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12 dead, 4 wounded in Virginia



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Brittany Myers, right, embraces her husband, Ryan, during a vigil in response to a fatal shooting at a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Saturday. A longtime city employee opened fire at the building Friday before police shot and killed him, authorities said.

Mourners remember victims at somber vigil

BEN FINLEY
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — The 12 people who were fatally shot in a Virginia Beach gov-

ernment building were remembered Saturday during a somber news conference and prayer vigil as officials sought to focus on those who died and not the gunman.

Police Chief James Cervera identified the assailant as DeWayne Craddock, who was employed for 15 years as an engineer with the city's utilities department. Cervera declined to comment on a motive for Friday's rampage, which ended with Craddock's death in a gun battle with police. City officials uttered his name just once and said they would not mention it again.

City Manager Dave Hansen said he had worked for years with many of the victims, 11 of whom were city employees. The 12th

was a contractor trying to get a permit.

Their names and photos were projected on a screen as Hansen read out biographical information that included their hometowns and years of service.

"They leave a void that we will never be able to fill," he said.

Chaplains and family assistance workers worked through the night to notify relatives — a job that Hansen described as "the most difficult task anyone will ever have to do."

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More thirsty Texans raises need for water

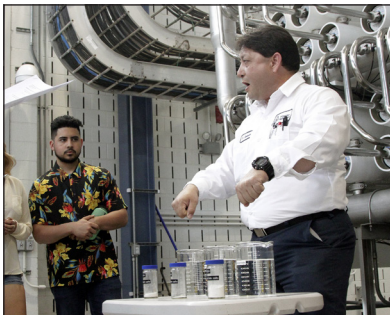
DAVID WARREN
Associated Press

DALLAS — About 1,000 people arrive in Texas each day, drawn by jobs, newly built homes and other opportunities. But in a state where prolonged drought is a regular occurrence, officials are struggling to ensure they can sate everyone's thirst.

Water experts are trying to determine how "resilient" the state's water infrastructure is in keeping safe drinking water flowing through the taps.

There are indications that the system is more fragile than once thought: After Hurricane Harvey in 2017, more than 200 public water systems shut down or warned customers to boil their tap water.

Months later, 3,700 Texans still lacked access to safe drinking water. Before that



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In this photo from May 2, water worker Hector Sepulveda gives a tour of a desalination plant in El Paso. With a rising population, Texas officials worry about long-term planning for water infrastructure.

storm, 30 towns in 2013 were within six months of running out of water as a drought continued to grip the state.

"The state is growing so fast that we're constantly playing catch-up when it comes to building resilient water supplies," said Robert Mace, director of The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University. "The question is: When the bad times come will there be enough water for everybody?"

As the planet warms and weather patterns turn more extreme, droughts — as well as floods — in the state generally have worsened. Meanwhile, the state population is expected to double by 2050 to more

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DANIEL BECERRIL / REUTERS

Tractor-trailers wait to cross into U.S. at the World Trade Bridge in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on April 2.

Tariffs could hurt Texas trade

JULIÁN AGUILAR
Texas Tribune

With a looming trade war with Mexico on the horizon, Texas' proximity to its southern neighbor could spell economic trouble for the state's consumers and workforce. But it's the added dynamic of how this country trades with Mexico that could do far greater damage to the state and national economies than

President Donald Trump's current trade battles with China or Canada, analysts warn. Late Thursday, Trump announced he would begin imposing 5% tariffs on all products imported from Mexico on June 10 if that country didn't do more to curb the flow of unauthorized immigrants traveling through Mexico on their way to the United States. Trump said

he would increase it to as high as 25% by October if Mexico doesn't act. The tariff announcement comes as the Trump administration escalates its trade war with China, which has led both countries to impose billions in duties on goods imported to their respective countries.

But the impact from tar-

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Levee breaches flood Midwestern communities

HANNAH GRABENSTEIN
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Crews were making a "last ditch effort" on Saturday to save low-lying parts of a small Arkansas city from floodwaters pouring through a breached levee. Downstream, authorities were warning people to leave a neighborhood that sits across the swollen river from the state capital.

In Iowa, a flood barrier along the Mississippi River failed Saturday, flooding four to six blocks of downtown Burlington, a city of about 25,000 people 170 miles southeast of Des Moines.

On Friday, the Arkansas River, which has been flooding communities for more than a week, tore a 40-foot hole in a levee in Dardanelle, a city of about 4,700 people roughly 100 miles upstream from Little Rock.

Dardanelle Mayor Jimmy Witt said Saturday that officials don't believe a temporary levee being constructed will stop the water from flooding the south side of the city, but he hopes it will buy time for residents of up to 800 threatened homes to prepare.

"We have started a last ditch effort to try and protect the southern borders of the city," he said at a news conference.

The river has been widening the levee breach and floodwaters have been slowly approaching homes, officials said. Water from some creeks and tributaries has already flooded some houses, they said. Yell County judge Mark Thone said flooding has surrounded about 25 people in a rural community a few miles south of Dardanelle, and several roads have closed due to high water.

Meanwhile in North Little Rock,



YELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

In this aerial image provided by Yell County Sheriff's Department water rushes through the levee along Arkansas River in Dardanelle, Arkansas, on Friday. Officials say the levee breached early Friday at Dardanelle, about 60 miles northwest of Little Rock.

which is just across the Arkansas River from Little Rock, officials were going door to door Saturday to tell people in the Dixie Addition neighborhood to consider leaving. The river isn't expected to crest in the Little Rock area until Tuesday, but North Little Rock

officials said on Facebook that they believe the river will back up storm drainage areas and cause roads to become inaccessible in and around Dixie Addition, possibly for more than a week.

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US visa applicants must now provide social media info

WASHINGTON — The State Department is now requiring nearly all U.S. visa applicants to submit their social media usernames, previous email addresses and phone numbers. It's a vast expansion of the Trump administration's enhanced screening of potential immigrants and visitors.

In a move that has just taken effect after approval of the revised application forms, department officials said they have updated its immigrant and non-immigrant visa forms to request the additional information, including "social media identifiers," from almost all U.S. applicants.

The change, which was proposed in March 2018, is ex-

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PATRICK SEMANSKY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

People gather for a vigil on Saturday after a fatal shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia. A city employee opened fire at a municipal building Friday before police shot and killed him, authorities said.

Victims of Va. shooting remembered

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One of the dead employees had worked for the city for 41 years. Six worked in the same department as Craddock, though authorities have declined to say if anyone was specifically targeted or if the suspect had issued threats before. The victims were found throughout the building, on three floors, police said. Authorities have said Craddock opened fire indiscriminately. Four other people were wounded, including a police officer whose bulletproof vest saved his life.

The suspect was armed with a .45-caliber handgun with a noise suppressor, police said. Cervera said Saturday that more weapons were found at the scene and at his home. Virginia is

among 42 states that allow residents to purchase and possess suppressors, though some cities and towns, including Virginia Beach, prohibit them.

