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REMEMBERING D-DAY

Charles Shay was 19 when he landed on Omaha Beach with Allied forces on June 6, 1944. On Thursday, Shay will be back in Normandy for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. **NATIONAL, 3**



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China blames US for trade dispute

BY CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

BEIJING — China issued a report Sunday blaming the United States for the trade dispute between the two countries and said it won't back down on "major issues of principle," but offered no clarification about what additional steps it might take.

The report from the Cabinet spokesman's office said China has kept its word throughout 11 rounds of talks and will honor its commitments if a trade agreement is reached. It accused the U.S. of backtracking three times during the talks by introducing new tariffs and other conditions beyond what was agreed on.

The report said "any agreement reached by the two sides must be based on equality and mutual benefit."

Over recent days, China has mobilized representatives abroad to sell its position with foreign audiences, while the country has been working overtime to convince the public of the righteousness of the government's stance.

Linda Lim, a professor at Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, said the report reiterates the government's position in a clear and measured way that leaves the door open for negotiations.

She said the report is a public relations win for China's govern-

ment as President Donald Trump's trade policy is antagonizing other U.S. trade partners, most recently Mexico.

The U.S. has accused China of stealing trade secrets and forced technology transfers. The Trump administration has imposed 25% tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese imports and is planning to tax the \$300 billion in imports that have so far been spared. The administration also put Chinese telecom giant Huawei on a blacklist that effectively bars U.S. companies from supplying it with computer chips, software and other components without government approval.

Beijing responded by imposing

tariffs on \$60 billion worth of U.S. products, which went into effect Saturday. It also retaliated against the U.S. blacklisting of Huawei by announcing it will establish its own list of "unreliable entities" consisting of foreign businesses, corporations and individuals.

Wang Shouwen, China's vice commerce minister and deputy international trade representative, said the unreliable entities list will be aimed at enterprises that "violated market principles" and cut supplies of components to Chinese businesses for non-commercial reasons.

Several leading U.S.-based

Joint Chinese-US Study

- 50% decline in soy bean exports to China
- U.S. auto sales have declined
- Average U.S. family will pay an additional \$831 for consumer items over tariffs
- 2.23 million U.S. jobs will be lost overall

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SURVIVORS RECOUNT SHOOTING, FEEL LUCKY



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Volunteers prepare to place crosses for victims of a mass shooting at the municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia, at a nearby makeshift memorial on Sunday.

City employee thought shooting was a drill, made eye contact with gunman

BY MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — Ned Carlstrom thought the shooting at the Virginia Beach government building where he works was a staged drill for employees. He crossed paths with the gunman three times — and survived.

Carlstrom saw a team of police officers outside pointing guns at the building dragging away a fatally wounded contractor and knew it wasn't a drill.

Carlstrom said he locked eyes with the shooter, DeWayne Craddock, twice during the rampage but didn't exchange words.

Carlstrom said he had light-hearted conversations with the

quiet Craddock, a civil engineer, as they walked into the office from the parking lot. He wonders if that's why Craddock let him live.

When Carlstrom heard popping noises and co-workers screaming, he and co-worker, Terry Inman, began an evacuation plan for an active-shooter drill.

He said he turned a corner on his way to a stairwell and came face-to-face with Craddock who looked at him briefly but never raised his gun. Carlstrom thought Craddock was pretending to be a shooter for a drill because the "obnoxious-looking gun" seemed to be a prop, and he didn't point it at him.

When Carlstrom went back to

his office for his phone, Craddock entered the room. Inman said he told Craddock to stop. Inman said Craddock "looked straight" at him, but didn't see him or raise his gun.

Carlstrom encountered Craddock a third time, when the gunman came to the window of an office where Carlstrom and other co-workers were hiding.

Carlstrom said he feels lucky to be alive, but he is grieving the loss of his friends.

"I don't think it will (sink in) until we go back to work, and we don't have these people anymore," he said.



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Ned Carlstrom at his home in Chesapeake, Va., Sunday.

LOOKING AHEAD: HURRICANE SEASON



DAVID J. PHILLIP/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gina Hadley walks through what's left of her home in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike in Galveston in 2008. Hurricane Ike devastated homes on the Texas island and wiped away beaches that were the lifeblood of its tourism economy.

ANALYSIS: TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Frugal lawmakers pass massive budget

BY ROSS RAMSEY
The Texas Tribune

It's amazing what lawmakers can do when there's a lot of money on hand.

Texas lawmakers passed a whopping \$250.7 billion two-year budget over the weekend — up 15.7% from the two-year spending plan approved two years ago.

That's from a Legislature that came in ranting and raving about wasteful local government spending and left after installing new 3.5% percent limits on local government property tax increases and 2.5% limits on school district property tax increases. Those governments can exceed those caps only with voter permission.

And that state budget number is

only part of the story — it doesn't include spending added to the old budget during the current session. For that, go to the so-called supplemental appropriations bill, which added \$9.9 billion to the budget approved two years ago to fill holes in Medicaid and other places, but also for a range of immediate spending targets that include Hurricane Harvey relief, teacher retirement funding and a bailout of the state's Texas Tomorrow Fund.

With that number folded in, the increase from the current budget to the next one drops to 10.7%.

If you confine your comparisons to general revenue spending — the part that comes from state taxes — the increase from

the current budget to the next one is 11.4%. When you count the spending that they added this year to the current budget, that increase comes to 4.9%.

You see the trick, don't you?

The Legislature passes an incomplete budget every two years and almost always passes a supplemental budget that increases their spending two years later.

