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## High court rejects challenge of Ark. abortion law

State allowed to enact restrictions similar to voided Texas law

MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed Arkansas to enforce restrictions on how so-called “abortion pills” can be administered while a legal challenge to the restrictions proceeds, which critics say effectively

ends that option for women in the state.

The justices didn’t comment in rejecting an appeal from the Planned Parenthood affiliate in Arkansas that asked the court to review an appeals court ruling and reinstate a lower court order that had blocked the law from taking effect.

The law says doctors who provide abortion pills must hold a contract with another physician who has admitting privileges at a hospital and who would agree

to handle complications — and Planned Parenthood says it has been unable to find any able to do so.

The law is similar to a provision in Texas law that the Supreme Court struck down in 2016. The Texas law provisions required doctors performing abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. It also raised the medical standards required of abortion clinics.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the court order

barring enforcement of the law, but put its ruling on hold while Planned Parenthood appealed to the Supreme Court.

The legal fight over the restrictions isn’t over, but the state is now free to enforce them for the time being.

“As Attorney General, I have fully defended this law at every turn and applaud the Supreme Court’s decision against Planned Parenthood today,” Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, a Republican, said in a statement.

“Protecting the health and well-being of women and the unborn will always be a priority. We are a pro-life state and always will be as long as I am attorney general.”

Planned Parenthood had offered pills to end pregnancies at its clinics in Fayetteville and Little Rock, but it said Tuesday that it was notifying patients that it could no longer do so because of the ruling. It said it would move quickly for emergency relief in the

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## Texans find strength in unity



Andi Lewis, director of the Kingwood High School Fillies dance team, brought team members to Santa Fe in support of Santa Fe High School

students who were returning to the school for their first day of classes Tuesday after a shooting that killed 10 people, in Santa Fe, Texas.

## Classes resume at Santa Fe HS after shooting

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SANTA FE, Texas — Like some of her classmates, senior Brooke Williams had mixed emotions about returning Tuesday to classes at Santa Fe High School, where a student fatally shot 10 people and wounded 13 others on May 18.

“I’m not excited to go back to school. I’m actually pretty scared to, but I feel like that’s the reason why I need to go back. I don’t want to be scared of this the rest of my life,” Williams said.

Less than two weeks after the shooting, students at the school near Houston were greeted by more than 20 law enforcement vehicles and supporters holding signs saying “Santa Fe Strong” and “United We Stand.”

Students who had classes in the area of the shooting were the first allowed back in, followed by the rest about two hours later. The teens lined up in front of the school’s main entrance, which was the only approved entrance. They were not allowed to carry backpacks or large purses and were required to show an ID before entering.

All students then gathered for a two-hour assembly honoring the victims, and counselors were available for anyone who needed to talk about the slayings of eight students and two substitute teachers.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott visited the campus Tuesday, speaking with students, parents, teachers and staff privately and presenting first responders with an award for their actions.

Hailey Hubbard, another senior, was returning for her final week of high school.

“Honestly, I just want to go back so I can see my friends and not spend my last three days of senior year just being secluded in a

room,” Hubbard said. She said she did not want the shooting to be her last memory of high school.

Hubbard said some of her friends were more ambivalent about returning to campus and that she had to help calm down a friend who suffered a panic attack at the thought of going back to school.

She hopes returning to campus will also give her mother peace of mind because “she’s terrified of me going to school.” The teen had wanted to ride to campus on the school bus that she normally takes, but her mother said no because there’s no security on the bus.

Sheila Hubbard wasn’t reassured by the extra security at the school and planned to stay on campus all day Tuesday to make sure her daughter and son Nathan, also a senior, were both safe.

“I think them going back is best. It doesn’t make it easier for the parents ... We’re all scared our kids are going to come to harm,” the elder Hubbard, a 40-year-old nurse, said as she stood outside her home just before driving her kids to school.

Williams said some other seniors she spoke with won’t return to campus and plan to show up only for graduation on Friday “because they’re so terrified.”

Like Hailey Hubbard, she wanted to return to class in part so the shooting would not be her defining memory of her school.

“I hope by the end of the day today I’ll be able to look at the school and not cry, not feel hate ... not think of it in grief ... and also to find comfort in the people who are still here,” she said.

Authorities have charged Dimitrios Pagourtzis with capital murder in the attack. He’s accused of using a shotgun and pistol that belonged to his father. The 17-year-old remained jailed without bond in Galveston.

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## Trump revives tariff threat against China

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has renewed its threat to place 25 percent tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese goods in retaliation for what it says are China’s unfair trade practices.

The White House said Tuesday that it would place new restrictions on Chinese investment into the United States and limit U.S. exports of high-tech goods to China.

The threats come just over a week after trade tensions between the world’s two largest economies had seemingly eased. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said May 20 that the trade conflict was “on hold.” Mnuchin’s comments followed a commitment by China to significantly increase its purchases of U.S. farm goods and energy products, such as natural gas.

The new tariffs will focus on technologies, including those that China has said it wants to dominate as part of its “Made in China 2025” program. Under that program, China aims to take a leading role in areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and electric cars.

China’s Ministry of Commerce responded in a mild fashion Tuesday. The ministry said the White House’s announcement “is contrary to the consensus the two sides have previously reached,” according to China’s official news agency, Xinhua. The statement did not reiterate China’s own previous threats to impose \$50 billion in retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods.

The list of imports subject to the duties will be announced by June 15, the White House said, and the tariffs will be imposed “shortly thereafter.” The list includes computer equipment, aerospace parts, medical devices, and industrial machinery.

“If Beijing was under the impression that Trump’s \$50 billion of tariffs were actually on hold, they may find this confusing,” Chad Bown, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, said.

Trump has bemoaned the massive U.S. trade deficit with China — \$337 billion last year — as evidence that Beijing has been complicit in abusive trading practices. The White House and many American companies say that China forces U.S. firms to turn over technology as part of joint ventures with Chinese companies to gain access to its market. China also subsidizes many favored industries.

Trump has frequently focused on the trade deficit, urging China to boost its imports and lower the gap by \$200 billion, while China has refused to agree to any dollar amounts.

Many experts and U.S. companies, however, warn that China’s efforts to protect its high-tech industries and capture U.S. technology represent the larger threat.



Mnuchin

## Study estimates thousands died post-Maria

Harvard research disputes official hurricane death toll

DANICA COTO  
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A new study contends that many more deaths than normal occurred in Puerto Rico in the three months after Hurricane Maria devastated the island on Sept. 20,

2017, mostly because of problems getting medicines or medical care.

Researchers led by Harvard University surveyed a small sample of neighborhoods, and from that estimated that up to 4,600 more deaths than usual occurred, far more than earlier studies have suggested. At least one independent expert questioned the methods and the number in the new study.

“This estimate could be off by thousands. Easily,” Donald Berry, a professor of biostatistics at the

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, told The Associated Press in an email.

The research was published online in the New England Journal of Medicine. It’s the latest study to analyze how many people died during or after the Category 4 storm that hit the U.S. territory, causing more than an estimated \$100 billion in damage. Researchers in the study called the official toll of 64 deaths a “substantial underestimate.”

Maria caused the longest black-

out in U.S. history, leaving the entire island of 3.3 million people without power, including those in hospitals and nursing homes who relied on respirators. Researchers surveyed 3,299 households earlier this year and used the findings to extrapolate to the whole island. They found that 31 percent reported disruptions in medical services, and more than 14 percent said they were unable to access medications.

