and heartbreaking one. Most do not speak

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English. Many know nothing about their children's whereabouts. And some say their calls to the government's 1-800 information hotline have gone unanswered.

Now, at least, they have the legal system on their side, since a federal judge in California ordered the Trump administration Tuesday night to reunite the more than 2,000 children with their parents in 30 days, or 14 days in the case of those under 5.

But huge logistical challenges remain, and whether the U.S. government can manage to clear away the red tape, confusion and seeming lack of coordination and make the deadline remains to be seen.

The Justice Department and the Department of Health and Human Services, which is in charge of the children, gave no immediate details Wednesday on how they intend to respond to the ruling.

Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said he believes the deadline is realistic.

"It's a question of political will, not resources," he said.

Among the complicating factors: Children have been sent to shelters all over the United States, thousands of miles from the border. And perhaps hundreds of parents have already been deported from the U.S. without their children.

A woman in Guatemala who was deported without her 8-year-old son has had to find a U.S. lawyer from her cinderblock home on the outskirts of Guatemala City to help her get Anthony back.

Elsa Johana Ortiz applauded the federal judge's ruling but added, "As long as he's not with me, I will not be at peace."

In El Paso, three dozen parents released Sunday from a U.S. detention center started a feverish search for their children, using the landline phone at a shelter run by Annunciation House.

Some of those at Annunciation House rushed to catch buses bound for New York, Dallas and the West Coast to live with family members in the hope that establishing residency will make it easier to get their kids back. Those who left for other cities carried little more than shopping bags stuffed with sandwiches and paperwork.

Digna Perez of El Salvador said she was separated from her 9-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter at the border on May 29. She spoke with them Monday by telephone and was alarmed to hear lethargic, distracted responses from her normally talkative son.

"It was like I was forcing the words out of him," she said. "He wasn't like that before."

She planned to travel to Houston to stay with family friends in an attempt to reclaim her children by showing there was a suitable home waiting for them.

Another asylum-seeker at Annunciation House, Wilson Romero, hoped to be reunited with his 5-year-old daughter Nataly in California — at the home of his mother, a recent immigrant herself.

The 26-year-old father was separated from her by U.S. authorities in El Paso in May. In Honduras, he worked at a textile factory making logos for U.S. brands on the outskirts of San Pedro Sula, one of Latin America's most violent cities. He said he left his homeland so his daughter would have a chance at a career someday. Now he just wants to see her again.

"I pray to God it is soon," said Romero, who has a tattoo of his daughter's name on his right arm.

For many immigrants, the bureaucracy has become increasingly frustrating as they try to find their children.

Some have had to send for birth certificates and identity documents from Honduras and are waiting for them to arrive in the mail.

Some parents who are attempting to get their children placed with friends or relatives in the U.S. are being asked by the government to provide fingerprints of relatives along with utility bills and lease information, which many newly arrived immigrants don't have, said Jesse Bless, an attorney from Jeff Goldman Immigration in Boston, who is representing Lidia Karine Souza.

Souza, 27, turned herself and her son, Diogo, into U.S. authorities at the Texas border and requested asylum, arguing her life was in danger in her native Brazil. U.S. officials detained her in Texas and took her son on May 30 without telling her where he would be.

When she was released June 9, she said, another detained mother who had also been separated from her child told her to check a Chicago shelter, and there she found Diogo. They were allowed no more than

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weekly 20-minute phone calls, in which he begged her to get them reunited.

Souza, who moved in with relatives in Massachusetts, said she submitted 36 pages of documents that U.S. officials required to regain her child. But her son remains in custody; he was quarantined much of the time because he had the chickenpox. Now, Souza has been told her relatives need to be fingerprinted, and the soonest the boy could be released is late July.

He celebrated his ninth birthday Monday locked up.

She filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration. An emergency hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

Souza visited Diogo for the first time Tuesday. They embraced, and she kissed him over and over on his head and face, then grabbed his cheeks gently with her hands as they both cried.

"I missed you so much," she said in Portuguese.

Asked how he was, Diogo said: "I am better now."