Two law enforcement officials told The AP that the gunman made multiple legal firearm purchases recently, and the guns recovered at the scene were purchased legally. The officials were not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The building was open to the public, but security passes were required to enter inner offices, conference rooms and other work areas. As a current employee, Craddock would have had the pass to enter the inner offices, Hansen said.

Craddock appeared to have had no felony record, which would have made him eligible to purchase guns.

Around 200 people attended a Saturday prayer vigil for those killed. The crowd included city work-

We remember the Virginia Beach victims

- Tara Gallagher
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- Laquita Brown
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- Herbert Snelling

ers, community leaders and residents who wanted to offer hugs and condolences. Many people sobbed or dabbed their eyes with tissues. Gov. Ralph Northam also attended.

Craddock's neighbors said police swarmed the neighborhood of modest townhomes Friday in Virginia Beach. Some said he had lived there for at least 10 years.

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Thirsting for more water in Texas

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than 50 million people.

Some Texas cities are seen as models in planning years in advance to keep supplies flowing to customers.

El Paso, which has about 700,000 people living in a desert region that gets only 9 inches of rain annually, receives international groups wanting to learn more about innovative facilities like the largest inland desalination plant in the U.S. San Antonio launched its own desalination plant in 2017 and intends to begin importing water from a well field 140 miles away next year, giving the area a dozen different sources of water for some 2.5 million people.

But the big-ticket projects in Texas and greater push for long-term planning — the state updates its water strategy every five years based on a 50-year outlook — smack head-on against infrastructure defined by aging water lines, outdated treatment plants and smaller utilities focused on their own interests rather than regional ones.

These and other factors were at play in 2015 when Texas cities and utilities issued 1,550 boil-water advisories, up from about 1,100 in 2012 and 650 in 2008, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Such problems don't become easier when the rains wane.

"We're actually falling more behind for the big one, the repeat of the drought of record," Mace said.

In 2002, Texas was lagging by 2.4 million acre-feet in meeting water demands at the height of severe drought, he said, and now the state is 4.7 million acre-feet behind.

An acre-foot amounts to 1 foot of water

across an acre of land.

Smaller communities "are the ones really struggling," Mace said. Many don't have the customer base to afford a revamped water supply without a substantial increase in water bills. They're also home to utilities that experts say are risk-averse and reluctant to embrace new technology.

Robert Paterson, an associate professor at the University of Texas with expertise in growth management and sustainable community development, said Texas trails other states when it comes to broad regional planning that incorporates water needs, land use and other aims.

As Paterson notes, watersheds don't care about boundaries.

"To have it all fragmented from city to city is really problematic and very wasteful," Paterson said.

His sentiment isn't lost on the Texas Water Development Board. The agency, which coordinates water planning and strategy in Texas, recently altered

its approach by no longer basing long-term strategy on political or city boundaries, according to Temple McKinnon, its director of water use, projections and planning.

The focus now is on the needs and projections of water providers.

"Converting to utility-based planning has been a herculean effort," McKinnon acknowledged.

The work is no easier for water providers, which experts say must cobble together the money necessary to deliver a plentiful amount of safe, potable water — through conservation programs, groundwater and surface water supplies, reservoirs, water reuse and other means.

"There's not a silver bullet, more like a silver machine gun, in the sense of many different strategies that can be employed to meet the state's demands," Mace said.

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ROBERT MACE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MEADOWS CENTER FOR WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

200

public water systems shut down after Hurricane Harvey in 2017

1,550

boil-water advisories in 2015, up from 1,100 in 2012

2.5 million

people who will depend on imported water in 2019

INFLATABLE TIANANMEN SQUARE



CHIANG YING-YING/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tourists walk past an inflatable man and tank at the Liberty Square of Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall in Taipei, Taiwan on June 1. The larger-than-life balloon installation portrays a peaceful encounter between a Chinese civilian and the military tanks that contributed to a brutal shutdown of the demonstrations in Beijing on June 4, 1989.

Tariffs may impact Texans

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iffs on Mexican goods could have a deeper reach because of just how many U.S. products contain parts or labor supplied by both countries, said Shannon O'Neil, the vice president of the Council on Foreign Relations.

"The way U.S. workers will be hit by this is very different. The imports coming in from Mexico have the highest percentage of U.S.-made products within them," she said. "On average, 40% of products are made in the U.S. so those American workers that are making that 40% are going to get hit as hard as their Mexican counterparts."

Some industries — including

automakers — import and export products back and forth across the border more than once, which means those goods could be subject to multiple tariffs. For example, two of the top U.S. exports to Mexico are auto and

computer parts, while two of the top imports from Mexico are auto parts and computers, according to trade data analyzed by WorldCity.

The threat by the president comes after Mexico recently became the United States' largest trading partner — it has been Texas' top trade partner for several years. Through March, the U.S. exported \$63.95 billion worth of goods and imported \$86.63 bil-

lion worth of goods from Mexico. Texas' ports at Laredo and El Paso are the the two busiest on the border, with \$55.8 and \$18.6 billion passing through those regions, respectively.

That means the effect from tariffs will be felt

first in border states, O'Neil said. "Many of those jobs in those regional supply chains where goods and parts come back and forth across the border, many of those jobs are in

Texas," she said. "And the whole logistics industry, the people whose lives depend on trade that move things back and forth, all of those jobs will get hit as this trade gets more expensive."

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SHANNON O'NEIL

US adds visa requirements

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pected to affect about 15 million foreigners who apply for visas to enter the United States each year.

Social media, email and phone number histories had only been sought in the past from applicants who were identified for extra scrutiny, such as people who had traveled to areas controlled by terrorist organizations. An estimated 65,000 applicants per year had fallen into that category.

The department says collecting the additional information from more applicants "will strengthen our process for vetting these ap-

plicants and confirming their identity."

When it filed its initial notice to make the change, department officials estimated it would affect 710,000 immigrant visa applicants and 14 million nonimmigrant visa applicants, including those who want to come to the U.S. for business or education.

The new visa application forms list a number of social media platforms and require the applicant to provide any account names they may have had on them over the previous five years.

They also give applicants the option to volunteer information about social media accounts on platforms not listed on the form.

Only applicants for certain diplomatic and official visa types are exempted from the requirements.



MIKE SIMONS/TULSA WORLD

Billy Madison dismantles a homemade levee behind his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 31. His levee worked and kept water away from his home. Water has been breaching levees across the central Midwest.

Floods displace Midwesterners

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City spokesman Nathan Hamilton said there are about 150 homes covered by the evacuation recommendation.

He said other homes also could be affected by flooding, but officials were currently focusing on only the most pressing neighborhood.

The evacuation recommenda-

tion followed a false alarm overnight that a nearby levee had breached and that flash flooding was possible. Officials quickly reversed themselves, though, and said that it hadn't failed and wasn't in danger of doing so.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson said Friday that officials were working to identify higher-risk spots in the Arkansas River's levee system.