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## Arkansas abortion restriction upheld by high court

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lower court, saying the ruling effectively makes Arkansas the first state in the country to ban medication abortions.

Planned Parenthood has said it's unable to find any Arkansas obstetricians willing to handle hospital admissions, saying many doctors cited fear of being harassed over an association with an abortion provider, objections from employers or a personal opposition to abortion.

The group has said that if the law stands, Arkansas would be the only state where women would not have access to a pair of drugs that end pregnancies: mifepristone, which makes it difficult for a fetus to attach to the uterine wall, and misoprostol, which causes

the body to expel it, similar to a miscarriage.

Planned Parenthood doesn't offer surgical abortions at its Arkansas health centers, but a third facility in Little Rock that isn't operated by the group does. The organization says preventing women from obtaining medication abortions creates an undue burden, which is the standard the Supreme Court has set to measure whether restrictions go too far in limiting women who want the procedure.

"This dangerous law also immediately ends access to safe, legal abortion at all but one health center in the state," Dawn Laguens, vice president of Planned Parenthood Federation

of America, said in a statement. "If that's not an undue burden, what is? This law cannot and must not stand. We will not stop fighting for every person's right to access safe, legal abortion."

The state had argued that the restriction was needed to protect women from any complications from the abortion pills. But Planned Parenthood argued that such complications are rare, and that those complications can be handled by hospitals without contacting the group's physicians.

The 2015 law is among several abortion restrictions the predominantly Republican state has enacted over the past several years that have been the subject of legal challenges.



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In this April 20 file photo, the Supreme Court is seen in Washington. The Supreme Court is allowing Arkansas to put in effect restrictions on how abortion pills are administered. Critics of a challenged state law say it could effectively end medication abortions in the state.

# Supreme Court cases focus on LGBT rights

MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A flood of lawsuits over LGBT rights is making its way through courts and will continue, no matter the outcome in the Supreme Court's decision in the case of a Colorado baker who would not create a wedding cake for a same-sex couple.

Courts are engaged in two types of cases on this issue, weighing whether sex discrimination laws apply to LGBT people and whether businesses can assert religious objections to avoid complying with anti-discrimination laws.

The outcome of baker Jack Phillips' fight at the Supreme Court could indicate how willing the justices are to carve out exceptions to anti-discrimination laws; that's something the court has refused to do in areas of race and sex.

However the justices rule, it won't be their last word.

Religious conservatives have

gotten a boost from the Trump administration, which has taken a more restrictive view of LGBT rights and intervened on their side in several cases.

Several legal disputes are pending over wedding services similar to the Phillips case, originating in the 21 states that have anti-discrimination laws that specifically include gay and lesbian people.

In California and Texas, courts are dealing with lawsuits over the refusal of hospitals, citing religious beliefs, to perform hysterectomies on people transitioning from female to male. In Michigan, the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit against the state's practice of allowing faith-based child placement agencies to reject same-sex couples.

The other category of cases concerns protections for LGBT people under civil rights law. One case expected to reach the court this summer involves a Michigan funeral home that fired an employee who disclosed that she was transitioning from male to female.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the firing constituted sex discrimination under federal civil rights law. That court is one of several that have applied anti-sex discrimination provisions to transgender people, but the Supreme Court has yet to take up a case.

In just the past week, two federal courts ruled in favor of transgender students who want to use school facilities that correspond

to their gender identity. Those cases turn on whether the prohibition on sex discrimination in education applies to transgender people. Appeals in both cases are possible.

In the past 13 months, federal appeals courts have ruled that gay and lesbian employees are entitled to protection from discrimination under Title VII. Those courts overruled earlier decisions. Title VII does not specifically mention sexual orientation, but the courts said it was covered under the ban on sex bias.

The Obama administration supported treating LGBT discrimination claims as sex discrimination, but the Trump administration has changed course. In the New York case, for instance, the Trump administration filed a legal brief arguing that Title VII was not intended to provide protections to gay workers. It also withdrew Obama-era guidance to treat

claims of transgender students as sex discrimination.

The trend in the lower courts has been in favor of extending civil rights protections to LGBT people. Their prospects at the Supreme Court may be harder to discern, not least because it's unclear whether the court's composition will change soon.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, 81, has been the subject of retirement speculation. When Justice Stephen Breyer turns 80 in August, he will join Kennedy and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 85, as octogenarians on the bench.

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## Serena's return to court inspires in play and in fashion

HOWARD FENDRICH  
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PARIS — Serena Williams considers the black bodysuit she wore at the French Open much more than a fashion statement.

There's a practical reason for the full-length legs on the skin-tight outfit: to protect her because of past bouts with blood clots.

There also is a message she wanted to send about self-worth and feeling powerful as she returned to Grand Slam action with a first-round victory at Roland Garros on Tuesday, about nine months after giving birth to a daughter.

"It feels like this suit represents all the women that have been through a lot mentally, physically, with their body to come back and have confidence and to believe in themselves," Williams said after beating Kristyna Pliskova 7-6 (4), 6-4 at Court Philippe Chatrier. "I definitely feel like it is an opportunity for me to inspire a whole different group of amazing women and kids."

The outfit called to mind Williams' black "catsuit" that she wore at the 2002 U.S. Open. It also was reminiscent of the white bodysuit that American player Anne White wore in 1985.

Williams referred to what she wore Tuesday as the "catsuit — the new version, 2.0."



ALESSANDRA TARANTINO / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serena Williams reacts on Tuesday during her first match back on the Grand Slam circuit after giving birth in September.

"I call it, like, my Wakanda-inspired catsuit," referring to the fictional nation in the film "Black Panther."

Williams said she feels "like a warrior princess, kind of," when she wears the outfit.

"I'm always living in a fan-

tasy world," she added. "I always wanted to be a superhero, and it's kind of my way of being a superhero."

Tuesday's match was the first at a major tournament for the 23-time Grand Slam champion in 16 months.

She gave birth on Sept. 1, then dealt with complications related to a pulmonary embolism.

"I had a lot of problems with my blood clots, and, God, I don't know how many I have had in the past 12 months. So it is definitely a little functionality to it."



ALESSANDRA TARANTINO / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serena Williams of the U.S. celebrates winning her first-round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Krystina Pliskova of the Czech Republic at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Tuesday.

I definitely feel like it is an opportunity for me to inspire a whole different group of amazing women and kids

SERENA WILLIAMS

## Researchers say aftereffects of hurricane may have killed thousands

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"Indirect deaths resulting from worsening of chronic conditions or from delayed medical treatments may not be captured on death certificates," researchers said in the study.

They calculated 4,645 more people died in the three months after Maria compared with the same period in 2016. One of the researchers, Rafael Irizarry of Harvard University,

told the AP that the estimate is uncertain because of its limited size, but that the study still provides valuable information, including how some people died.

Previous studies have found that the number of direct and indirect hurricane-related deaths in Puerto Rico is higher than the official toll, including a 2017 report that there were nearly 500 more

deaths than usual on the island in September.

In late February, Puerto Rico's governor announced that a team of experts at George Washington University would lead an independent review to determine the number of deaths caused by Hurricane Maria amid ongoing accusations that the government undercounted the toll. A preliminary report was due in

May, but Puerto Rico officials announced last week that the team requested and was granted more time. The director of that study did not return messages for comment.

The government of Puerto Rico issued a statement Tuesday in response to the study saying that it welcomed the research and would analyze it.

"As the world knows, the magnitude of this tragic

disaster caused by Hurricane Maria resulted in many fatalities. We have always expected the number to be higher than what was previously reported," said Carlos Mercader, executive director of Puerto Rico's Federal Affairs Administration.