Watson reported from San Diego. Associated Press writers Martha Irvine in Chicago; Sonia Perez in Guatemala City; Will Weissert in McAllen, Texas, contributed to this report.

## Hate crime charges leveled after Charlottesville attack

By SARAH RANKIN and DENISE LAVOIE, Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A reputed Hitler admirer accused of plowing a car into a crowd of protesters in Charlottesville, killing a young woman, was charged Wednesday with federal hate crimes in a case that stirred accusations last summer that President Donald Trump was giving a free pass to racists.

James Alex Fields Jr., who already faced murder and other charges under Virginia law, was indicted on 30 additional federal charges stemming from the 2017 attack that killed 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injured dozens of others who had gathered to protest a rally of white nationalists.

"At the Department of Justice, we remain resolute that hateful ideologies will not have the last word and that their adherents will not get away with violent crimes against those they target," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a statement. "Last summer's violence in Charlottesville cut short a promising young life and shocked the nation."

With his statement and the decision to bring the charges, Sessions struck a sharply different tone than the president, who sparked an uproar last year when he blamed the violence at the rally on "both sides."

Described by a former teacher as having a keen interest in Nazi Germany and Adolf Hitler, Fields allegedly drove his speeding car into a group of people demonstrating against the "Unite the Right" rally. The Aug. 12 event drew hundreds of white nationalists to the college town, where officials planned to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The car attack came after the rally had descended into chaos, with brawling breaking out between white nationalists and counterdemonstrators. Authorities then forced the crowd to disband.

Fields, 21, of Maumee, Ohio, has been in custody since the attack. Prosecutor Joseph Platania said in a statement that the federal indictment would have no effect on the pending state case.

The attorney representing Fields on those counts declined to comment. Fields is expected to appear in federal court soon, possibly next week.

The eight-page indictment alleges that he decided to attend the rally on or before Aug. 8. As he prepared to leave for Charlottesville, a family member sent him a text message urging him to be careful.

Fields replied, "We're not the ones who need to be careful," and attached an image of Hitler, according to the indictment, which also says Fields used social media to promote racist views, including support for the Holocaust.

At the rally, he engaged in chants promoting white supremacy and other racist and anti-Semitic views, the indictment said.

After the crowd broke up, Fields drove his car toward the area where a "racially and ethnically diverse crowd" had gathered to protest, the indictment said.

He "rapidly accelerated, through a stop sign and across a raised pedestrian mall, and drove directly into

the crowd," it said.

Surveillance footage from a Virginia State Police helicopter monitoring the event captured the moment of impact by the car and showed the vehicle as it reversed and drove away. It was pulled over a relatively short time later.

At a news conference, U.S. Attorney Thomas Cullen said the civil rights charges against Fields were "the most serious possible under federal law."

The indictment brought charges under two hate crime statutes, including the one under which Dylann Roof was prosecuted for the 2015 killings of nine black parishioners at a church in Charleston, South Carolina. Twenty-nine of the counts were brought under that statute, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

A single count was brought under a provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. That charge accused Fields of racially motivated violent interference with a federally protected activity — in this case, the use of the public streets and sidewalks of Charlottesville. The charge is death-penalty eligible, although that decision has not yet been made, Cullen said.

The federal case is not the first to be filed by Sessions' Justice Department, but it is certainly the highest-profile one. His critics have aired concerns for the last year about what they see as less aggressive enforcement of civil rights laws and the department's lack of intervention with police departments that have troubled relationships with minorities.

Kristen Clarke, a former hate crimes prosecutor and president of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said in a statement that her group was pleased with the federal indictment but that more work remains to be done to address the country's growing "hate crime crisis."

Silence on Sessions' part "was simply not an option" because the Charlottesville rally "stands as one of the most violent hate rallies to be carried out in this country in recent time," she said.

Heyer's mother, Susan Bro, told news outlets, including Roanoke television station WDBJ7, that she had not read the full indictment yet and was not sure yet how she felt about it.

"I think it's a tragedy all the way around," Bro said. "I lost my child, but he's also so young to be so stupid, and I really hate that for him. But I didn't make the choices. He made them."