"The breach in Dardanelle is a sign that there could be more of these breaches that will happen as the pressure continues to mount in the coming days," Hutchinson said.

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BRIEFS

Explosion at Russian TNT plant injures 79

MOSCOW — Russia’s health ministry says 79 people have been injured in an explosion in a plant manufacturing TNT.

The blast took place Saturday in Dzerzhinsk, 250 miles east of Moscow. The cause of the blast is being investigated.

The ministry said 38 plant employees and 41 local residents sought treatment after the blast. It said 15 were hospitalized, one in serious condition.

The blast broke windows in about 180 residential buildings near the plant, the state news agency Tass reported.

Italy’s Mount Etna erupts, oozes lava down side

CATANIA, Sicily — Mount Etna, Europe’s most active volcano, is spewing ash and lava once again, but officials say the activity is taking place at its summit and does not pose a risk to people.

Etna began a new phase of eruptions on Thursday as new cracks in the volcano opened up, sending lava down its flank.

The volcano previously erupted in December and sparked minor earthquakes that caused extensive damage to buildings in the vicinity.

Eugenio Privitera, the director in Catania of Italy’s National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology, says this eruption is taking place at the summit. He says it does not pose risks to local people but visitors to Etna will need to be kept away from the summit for their own safety.

Privitera says this new active phase could be over quickly or it could go on for months. The Italian news agency ANSA says the volcano’s activity has not yet caused problems for the nearby airport at the Sicilian city of Catania.

Explosions kill 10 at Syria’s northern city of Raqqa

BEIRUT (AP) — Two explosions killed 10 people in Raqqa Saturday in the latest attacks to hit the city in northern Syria, opposition activists reported.

The blasts occurred in two different locations in the city.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the first blast was a roadside bomb in the city center. It said the second blast was carried out by a suicide attacker driving a vehicle at a checkpoint of U.S.-backed fighters in the central Naim Square, killing five fighters and five civilians.

The Sound and Pictures activist collective that covers IS atrocities said 10 people were killed in the square. Another activist group also said that at least 10 people were killed in Naim Square.

74 migrants caught crossing English Channel

LONDON — Britain’s Border Force intercepted 74 people Saturday, including minors, on eight vessels crossing the English Channel.

French authorities stopped two more boats.

Authorities said that a criminal investigation was underway. The nationalities of the migrants are still being determined. Coastguard officials said the incidents stretched along Britain’s southeast coast, from the port of Dover to Winchelsea Beach near Hastings, 50 miles away.

Home Secretary Sajid Javid said he would work with French border authorities to halt this rise in people trafficking across the Channel.

“Those who choose to make this dangerous journey across one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world are putting their lives in grave danger — and I will continue to do all I can to stop them,” he said in a statement Saturday night.

So far this year, over 21,300 migrants have crossed the Mediterranean Sea into Europe, and at least 519 others have died trying, according to the International Organization for Migration. Overall, migration into Europe is down substantially since over 1 million asylum-seekers and migrants came to the continent in 2015.

‘El Chapo’ family gets US visas to visit drug lord

MEXICO CITY — The mother of convicted drug kingpin Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán said Saturday that the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City granted her a visa to visit her son in prison.

Consuelo Loera said that she and two daughters were both approved Saturday for visas to travel to the United States.

“Thank God, the U.S. Embassy gave me the permission,” she said. Loera said she hasn’t seen her son in more than four years.

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador lobbied for the visa to be issued after receiving a letter in February from Loera asking for assistance. In the letter, Loera described herself as “suffering and desperate” to see her son. The president said he intervened out of empathy.

Bomb attack kills soldier in northwest Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — The Pakistani military says one of its soldiers has been killed by a gun and bomb attack during a patrol in a northwestern region near the Afghan border.

The statement says a military vehicle was attacked Saturday in the Boya area of North Waziristan district.

Over the past month, the statement says five soldiers have been killed and 31 injured by militant attacks in North Waziristan.

The military has arrested parliament member Mahsin Dawar and another legislator, Ali Wazir, accusing them of leading an attack by protesters that set off a deadly shootout on Sunday. The two lawmakers represent a Pashtun group that denounces what it says is the military’s excessive use of force against local tribesmen.

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Syrian conflict escalates

BY ZEYNEP BILGINSOY
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Ankara and Moscow are again facing an escalation of violence in Syria’s last rebel-held territory, a development that puts their cooperation to the test even as they support opposing sides in the eight-year war that has devastated Syria.

An offensive by Syrian government forces to capture Idlib in northwestern Syria from insurgents could cause an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, as the area is home to 3 million people. Turkey, which is already hosting more than 3.6 million Syrian refugees, is facing pressure from Syria, Iran and Russia to control the armed rebel factions in Idlib.

In September, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Russian President Vladimir Putin brokered a cease-fire for Idlib, preventing a bloody onslaught, despite the fact that Russia has firmly backed Assad and Turkey supports opposition forces. Nine months later, the truce has failed.

Syrian ground forces have been advancing from the south of the rebel stronghold under the cover of Syrian and Russian airstrikes.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said more than 291 civilians and 369 fighters have been killed since April 30 in the rebel stronghold. In the same period, 269 government troops and 22 civilians were killed in government areas by rebel fire. The United Nations’ children’s agency said more than 130 children have been killed. More than 200,000 people from the stronghold have been displaced, according to the U.N., with some seeking safety near the border with Turkey and others in crowded Syrian camps.

In late April, Putin said he would not rule out a large-scale assault but “together with our Syrian friends, we believe that this would not be advisable.”

Much of Idlib has come under



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In this Sept. 14, 2018, file photo, protesters wave revolutionary Syrian and Turkish flags as they attend a demonstration against the Syrian government offensive in Idlib, in Maarat al-Numan, south of Idlib, Syria. The violence raging once again in the northwestern province of Idlib, Syria’s last rebel-held bastion, is putting Turkish-Russian relations to the test.

the control of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, or HTS, which Russia accuses of targeting its military base. HTS is considered a terrorist organization by the United States, Russia and Turkey, despite its claims it has disassociated from al-Qaida.

Erdogan and Putin agreed to work with the cease-fire agreement to prevent civilian deaths and a refugee flow. They also agreed to meet at next month’s

Group of 20 conference in Japan.

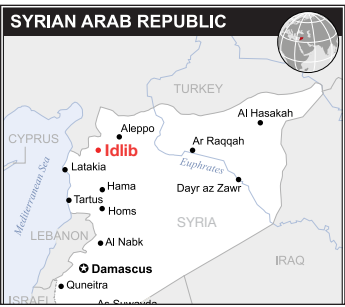
“Apart from this dialogue ... there is nothing on the ground that can prevent a catastrophe in Idlib,” Emre Ersan, an associate professor of international relations and political science at Istanbul’s Marmara University, says.