In the 2017 session, they left Austin after approving a \$216.6 billion budget. This year's supplemental spending added another \$9.9 billion to that, making it a \$226.5 billion budget.

The budget approved over the weekend for the two years beginning

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Galveston residents prep for next hurricane

BY JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press

It's been nearly 11 years since Hurricane Ike smashed Murdochs gift shop to splinters in Galveston while devastating homes on the Texas island and wiping away beaches that were the blood of its tourism economy. The shop was rebuilt on its stilts a year later and today is more successful than ever, co-owner Todd Flores said.

"It was hard, but we had a lot of people helping us," Flores said of the rebuilding. A loan from a local bank expedited the process when insurance money was slow to come in "We knew this is what we wanted to do."

The hurricane's 110 mph winds and 15-foot storm surge damaged 80% of Galveston's homes. Its population of 55,000 dropped by about 10,000.

The population has bounced back, but the demographics shifted. Many of those who lived in public housing that was destroyed in the hurricane never returned. That meant Galveston lost many African American families, changing the city's character, said Leon Phillips, president of the Galveston Coalition for Justice.

"When you displace that many people in one fell swoop, that leaves very little to ... keep the history of African Americans on this island," Phillips said.

Phillips has pushed for a full rebuilding of Galveston's four public housing complexes. He has

faced opposition from residents who say they are a haven for poverty. Only half of the lost units have been rebuilt, but the mayor is committed to finishing the job.

"In my mind, the city was too slow to respond to the underserved or those who couldn't raise Cain and get answers," Mayor Jim Yarbrough said.

Between 2008, when Ike hit, and 2015, Galveston's black population dropped 9%. But it has increased in the past few years.

Meanwhile, Galveston has spent more than \$200 million to largely restore its infrastructure, improving storm drainage and building a \$75 million wastewater treatment plant. Last year the Gulf Coast city had its best year on record, with 7.2 million visitors.

"The city is definitely doing really well," said Keith Bassett, who rebuilt and consolidated his two stores that were flooded in Galveston's historic downtown. "Based upon what happened after Hurricane Ike, you never would have believed we would be at this point."

The approach of hurricane season is a reminder that it's only a matter of time before the next one. A 1900 hurricane killed 6,000 Galveston residents. Murdochs has been rebuilt five times since it opened in 1910 inside a bathhouse.

"You don't really breathe until November," Flores said.



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Business owner Keith Bassett discusses his effort to renovate a building in the Strand, the Galveston, Texas, on May 19. The restoration of the historic building is part of a rebirth of downtown Galveston following the devastation the city suffered when Hurricane Ike made landfall in 2008. "The city is definitely doing really well," Bassett said.



Community activist Leon Phillips speaks about recovery after Hurricane Ike in Galveston, Texas on May 9. When public housing complexes were destroyed, many African-American families left the area, Phillips said.



EUGENE HOSHINO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump speaks to U.S. servicemen aboard the U.S. Navy multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS Wasp at the U.S. Navy's Yokosuka base in Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, Tuesday.

Pentagon says 'stop politicizing military'

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The Pentagon told the White House to stop politicizing the military, amid the Trump administration's order to have the Navy ship named for the late Sen. John McCain hidden from view during President Donald Trump's recent visit to Japan.

Shanahan confirmed details about a Navy email that said the White House military office wanted the USS John McCain kept "out of sight" when Trump was in Japan about a week ago.

A U.S. defense official said Patrick Shanahan, Trump's acting defense chief, is considering sending out formal guidance to military units in the future.

Trump, who long feuded with McCain, has said he knew nothing about the request.

Shanahan told reporters traveling with him to South Korea on Sunday that he is not planning to seek an investigation by the Pentagon's internal watchdog into the matter "because there was nothing carried out" by the Navy.

According to Shanahan spokesman Lt. Col. Joseph Buccino, Shanahan told his chief of staff on Friday to speak with the White House military office "and reaffirm his mandate that the Department of Defense will not be politicized." Buccino said the chief of staff reported back that

he delivered the message.

Asked what he has learned about the incident so far, Shanahan said he was told that, despite the White House request, the Navy did not move the ship and that a barge in front of it was moved before Trump arrived. He said a tarp that had been draped over the ship's name was removed, but that it was put there for maintenance, not to obscure its identity.

A defense official said Shanahan is considering a clearer directive to the military about avoiding political situations. The goal would be to ensure there is less ambiguity about how the military should support VIP events and how service members should respond to such political requests, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The order to keep the Navy destroyer out of sight reflected what appeared to be an extraordinary White House effort to avoid offending an unpredictable president known for holding a grudge, including a particularly bitter one against McCain.

Trump's acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, in appearances on Sunday news shows in the U.S., said he did not expect anyone working for the White House to face discipline.

US-China trade dispute continues

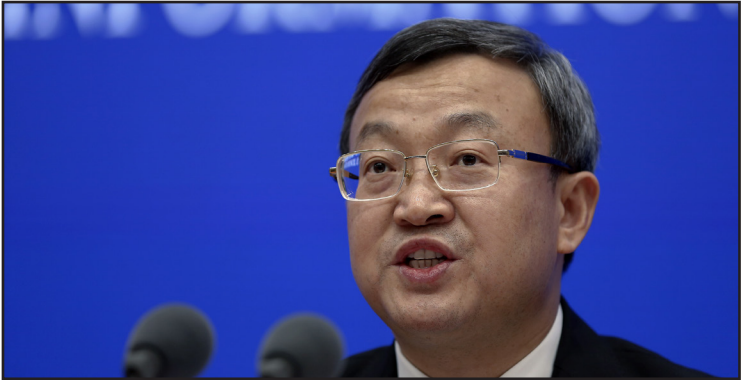
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global technology standards-setting groups announced restrictions on Huawei's participation in their activities under U.S. Commerce Department rules that bar the sale and transfer of U.S. technology to Huawei without government approval.