Rankin reported from Richmond. Associated Press Writer Eric Tucker in Washington contributed to this report.

## Joe Jackson, patriarch of musical Jackson family, dies at 89

By MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Jackson, the fearsome stage dad of Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson and their talented siblings, who took his family from poverty and launched a musical dynasty, died Wednesday. He was 89.

Clark County Coroner John Fudenberg told The Associated Press that Joe Jackson died at Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas.

Fudenberg said he did not have full details, and a determination was not immediately made about whether his office would handle the case.

"We are reviewing the circumstances surrounding the death, but there is no reason to believe it's anything other than a natural death," the coroner said.

Jackson was a guitarist who put his own musical ambitions aside to work in the steel mills to support his wife and nine children in Gary, Indiana. But he far surpassed his own dreams through his children, particularly his exceptionally gifted seventh child, Michael. Fronted by the then-pint-sized wonder and brothers Jermaine, Marlon, Tito and Jackie, the Jackson 5 was an instant sensation in 1969 and became the first phase of superstardom for the Jackson family. Over the following decades, millions would listen to both group and solo recordings by the Jackson 5 (who later became known as The Jacksons) and Michael would become one of the most popular entertainers in history.

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Joe Jackson died two days after the nine-year anniversary of Michael Jackson's death.

The King of Pop's estate released a statement mourning the death.

"We are deeply saddened by Mr. Jackson's passing and extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Katherine Jackson and the family. Joe was a strong man who acknowledged his own imperfections and heroically delivered his sons and daughters from the steel mills of Gary, Indiana, to worldwide pop superstardom," said John Branca and John McClain, co-executors of the estate.

"Papa Joe," as he would become known, ruled through his stern, intimidating and unflinching presence, which became so indelible it was part of black popular culture, even referenced in song and on TV.

"This is bad, real bad Michael Jackson, Now I'm mad, real mad Joe Jackson," Kanye West rhymed in Keri Hilson's 2009 hit, "Knock You Down."

Michael and other siblings would allege physical abuse at their father's hands.

"We'd perform for him and he'd critique us. If you messed up, you got hit, sometimes with a belt, sometimes with a switch. My father was real strict with us — real strict," Michael Jackson wrote in his 1985 autobiography, "Moonwalk."

La Toya Jackson would go as far as to accuse him of sexual abuse in the early 1990s, when she was estranged from her entire family, but she later recanted, saying her former husband had coerced her to make such claims. She and her father later reconciled.

By the time they were adults, most of the Jackson siblings had dismissed him as their manager; Michael and Joseph's relationship was famously fractured; Michael Jackson revered his mother, Katherine, but kept his distance from Joseph.

However, during some of his son's most difficult times, including his 2004 molestation trial, Joseph was by his side, and Michael acknowledged their complicated relationship in a 2001 speech about healthy relationships between parents and their children:

"I have begun to see that even my father's harshness was a kind of love, an imperfect love, to be sure, but love nonetheless. He pushed me because he loved me. Because he wanted no man ever to look down at his offspring," he said. "And now with time, rather than bitterness, I feel blessing. In the place of anger, I have found absolution. And in the place of revenge I have found reconciliation. And my initial fury has slowly given way to forgiveness."

In his autobiography, Joseph Jackson acknowledged having been a stern parent, saying he believed it was the only way to prepare his children for the tough world of show business. However, he always denied physically abusing his children.

Joseph Walter Jackson was born in Fountain Hill, Arkansas, on July 26, 1928, the eldest of four children. His father, Samuel Jackson, was a high school teacher, and his mother, Crystal Lee King, was a housewife.

The couple split up when Jackson was 12. He moved with his father to Oakland, California, while his mother moved to East Chicago, Indiana. When he turned 18, he moved to Indiana to live near his mother. It was there that he met and married Katherine Scrusse.

In the 1950s, he had tried to launch his own music career as a guitarist, but he came to realize the truly gifted musicians in his family were his children.

He launched a group in 1962 that featured his three eldest sons — Jackie, Tito and Jermaine — and two neighbors. He eventually replaced the neighbors with brothers Michael and Marlon, and the Jackson Five went professional in 1966. By 1969, they had signed to Motown, when their bubble gum soul-pop hybrid would create Beatle-like mania, with hits including "I Want You Back," "ABC" and "I'll Be There."