Erdogan is so far keeping his promise to buy Russian-made S-400 missiles despite U.S. warnings the system would jeopardize Turkey’s participation in the F-35

fighter jet program and compromise its safety.

Turkey and the U.S. are discussing a safe zone in northeastern Syria and asked the U.S. to end its military support for Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF. Erdogan will meet U.S. President Donald Trump at the G-20.

Ersan believes Russia may allow Turkey to grab the northern town of Tel Rifaat from the Kurdish fighters, the last town they control in western Syria. Russian support could help Turkey put pressure on the SDF and strengthen its hand in ongoing negotiations with the U.S. In exchange, he argues, Turkey could be open to some limited Syrian operation toward Idlib.



Pope preaches unity for Romanians at Mass

BY NICOLAE DUMITRACHE AND NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

MIERCUREA CIUC, Romania — Pope Francis braved a rain-soaked drive through the mountains of Transylvania on Saturday to visit Romania’s Sumuleu Ciuc shrine, urging Romanian and ethnic Hungarian faithful to work together.

Storms forced Francis to change his travel plans and add in a three-hour car ride through the Carpathian mountains that he had planned to traverse via helicopter. The steady rains doused the estimated 80,000-100,000 people who gathered for the Mass at the Sumuleu Ciuc shrine, which is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The showers had let up, but the 82-year-old seemed unsteady after the long trip and held onto the arms of aides as he negotiated a mud-slicked path to get to the altar for Mass.

In his homily, Francis praised Romania’s multicultural tapestry and urged its people to put aside past divisions for the sake

of “journeying together.”

The rights of around 1.2 million ethnic Hungarians who live in Romania have been at the center of political disputes between the two countries for decades. Hungary lost Transylvania in the peace treaties after World War I. The region remains heavily Hungarian in culture and language.

“Complicated and sorrow-filled situations from the past must not be forgotten or denied, yet neither must they be an obstacle or an excuse standing in the way of our desire to live together as brothers and sisters,” Francis said.

After Mass, the Pope headed to the city of Iasi in the northeast, where he met with young Romanians and their families.

“It is a joy, it is a joy,” said 71-year old Elisabeta Balan, the mother of 11 children who was among those chosen to address the pope in Iasi. “We are very happy that he comes in Iasi and for this occasion we succeeded in bringing our big family together.”



ANDREW MEDICHINI / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope Francis greets two girls as he arrives for a meeting with young people and families, in Iasi, Romania, Saturday.

ANDREW MEDICHINI / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope Francis arrives to celebrate Mass at the Marian shrine, in Sumuleu Ciuc, Romania, Saturday. The Pope began a three-day pilgrimage to Romania on Friday.



Captain arrested for fatal wreck

BY PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — A Hungarian judge on Saturday ordered the formal arrest of a captain whose Viking river cruise ship collided with a sightseeing boat on the Danube River, sinking the tourist boat and leaving seven dead and 21 other people missing.

Authorities said water levels in Budapest are expected to fall in the coming days, helping efforts to salvage the victims’ bodies.

The judge ordered the 64-year-old Ukrainian captain of the Viking Sigyn cruise ship formally arrested for 30 days. He said the captain could be released on bail, but prosecutors are appealing that decision.

The Viking ship collided Wednesday evening with a much smaller sightseeing boat carrying 35 people, most of them South Korean tourists, in Budapest. Seven people were rescued.

Divers have been unable to reach the tour boat wreckage due to strong currents and murky waters.

The captain is suspected of endangering water traffic causing a fatal mass disaster, which carries a sentence of 2 to 8 years.



LASZLO BALOGH / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescue team members are seen on a barge floating on the Danube river where a sightseeing boat capsized in Budapest, Hungary, Saturday.

The captain, identified only as Yuriy C. in line with Hungarian laws, has been in custody since Thursday. His lawyers dispute that their client made any mistakes leading to the collision, which took place under a heavy rain and with restricted visibility.

Defense lawyer Gabor Elo said there are no grounds to consider his client a suspect in the case, arguing that the prosecution’s request for the arrest was motivated by the fact that the captain is a Ukrainian citizen.

Elo said his client “is very sorry that he was involved in such an accident in which so many people lost their lives or are missing.”

Hungarian police spokesman Kristof Gal said the seven confirmed victims, all South Koreans, have been identified with the help of South Korean authorities by using finger and palm prints and showing photos to relatives.

Victims’ relatives and friends on Saturday visited the site of the collision under the city’s Margit Bridge. Flowers tributes and candles have been placed along the bridge.

Polish doctors march for health funds

BY MONIKA SCISLOWSKA
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Hundreds of doctors marched Saturday through Poland’s capital to demand health care funding.

Polish media say people have died waiting to be admitted to the hospital. Some wards are slated to be closed due to a shortage of doctors and nurses.

The protesters carried banners that read “We want to treat patients in Poland” and “Stop deaths in waiting lines” as they marched from the Health Ministry to parliament. They left a petition demanding that 6.8% of Poland’s gross national product be spent on health care. The conservative government aims to spend 6% by 2024, a plan that came after massive health care protests in 2017. The protesters say more efforts are needed.

“Patients are really dying waiting for treatment. We will continue our protests,” said Dr. Krzysztof Bukiel, head of a doctors union.

Missouri clinic to stay open

Abortion facility only one in state

JASON HANCOCK AND CRYSTAL THOMAS
The Kansas City Star (TNS)

A St. Louis judge has granted a temporary restraining order blocking the state from shutting down the last abortion clinic in Missouri.

St. Louis Circuit Court Judge Michael Stelzer ruled Friday afternoon that the state cannot revoke the license of the Planned Parenthood clinic in St. Louis at midnight as originally planned.

"Petitioner has demonstrated that immediate and irreparable injury will result if petitioner's license is allowed to expire," Stelzer wrote.

By granting the order, the judge said he was maintaining the status quo of the clinic's license so he could hear arguments on a preliminary injunction next week.

The crux of the litigation is a March inspection of the St. Louis Planned Parenthood clinic by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

The agency is demanding to interview seven physicians who have treated patients at the clinic in the last year. Without those interviews, the clinic will lose its license, the state agency said, leaving Missouri as the only state since abortion was legalized to have no clinics performing the procedure.

Planned Parenthood said it was initially told that the investigation was the result of "a patient com-



JEFF ROBERSON

Abortion-rights supporters protest Thursday in St. Louis. A St. Louis judge heard Planned Parenthood's request for a temporary restraining order that would keep the license for Missouri's only abortion clinic from lapsing at midnight Friday.

plaint," but court documents filed by the state said the inquiry began after a review of clinic medical records.

Planned Parenthood said that only two of the seven physicians in question are actually employees. They were interviewed by regulators this week.

The other five are under contract to Planned Parenthood and can't be compelled to speak with the state, according to an attorney for the organization.

Planned Parenthood said it has addressed two other issues the state has raised.