Wang also repeated suggestions that China could restrict the export of exotic minerals widely used in electric cars and cell-phones, including lithium. The threat to use China's rich supply of exotic minerals as leverage has contributed to sharp losses in U.S. stocks and sliding long-term bond yields.

Sunday's report lays out China's argument for blaming Washington for the frictions as well as the costs to both sides, and said China has room for fiscal policy changes to maintain the health of its economy amid the dispute.

Wang said the U.S. has made unacceptable demands that in-



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Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen speaks during a press conference about China-U.S. trade issues in Beijing on Sunday.

fringed on Chinese sovereignty. "You give them an inch, they take a yard," he said.

Trump has touted the tariff increases as a way of reducing China's trade surplus with the U.S., which hit a staggering \$379 billion last year. However, Wang questioned how much China was actually benefiting from its surplus, saying a joint Chinese-U.S. study showed the U.S. figure could be inflated by as much as 20%.

He also said many of those exports were produced by foreign companies operating in China, and that Chinese firms often pocketed only a relatively meager fee for assembling. Subtracting

the U.S. surplus in the services trade with China, the actual surplus came to just \$152.6 billion last year, Wang said.

The U.S. deficit with China has actually been worsening since tariffs were first imposed, Wang said, pointing to a 50% decline in soy bean exports to China and a drop-off in U.S. auto sales in the country. The average U.S. family, meanwhile, will pay an additional \$831 for consumer items over the year due to the higher tariffs, he said, while the dispute's impact on businesses could end up costing 2.23 million U.S. jobs overall.

"That shows that the deepening trade restrictions hurt U.S. workers," Wang said.

Texas sets \$250.7 billion budget

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ning in September totals \$250.7 billion — a preliminary amount that will change in the next few weeks with line-item vetoes from the governor and so on.

Another way to say it: Lawmakers spent more than \$260 billion this year when you include what they added to current spending and what they planned for the next two years. No telling what they'll do in a supplemental bill in 2021.

They did all of that without increasing taxes. In fact, they're touting a coming school property tax cut as part of an \$11.6 billion education package. That package accounts for less than half of the increase in spending from the previous budget. But they did put a serious dent in the state's sav-



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State Rep. John Zerwas, R-Richmond, and State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, talk during a budget conference at the Capitol on May 17.

ings account; the supplemental appropriations bill took \$6.1 billion from the rainy day fund.

That raid on savings is unusual, but supplemental spending isn't. The budget approved by lawmakers two years ago was only 3.5% bigger than the one approved in 2015. And in the 2017 session, they added \$2.5 billion in supplemental spending.

The numbers are never final until the state closes the books every other August. But it was clear when the 86th Legislature wrapped up its regular session that these lawmakers don't follow the same rules they laid out

for county commissioners, city council members and school board trustees.

Local government property tax revenues can't rise more than 3.5% without voter approval. Local school property taxes can't rise more than 2.5% unless voters say OK.

State spending, meanwhile, will go up 11.4% — assuming lawmakers add no supplemental spending two years from now.

Voters don't get a direct referendum on that — but they'll get a swing at legislators in the 2020 elections.



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North Korean official reappears days after purge

SEOUL, South Korea — A senior North Korean official who had been reported as purged over the failed nuclear summit with Washington was shown in state media enjoying a concert alongside leader Kim Jong Un.

North Korean publications on Monday showed Kim Yong Chol sitting near Kim Jong Un and other top officials during a musical performance by the wives of Korean People's Army officers.

Kim Yong Chol had been North Korea's top nuclear negotiator and met with President Donald Trump at the White House while setting up Trump's two summits with Kim Jong Un.

South Korean newspaper Chosun Ilbo last week cited an unnamed source to report that Kim Yong Chol was sentenced to hard labor.

Car bomb kills at least 13 in town in northern Syria

BEIRUT — A car bomb killed at least 13 people and wounded dozens Sunday night near a mosque in a northern Syrian town held by Turkey-backed fighters, Syrian opposition activists said.

The blast in the town of Azaz occurred Sunday as scores of people were leaving the mosque of Maytam, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The Observatory said the blast killed at least 14 people. It said the dead included four children.

The Azaz Media Center, a local activist collective, reported at least 13 deaths, along with many others wounded.

The blast occurred after the "iftar" meal that breaks a daylong fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Italian ship with rescued migrants docks in Genoa

GENOA, Italy — An Italian navy ship docked Sunday in the northern port city of Genoa carrying 100 migrants rescued from the Mediterranean Sea, where the number of migrant crossings has picked up in recent weeks.

The Italian news agency ANSA reported that 23 minors and 17 women, including a few who are pregnant, were among the migrants. They were rescued Thursday from a dinghy in distress off Libya's coast.

Italy's hard-line interior minister, Matteo Salvini, said the migrants would be transferred to five other European Union nations and taken in by the Vatican. Since taking office last year, Salvini has vowed to stop migrants from arriving in Italy.

The migrants who arrived in Genoa were from Libya, Cameroon, Somalia, the Ivory Coast, Mali and Nigeria, ANSA reported.

Paolo Cremonesi, the director of emergency services at the Galliera hospital, said the migrants described suffering while they were at sea for two days and that people on the dinghy with them died.