To read the full report from Harvard, visit the New England Journal of Medicine's website, www.nejm.org.

### BY THE NUMBERS

4,645

estimated deaths from Sept. 20 to Dec. 31

84

average number of days without electricity

68

average number of days without water



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**Russian journalist shot, killed in Ukrainian capital**

KIEV, Ukraine — A Russian journalist harshly critical of the Kremlin was shot and killed in the Ukrainian capital Tuesday, and the national police said they are assuming he was targeted because of his work.

Ukrainian police said Arkady Babchenko's wife found him bleeding at their apartment building in Kiev and called an ambulance, but Babchenko died on the way to a hospital. Police said he had multiple gunshot wounds on his back. Babchenko, 41, was scathingly critical of the Kremlin's policies, assailing Moscow's annexation of Crimea, its support for separatist insurgents in eastern Ukraine and the Russian campaign in Syria.

Ukrainian and Russian officials immediately traded finger-pointing over his death.

Anton Geraschenko, a Ukrainian lawmaker who serves as an adviser to the interior minister, said on Facebook that investigators would be looking at "Russian spy agencies' efforts to get rid of those who are trying to tell the truth about what is going on in Russia and Ukraine." In Moscow, officials and lawmakers criticized Ukrainian authorities for their alleged failure to protect journalists. Another renowned journalist, Pavel Sheremet, a Belarus native who had worked for Russian outlets, was killed in a car bombing in central Kiev in July 2016. The case has remained unsolved.

**Mexican reporter killed in northern border state**

MEXICO CITY — A journalist with the national newspaper Excelsior has been killed in the Mexican border state of Tamaulipas, the state prosecutor's office said Tuesday.

The body of Hector Gonzalez Antonio was found Tuesday morning in Ciudad Victoria, the capital of the state that shares a border with Texas. Authorities responded to call about a dumped body and only identified Gonzalez later. He was beaten to death, according to a statement from prosecutors.

As the correspondent for a national outlet, Gonzalez's most recent stories reflected the violence and corruption present in Tamaulipas state. Prior to joining Excelsior, Gonzalez had worked for local newspapers in Ciudad Victoria.

More than 30 journalists have been killed in Mexico in the past 5 ½ years. Gonzalez is the second journalist killed in Tamaulipas this year. On Jan. 13, independent journalist Carlos Dominguez Rodriguez was stabbed to death in Nuevo Laredo. Six people were arrested in that case and the judicial process was ongoing.

Tamaulipas includes lucrative drug and human smuggling routes, which have made its violence difficult to control.

**Kenya charges 24 officials in \$79M corruption probe**

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenyan authorities have charged 24 officials in what prosecutors call the first stage of investigations into a \$79 million corruption scandal that has pressured President Uhuru Kenyatta to crack down on graft.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecution has said 40 officials and 14 businessmen in all will be charged with corruption-related offenses related to alleged wrongdoing within the National Youth Service. The charges include abuse of office and conspiracy to commit fraud. All two dozen of the officials appeared in court on Tuesday and denied the charges.

**Health officials 'cautiously optimistic' on Ebola**

GENEVA — The World Health Organization said Tuesday it is "cautiously optimistic" about efforts to curb the spread of Ebola in an urban area in Congo, although the lethal virus is still reported in at least two remote areas.

There have been 35 confirmed cases, including 12 deaths. The U.N. health agency and partners have vaccinated more than 400 people with an experimental Ebola vaccine, the first time it has been used in an emerging outbreak.

WHO emergencies chief Peter Salama told reporters that the response has gone "quite smoothly" and that the agency's first priority had been to stop Ebola's spread in Mbandaka, a city of more than 1 million that sits on a river described as a "highway" connecting it to other regions. "We can't conclude we have safeguarded the city of Mbandaka, but so far there hasn't been an explosive increase in cases...This is a work in progress," Salama said.

He added that the next stage of the vaccination strategy would focus on the remote regions of Iboko and Bikoro, where most of the cases have been reported.

**Missing-plane hunt leader hopes to search again**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — The head of a U.S. technology company that scoured the Indian Ocean seabed for more than three months looking for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 said on Tuesday he was disappointed the hunt failed to find any wreckage and hoped to take part in a future search.

Malaysia said last week the search by Texas-based Ocean Infinity would end on Tuesday after Ocean Infinity chief executive Oliver Plunkett said the search would soon end after covering more than 112,000 square kilometers (43,000 square miles) of remote ocean floor — an area more than four times larger than the zone targeted by experts as the most likely crash site. The search received two extensions of the original 90-day time limit.

"I would firstly like to extend the thoughts of everyone at Ocean Infinity to the families of those who have lost loved ones on MH370. Part of our motivation for renewing the search was to try to provide some answers to those affected," Plunkett said in a statement. "It is therefore with a heavy heart that we end our current search without having achieved that aim," he added.

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# Gaza militants strike Israeli border

## Hamas claims rocket strike that wounds 3

JOSEF FEDERMAN  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Palestinian militants bombarded southern Israel with dozens of rockets and mortar shells early Tuesday morning, while Israeli warplanes struck targets throughout the Gaza Strip in the largest flare-up of violence between the sides since a 2014 war.

The Israeli military said most of the projectiles were intercepted, but three soldiers were wounded, raising the chances of further Israeli retaliation. One mortar shell landed near a kindergarten shortly before it opened.

The sudden burst of violence follows weeks of mass Palestinian protests along the Gaza border with Israel. Over 110 Palestinians, many of them unarmed protesters, have been killed by Israeli fire in that time. Israel says it holds Gaza's Hamas rulers responsible for the bloodshed.

"Israel will exact a heavy price from those who seek to harm it, and we see Hamas as responsible for preventing such attacks," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

The Israeli military said it carried out over 35 airstrikes on seven sites across Gaza, including an unfinished tunnel near the southern city of Rafah that crossed under the border into Egypt and from there into Israeli territory. No Palestinian casualties were reported.

Palestinian militants continued to fire additional barrages toward southern Israel, setting off air raid sirens in the area throughout the day and into the evening.

Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad militant group issued a joint statement Tuesday, claiming shared responsibility for firing rock-



ARIEL SCHALIT / ASSOCIATED PRESS

**An Israeli tank moves across the Gaza strip border Tuesday. Palestinian militants fired at least 50 rockets and mortar shells into civilian areas of Israel, including one that landed near a school. Israel retaliated with 35 airstrikes and promised further retaliation if Hamas continued to strike. No Palestinian casualties were reported.**

ets and projectiles against Israeli communities near Gaza.

They said Israel "began this round of escalation" by targeting their installations in the past two days, killing four militants. It was the first time the armed wing of Hamas has claimed responsibility for rocket attacks out of Gaza since the 2014 war.

In southern Israel, angry residents complained about the renewed rocket fire. Adva Klein of Kibbutz Kfar Aza said she only got about two hours of sleep because of the frequent incoming fire and the warning sirens. Other residents reported machine-gun fire from Gaza. "It's been a really scary morning," said Adele Raemer of Kibbutz Nirim.

Regional councils near the Gaza border instructed residents to stay close to bomb shelters.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, called for an immediate halt to the rocket and mortar fire. "Indiscriminate attacks against civilians are completely unacceptable under any circumstances," she said.

Israel has rejected the criticism of its response to the protests, saying it is defending its border and nearby communities. It accuses Hamas of trying to carry out attacks under the cover of protests and using civilian demonstrators as human shields. Hamas has vowed to continue the border rallies.



GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT / ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Police try to calm a man who crossed over a police line at the scene of a shooting in Liege, Belgium, Tuesday. A gunman killed three people, including two female police officers and a 22-year-old teacher. Police later killed the attacker, and other officers were wounded in the shooting. The incident is being investigated as an act of terror.**

# Inmate on leave kills 3, rattling Belgium

## Shooter was targeting police, chief said

RAF CASERT, LORNE COOK AND SYLVAIN PLAZY  
Associated Press

LIEGE, Belgium — A knife-wielding prison inmate on a 48-hour leave stabbed two police officers Tuesday in the Belgian city of Liege, seized their service weapons and shot them and a bystander to death before being mowed down by a group of officers, setting off a major terror investigation into the country's most savage assault since 2016 suicide attacks.

Prime Minister Charles Michel acknowledged the assailant, who had a lengthy criminal record that included theft, assault and drug offenses, had appeared in three reports on radicalism but was still allowed to take a leave from prison.

"Is our system working when we see that these kind of people are running free?" asked Vice Premier Alexander De Croo, echoing the thoughts of many in a nation where armed police and soldiers still patrol streets in the wake of the March 2016 attacks that left 32 dead in Brussels.

Tuesday's attack happened outside a cafe in the eastern city of Liege when the assailant crept up on the two female officers from be-



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hind and stabbed them repeatedly.

"He then took their weapons. He used the weapons on the officers, who died," Liege prosecutor's spokesman Philippe Dulieu said. Dulieu said the attacker then shot and killed a 22-year-old teacher in a vehicle that was leaving a parking lot outside a nearby high school. He then took two women hostage inside the school before confronting police massed outside.

"He came out firing at police, wounding a number of them, notably in the legs. He was shot dead," the spokesman said, adding that the hostages escaped unharmed.

Justice Minister Koen Geens described the

assailant as a repeat offender who had been incarcerated since 2003 and was due for release in two years.

Police Chief Christian Beaupere said the attacker's goal was to target the police. He identified the slain officers as 45-year-old Lucile Garcia and 53-year-old Soraya Belkacemi. He said Belkacemi was the mother of 13-year-old twin daughters who earlier lost their father, also a police officer. Four other officers were wounded in the attack, one seriously with a severed femoral artery.

Belgian media identified the suspect as Benjamin Herman, a Belgian national born in 1982, though authorities declined to confirm his identity.

Asked about a video from close to the scene in which someone appeared to be shouting "Allahu Akbar!" in the din, Interior Minister Jan Jambon said: "My reaction is that in many terror acts, it is the last thing they shout." But, he added, it is up to federal investigators to determine if Tuesday's attack was terrorism.

Michel said the suspect in Tuesday's attack was indirectly mentioned in state security reports on radicalization. But he was not on a list of suspects maintained by the main OCAD anti-terror assessment group.

Belgium's crisis center said the country's terror threat alert would not be raised and remained at level 2 out of 4.

## Italian turmoil hits global markets; stocks plunge

MARLEY JAY  
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks in the U.S. and Europe sank Tuesday following political turmoil in Italy, which stoked fears of instability in the euro bloc.

Investors sold stocks and prices for U.S. government bonds surged as investors shifted money into lower-risk investments. Bond yields dropped, and with them, interest rates on mortgages and other kinds of loans. Banks plunged as Wall Street expected they would earn thinner profits.

Technology and industrial companies and big drug and medical device makers also skidded. Those companies depend on strong sales outside the U.S.

Investors dumped Italian government bonds, driving borrowing costs sharply higher for Italy and rekindling fears of financial strain for Europe's third-largest economy. They bought German and British government bonds instead, which are seen as more stable.

The political upheaval in Italy is likely to lead to new elections, and investors are interpreting the new vote

as a referendum and that Italy could move closer to abandoning the currency if populist parties win the election. If that happened, it would have major implications for the European financial system and its economy.

New jitters about the stability of the euro sent the currency's value against the dollar to its lowest level in almost a year. The euro sank to \$1.1531, its lowest since July, from \$1.1669. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 1.6 percent. In Europe, Italy's benchmark stock index plunged 2.7 percent.



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**Trader Patrick Casey at the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. U.S. stocks are opening lower, following sharp drops in Europe. Political uncertainty in Italy sent the euro's value against the dollar to its lowest level in almost a year.**



# Missouri governor to resign

## Campaign finance and invasion of privacy scandals lead to downfall

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, whose unconventional resume as a Rhodes Scholar and Navy SEAL officer made him a rising star in Republican politics, abruptly announced his resignation Tuesday after a scandal involving an affair with his former hairdresser led to a broader investigation by prosecutors and state legislators.

The 44-year-old governor made the announcement nearly 17 months after taking the oath as Missouri's chief executive with a pledge to root out "corrupt career politicians." The investigations of him widened to include questions about whether he had violated the law in financing the campaign.

Greitens said his resignation would take effect Friday.

"This ordeal has been designed to cause an incredible amount of strain on my family; millions



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In this May 17, 2018 file photo, Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens looks on before an event in the state. Greitens, abruptly announced his resignation Tuesday, after a scandal involving an affair and a broader investigation.

of dollars of mounting legal bills, endless personal attacks designed to cause maximum damage to family and friends," he said in a brief statement to the media from his Jefferson City office.

A St. Louis grand jury indicted Greitens on Feb. 22 on one felony count of invasion of privacy for allegedly taking a photo of the woman without her consent at his home in 2015, before he was elected governor. The charge was dismissed during jury selection,

but a special prosecutor was considering whether to refile charges. Greitens admitted to having an affair but denied any criminal wrongdoing. He said the criminal case was politically motivated and called St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner, a Democrat, a "reckless liberal prosecutor."

In April, the local St. Louis prosecutor's office charged Greitens with another felony, alleging that he improperly used the donor list for a charity that he'd founded to

raise money for his 2016 campaign.

Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley also launched an inquiry into The Mission Continues, a veterans' charity Greitens founded. Federal law bars 501(c)(3) charities such as The Mission Continues, from intervening in political campaigns on behalf of candidates. The AP reported that Greitens raised about \$2 million from those who had previously given significant amounts to the charity.

A May 2 report from a special House investigatory committee indicated that Greitens himself received the donor list from the charity and later directed aides to use it to raise money for his gubernatorial campaign. A former campaign aide testified that he was duped into taking the fall when the campaign tried to explain how it had gotten the list.

Greitens entered the 2016 gubernatorial race as a brash outsider. He won an expensive Republican primary, then defeated Democratic Attorney General Chris Koster to give Republicans control of the governor's mansion for the first time in eight years. His departure elevates Lt. Gov. Mike Parson to the governor's office.

# Indiana middle school reopens 5 days after shooting

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NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — A suburban Indianapolis middle school is set to reopen for classes today, five days after a male student allegedly shot and wounded a 13-year-old classmate and a teacher who was credited with disarming the assailant.

The middle school opened its doors Tuesday, but only to provide counseling for students and staff still shaken by last Friday's shooting and allow students to collect belongings they left behind, she said.

Noblesville police said officers have been posted at all the district's schools to "offer ... reassurance" for students finishing out the school year.

Prosecutors said Tuesday they must wait

until charges are filed in the shooting before releasing information about the student who allegedly opened fire last Friday inside a classroom in the city about 20 miles northeast of Indianapolis.