Gov. Mike Parson, in a state-

ment issued late Friday afternoon, said the court's ruling will give the state "the opportunity for a prompt legal review of our state health regulators' serious health and safety concerns regarding Planned Parenthood's abortion facility in St. Louis."

Hanging over the debate over Planned Parenthood's license is legislation signed last week by Parson criminalizing abortion after eight weeks of pregnancy. The ban goes into effect Aug. 28.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri filed notice Tuesday that it will pursue a referendum to repeal the law. The

organization will need to collect more than 100,000 signatures to place the law on the ballot for an up-or-down vote in 2020.

Shortly after the judge's Friday ruling, David Humphreys — a Republican businessman who along with his family has donated \$15 million to GOP candidates and campaigns since 2015 — released a statement in support of a referendum repealing the law.

"With no consideration given to victims of rape and incest," he said, "this legislation's impact reflects bad public policy with negative consequences for Missourians."

WWII plane joins in D-Day anniversary

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Filled with paratroopers, a U.S. warplane lumbered down an English runway in 1944 to spearhead the World War II D-Day invasion with a message for Adolf Hitler painted in bright yellow across its nose: "That's All, Brother."

Seventy-five years later, that plane is again bound for the French coast for what could be the last great commemoration of the Allied battle to include D-Day veterans, many of whom are now in their 90s.

The restored C-47 troop carrier that served as a lead aircraft of the main invasion force will join other vintage planes at 75th anniversary ceremonies in June. After flying over the Statue of Liberty in New York on Saturday, the plane enroute for Europe with other vintage aircraft along the same route U.S. aircraft traveled during the war. There, it and other flying military transports are expected to drop paratrooper re-enactors along the French coast at Normandy. The twin-engine plane is now operated by the Texas-based Commemorative Air Force, which preserves military aircraft.

Air Force historian Matt Scales found the aircraft a few years ago while researching the late Lt. Col. John Donalson of Birmingham, who was credited with piloting the lead aircraft that dropped the main group of paratroopers along the French coast in preparation for the assault on June 6, 1944.

That's All, Brother was at the tip of about 900 planes that made the flight across the English Channel to drop some 13,000 paratroopers.

Donalson's plane was in the lead partly because it was equipped with an early form of radar, Scales said. The aircraft was sold on the civilian market in 1945 and had changed hands several times before Scales found it. At one point, it was painted in a camouflage scheme similar to C-47s that flew during the Vietnam War.

"It had never crashed; it had never been



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On April 9, 2019, Pilot Tom Travis sits in the cockpit of the World War II troop carrier That's All, Brother during a stop in Birmingham, Ala. The C-47 aircraft led the main Allied invasion of Europe on June 6, 1944.

damaged," Scales said. "All the dozen owners ... between the end of the war and when I found it had taken pretty good care of it."

Donalson, who retired with the rank of major general, died in 1987. But during a recent stop in Birmingham, two of his grandchildren were among those who climbed aboard the

resurrected aircraft. Granddaughter Denise Harris sat in one of the seats occupied by a paratrooper for the ride to France.

"It's unbelievable to think that all those men were in that plane also, and to hear the stories, and to know some of the people that came back," she said.

43-year-old murder case cracked

BY IVAN MORENO
Associated Press

LAKEWOOD, Wis. — Word of the arrest — via a friend's text message — hit Wayne Sankey like a thunderbolt.

"I said, 'You gotta be kidding me,'" Sankey recalled. "And then I told the wife and she couldn't believe it. 'There's no way,' she said. 'Ray down the road?'"

Ray Vannieuwenhoven was his next-door neighbor — a helpful, 82-year-old handyman. The widower and father of five grown children had lived quietly for two decades among the 800 residents of Lakewood, a northern Wisconsin town surrounded by forests and small lakes.

Now authorities were saying this man was a cold-blooded killer. They had used genetic genealogy to crack a cold case that stretched back well into the 20th

century — a double murder 25 miles southwest of Lakewood.

David Schuldes and Ellen Matheys, engaged to be married, set up their campsite at a secluded spot in McClintock Park on Friday afternoon, July 9, 1976.

Schuldes was a 25-year-old part-timer in the circulation department of the Green Bay Press-Gazette; Matheys, 24, worked at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay library.

Two shots from a .30-caliber rifle shattered the quiet. One bullet struck Schuldes' neck from 50 feet away, killing him instantly. The other bullet lodged in a bathroom wall. Matheys ran, with the killer in pursuit, investigators say. He caught and raped her, then shot her twice in the chest.

Investigators were stumped. They didn't know why the couple was targeted, and leads were scant.

DNA profiling in the '90s brought new hope, but detectives got no matches when they submitted the semen from Matheys'

shorts to the FBI's database.

Last year, detectives contacted Virginia-based Parabon Nano-Labs, a DNA technology company. Parabon uploads DNA from crime scenes to GEDmatch, a free, public genealogy database with about 1.2 million profiles, all voluntarily submitted by people who've used consumer genealogy sites like Ancestry.com and 23andMe.

California law enforcement used GEDmatch to capture the alleged Golden State Killer last year by finding distant relatives.

Parabon's experts completed Vannieuwenhoven's family tree in late December. They'd found his parents, who had lived in the Green Bay area. Now detectives needed DNA samples from Vannieuwenhoven and his three brothers.

On March 6, two sheriff's deputies knocked on Vannieuwenhoven's door, pretending they wanted him to fill out a survey. They told him to put the survey in an envelope and seal it with his tongue.



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Wayne Sankey, neighbor of Raymand Vannieuwenhoven, sits on the front steps of his Lakewood, Wis. home on April 10.

Eight days later, Vannieuwenhoven was in custody.

At Vannieuwenhoven's first court appearance, on March 22, bond was set at \$1 million.

"Not guilty, not guilty, not guilty," Vannieuwenhoven when the judge asked him if he understood the charges.

His next court date is June 19.

Kurt Schuldes, 68, a cousin of David Schuldes in Green Bay, welcomed the news of an arrest, but lamented the time it took:

"He just got away with it for way too long, unfortunately."

BRIEFS

Justice Dept. preparing antitrust probe of Google

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Justice Department is readying an investigation of Google's business practices and whether they violate antitrust law, according to news reports.

The search engine giant was fined a record \$2.72 billion by European regulators in 2017. In the U.S., the Federal Trade Commission opened an antitrust investigation of Google but closed it in 2013 without taking action. An FTC staff report that was released years later showed that the agency staff had urged the presidentially appointed commissioners to bring a lawsuit against Google. That never happened.

Now the Justice Department has undertaken an antitrust probe of the company's search and other businesses, according to reports by The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and Bloomberg News.

Justice Department spokesman Jeremy Edwards declined to comment Saturday. Google also declined any comment.

Google, owned by Alphabet Inc., has faced mounting scrutiny. In addition to the 2017 fine, European regulators also slapped a \$1.7 billion penalty on the company in March for barring websites from selling ads from rivals alongside some Google-served ads. Google says it has now ended that practice.