2 bodies found off Libya after migrant boat capsizes

CAIRO — At least two bodies were retrieved on Sunday off Libya's Mediterranean coast after a boat carrying dozens of Europe-bound migrants including women and children capsized, the U.N. migration agency said, as the search for survivors continues.

The International Organization for Migration said the boat was carrying over 95 migrants and floundered off the coast of the western town of Garaboli, 37 miles east of the capital, Tripoli.

Ayoub Gassim, a spokesman for Libya's coast guard, said the dead were a woman and a child.

He added that at least 73 migrants, including eight children and 25 women, have been rescued and taken to a refugee camp in Tripoli.

He said that between five and 25 migrants remain missing as search efforts continue.

Libya became a major conduit for African migrants and refugees fleeing to Europe after the 2011 uprising that ousted and killed dictator Muammar Gadhafi. No Libyan government has been able to successfully control the entirety of the North African country since.

Hungarians protest over Orban's planned seizure

BUDAPEST, Hungary — A few thousand academics and students held a protest march against a plan by Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government to seize control of the research network of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Critics say the government plan threatens academic freedom and autonomous scientific research in Hungary, a "de facto nationalization of the academy's property," which would put scientific research under close government scrutiny.

The government, which held several rounds of unsuccessful talks with the academy, said its wants to improve innovation in scientific research and have publicly funded research projects that create "direct economic profit."

Canada stops operations at embassy in Venezuela

TORONTO — Canada is suspending operations at its embassy in Venezuela.

Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said in a statement Sunday that Venezuelan President Nicholas Maduro's regime "has taken steps to limit the ability of foreign embassies to function in Venezuela" and at end of the month "Canadian diplomats in Venezuela will no longer be in a position to obtain diplomatic accreditation" as their visas will expire. She says they have no choice but to temporarily suspend operations immediately.

Freeland said Canada will continue to speak out against the Maduro regime.

Canada has led the push to recognize opposition lawmaker Juan Guaidó as Venezuela's rightful leader and seeks ways to remove Maduro.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

5 injured in Venice cruise ship crash

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Associated Press

VENICE, Italy — A towering, out-of-control cruise ship rammed into a dock and a tourist riverboat on a busy Venice canal on Sunday morning, injuring five people, officials said. The collision sparked new calls for placing restrictions on cruise ships in the famed city.

The crash happened about 8:30 a.m. on the Giudecca Canal, a major thoroughfare that leads to St. Mark's Square in the northeastern Italian city.

The MSC Opera cruise ship, apparently unable to stop, blared its horn as it slammed into the much smaller River Countess boat and the dock as dozens of people ran away in panic.

Local officials said five women aboard the riverboat were injured. They said one was released immediately from a hospital, while four others were advised to remain under medical care for a few days.

Earlier, medical authorities said four of the women — an American, a New Zealander and two Australians between the ages of 67 and 72 — were injured falling or trying to run away when the cruise ship rammed into the River Countess.



LUCA BRUNO / ASSOCIATED PRESS

A cruise ship passes by St. Mark's Square filled with tourists Sunday in Venice, Italy. Groups that want to ban cruise ships on Venice's busy canals say a collision that injured five tourists has served as a wake-up call.

The cruise ship's owner, MSC Cruises, said the vessel was about to dock at a passenger terminal in Venice when it had a mechanical problem. Two tugboats guiding the cruise ship into Venice tried to stop the MSC Opera, but they were unable to prevent it from ramming into the riverboat.

Davide Calderan, the president of a tugboat association in Venice, said the cruise ship's engine was locked when the captain called for help.

Italian media posted an audio clip of the MSC Opera's pilot telling emergency officials that the ship experienced a loss of con-

HONDURANS PROTEST PROPOSED LAYOFFS



ELMER MARTINEZ / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Demonstrators march during a protest against Honduras President Juan Orlando Hernández on Saturday in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Thousands of doctors and teachers have been marching through the streets of the city for the last three weeks, against presidential decrees they say would lead to massive public sector layoffs.

Bombings in Afghan capital kill 2

BY RAHIM FAIEZ

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Four explosions struck the Afghan capital on Sunday, killing at least two people and wounding 27 others, officials said.

Among the injured were two Afghan journalists, according to a local nongovernmental media organization.

The first bomb hit a bus carrying university students in a residential area of western Kabul. It was followed 20 minutes later by two further detonations at the same location, said Nasrat Rahimi, a spokesman for the interior ministry.

Wahidullah Mayar, a spokesman for the public health ministry, said the three successive attacks injured 24 people, including four women.

The first blast killed at least one person. Mayar added it was not immediately clear which explosion had caused the second death.

A wave of attacks has rocked the Afghan capital in the last week, where both the Islamic



RAHMAT GUL / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security police at the site of an explosion in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday. Officials said four explosions hit the city, killing at least two.

State group and Taliban insurgents are active. The Taliban have rejected repeated demands for a cease-fire in the decades-long

civil war, demanding a U.S. and NATO troop withdraw from Afghanistan first.

In a statement, the Islamic State said it set off an improvised explosive device on a bus allegedly transporting minority Shiite Muslims. After security forces and journalists had gathered at the site, the group detonated two additional devices, it added.

Wounded in the secondary explosions were two Afghan journalists, Ahmad Jawed Kargar and Mohammad Faseh Mutawakil, according to Nai, a media organization that supports open media in Afghanistan.

Kargar, a photographer for the European Pressphoto Agency, confirmed he was injured in a video he posted to social media while being taken to the hospital.

Nai said the second journalist had been lightly wounded.

Late in the afternoon Sunday, a fourth blast wounded three people, Rahimi said.

A sticky bomb attached to a vehicle had exploded in southwest Kabul.