Michael, who joined the group at age 8, was its showstopper from the beginning. A bright-eyed bundle of energy with a soaring voice and dynamic dance moves, he quickly became the lead singer.

Joe Jackson literally drove his kids to success, taking them around the country looking for singing engagements and recording opportunities.

Randy, the youngest Jackson brother, replaced Jermaine in the mid-1970s when the group left Motown and became The Jacksons at CBS; Jermaine, then married to founder Berry Gordy's daughter Hazel, stayed behind and launched a solo career.



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While Michael's success as a solo performer would eventually dwarf that of the rest of his family, Janet would become another multiplatinum superstar; Joe Jackson initially managed her career, too, putting her in the Jacksons' variety show in the early 1970s, where she charmed with her Mae West routine, and shepherding her acting career on shows like "Good Times." But soon after she put out "Control," her breakthrough album at 19, she, too, would sever managerial ties with her father.

In a 2003 interview with Martin Bashir, Michael Jackson teared up when discussing the alleged abuse, saying he would sometimes vomit or faint at the sight of his father because he was so scared of him.

"We were terrified of him. Terrified, I can't tell you I don't think to this day he realizes how scared, scared," said Jackson, who added that his father would only allow him to call him by his first name, not "daddy."

The alleged abuse wasn't just physical. Michael Jackson, who drastically changed his face with plastic surgery through the years, talked several times about how his father would mock the size of his once-broad nose, calling him "big nose."

After Michael's death, Joseph Jackson sued when it was disclosed that he wasn't included in Michael's will. Michael's mother, Katherine, was given custody of Michael's three children and the money to support them. But none of the siblings were named as heirs.

Father and son seemed to have reconciled for a time when Michael Jackson was on trial on child molestation charges. His father was in court to lend him support nearly every day, and Michael was acquitted of all counts in 2005. But he left the country and when he returned, they weren't close.

Toward the end of his life, Michael did not allow his father to visit his Holmby Hills home. Bodyguards said they turned away Joseph Jackson when he appeared at the gate wanting to visit his grandchildren.

By 2005, no longer involved in his children's careers, Joseph Jackson had launched a boot camp for aspiring hip-hop artists, promoting lyrics without vulgarity and sponsoring competitions for young artists from across the country. He spent most of his time at a home in Las Vegas and traveled the country auditioning talent for the competition.

For many years before that, he and his wife had lived in an estate they built in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley where he had hoped his children would remain with him at least until they were married and perhaps even afterward. But there were estrangements, and Jackson, a dandy who wore a pencil-thin mustache and huge diamond pinky ring, faced allegations by his wife of infidelity. She filed for divorce twice but never followed through.

"We just let our troubles die out," Jackson said in 1988, following a reconciliation. "We survived. We love each other, and we have children. That's why we're together."

When Dr. Conrad Murray went on trial in 2010, charged in Michael's overdose death from propofol, Joseph and Katherine attended court with several of Michael's siblings. Murray's conviction of involuntary manslaughter provided some measure of comfort for the family.

Joe Jackson is survived by his wife, his children and more than two dozen grandchildren.

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This story has been corrected to show that Joe Jackson was born in 1928, not 1929.

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## Rescuers face scrutiny as 234 migrants reach safe haven

By COLLEEN BARRY and STEPHEN CALLEJA, Associated Press

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — The captain of a German humanitarian ship that spent nearly a week searching for safe harbor before being allowed to bring 234 migrants rescued at sea to Malta on Wednesday declared during the odyssey: "Saving people is not a crime." Still, once he was on land he was placed under investigation for allegedly breaching maritime regulations.

It is part of a growing trend in Europe and the United States: Private groups responding to images of human suffering and deaths targeted by authorities who are often under political and popular pressure

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to stem the migration tides.