Science teacher Jason Seaman is credited with tackling the male student after he shot and seriously wounded classmate Ella Whistler last Friday morning. She remained hospitalized in Indianapolis in critical but stable condition.

Witnesses said Seaman, a 29-year-old former college football player, ran toward bullets as he tackled the armed student.

Seaman, who was shot but not seriously injured, said Monday that his swift decisions in disarming the student inside his classroom "were the only acceptable actions" to save his



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Jason Seaman, a teacher at Noblesville Middle School, speaks during a press conference Monday. Seaman disarmed a student carrying a gun at the school on Friday.

seventh-grade students.

"I deeply care for my students and their well-being. That is why I did what I did that day," he said.

# Alberto drops heavy rain on the South

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Forecasters warn Alberto, a still-menacing depression after its Memorial Day landfall on the Gulf Coast, is scattering heavy rains around the South amid heightened risks of flash flooding.

The first named storm of the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season, Subtropical Storm Alberto lumbered ashore Monday afternoon in the Florida Panhandle and then weakened to a depression overnight as it trekked inland. The storm that formed in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico was now a vast, soggy system as it headed inland, dumping heavy rains in bursts all around the region.

Though the storm had weakened, forecasters, warned it was capable of potentially life-threatening flash floods in the coming hours or days as the system spreads over Alabama and large areas of Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Authorities did not directly attribute any deaths or injuries immediately to Alberto. But in North Carolina, the state's governor noted a television news anchor and a photojournalist were killed Monday while covering the fringes of the large system. A tree that became uprooted from rain-soaked ground toppled on their SUV, killing them instantly, authorities said.

Between four and eight inches of rain could soak the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, and western Georgia before the storm moves on. Isolated deluges of 12 inches also are possible in spots as the system heads toward the Tennessee Valley on Tuesday and later this week into the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes region.

Earlier Monday, Alberto rolled up big waves and tides along beaches of the northern Gulf Coast, as the storm disrupted long holiday weekend plans for millions.

The storm forced some Memorial Day tributes to be canceled across Florida's Panhandle. As Alberto's weakening center headed inland it was deprived of the warm Gulf waters that fuel tropical weather systems. As a subtropical storm, Alberto had a less defined and cooler center than a tropical storm, and its strongest winds were found farther from its center. Flooding possibilities still remain as the storm moves north and dissipates.



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A TV screen shows images of U.S. President Donald Trump, left, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during a news program in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday. A team of American diplomats involved in preparatory discussions with North Korea left a hotel in Seoul on Tuesday amid speculation that the two countries are resuming the talks.

# US steps toward summit

## U.S. 'continues to actively prepare' for North Korea summit

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. "continues to actively prepare" for an "expected summit" between President Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un in Singapore, the White House said Tuesday.

Trump confirmed that a top North Korean official, Kim Yong Chol, is headed to New York for talks with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. It marks the latest sign that prospects for the summit are growing, just days after it was ostensibly called off by Trump.



Pompeo

In addition, teams of U.S. officials have arrived at the Korean demilitarized zone and in Singapore to prepare for the meeting. The summit had been scheduled for June 12 in Singapore, but Trump announced last week that he had decided to "terminate" the meeting following a provocative statement from the North and its decision to skip planning talks and ignore prepa-

ratory phone calls. White House officials have characterized the letter from the president to Kim as a negotiating tactic, designed to bring the North back to the table.

South Korean media had reported earlier that Kim Yong Chol, a former military intelligence chief and now a vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party's central committee, was on the passenger list for a flight Wednesday from Beijing to New York and U.S. officials familiar with planning said he was scheduled to meet with Pompeo on Thursday.

Pompeo has traveled to Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, twice in recent weeks for meetings with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and has said there is a "shared understanding" between the two sides about what they hope to achieve.

Meanwhile, a team of American diplomats is holding preparatory discussions with North Korean officials at the DMZ. The White House emphasized that it has remained in close contact with South Korean and Japanese officials as preparations for the talks continue.

The secretary of state has traveled to North Korea twice and has said there is a "shared understanding" between the two sides about what they hope to achieve.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said Washington and Pyongyang were engaging in "working-level" talks to arrange the possible summit, but said it couldn't confirm specifics.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who has lobbied hard for nuclear negotiations between Trump and Kim Jong Un, held a surprise meeting with the North Korean leader Saturday in an effort to keep the summit alive.

In their second meeting in a month, Moon said Kim expressed a willingness to cooperate to end confrontation and work toward peace for the sake of a successful summit with Trump. But the North Korean leader also said he was unsure whether he could trust the US to end hostile policies against North Korea and provide security assurances if the country does abandon its nuclear weapons, according to Moon.

## NATIONAL

### Mayor defends police after NJ beach incident

WILDWOOD, N.J. — A Philadelphia woman seen on video being punched in the head by a police officer on a New Jersey beach said Tuesday she didn't spit at the officers before the weekend altercation. The mayor of the beach town vehemently defended the police and said the woman is no angel.

An attorney for 20-year-old Emily Weinman of Philadelphia told Philly.com the charges against Weinman are exaggerated. Wildwood, New Jersey, Mayor Ernie Troiano defended the police Tuesday, noting Weinman was "by far the aggressor here" and pointing out that women can be harder to subdue than men. Stephen Dicht, Weinman's attorney, called the mayor's comments "irresponsible."

Weinman told the reporter that she was spitting sand out of her mouth after being knocked to the ground, not spitting at the officers. She's facing two counts of aggravated assault on a police officer, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest and other charges, according to Wildwood police.

The video filmed by another beachgoer Saturday and posted to social media shows two officers trying to subdue Weinman, with one officer hitting her in the head twice with a closed fist. The beachgoer said she woke up to the altercation and began filming. The video does not show what led to it.

The officers have been reassigned to administrative duty during the investigation.

### Injuries lead to Spam, other Hormel product recall

AUSTIN, Minn. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is recalling more than 228,000 pounds of Spam and another product made by Minnesota-based Hormel after four consumers complained about metal objects in the food.

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service says the canned chicken and pork in question was produced in February at the company's plant in Fremont, Nebraska. The agency says "minor oral injuries" have been reported.

The recall covers 12-ounce metal cans containing "SPAM Classic" with a "Best By" date of February 2021.

The recall also includes 12-ounce metal cans of "Hormel Foods Black-Label Luncheon Loaf" with a "Best By" date of February 2021.

### Falling tree kills 2 journalists in NC

TRYON, N.C. — Two broadcast journalists were killed by a falling tree in North Carolina as they reported on the severe weather associated with subtropical depression Alberto.

The television news anchor and a photojournalist colleague were killed Monday while covering the very fringes of the large system whose core made landfall away on the northern Gulf Coast. Authorities said a tree became uprooted from rain-soaked soil and toppled on the news team's SUV, killing the two instantly.

The dead were identified as workers from a station based in Greenville, South Carolina.

WYFF-TV Anchor Mike McCormick and photojournalist Aaron Smeltzer both had worked in the Greenville market for more than a decade. "Mike and Aaron were beloved members of our team — our family," anchor Carol Goldsmith said.

### Body found; man who disappeared in flooding

ELLCOTT CITY, Md. — Searchers scouring a river Tuesday that runs alongside a Maryland town found the body of a man last seen being swept away by flood waters. Volunteers and crews with trained dogs had been looking for 39-year-old Edison Hermond who disappeared Sunday afternoon, following torrential rains that prompted destructive flash flooding in Ellicott City, Maryland.

On Tuesday afternoon, his body was located in the Patapsco River. He was the only person reported missing in Ellicott City.