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D-Day veteran Charles Norman Shay poses on a dune in a revisit to Omaha Beach in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, Normandy, France.

Island, Maine, Shay was barely 5 when the Great Depression hit.

He was trained to be a machinist but could not get a job because he was expected to be drafted into the Army.

So before he knew what life was really about, Shay found himself in a hammock in the hold of the RMS Queen Elizabeth. He was sailing from New York to England, his final destination unknown.

"I never had a sense of fear because I didn't know what I was getting into," Shay said.

D-Day: How 24 hours changed a century, and Europe, forever

BY RAF CASERT

Associated Press

ON OMAHA BEACH, France — All at once, Charles Shay tried to stanch the bleeding from a ripped-open stomach, dull the pain with morphine and soothe the mind of a dying fellow American army medic. It was a tall order for a 19-year-old who had just set foot on the European mainland for the first time.

But nothing could have prepared him for what happened on June 6, 1944, on five cold, forbidding beaches in northern France. It was D-Day, one of the most significant 24-hour periods of the 20th century, the horrifying tipping point in World War II that defined the future of Europe.

That morning, Shay could not yet fathom what the event would ultimately mean. He was more concerned with the bleeding soldiers, body parts and corpses strewn around him, and the machine-gun fire and shells that filled the air.

"You have to realize my vision of the beach was very small. I could only experience what

I could see," he told The Associated Press, speaking from the now-glimmering Omaha Beach, where he landed 75 years ago.

International leaders will gather again this week to honor the dwindling number of D-Day veterans. Shay, now 94, plans to be among the crowd Thursday to welcome U.S. President Donald Trump to France as he pays homage to 9,388 dead Americans, most of whom lost their lives on D-Day or in the aftermath of the Normandy offensive.

Omaha and adjacent Utah Beach were America's to take, but similar acts of sacrifice and heroism happened on three other beachheads to the east where Britain and Canadian troops sought to break Hitler's stranglehold on the continent. In all, the invasion covered 80 kilometers (50 miles) of French shoreline.

Shay survived, but he did not talk about the experience for well over half a century.

"So many dead. So many young men, young boys, killed on the spot," he said. "It was difficult to see and absorb."

A Penobscot native American from Indian

4-year-old shooting victim’s road to recovery

BY ADAM KEALOHA CAUSEY AND JAKE BLEIBERG
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Asia Jacobs, affectionately known as “Mama’s little helper,” struggles to fill that role since police officers opened fire on her mother’s pickup truck outside an Oklahoma food bank and wounded the girl and two of her siblings.

Even as a prosecutor looks into the April shooting to determine whether to charge the officers, details have been scant. This much is clear, though: The children are expected to face a long and hard recovery.

“Emotionally, they’re not OK. Physically, they’re here,” their mother, 24-year-old Olivia Hill, said. “But there’s a lot that we’re going to have to go through in order for everything to be even close to OK.”

Hill left Asia and her three other children inside her teal 1993 Chevrolet Silverado on April 26 while she picked up vegetables at a food bank in Hugo, Okla. Two detectives looking for a suspect in a robbery that had

happened two weeks earlier showed up and began shooting at the truck. Police later said William Devaughn Smith, a friend of Hill’s who was in the vehicle with the children, was the man they were seeking in the April 11 holdup of a Pizza Hut.

Smith, 21, said he was facing backward in the front seat to fix a juice container for Hill’s 1-year-old daughter when the detectives approached the truck.

“Before I could even turn back all the way around in the vehicle, I was shot once,” Smith told the AP last week during a brief phone interview from the Choctaw County jail in Hugo, where he’s being held on a robbery charge after being treated at a hospital and released. “And after that I laid across the seat and gunshots were still being fired.”

The detectives fired at least 26 shots, said Damario Solomon-Simmons, a Tulsa civil rights attorney representing Hill.

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Damario Solomon-Simmons, left, looks on as Olivia Hill wipes away tears as she speaks during an interview in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 24. Three of Hill’s children were injured when police officers opened fire on a pickup truck, wounding the three children and a man who authorities say was wanted in a robbery.

New cancer drugs boost survival

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Newer drugs are substantially improving the chances of survival for certain types of cancer, doctors reported at American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Chicago Saturday and Sunday. Here are some highlights:

BREAST CANCER

In a study of 672 women with “hormone-positive, HER2-negative” cancers that had spread, adding the Novartis drug Kisqali to the usual hormone blockers as initial therapy helped more than hormone therapy alone.

After 3 1/2 years, 70% of women on Kisqali were alive, compared to 46% of the rest.

Side effects were more common with Kisqali.

PROSTATE

Two drugs have proven able to extend survival.

One study tested Xtandi, sold by Pfizer and Astellas Pharma Inc., in 1,125 men, half of whom also were getting chemo.

After three years, 80% of those given Xtandi plus standard treatments were alive, compared to 72% of men given the other treatments alone.

The other study involved 1,052 men who were given hormone therapy with or without the Janssen drug Erleada.

After two years, survival was 82% among those on Erleada and 74% among those who weren’t.



YELL COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT VIA AP

In this aerial image provided by the Yell County Sheriff’s Department, water rushes through the levee along the Arkansas River on Friday in Dardanelle, Arkansas. Officials said the levee breached early Friday.

Arkansas flood risk decreases

BY HANNAH GRABENSTEIN
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Officials from a small Arkansas city where a levee breached said the risk of widespread flooding has abated because the Arkansas River crested without inundating the city, though communities downriver aren’t out of danger yet.