Biden forges own path for 2020 Democratic ticket

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The center of presidential politics this weekend is the California Democratic Convention, but Democrats' 2020 front-runner is almost 2,500 miles away, going it alone.

Biden will headline an LGBTQ civil rights gala Saturday evening in Columbus. Biden passed on the chance to address hundreds of Democratic activists gathered in San Francisco, where 14 of his rivals are spending the weekend. Biden sent aides in his place.

Biden is seemingly focused more on a general election matchup with President Donald Trump than on dispatching the 23 other Democrats chasing him in the nomination contest. He faces a fractious Democratic base, with many voters questioning both his moderate record and whether a 76-year-old white man is the best fit for the party.

After skipping California, Biden is expected to miss an Iowa state party dinner that will draw a gaggle of candidates next weekend. He's scheduled to be in the state two days later for his own itinerary. Biden's also expected to miss an upcoming South Carolina economic forum focused on the African American community, though he will be in the state the following weekend for the state party convention.

\$4.5M anonymous bid offered to dine with Buffett

OMAHA, Neb. — An anonymous bidder has offered more than \$4.5 million to have a private lunch with billionaire investor Warren Buffett, shattering the previous record of nearly \$3.5 million set in 2012 and 2016.

An online auction that raises money for the Glide Foundation's work to help the homeless in San Francisco ended Friday night on eBay with a winning bid of \$4,567,888.

It's the 20th year the Berkshire Hathaway CEO from Omaha has participated in the pricey lunch auction, giving the winner the chance to talk with the renowned investor and philanthropist. Buffett has raised nearly \$30 million for the charity over the years.

The winning bidder and up to seven friends get to dine with Buffett at Smith & Wollensky in New York City.

N. Carolina campus suspect may have recorded carnage

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The attacker who killed two students and wounded four others in a North Carolina university classroom may have recorded video of the classroom carnage on his cellphone, a Charlotte television station reported Saturday.

A new arrest warrant described former student Trystan Andrew Terrell telling police he recorded video at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on April 30, WSOC reported.

A police spokeswoman said Saturday she would not provide a copy of the warrant filed in court, citing the ongoing investigation.

The arrest warrant indicates that the first officer on scene thought the accused shooter may be one of the victims and asked Terrell, 22, if he had been shot. He told the officer he was lying on the ground because he had been tackled, the warrant said.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Kerr Putney said last month that 21-year-old Riley Howell, who was killed, saved a number of lives by charging and tackling the gunman when he opened fire in a classroom in the school's Kennedy Building. Ellis Parlier, 19, was also killed inside a lecture hall.

Gator busts into home, breaks wine bottles

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Authorities say an 11-foot (3.4-meter) alligator busted through a kitchen window and broke several bottles of red wine in a Florida home before it was captured.

Police tweeted that the gator was removed from Mary Wischusen's Clearwater condominium early Friday. No one was injured.

Wischusen was a walker. She told news outlets that the moment she saw the lumbering reptile, she moved into her bedroom, closed the door and called police. She says she played computer games while waiting for help to arrive.

Wischusen says it took two trappers and 10 police officers two hours to get the alligator out of the home, where she has lived for almost four decades.

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Pioneering rocker
Roky Erickson dies at 71

NEW YORK — Roky Erickson, the blue-eyed, dark-haired Texan who headed the Austin-based 13th Floor Elevators, a pioneering psychedelic rock band in the 1960s that scored with “You’re Gonna Miss Me,” has died. He was 71.

Erickson’s sinuous lead guitar and wailing vocals didn’t turn him into a chart topper, but they cemented his role as a musician’s musician. Fans included everyone from Lenny Kaye and the Swedish metal group Ghost — who covered his “If You Have Ghosts” — to ZZ Top’s Billy Gibbons.

A 1990 tribute album to Erickson, “Where the Pyramid Meets the Eye,” attracted the likes of R.E.M., T-Bone Burnett, The Jesus and Mary Chain, Julian Cope, The Mighty Lemon Drops, Primal Scream and ZZ Top.

After the trippy 13th Floor Elevators dissolved in the face of drug arrests and instability, Erickson in the early ’70s entered an insanity plea to a marijuana possession charge and ended up spending some time in an institution.

Erickson’s death on Friday was announced by his brother, Mikel Erickson, on Facebook and confirmed by his agent, Dave Kaplan. “It’s almost unfathomable to contemplate a world without Roky Erickson. He created his own musical galaxy and early on was a true inspiration,” Gibbons said in the statement.

Dallas adds homicide
detectives

DALLAS — Dallas police are shifting detectives to their homicide unit after the city recorded 40 homicides in May and a surge in violent crime compared to the start of last year.

WFAA-TV reported Friday that the Dallas Police Department will go from 14 detectives on the unit to 22.

According to WFAA, Dallas police reported a 150 percent increase in robberies between January and April compared to the first four months of 2018. Assaults went up 88 percent the same time, and forcible sex offenses went up 67 percent.

University of Texas at Dallas criminologist Alex Piquero said crime increases could be tied to a rise in population.

Dallas police kill dog that
injured 2 people

DALLAS — Dallas police said an officer shot and killed a dog that attacked and seriously injured two people.

Police spokesman DeMarquis Black says officers responded to emergency calls Saturday morning about “several” dogs that were attacking people. When they arrived, an officer shot and killed one of the dogs.

Black says another dog was injured and a third was captured.

The injured people, who have not been identified, were transported to a hospital. It’s not clear what their status is.

Terminal room named after
Fort Hood’s ‘hug lady’

KILLEEN, Texas — Fort Hood’s famous “hug lady” will have a room named after her at the terminal where she hugged thousands of soldiers deploying to war zones.

The Killeen Daily Herald reports that Elizabeth Laird will be honored inside the air terminal at Fort Hood, the U.S. Army post in Central Texas that’s one of the largest military bases in the world.

Laird died in December 2015 at 83. A recent online petition to rename the air terminal after Laird had surpassed 74,000 signatures as of Saturday.

The terminal is already named for Army Sgt. George Larkin, who flew in the famous Doolittle raid during World War II.

Texas woman allegedly
burns stepdaughter’s face

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — A suburban Dallas woman has been charged after police say she doused her 5-year-old stepdaughter’s face with rubbing alcohol and set it on fire.

A Grand Prairie police statement Friday said 20-year-old Dalia Jimenez is charged with felony injury to a child and free on \$20,000 bond.

Police said officers went to the family home May 13 after a child had been reported as burned and in need of medical treatment. Jimenez initially blamed the burns on an accident while lighting a candle. After detectives found inconsistencies in her account, however, Jimenez admitted that she burned the girl’s face as punishment for yelling.

Police said the child’s father wasn’t home at the time and isn’t considered a suspect. The child and a younger sibling have been placed with relatives.