"To have died helping somebody else is incredible," said Nicholas Johnson, owner of a store near the spot where Hermond vanished while trying to help a woman.

Hermond, of Severn, Maryland, was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a sergeant in the Maryland Army National Guard. He was described by those who knew him as an affable, generous man.

### Lawyer: Weinstein had relationship with accuser

NEW YORK — The woman who has accused Harvey Weinstein of rape in his criminal case was in a decade-long relationship with him that continued after the alleged attack in a Manhattan hotel room in 2013, a lawyer for the film producer said Tuesday.

Attorney Benjamin Braffman made the remark after meeting behind closed doors with prosecutors and a New York judge Tuesday.

The criminal case revolves around two women, only one of whom, the former actress Lucia Evans, has gone public with her story of being forced to perform oral sex on Weinstein at his office in 2004.

Prosecutors haven't identified the second accuser, who told investigators Weinstein confined her in a hotel room and raped her.

Braffman said he also wouldn't identify the woman by name, said she was "someone with whom he has had a 10-year consensual, sexual relationship."

Prosecutors left court without commenting. The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual assaults without their consent.

Weinstein, 66, surrendered last week and was led into court to face rape and criminal sex acts charges involving the two women.

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TEXAS AND SOUTHWEST

Cruz fundraising with faux ‘summons’ mailers

AUSTIN, Texas — Sen. Ted Cruz’s re-election campaign is sending fundraising letters in envelopes marked “Summons Enclosed — Open Immediately,” suggesting they could contain court appearance orders.

Instead, inside is a letter from the Texas Republican asking for support in his race against Democratic Rep. Beta O’Rourke.

The San Antonio Express News’ editorial board has criticized the mailer as looking “like a legal threat.”

Cruz spokeswoman Catherine Frazier confirmed that the letter came from the campaign, saying Tuesday that out of 50,000-plus San Antonio area mailers “there was one complaint that came not to us but to the local media.”

She called such mailers “effective and critical to identifying and engaging our supporters.”

The envelope also reads, “Ted Cruz for Senate 2018,” but in smaller print in the upper-left corner.

Report: Texas second in nation for credit card debt

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York state comptroller’s office says the nation’s four most-populated states carry the highest total amount of credit card debt, with California leading the way, followed by Texas, Florida and New York.

Democratic Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli says in a report released Tuesday that Californians had racked up more than \$106.8 billion in credit card debt by the end of 2017.

The Lone Star State was No. 2 at \$67.3 billion, followed by Florida with \$59.2 billion and New York with \$58.1 billion.

Rounding out the top 10 are Pennsylvania, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia and Georgia.

DiNapoli says the totals were based on statistics compiled in February by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Bail denied for church massacre finhatter

A federal judge today denied bail to a conspiracy theorist who claims the November mass shooting in which 26 people were killed at First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs never took place.

During a hearing today, testimony that agents found 10 guns and nearly 1,000 rounds of ammo at the Lockhart home of Robert Mikell Ussery after his arrest on May 23 helped sway U.S. Magistrate Judge Henry Bemporad to deny Ussery release on bail. The judge agreed with federal prosecutors that Ussery may be a danger to the community.

Ussery, 54, who refers to himself as “Side Thom Journalist,” and his girlfriend, Jodi Mann, known as “Conspiracy Granny,” were initially arrested March 5 on state charges of resisting arrest, trespassing and other counts after allegedly walking onto the church’s lawn and confronting Pastor Frank Pomeroy, whose daughter was among those killed by a gunman.

Special agent Kaitlyn O’Connell with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said the feds were called in by Texas Rangers after the incident.

“He was talking about the mass shooting,” O’Connell said. “He was saying it didn’t actually happen and that it was a hoax.”

Though the pair made bail on the state charges, the matter resulted in a restraining order being issued against them, according to testimony and court records.

During the incident, the pair had Go-Pro video recording equipment that recorded the encounter, which helped agents develop a federal case against him. When ATF agents reviewed the video, it showed Ussery handled a gun by the pickup the pair were in, placed it under a mat in the truck and told Mann that if there’s a question about the gun by police, Mann should claim ownership, O’Connell testified.

Border Patrol revises fatal Texas shooting description

RIO BRAVO, Texas — The U.S. Border Patrol has revised its description of an agent-involved shooting in Texas that killed a woman who was part of a group that illegally entered the country.

The agency initially said Wednesday that the lone agent fired his gun after being attacked “by multiple subjects using blunt objects.” But Border Patrol said Friday that the group ignored the agent’s demands to get on the ground and “rushed him.”

The first statement describes the woman killed as “one of the assailants,” while the second calls her “one member of the group.”

Agency spokeswoman Sara Melendez says she can’t address specific questions about the releases but notes they usually do a follow-up statement after the initial one.

Guatemala’s foreign ministry identifies the woman killed as Claudia Patricia Gomez Gonzalez.

Evangelist wants jet: ‘Jesus wouldn’t ride a donkey’

DESTREHAN, La. — A prosperity gospel televangelist is asking disciples to “pray about becoming a partner” to his mission of obtaining a \$54 million private jet.

The Louisiana-based ministry of Jesse Duplantis has already paid cash for three other private planes, but he says God told him, “I want you to believe in me for a Falcon 7X.”

NOIA.com/The Times-Picayune reports that Duplantis made the pitch to his followers in the May 21 edition of his weekly video address.

Duplantis says Jesus Christ “wouldn’t be riding a donkey” today — “he’d be in an airplane flying all over the world.”

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Santa Fe High School supporters gather by the school to wish student and staff well on their first day of classes Tuesday after a shooting that killed 10 people in Santa Fe, Texas. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott visited the school and is set to announce a school safety plan today in Dallas and San Marcos.

Santa Fe begins road to recovery

Governor visits high school, announces campus safety plan

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SANTA FE, Texas — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott will announce a school safety plan aimed at preventing more mass shootings like the one that killed eight students and two substitute teachers and injured 13 others at Santa Fe High School near Houston May 18.

Abbott has announcements scheduled for today in Dallas and San Marcos. The governor held three days of Capitol meetings last week and heard from law enforcement, educators, mental health experts and student survivors of the shooting at Santa Fe High School.

The Republican is a strong gun-rights advocate and is running for re-election. Abbott says he wants to protect the right to bear arms while also seeking more armed security in public schools and improving mental health screening for students. He has also suggested tougher gun-storage laws.

Abbott visited Santa Fe High School Tuesday, where students returned to class for the first time since the shooting. Before classes started, people stood along the road in front of Santa Fe High School holding up

signs that said, “Santa Fe Strong” and “United We Stand.”

Abbott spoke with students, parents, teachers and staff, and presented first responders with a commendation. Abbott tweeted photos of himself wearing a green Santa Fe T-shirt and addressing a school assembly to honor the victims held shortly after the school reopened.

The school now has enhanced security measures, such as a ban on backpacks and large purses. Students can only enter the school through the campus’ main entrance, and they cannot enter without a school ID or some form of identification. The classrooms where the shooting took place have been blocked off.

In a letter sent to parents and students last week, Santa Fe High School Principal Rachel Blundell said students can meet with friends and teachers, and speak with counselors.

Authorities have charged student Dimitrios Pagourtzis with capital murder in the attack. Investigators said Pagourtzis used a shotgun and pistol that belonged to his father.

Pagourtzis remains jailed without bond in Galveston.