Dardanelle Mayor Jimmy Witt said in a Facebook post Saturday night that he thought the city of about 4,700 people “will be OK” after the flow of water toward the community began to slow.

The river on Friday made a 40-foot hole in a levee in Dardanelle, which is roughly 100 miles upstream from Little Rock.

Nearby rural communities were flooded, though some residents

had already evacuated. Floodwaters turned a small community of about 25 people a few miles south of Dardanelle into a temporary island.

On Saturday, officials said they were constructing a temporary levee, calling it a “last-ditch effort” to shore up the city’s southern border and predicting up to 800 homes could be affected by creeping floodwaters.

The threat decreased hours later, as the flow of water through the busted levee slowed.

“The temporary levee is in place on the south end of town, and I believe it could really help,” Witt wrote. “I am confident in our preparation to this point.”

By Sunday morning, Dardanelle appeared to be safe. Yell

County Office of Emergency Management Director Jeff Gilkey said the river never reached the levee.

Floodwaters have crested in Dardanelle and levels should begin slowly dropping soon, though both Witt and Gilkey warned that more rain could reverse the city’s fortunes.

National Weather Service meteorologist Dennis Cavanaugh said that possible rain in Oklahoma would likely prolong flooding along the Arkansas River, though it probably wouldn’t raise water levels higher than where they crested. Most areas will see the threat of major flooding subside within a few weeks, although the river will likely stay very high through June, he said.

‘Queen of Creole,’ civil rights icon dies

BY REBECCA SANTANA
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans chef and civil rights icon Leah Chase, who created the city’s first white-tablecloth restaurant for black patrons, broke the city’s segregation laws by seating white and black customers and introduced countless tourists to Southern Louisiana Creole cooking, died Saturday. She was 96.

Chase’s family released a statement to news outlets Saturday night saying the “believer in the Spirit of New Orleans” died surrounded by family.

“Her daily joy was not simply cooking, but preparing meals to bring people together,” the statement read. “One of her most prized contributions was advocating for the civil rights movement through feeding those on the front lines of the struggle for human dignity.”

Leah Chase transformed the Dooky Chase’s restaurant from a sandwich shop where black patrons bought lottery tickets to a refined restaurant where tourists, athletes, musicians and even presidents of all races dined on fare such as jambalaya and shrimp Clemenceau. The restaurant and Chase’s husband were both named after her father-in-law.

Chase’s determination propelled her from a small-town Louisiana upbringing to a celebrated chef who authored cookbooks, appeared on cooking shows and fed civil rights greats



BILL HABER / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chef Leah Chase, owner of Dooky Chase’s prepares for lunch at her restaurant on Jan. 20, 2009, in New Orleans.

such as Thurgood Marshall and Martin Luther King Jr.

“I love people and I love serving people. It’s fun for me to serve people. Because sometimes people will come in and they’re tired. And just a little plate of food will make people happy,” she said during a 2015 interview with The Associated Press.

During the civil rights movement, Dooky Chase’s became known as a place where white and black activists could meet. Although Chase and her husband were breaking the law by allowing blacks and whites to eat together, the police never raided the restaurant. “When people come and ask about soul food, I ask them where is their soul. If your soul is in China, I can’t help you,” Chase said. “If your soul is in New Orleans, I know what to give you.”

Trump set to visit Europe amid unrest

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE AND KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is headed back to Europe. This time, he faces an ally in turmoil and a global call to renew democratic pacts.

The agenda for Trump’s week-long journey is both ceremonial and official: a state visit and an audience with Queen Elizabeth II in London; D-Day commemoration ceremonies on both sides of the English Channel; and his first presidential visit to Ireland, which will include a stay at his coastal golf club.

But the president will arrive at a precarious moment, as he faces

his visit to England last summer flooded the streets and flew an inflatable balloon depicting the president as a baby.

A year ago, Trump played the ungracious guest, blasting May in an interview just hours before Air Force One touched down in England. He has done it again, this time sparing May but praising her rival, prime minister hopeful Boris Johnson.

“I think Boris would do a very good job. I think he would be excellent,” Trump told The Sun, the same publication to which he gave an interview last summer. “I like him. I have always liked him. I don’t know that he is going to

be chosen, but I think he is a very good guy, a very talented person.”

Trump also used the interview to weigh in

on the American-born Duchess of Sussex. The former Meghan Markle, who gave birth in May and will not attend the week’s events, has been critical of Trump in the past, prompting the president to tell The Sun, “I didn’t know that she was nasty.”

Trump pushed back Sunday against reports that he had described Markle as “nasty,” tweeting: “I never called Meghan Markle ‘nasty.’ Made up by the Fake News Media, and they got caught cold!” The newspaper posted the audio of the interview on its website.

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DONALD TRUMP

BRIEFS

Snapchat and YouTube users report global outages

Users of both Snapchat and YouTube experienced outages in the afternoon of June 2. The outages impacted people from across the globe. In the United States, users in several cities, including Dallas, Chicago, San Diego and Tampa, reported outages, according to a live outage map from downdetector.com. YouTube users also reported outages across the globe.

Both Snapchat and YouTube acknowledged the outages on their Twitter support accounts. Snapchat tweeted out that they were aware of the issue at 12:20 p.m. CST, while YouTube said they were “working to fix it” at 12:48 p.m. CST.

Dad, stepmom charged in starvation death of son

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A man who carried his son’s lifeless body into an Indian hospital has been charged with murder after an autopsy found that the 12-year-old had been abused and starved to death.

Luis Posso and the boy’s stepmother, Dayan Flores, were charged with murder and other crimes Friday in Bloomington, a week after the death of Eduardo Posso. They formerly lived in Myakka City, Florida, and were in Indiana to promote a circus.