Group of 116 Africans
arrested at border

EL PASO, Texas — Border officials in Texas said a group of 116 Africans was arrested Thursday after wading through the Rio Grande to enter the United States.

The migrants were from Angola, Cameroon and other African nations and include families with children and young people who were not with relatives.

This was the first large group that agents in the Del Rio sector have arrested, although big groups have been showing up every day in other areas of the southern border. Agents have encountered 182 large groups, or those with more than 100 people, since October.

It’s unclear if the migrants in Texas were seeking asylum, and the agency is still processing them.

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Secretary of State gets new job

Tenure cut short after voter rolls controversy

BY ALEXA URA
The Texas Tribune

Former Secretary of State David Whitley — who lost his job after presiding over a botched review of the citizenship of Texans on the voter rolls — is back to working at the governor’s office.

Whitley resigned from the post Monday just before he would have been kicked out of office without a state Senate confirmation vote, but he went straight back to Gov. Greg Abbott’s office where he was rehired on an \$205,000 annual salary, according to the state comptroller’s office.

The governor’s office did not respond to

a request for confirmation on Friday, but a spokesman for the comptroller’s office, which oversees state employees, said Whitley was hired by the governor’s office under the title

of “deputy director II.” The Texas Tribune had filed a records request for personnel documents on Thursday.

A longtime aide to the governor, Whitley left that office in mid-December when Abbott appointed him to serve as secretary of state. But his tenure was cut short

after Democratic senators blocked his confirmation over a bungled effort to review the voter rolls for noncitizens



Whitley



WILLIAM LUTHER/SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

Russell Studebaker checks just-picked peaches May 22 in his Studebaker Farms orchard east of Fredericksburg, Texas. Virtually all Hill Country peach producers are reporting abundant crops of quality peaches.

Despite freeze, growers get bumper crop of peaches

Central Texas peaches appear to be in abundant supply this year despite the crop enduring early and late freezes, heavy rain and strong spring winds.

According to experts, most of the Hill Country fruit is ripening, but the best may be yet to come, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Many anticipate some later-season varieties, such as red globes, will be plentiful.

Hill Country peaches are prized due to the region’s rich soil, elevation and location on the edge of an arid zone, which makes for higher sugar content.

James Vogel, who runs Vogel Orchard in Fredericksburg, said his family thought it was going to lose the crop in early March because of a late winter blast.

“We had three mornings that were in the 20s,” he said.

But this season’s crop is looking as good as the family’s last successful year in 2015, and it has the potential to match its strong crop of 2010, Vogel said. Vogel believes the rain that preceded the March



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Samuel Studebaker unloads just-picked peaches May 22 at the family’s stand on U.S. 290 east of Fredericksburg, Texas.

freeze kept humidity levels high.

“When you really get the damage in the winter from a late freeze is when you have real low humidity,” he said.

Grower Don Eckhardt, 87, said his parents were among the region’s peach pioneers in the 1930s. The family started with about 7 acres (3 hectares) of peach trees,

and now has about 50 acres (20 hectares).

Eckhardt explained that the weather can wipe out their crop. The family once went seven years in a row without a crop.

“Something that looks very prosperous — in a moment’s time, we were through,” Eckhardt said.

Lawmakers boost special education funding

BY ALIYYA SWABY
Texas Tribune

As the legislative session came to a close Monday, lawmakers approved a budget that included around \$223 million in state funds to pay off a financial penalty to the federal government — and to allow the state to avoid future penalties — for illegally decreasing spending on special education and to prevent another spending issue this fiscal year.

And they made several changes to the way Texas spends money to educate kids with disabilities, including dyslexia, intended to avoid violating federal law in years to come.

However, they chose not to approve a provision that would have taken a closer look at how the state’s education officials are overhauling special education, which is still under a separate federal investigation. And advocates

lament that few bills passed that would impact students with disabilities in their classrooms.

“We did not get everything we wanted, but we understand, rarely do you always get 100% of what you request,” said Steven Aleman, lawyer at Disability Rights Texas. “Certainly, the Legislature did pay attention to special education in these critical bills, laying the foundation to us moving toward compliance.”

FIXING A SHORTFALL

The \$223 million comes after the U.S. Department of Education found last year that Texas had violated a federal law prohibiting states from reducing funding for kids with disabilities from year to year. The state challenged that finding in court, arguing the 2012 spending decrease happened because students just didn’t need services that cost as much as the

Special Education Budget

- \$33 million — 2012 federal violation
- \$74 million — 2017 and 2018 violations
- \$116 million — 2019 potential penalty, funding
- TOTAL: \$223 million

previous year. But the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the federal government’s decision, and found that Texas’ system “creates a perverse incentive for a state to escape its financial obligations merely by minimizing the special education needs of its students.”

Lawmakers included \$33 million in their supplemental budget, which covers immediate expenses to pay a federal penalty for the 2012 reduction. They also included \$74 million to settle violations for 2017 and 2018, and \$116 million to prevent another

that instead jeopardized the voting rights of tens of thousands of naturalized citizens.

A federal judge halted that review in late February over concerns that “perfectly legal naturalized Americans” were targeted in ways those born in the country were not. Whitley’s office eventually agreed to scrap the review to end the three federal lawsuits that were filed against the state. But the debacle left taxpayers on the hook for \$450,000 in costs and attorney fees for the lawyers of the naturalized citizens and civil rights groups that alleged the review was unconstitutional and violated federal protections for voters of color.

“[Whitley] definitely has no business continuing to draw a six-figure salary on the taxpayer dime in the governor’s office,” Texas Democratic Party executive director Manny Garcia said in a statement Friday.

Census question continues

Supreme Court weighing case

BY PAUL J. WEBER AND GEOFF MULVILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Computer files discovered in the home of a Republican operative who died last year contain a blueprint for how the GOP could extend its domination of legislatures in states where growing Latino populations favor Democrats and offer compelling context about a related case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The files from North Carolina redistricting expert Tom Hofeller include detailed calculations that lay out gains Republicans would see in Texas by basing legislative districts on the number of voting-age citizens rather than the total population. But he said that would be possible only if the Census asked every household about its members’ immigration status for the first time since 1950.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on that question as early as next month. But Republicans who support adding the citizenship question have rarely acknowledged any partisan political motive. The emergence of the documents now could figure heavily in the case the court is considering.

To civil liberties lawyers suing to block the question, it’s now clear that partisan politics were at work all along. They asserted in court filings that Hofeller not only laid out the political benefit for the GOP but also ghost-wrote a U.S. Department of Justice letter calling on the Census Bureau to add an immigration question to next year’s survey.

The Justice Department denied the allegations in a statement Thursday, saying Hofeller’s Texas analysis “played no role in the Department’s December 2017 request to reinstate a citizenship question to the 2020 decennial census.” In that 2017 letter, the DOJ said it needed citizenship information to protect the voting rights of minorities.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on the citizenship question in April and is expected to rule by July whether it will be allowed.