In announcing that Captain Claus-Peter Reisch would face investigation, Malta's Prime Minister Joseph Muscat placed the blame for the impasse that kept the migrants at sea while European nations haggled over their fate squarely on the captain, who he said went "against international rules and ignored directions." French President Emmanuel Macron also criticized the captain, saying he "acted against all the rules," by not turning the migrants over to Libyan authorities after they were found floating in rubber dinghies in Libyan waters.

Humanitarian groups have pushed back. Doctors without Borders, Amnesty International and two other NGOs asked to meet with Macron over his assertion. "Engineered panic and fear-mongering by European politicians over migrations is steering the EU toward very dangerous waters," Human Rights Watch said in a statement.

Italy's new, hard-line interior minister, Matteo Salvini, has been instrumental in raising the level of confrontation, closing Italian ports to humanitarian groups that he accuses of acting like taxi services for migrant smugglers operating out of lawless Libya. His refusal to grant safe harbor, coupled by that of Malta, forced the French aid ship Aquarius to sail an additional 900 miles (1,500 kilometers) to Spain, which agreed to take in the migrants at its port in Valencia.

While Muscat emphasized that the latest case involving the ship Lifeline was unique because of the alleged violations of its captain, the refusal until Wednesday to let the ship dock — and the haggling among EU states over how to distribute the migrants — showed a hardening of positions as EU leaders head into a summit Thursday where migration policies are expected to be the focus.

Reisch is accused of disobeying orders to turn over the migrants, who were rescued in Libyan waters, to the Libyan Coast Guard. Muscat also said the Lifeline turned off its transponder to hide the ship's location. He cited Dutch authorities as saying the ship's registration document is merely a proof of purchase and that it is listed as a pleasure craft, which precludes it from participating in rescues.

Lifeline said it obeyed all maritime instructions as long as they were "in compliance with international law."

"It is important to underline that the only order the ship denied was to hand over people to the so-called Libyan Coast Guard, as this would have been not in line with the Geneva Refugee Convention and therefore criminal," said Alex Steier, the co-founder of the German aid group Mission Lifeline that operates the ship.

On the Lifeline's approach to Malta on Wednesday, migrants crowded the deck wearing orange life vests, many waving, as it entered the main port in Valletta under escort by a Maltese patrol boat. The ship's captain sounded the boat's horn with two long blasts to salute the migrants after their shared journey, and raised a yellow flag to signal permission to authorities to board and a Maltese flag as a courtesy for allowing the ship to dock.

One by one, the migrants were escorted off by officials and medical personnel in white coveralls and gloves. A girl in pink shorts — one of five children on the ship — was cradled by an official. One man walked unsteadily, leaning on a helper, while another wearing shorts and a white polo shirt was barefoot and wrapped in a red blanket.

Ship's captain Reisch was the last to get off the ship, and he hugged the crew before getting into a waiting police car for questioning.

Once settled, the migrants will be vetted to determine if they are eligible for political asylum or if they are economic migrants that will be sent back to their countries of origin, Muscat said.

Malta opened its port only after seven other countries also agreed to take in those deemed eligible for refugee status. Besides Malta, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Ireland, the Netherlands and Belgium agreed to take in refugees. It was unclear how many each would take.

Muscat said Malta had no legal obligation to act since the rescue happened in Libyan waters, but it was willing to offer its port "before the situation escalates to a humanitarian crisis."

The standoff comes ahead of a two-day EU summit that begins Thursday, where Italy will propose a new system for distributing migrants more evenly among EU countries, along with ways to discourage economic migrants from leaving Africa. Italy and Greece have borne the brunt of the arrivals in recent years as people make the dangerous sea journey to seek a better life in Europe, often fleeing war and oppression.

Salvini, who visited Libya earlier this week, warned Wednesday that there are 662,000 migrants from 40 countries in the northern African nation waiting to make their way to safer countries, mostly in Europe. He cited data from the International Organization for Migration.

The U.N. refugee agency said that this year alone, 1,000 people are missing and presumed dead crossing the Mediterranean Sea, usually in inadequate rubber dinghies organized by smugglers. Despite the travails of Lifeline and Aquarius, humanitarian groups operating ships off Libya, determined to help diminish the number of dead, are not deterred.