The Herald-Times quotes Monroe County authorities as saying the boy was emaciated and had bruises on his body.

Sephora to close US stores for inclusion workshops

NEW YORK — Sephora says it will close all its U.S. stores on the morning of June 5 to host “inclusion workshops” for its employees. The move comes just over a month after the cosmetics company caught the internet’s eye, when singer SZA said she had security called on her while shopping at a California store.

Sephora posted notice of the closures on its Facebook page and elsewhere. It also included a link to its “We Belong to Something Beautiful” campaign, which says, “We will never stop building a community where diversity is expected, self-expression is honored, all are welcomed, and you are included.”

On April 30, SZA tweeted that a Sephora employee called security to make sure she wasn’t stealing. Sephora responded with an apologetic tweet, saying it takes such complaints seriously.

Former teacher pleads in prostitution case

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A long-running Springfield prostitution case has ended.

Forty-one-year-old Laura Fiedler, a former Springfield teacher, pleaded guilty last week to a misdemeanor charge of running a sexually oriented business too close to a park.

Fiedler and her husband, Mark Fiedler, were charged in 2012 with promoting prostitution at their massage business in downtown Springfield.

The Springfield News-Leader reports Laura Fiedler maintained she didn’t know about the prostitution. She entered an Alford plea Thursday, meaning she did not admit guilt but admitted there was enough evidence to convict her. She was sentenced to two years of unsupervised probation and 60 hours of community service.

Fiedler, who had been on administrative leave from the Springfield school district since 2011, also must resign from the district.

Cougar killed after attempted attack on child

SEATTLE — Washington State Patrol officials say responders have killed a cougar that tried to attack a child in Leavenworth.

KING-TV reports the child escaped serious injury.

Officials said in a tweet that the attempted attack occurred in the Enchantment Park area around dusk Saturday.

The cougar was euthanized after it was found by Washington Department of Fish and Game agents early Sunday.

Chuck Hoskin Jr. elected Cherokee principal chief

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Unofficial election results show that the Cherokee Nation’s former secretary of state, Chuck Hoskin Jr., has been elected to be the principal chief of the nation’s biggest tribe, winning almost 58% of the vote.

Cherokee Nation spokeswoman Julie Hubbard says the results of Saturday’s election aren’t expected to change much as the remaining challenge ballots are processed.

Principal Chief candidate Dick Lay received 27% of the vote, while a third candidate, David Walkingstick, was disqualified prior to the election.

Wade surprises graduates at Stoneman Douglas

SUNRISE, Fla. — Retired NBA star Dwyane Wade was a surprise guest speaker Sunday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School’s graduation ceremony, leading cheers and recalling how nervous he was to meet students following the on-campus shootings last year that claimed 17 lives.

Wade called himself “part of this MSD family” and told graduates that it was understandable if they feel unsure about their futures — because in some ways, after 16 years in the NBA, he also is unsure exactly what his future entails.

“I’m so proud to say the words ‘MSD Strong,’” Wade said. “Today, you will close a chapter in your lives and embark on new experiences and journeys and memories. And it’s a time to celebrate and be proud of everything you’ve done to make it to this moment.”

BRIEFS

Texas governor signs ban on red-light cameras

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has signed a bill into law banning red-light traffic cameras in the state. Abbott tweeted Saturday that he signed off on the ban, which takes effect Sept. 1.

Such cameras take images of vehicles entering intersections when red stoplights are lit. Drivers are usually fined \$75.

Critics say red-light cameras are unconstitutional and contribute to traffic accidents. Supporters say red-light cameras help make streets safer and generate funds for cities and other government entities.

An amendment lets cities keep operating the cameras until their contracts with vendors expire, although some communities have begun negotiations to terminate the deals earlier. The law also prevents counties and Texas officials from refusing to register a vehicle amid unpaid red-light camera tickets.

Beto tours Okla. areas damaged by floods

SAND SPRINGS, Okla. — Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke toured some flood damage in Oklahoma as the waters began to recede and storm-weary residents gutted waterlogged homes.

O'Rourke said Sunday that if he is elected, he will direct federal grants to invest in communities before natural disasters strike because they are expected to get worse as the global climate warms.

In the Tulsa suburb of Sand Springs, residential streets covered in silt deposited by floodwaters are lined with trash bins full of soggy couches, carpet, drywall and insulation as the community addresses the damage.

Jamie Casto helped clean up her 65-year-old uncle's house, where a rust-colored line indicated floodwaters got about 4 feet high inside.

Casto said her uncle was told the house is in a 500-year flood plain and that he does not have flood insurance.

Police kill armed man during disturbance call

FORT WORTH — Police in North Texas have fatally shot a suspect who investigators say pointed a weapon at officers before barricading himself inside a home.

Fort Worth police say the shooting happened Saturday night as officers responded to a domestic disturbance call.

Tactical officers tried to negotiate with the barricaded suspect. Police say moments later the man came out of the home and again threatened officers. One officer shot the suspect, who died at the scene.

Officer Jimmy Pollozani on Sunday declined to identify the suspect's weapon amid the investigation. Pollozani says an autopsy has been ordered. The suspect's name wasn't immediately released. No officers were hurt.

The officer who opened fire has been put on administrative leave amid a review of the fatal shooting.

Further details weren't immediately released.

Feds accuse Harlingen man of having child porn

HARLINGEN — Federal prosecutors allege a 30-year-old Harlingen man collected 200 child pornography videos over a two-year period.

Genaro Torres Alejo Jr. appeared in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald Morgan on Friday morning to face child pornography charges.