Updates on shootings across the nation

- **Oklahoma City, Okla.:** The FBI said it was contacted twice, but took no action, about a YouTube channel associated with Alexander Tilghman, who wounded three people on Thursday.
- **Noblesville, Ind.:** A middle school is set to reopen for classes, five days after a male student allegedly shot a classmate and a teacher.
- **Parkland, Fla.:** David Hogg, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, is leading an effort to register voters at 90 percent of U.S. high schools along with the organization HeadCount.

Justin Timberlake surprises shooting survivor in hospital

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SANTA FE, Texas — Pop star Justin Timberlake made a surprise visit to a Texas school shooting survivor as she recovers from her wounds in a hospital.

Sarah Salazar was among the 13 wounded in the May 18 attack at Santa Fe High School. Her mother, Sonia Lopez-Puentes, shared on Facebook a photo that shows Timberlake wearing a medical gown and rubber gloves as he poses next to a smiling Salazar in her hospital room last Friday.

According to an online fundraiser for Salazar, the teenager suffered a broken jaw and will need shoulder replacement surgery after the shooting.

Timberlake performed two shows in nearby Houston last week as a part of his “Man of the Woods” tour.

Lawsuit tells Texas prison to cool down in summer

BY JOHN AUSTIN  
CNHI State Reporter

AUSTIN — A Texas prison will install permanent air conditioning as the result of a recently settled federal lawsuit, but despite the agreement, thousands of state inmates still feel the heat.

Under terms of a settlement finalized earlier this month, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will install permanent air conditioning in the Wallace Pack Unit, northwest of Houston, by May 1, 2020.

At least 14 inmates have died from heat-related causes since 2007, according to a report by the University of Texas School of Law Human Rights Clinic.

Under settlement terms, “subject to legislative approval,” the air conditioning “will keep the heat index at 88 degrees Fahrenheit or less in those housing areas.”

The agreement also requires the department to take appropriate precautions for inmates in 26 “heat-sensitive” classifications, according to the statement.

The agreement calls for temporary air conditioning from April 15 through Oct. 15.

Road to Wallace Pack settlement

- **June 2014:** Prisoners file class action lawsuit demanding lower temperatures for heat-sensitive inmates.
- **June 2016:** District judge rules it must provide water with lower levels of arsenic.
- **July 2017:** Same district judge issues temporary ruling, saying conditions are cruel and unusual. The state begins moving 1,000 heat-sensitive inmates to other prisons.
- **Feb. 2018:** State agrees to install A/C as part of settlement, ending the lawsuit.

After 27 missed threes in a row, Rockets lament loss to Warriors

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HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets were up by 14 in the second quarter against the Golden State Warriors when they started missing from 3-point range. They shot themselves all the way from prime position to advance to the NBA Finals to the end of a solid season.

James Harden was the first to miss. Eric Gordon soon bricked one, and P.J. Tucker did the same.

It was miss after miss after miss as the cold streak stretched to nine by halftime. There were 14 more in the third quarter in a surprising performance for a team that relied on the 3 all season.

By the time Tucker connected with about 6 1/2 minutes left, the Rockets had missed an NBA-record 27 straight 3-pointers and the Warriors were on their way to a 101-92 victory.

Though Gordon believes the result would have been different if Houston had Chris Paul for the last two games of the Western Conference finals, saying: “if he was out there, we’d have been playing on Thursday,” the rest of the Rockets agreed that even the nine-time All-Star probably couldn’t have changed things on a night their shooting was historically bad.

“It’s a grown man’s league,” Tucker said. “It doesn’t matter, next man up. You’ve got to play. You’ve got to win. It doesn’t matter who plays, step up.”

The Rockets led the NBA by making an average of 15.3 3-pointers on their way to a franchise-record 65 wins in their second year in coach Mike D’Antoni’s high-octane offense. The team made it to the conference finals for the first time since 2015, but was unable to overcome its worst shooting game of the postseason.

“The first half, just our energy defensively was different. That created more opportunities for the 3 and they went in,” Harden said. “As a result of that, we got a double-digit lead going into



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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) and Houston Rockets forward P.J. Tucker (4) chase a loose ball during the second half of the Western Conference Championships in Game 7 on Monday.

halftime. Those same opportunities were there in the second half, we just didn’t make them. They made tough shots. That’s it pretty much.”

It was a bitter end to a sweet year for Houston.

“They were devastated ... we thought we were so close,” D’Antoni said. “We had it. We thought we had it. We had the first half ... tip your hat to them, but at the same time guys gave everything they’ve got, so it’s normal to be devastated. I think they’re still proud of the work we did, but at the same time, it hurts.”

Now the Rockets have to figure out what it will take to get over the hump next year. They have some big decisions to make with Paul,

Trevor Ariza and center Clint Capela eligible for free agency. Some believe Houston could make a run at LeBron James if he chooses to leave Cleveland, but the Rockets would have to make a lot of roster changes to be able to afford him.

D’Antoni didn’t want to get into what he thinks general manager Daryl Morey should do with the roster this offseason.

“It’s way too early. That’s Daryl’s department,” he said. “I love each guy. So it’s hard to even be objective, me to be objective. That’s the upstairs. That’s their job to be cold and objective, and do what they think is best for the team. Then once we get in the trenches, I’ll be happy with whoever we’ve got.”





# ‘Roseanne’ barred from ABC

## Network cancels reboot after star’s racist tweet

BY DAVID BAUDER  
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NEW YORK — ABC canceled its hit reboot of “Roseanne” on Tuesday following star Roseanne Barr’s racist tweet that referred to former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett as a product of the Muslim Brotherhood and the “Planet of the Apes.”

ABC Entertainment President Channing Dungey said the comment “is abhorrent, repugnant and inconsistent with our values.” Barr had apologized and deleted her Monday-night tweet, calling it a “bad joke,” but the damage had already been done.

Barr was also dumped by her talent agency, ICM Partners.

The revival of the comedy was a surprise smash for ABC, owned by the Walt Disney Co., and was counted on to lead the network’s fortunes next season. Its first new episode in March was seen by more than 25 million people, with delayed viewing counted in, numbers that are increasingly rare in network television. ABC expected advertisers to pay millions of dollars for the chance to be seen during commercial breaks on television’s most popular comedy after “The Big Bang Theory.”

And it was all killed in a 53-character tweet.

One of the few network shows about a working-class family, “Roseanne” attracted considerable attention upon its return when Barr’s character supported President Donald Trump. That made the show popular with conservative viewers, and Trump himself suggested the character’s politics had a lot to do with the show’s success.

Barr herself has a history of diving into political conspiracy theories on her Twitter feed, and she ended her Memorial Day weekend with a series of statements. She criticized Democratic financier George Soros and tweeted that Chelsea Clinton was “Chelsea Soros Clinton,” implying she was married to a nephew of Soros. Donald Trump Jr. retweeted two of Barr’s statements about Soros, although not the remark about Jarrett.

Jarrett, who is black, was brought up in response to Twitter commentary that raised her name in relation to an Obama conspiracy theory. Barr tweeted: “muslim brotherhood & planet of the apes had a baby=vj.”

She later tweeted an apology to Jarrett.

### A timeline of ‘Roseanne’

**Oct. 18, 1988:** The original “Roseanne,” starring Roseanne Barr, first airs on ABC. It quickly becomes one of the highest-rated shows on TV.

**May 20, 1997:** “Roseanne” airs its original series finale after nine seasons on the air.

**March 27, 2018:** A revival of “Roseanne” starring most of the original cast returns to ABC, with the first episode tackling the political divide between characters. The first episode reveals the character Roseanne voted for President Trump. The New York Times reported the reboot was part of ABC’s strategy to appeal to different parts of the country following Trump’s electoral victory.