As the Lifeline entered Valletta's harbor it passed the crew of another humanitarian ship, the Astral, which was in Malta preparing to enter search and rescue waters to observe rescues by the aid group Proactiva Open Arms in order to avoid just such controversies.

Barry contributed from Milan. Associated Press writers Renata Brita and Luigi Navarra in Valletta, Malta, contributed to this report.

## Trump admin struggling to comply with reunification mandate

By JILL COLVIN, COLLEEN LONG and NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration struggled Wednesday with how to abide by a federal judge's order requiring that thousands of migrant children who were forcibly separated from their parents be reunited within 30 days.

The hard deadline set Tuesday night by a U.S. District Judge in San Diego touched off a flurry of activity at facilities already coping with the aftermath of President Donald Trump's order to end the separation of families at the border.

In his order, U.S. District Court Judge Dana Sabraw, an appointee of President George W. Bush, said all families must be reunited within 30 days, and children under 5 must be reunited with their parents within 14 days. He also issued a nationwide injunction against further family separations, unless the parent is deemed unfit or doesn't want to be with the child.

Asked about the injunction, Trump offered no complaint, saying, "We believe the families should be together also so there's not a lot to fight."

But it remained unclear Wednesday how the administration would meet that deadline, given the amount of red tape and confusion that has hung over the reunification process.

The Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement is taking an average of 57 days to place children in its care with adult sponsors — far longer than the time now allotted by the judge.

HHS, which is in charge of the separated children, referred questions Wednesday to the Justice Department, which in turn said it was up to Congress to deal with the border situation.

"Last night's court decision makes it even more imperative that Congress finally act to give federal law enforcement the ability to simultaneously enforce the law and keep families together," the department said in a statement. It added: "Without this action by Congress, lawlessness at the border will continue."

Hours later, the Republican-led House resoundingly rejected a far-ranging immigration bill that would have barred the Department of Homeland Security from separating migrant children from their parents.

The bill was killed 301-121, with nearly half of Republicans opposing the measure — an embarrassing defeat for Trump and House leaders.

Meanwhile, the HHS inspector general's office announced Wednesday that it would be launching a wide-ranging review of conditions at shelters for migrant children focused on safety and health-related concerns, as well as the training and qualifications of federal contractors who are supposed to ensure the well-being of children temporarily in federal custody.

Spokeswoman Tesia Williams said allegations of mistreatment or abuse would be referred to appropriate authorities to investigate as soon as possible. HHS is caring for about 12,000 migrant children, including some 2,000 who arrived at the southwest border with a parent.

The department's Administration for Children and Families also said in a statement that it was "focused

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on continuing to provide quality services and care” to minors being held in Office of Refugee Resettlement-funded facilities and reunifying children with relatives or appropriate sponsors.

“Reunification is always the ultimate goal of those entrusted with the care of unaccompanied alien children, and we are working toward that for those unaccompanied alien children currently in our custody,” it said.

But Robert Carey, who led the refugee office during the Obama administration, said the agency will likely struggle to link children with their parents, especially if parents are still detained or have already been deported.

Historically, children in the refugee office’s care arrive alone in the U.S., with personal documents or a contact for a relative already in the country, making it easier to place them with a sponsor. But there have been widespread reports of children being taken from their parents unexpectedly, and where neither side knows where the other is.

“I see all the problems. I don’t know what the plan or the level of coordination is to overcome those,” Carey said.

Scott Lloyd, head of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which has been handling many of the cases, said minors in the office’s custody have access to education, recreation, mental health, health care, and counseling and that, in every case, parents’ and children’s records are linked.

“The parents and children are able to communicate as much as possible,” which includes twice-weekly phone calls, he said.

In his order, Sabraw was highly critical of the reunification process, arguing that administration officials were only trying to reunite kids who were being removed from the country. When parents were not immediately placed into removal proceedings, it was essentially up to the parent to try and locate a child.

“The facts set forth before the court portray reactive governance — responses to address a chaotic circumstance of the government’s own making,” he wrote.

Democrats, meanwhile, latched onto the order as a rare win.