Many of the state’s top Republicans, including Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, have publicly expressed support for a citizenship question on the Census.

penalty in 2019.

That \$116 million has to go toward reimbursing school districts for identifying students who need special education services and making up services for kids who were denied them in the past, in addition to boosting funding for all students in special education.

In addition, the legislature’s main school finance measure, House Bill 3, would require the state and districts to spend more on students with dyslexia or related learning disabilities, if they are covered under federal disability law and are being educated through a state-approved dyslexia program. “What we have now is bases loaded with great laws. But the game is far from over,” said Robbi Cooper, who leads the state chapter of advocacy group Decoding Dyslexia. Now, she said, it’s up to school district administrators and teachers to implement.



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Liverpool's Jordan Henderson celebrates with his teammates winning the Champions League final soccer match between Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool at the Wanda Metropolitano Stadium in Madrid.

CHAMPIONS CUP IN MADRID

Liverpool trips up Tottenham

2-0 victory erases pain of past finals losses

BY ROB HARRIS
Associated Press

No tears of pain this time, just redemption for Mohamed Salah. Only 108 seconds were needed to banish the Champions League final heart-break of a year ago.

Once Salah dispatched his early penalty against Tottenham, Liverpool was on the path to a sixth European title with a 2-0 victory on Saturday.

And a year after defeat in the final to Real Madrid, Juergen Klopp has his first title after four years as Liverpool manager.

A shoulder injury forced Salah out of the Kiev

On a hot and humid night in Madrid, Tottenham came to life only in the final 20 minutes of its first European Cup final.

But Liverpool completed the job in the 87th minute thanks to one of its semifinal saviors.

Divock Origi had to accept a place back on the bench despite producing two goals while deputizing for the injured Salah last month. But the substitute had the final big say in the Spanish capital, rifling a left-footed shot inside the far post.

"Every single player fought hard today," Origi said. "So it's just special."

After two losing finals since triumphing in 2005, Liverpool finally rose to third in the all-time list of European champions behind 13-time winner Real Madrid and AC Milan on seven titles.

Few fans — even from Liverpool — will want to watch just how it was achieved.

Both sides had gone three weeks without playing. It showed.

The sharpness was deficient, as was the ability to string passes together.

"When we look back on tonight we aren't going to think it was a sluggish game," Liverpool-born defender Trent Alexander-Arnold said. "We are going to think we have just won the European Cup."

Tottenham will have only regrets as its luck run out after a season of great escapes.

Lucas Moura's goal in Barcelona in December carried Tottenham into the round of 16.

The Brazilian's hat trick last month then completed a turnaround against Ajax. The reward in Madrid was a watching brief from the bench for two thirds of the game.

Instead, Harry Kane was thrust into the starting lineup despite 53 days without a game since limping off with an ankle injury in the quarterfinal first leg against Manchester City.

Alisson Becker scooped up a spinning shot from Dele Alli and made a double-save from Son Heung-min and Moura with 10 minutes to go.

It was goalkeeping that made the difference, showing \$85 million was well spent by American owner John Henry after Loris Karius was banished for making costly mistakes in last year's final.

"You have a goalkeeper who makes difficult things look easy," Klopp said. "Thank you very much."

No wonder Klopp was relieved after six losing finals, stretching back to his spell at Borussia Dortmund.

"Did you ever see a team like this? Fighting with no fuel in the tank," the German said.



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Players toss Coach Juergen Klopp after winning Champions League soccer match in Madrid Saturday.



MANU FERNANDEZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah celebrates winning the Champions League soccer match in Madrid Saturday.

Serena and Naomi Osaka bid early adieu at French

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

PARIS — Maybe it was the daunting deficit Serena Williams faced in the French Open's third round. Maybe it was the way her 20-year-old American opponent, Sofia Kenin, was questioning line calls.

Either way, as Williams attempted to start a comeback Saturday with a three-ace game, she followed those big serves with some serious staredowns.

Outplayed from start to finish, Williams lost 6-2, 7-5 to the 35th-ranked Kenin, ending her latest bid for a 24th Grand Slam title with her earliest loss at a major tournament in five years.

"In that first set in particular, she hit pretty much inches from the line, and I haven't played anyone like that in a long time," the 37-year-old Williams said. "I just saw a player that was playing unbelievable."

It was the second significant surprise in a matter of hours: Earlier in the day, No. 1 seed Naomi Osaka was eliminated 6-4, 6-2 by 42nd-ranked Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic. That ended Osaka's 16-match Grand Slam winning streak, which included titles at the U.S. Open final in September — when she beat Williams in the final — and at the Australian Open in January.

Osaka was trying to become the first woman to win three consecutive major trophies since Steffi Graf's professional-era record of 22 Grand Slam singles championships. With 23, Williams stands one away from Margaret Court's mark for the most in tennis history; Court played in both the professional and amateur eras.

Since those early-for-her defeats, Williams had won six of the 14 majors she entered to surpass Steffi Graf's professional-era record of 22 Grand Slam singles championships. With 23, Williams stands one away from Margaret Court's mark for the most in tennis history; Court played in both the professional and amateur eras.

"Serena is such a tough player. I'm still trying to process what just happened," Kenin said, about an hour after the match ended with her covering her face with both hands. "She's a true champion and an

inspiration."

Kenin was born in Moscow and is fluent in Russian. Her family moved to New York when she was a baby, and she now is based in Florida.

"I'm proud to be an American," said Kenin, who wore a blue U.S. Fed Cup cap to her news conference. "I think it's great we moved to America for a better life for me."

She is appearing in the ninth major of her career and now is headed to her initial trip to the round of 16, where she'll meet No. 8 seed Ash Barty. Other women's fourth-round matchups established Saturday: defending champion Simona Halep vs. 18-year-old Iga Swiatek of Poland; No. 14 Madison Keys of the U.S. vs. Sinikiakova; 17-year-old Amanda Anisimova of the U.S. vs. qualifier Aliona Bolsova of Spain.

Williams sat out four Slams in 2017-18 while she was off the tour to have a baby. Her first major back was last year's French Open, where she withdrew before a fourth-round match because of a chest muscle injury. She went on to reach the finals of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open before wasting match points during a quarterfinal loss at the Australian Open this January.

Williams came to Paris having played only four matches since then — she withdrew from two tournaments because of an injured left knee and another because of illness.

And she had said she considered not entering the French Open at all.

"I'm glad I came, at the end of the day," she said, "but it's been a really grueling season for me."

Asked whether a third-round appearance was satisfactory, given her issues, Williams not surprisingly said it was not.

"I wouldn't expect to have gotten only to the third round," she replied.

Williams couldn't control her shots, compiling 34 unforced errors, twice as many as Kenin's 17. Another key statistic: Kenin won four of Williams' 10 service games.



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Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic celebrates winning her third round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Japan's Naomi Osaka.



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Sofia Kenin of the U.S. resets after scoring a point against Serena Williams in the last game of the second set during their third-round match.