**March 30, 2018:** The show was renewed for a second season based on ratings success. It was ABC’s highest-rated show of the season, and the premiere notched the highest rating for a network sitcom in four years.

**May 28, 2018:** Barr sends racially insensitive tweets about Valerie Jarrett and George Soros.

**May 29, 2018:** ABC cancels “Roseanne,” calling Barr’s comments “abhorrent” and “repugnant.”

“Forgive me,” she wrote. “My joke was in bad taste.”

Jarrett, who appeared at the taping of an MSNBC show about racism on Tuesday, said she hoped the incident could be turned into a teaching moment.

“I’m fine,” she said. “I’m worried about the people out there who don’t have a circle of friends and followers who come right to their defense.”

Barr was quickly condemned. Comic Wanda Sykes, a “Roseanne” writer, tweeted that she wouldn’t be returning to the show. Sara Gilbert, a co-star, also tweeted that the remark was abhorrent.

It was a quick decision at ABC for Dungey, who is the first African-American to serve as programming chief for one of the major broadcast networks, and her boss, network president Ben Sherwood. Disney chief executive Robert Iger tweeted his approval: “There was only one thing to do



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Roseanne Barr arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of the “Roseanne” reboot on March 23 in Burbank, Calif. After Barr sent a racist tweet, ABC canceled “Roseanne.”

here, and that was the right thing.”

Three weeks earlier, “Roseanne” was the toast of ABC’s annual presentation of its programming plans to advertisers. “Roseanne” earned an estimated \$45 million in advertising revenue for ABC through its nine episodes that started airing in March, according to Kantar Media. The firm estimates that the 13 episodes that had been ordered for next season would have brought in as much as \$60 million, with more through repeat episodes.

Hulu, TV Land and CMT said Tuesday they were pulling reruns of “Roseanne” from their networks.

The cancellation has no clear precedent in television history, said David Bianculli, professor at Rowan University in New Jersey. The closest analogy is CBS pulling the plug on the Smothers Brothers variety show due to their anti-war views in the late 1960s and the same network not renewing “Lou Grant,” which star Ed Asner always contended was due to his outspoken political beliefs.

“Roseanne Barr’s comments were appalling and reminiscent of horrific time in our history when racism was not only acceptable but promoted by Hollywood,” said Derrick Johnson, NAACP president and CEO. “We applaud ABC for taking a stand against racism by canceling ‘Roseanne.’”

### Other stars who have lost their shows because of insensitive or inflammatory comments



CBS Radio canceled “Imus in the Morning” in 2007 after host **Don Imus** used sexist and racially charged language to describe the Rutgers women’s basketball team.



MSNBC canceled “Up Late with **Alec Baldwin**” in 2013 after Baldwin used a gay slur at a photographer who was outside his New York apartment.



In 2013, **Paula Deen** saw her Food Network shows and endorsement deals canceled amidst a lawsuit that alleged she racially discriminated against a former employee. In a deposition, Deen admitted to having used a racial slur in the past.

# Starbucks closes stores for anti-bias training

## Employee calling police on black men sparked protests

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NEW YORK — Starbucks closed thousands of stores Tuesday and asked employees to talk about when they noticed their racial identity, discuss what unconscious bias is and watch videos in which people of color describe feeling unwelcome in stores.

It was all part of the coffee chain’s anti-bias training, created after the arrest of two black men in a Philadelphia Starbucks six weeks ago. But whether the training, developed with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and other groups, will prevent another embarrassing incident remains to be seen.

“This is not science. This is human behavior,” Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz said. “This is just the first step of many that we’re going to take.”

The training was personal, asking workers to break into groups of three to five people to talk about their experiences with race. According to training materials provided by the company, they were asked to pair up with a co-worker and list all the ways they “are different from each other.” A guidebook reminds people to “listen respectfully” and tells them to stop any conversations that get derailed.

“I found out things about people that I’ve worked with a lot that I didn’t know,” said Carla Ruffin, a New York regional director at Starbucks, who took the training earlier Tuesday and was made available by the company to comment on it.

Ruffin, who is black, said everyone in her group said they first experienced bias in middle school. “I just thought that was pretty im-



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People are seen meeting inside the closed Starbucks Reserve at the company’s headquarters during employee anti-bias training Tuesday in Seattle.

### What happened to spark this?

**April 12:** Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson are taken out of a Philadelphia Starbucks in handcuffs. The manager called 911 after asking the men to leave because they hadn’t bought anything, but the men refused.

**April 13:** National outrage arose after a video of the incident went viral on Twitter.

**April 15:** A Black Lives Matter protester led a protest at the Philadelphia Starbucks. Protests continued for weeks.

**April 16:** Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson issued an apology and met with Nelson and Robinson.

**April 17:** Starbucks announced it would close its U.S. stores on the afternoon of May 29 for racial bias training.

**May 2:** Nelson and Robinson reached agreements with the city and with Starbucks. The city agreed to pay the men \$1 each and pay \$200,000 for a program for young entrepreneurs. Starbucks announced in a statement that an agreement for a financial settlement was reached with the two men.

**May 29:** Starbucks nationwide closed in the afternoon to conduct racial bias training with its employees.

pactful, that people from such diverse backgrounds, different ages, that it was all in middle school.”

She said the training and discussion is needed: “We’re never as human beings going to be per-

fect.”

Starbucks declined to specify how much the training is costing, but Schultz called it “quite expensive.”

“We’ve had certain sharehold-

ers call and say, ‘How much is this going to cost and how do you justify this?’ My answer to them was simply, we don’t view it as an expense. We view it as an investment in our people and the long-term cultural values of Starbucks.”

The company also lost sales from closing early, though the late-in-the-day training sessions meant no disruption to the busier morning hours.

At the company’s Pike Place Market location in Seattle, commonly referred to as the original Starbucks, the store stopped letting people in at 1 p.m.

The training was not mandatory, but Starbucks said it expected almost all of the 175,000 employees to participate. It said they will be paid for the full four hours. Executives took the same training last week in Seattle.

Training in unconscious, or implicit, bias is used by many corporations, police departments and other organizations. It is typically designed to get people to open up about prejudices and stereotypes — for example, the tendency

among some white people to see black people as potential criminals.

Many retailers, including Walmart and Target, say they offer some racial bias training.

In the Philadelphia incident, Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson were asked to leave after one was denied access to the bathroom. They were arrested by police minutes after they sat down to await a business meeting.

The arrest was recorded by cellphone and triggered protests, boycott threats and debate over racial profiling, or what has been dubbed “retail racism.” It proved a major embarrassment for Starbucks, which has long cast itself as a company with a social conscience and had even encouraged dialogue about race before — to some mockery.

Nelson and Robinson settled with Starbucks for an undisclosed sum and an offer of a free college education. They also reached a deal with the city of Philadelphia for a symbolic \$1 each and a promise from officials to establish a \$200,000 program for young entrepreneurs.

Some black coffee shop owners in Philadelphia suggested black customers instead make a habit of patronizing their businesses. Amalgam Comics and Coffeehouse owner Ariell Johnson said she has called the police just once in the two years she has been open. She said that should happen only when there is a provocation or danger.

Calvin Lai, an assistant professor of psychological and brain sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, said that one afternoon of diversity training wouldn’t really be “moving the needle on the biases,” especially since Starbucks has so many employees and they may not stay very long.

Starbucks has said the instruction will become part of how it trains all its workers.