“That opinion of the court shows an administration in chaos, also an administration that is totally lawless and heartless,” said Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn. “And thank goodness for some sanity and common sense from at least one federal judge.”

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi sent a letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan requesting a bipartisan briefing from senior administration officials responsible for the reunification process. She complained the agencies implementing Trump’s order have yet to provide clear guidance on the reunification process.

John Sandweg, the former acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said he thought the order would dramatically increase the likelihood of parents being reunited with their children. But he said it would be a logistical challenge for agencies ill-prepared to handle the separations in the first place.

More than 2,300 children have been separated from their parents in recent weeks and some were placed in government-contracted shelters hundreds of miles away from their parents. Many of those families escaped drug- and violence-wracked Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador in search of safe haven in the United States.

Merchant reported from Houston. Associated Press writers Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Ken Thomas contributed to this report.

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>

## May to talk Brexit with EU leaders impatient for progress

By JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — British Prime Minister Theresa May is facing a chiding from European Union leaders on Thursday over the U.K.’s slow progress in planning for Brexit.

May is due to give the 27 other EU leaders a brief update on U.K. departure plans over dinner at a sum-

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mit in Brussels. But Britain's looming exit is a side dish at a meeting more concerned with stemming a political crisis over migration that is shaking European unity and undermining German Chancellor Angela Merkel's government.

Organizers say May will "say a few words on Brexit from a U.K. perspective." The other 27 leaders are due to assess progress in the divorce negotiations on Friday, without May.

EU officials have warned that the timetable the two sides have set themselves — to reach a divorce agreement by October so that EU national parliaments can ratify it before Britain officially leaves the bloc in March — is slipping out of reach.

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said he expected EU leaders to tell May that negotiations "need to intensify."

"The lack of progress in the negotiations on the withdrawal agreement has been very disappointing," he said. "We still need to see detailed proposals from the U.K. on how it intends to deliver on the clear commitments it made (at previous summits) in December and March."

Divorce talks have stalled amid divisions within May's government about how close an economic relationship to seek with the EU after Brexit.

On one side are pro-EU parliamentarians who want to retain close economic ties with Britain's biggest trading partner. On the other are pro-Brexit lawmakers who want a clean break so Britain can strike new trade deals around the world.

The British leader will gather her fractious Cabinet next week at Chequers, the prime minister's country retreat, to try to draw up a united plan for future trade and security ties with the EU

So far May has fudged the issue, saying the U.K. will quit the bloc's single market and tariff-free customs union but seek trade that is "as free and frictionless as possible."

Britain has also promised to maintain an invisible border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland — the U.K.'s only land frontier with an EU member.

EU officials say they await detailed proposals from Britain for how all that can be achieved. They have warned, repeatedly, that Britain can't cherry-pick benefits of EU membership, such as access to its single market of 500 million consumers, without accepting the responsibilities, including allowing free movement of EU citizens to the U.K.

Asian stocks mixed over befuddling US trade stance

ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Asian markets were mixed on Thursday, as White House statements on trade left investors divided on whether the administration was interested in soothing tensions with China.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index dropped 0.4 percent to 22,177.58 and South Korea's Kospi lost 0.6 percent to 2,327.22. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.4 percent to 28,469.94 and the Shanghai Composite in mainland China gained 0.3 percent to 2,821.15. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 0.2 percent to 6,209.70. Taiwan's benchmark rose but Southeast Asian indexes were mixed.

WALL STREET: Major U.S. benchmarks finished lower. The S&P 500 index erased an early-morning jump to close 0.9 percent lower at 2,699.63 on Wednesday, its lowest closing level in nearly a month. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 0.7 percent to 24,117.59. The Nasdaq composite dipped 1.5 percent to 7,445.08.

MIXED U.S. MESSAGES: U.S. stocks opened higher after President Donald Trump dropped plans to impose strict limits on Chinese investment in U.S. technology companies on Wednesday. He urged Congress to strengthen existing laws that apply to all foreign countries instead. But the gains evaporated after Larry Kudlow, Trump's top economic adviser, said in an interview with Fox Business that it should not necessarily be viewed as a softer stance. The U.S. is set to impose a 25 percent tariff on billions of dollars of Chinese products starting July 6. In response, China will raise import duties on \$34 billion worth of American goods.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Trump's slightly softer tone seems to have been undermined by a reiteration of the previous harsh tone on trade and investment by his adviser. Dollar strength, a generalized concern about global growth, higher oil prices, none of this is helping," said Robert Carnell, head of research and chief economist at ING Bank.

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**ENERGY:** Oil futures settled down after rallying on a report that showed U.S. oil inventories dropping more sharply last week. Benchmark U.S. crude fell 21 cents to \$72.55 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained \$2.23 to settle at \$72.76 per barrel on Wednesday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 9 cents to \$77.37 in London.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar eased to 110.17 yen from 110.20 Japanese yen in late trading Wednesday. The euro ticked up to \$1.1571 from \$1.1557.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 28, the 179th day of 2018. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 28, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved commemorations for Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Veterans Day to Monday, creating three-day holiday weekends beginning in 1971.

On this date:

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; from this battle arose the legend of "Molly Pitcher," a woman who was said to have carried water to colonial soldiers, then taken over firing her husband's cannon after he was disabled.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Virginia.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo (sah-ruh-YAY'-voh) by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip (gavh-REE'-loh PREEN'-seep) — an act which sparked World War I.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') was signed in France, ending the First World War. In Independence, Missouri, future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

In 1928, New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in Houston.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France.

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

In 1951, a TV version of the radio comedy program "Amos 'N' Andy" premiered on CBS. (It was the first network TV series to feature an all-black cast, but came under criticism for racial stereotyping.)

In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke (BAHK'-ee), a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

In 1989, about 1 million Serbs gathered to mark the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo in 1389.

In 1997, in a wild rematch, Evander Holyfield retained the WBA heavyweight boxing championship after his opponent, Mike Tyson, was disqualified for biting Holyfield's ear during the third round of their fight in Las Vegas.

Ten years ago: Presidential rivals John McCain and Barack Obama vied for the support of Hispanics in separate appearances before the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials conference in Washington, with each vowing to remake immigration policy. Jered Weaver and Jose Arredondo of the Angels combined to keep the Los Angeles Dodgers hitless, but the Dodgers won 1-0. (The Dodgers became the fifth team in modern major league history to win without getting a hit, but since they didn't have to bat in the ninth, the game did not qualify as a no-hitter.)

Five years ago: Tens of thousands of supporters and opponents of President Mohammed Morsi rallied in Cairo, and both sides fought each other in Egypt's second-largest city of Alexandria, where two people — including an American — were killed and scores injured. The four plaintiffs in the U.S. Supreme Court

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case that overturned California's same-sex marriage ban tied the knot, just hours after a federal appeals court freed gay couples to obtain marriage licenses in the state for the first time in 4 1/2 years.

One year ago: Republican donors paid \$35,000 apiece to hear a familiar message from President Donald Trump: That the media, particularly CNN, kept trying to take him down, and yet Republicans just kept on winning elections. ABC and a South Dakota meat producer announced a settlement in a \$1.9 billion lawsuit against the network over its reports on a beef product that critics dubbed "pink slime."

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 92. Former Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 84. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 81. Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is 80. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 73. Actor Bruce Davison is 72. Actress Kathy Bates is 70. Actress Alice Krige is 64. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 58. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 56. Jazz singer Tierney Sutton is 55. Actress Jessica Hecht is 53. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 53. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 52. Actor John Cusack is 52. Actor Gil Bellows is 51. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 49. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 49. Actress Tichina Arnold is 49. Actor Steve Burton is 48. Entrepreneur Elon Musk is 47. Actor Alessandro Nivola (nih-VOH'-luh) is 46. Actress Camille Guaty is 42. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 42. Rock musician Mark Stoermer (The Killers) is 41. Country singer Big Vinny Hickerson (Trailer Choir) is 35. Country singer Kellie Pickler is 32.

Thought for Today: "One of the sources of pride in being a human being is the ability to bear present frustrations in the interests of longer purposes." — Helen Merrell Lynd, American sociologist and educator (1896-1982).