According to a criminal complaint, Homeland Security Investigations began looking into an internet protocol address on April 25 that authorities allege possessed images and video files of child pornography.

HSI agents executed a search warrant Thursday at Alejo's Harlingen residence and arrested the man.

Alejo apparently told investigators that he had searched for and received child pornography for the past two years, according to the criminal complaint.

He faces a maximum 20-year sentence, possible restitution to the victims, as well as being required to register as a sex offender for life if convicted.

Alejo is being temporarily held without bond pending probable cause and detention hearings scheduled for Wednesday.

Rangers' Gallo will miss time with oblique strain

ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers slugger Joey Gallo hopes to be sidelined no more than two weeks because of a left oblique strain.

Gallo was placed on the 10-day injured list Sunday. He consulted with New York Yankees right fielder Aaron Judge, who has been out with a similar injury since April 20.

"I talked to Judge yesterday because I was concerned," Gallo said before Sunday's game against Kansas City. "I was trying to figure out what he felt, 'cause at the time I didn't have the MRI."

The strain is on the back side of Gallo's swing, while the injury to Judge is to his front side.

Gallo has 17 homers and was tied for second in the AL entering Sunday. His .653 slugging percentage topped the AL.

Rangers manager Chris Woodward said he thinks Gallo will miss about two weeks.

"He worries me just because he creates so much torque with his body, and he's so strong that we don't want him to come back too early," Woodward said.

Woodward said Gallo will probably be able to bat before he can return to the outfield.

Gallo left Saturday's game while batting with a full count in the fifth inning, an inning after hitting his second homer in two days.

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Cough meds not for minors, state says

ELIZABETH BYRNE
Texas Tribune

Starting in September, Texans under 18 years old will no longer be able to buy popular over-the-counter cough medicines like Ny-Quil and Robitussin under a bill Gov. Greg Abbott signed earlier this month.

House Bill 1518, by state Rep. Garnet Coleman (D-Houston), will prevent minors from buying products that contain dextromethorphan, a cough suppressant found in more than 100 over-the-counter cough medicines.

About 3% of teens in twelfth grade reported taking large doses of cough medicine to get high, according to a 2017 study from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.



JUAN FIGUEROA/TEXAS TRIBUNE

Minors in Texas won't be able to buy popular cough medicines as of September.

In large doses, dextromethorphan can cause hallucinations and is also known as "robotripping."

Coleman said he hopes the law will prevent teens from using cough medicine as a "gateway

drug" to more dangerous substances.

"We know that young people will find anything that will alter their states, and particularly substances that are legal, and when used inappropriately, they get high," Coleman said. "The first thing we need to do is crack down on the access to those types of of legal over-the-counter drugs."

Texas joins 18 other states that have passed similar laws restricting access to the cough suppressant. In January, U.S. Reps. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., and Bill Johnson, R-Ohio, filed a bill that would prohibit selling dextromethorphan to minors nationwide. However, the bill has not moved since it was filed.



BRAD TOLLEFSON/LUBBOCK AVANTAGE-JOURNAL

Dallas Baptist's Ray Gaither (20) cheers for his team after ending an inning during Sunday's NCAA Regional game against Florida in Lubbock. The Patriots held on to win 9-8 and set up a meeting with Texas Tech.

Dallas Baptist ends Florida's CWS run

LUBBOCK — Jimmy Glowneke homered to cap a nine-run fourth inning and Dallas Baptist held on to beat Florida 9-8 in an NCAA regional elimination game Sunday, ending the Gators' run of four straight trips to the College World Series.

Florida had cut a seven-run deficit to one when Burl Carraway finished his sixth save by getting Jacob Young on a ground-out to second with the tying run at third base.

The Patriots (43-19) were set to face host Texas Tech later Sunday in their fifth straight trip to the final round of a regional. Dallas Baptist lost the previous four, including in Lubbock three years ago.

Glowneke's three-run shot gave the Patriots a 9-2 lead after solo homers from Bryce Ball and Andres Sosa earlier in the inning. Luke Bandy had a two-run single, Augie Isaacson hit an RBI double and Evan Sandmann had a sacrifice fly.

Wil Dalton connected on a two-run homer in a four-run fifth for the Gators (34-25), who were away from home in a regional for the first time since getting swept in Bloomington, Indiana, in 2013.

Florida went 1-2 in this regional.

Jimmy Fouse allowed seven hits and six runs in five innings.

BLAUM'S WALK-OFF GRAND SLAM LEADS TEXAS A&M OVER WEST VIRGINIA

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Bryce Blaum's grand slam in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted Texas A&M to an 11-10 victory over West Virginia in an NCAA Tournament elimination game Sunday.

Second-seeded Texas A&M (39-22-1) stormed back from a 9-1 deficit to earn a rematch with third-seeded Duke in the championship game later Sunday. The Aggies need two wins to advance to the super regionals. Duke beat Texas A&M 8-5 Friday.

Texas A&M's Logan Foster hit a grand slam during a six-run seventh to pull the Aggies within 9-7.

Foster hit a leadoff double in the ninth and West Virginia reliever Sam Kessler (4-3) allowed two walks to load the bases. With two out, Blaum hit a 3-2 pitch over the wall in left center field.

Kevin Brophy and Paul McIntosh each hit two-run homers for top-seeded West Virginia (38-22), which lost at its home ballpark.

Houston weighs major public transit project

Long-term plan set to cost \$7.5B still being modified

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Houston's proposed rail expansion could get bigger.

Metropolitan Transit Authority officials are still modifying the agency's long-term plan that's projected to begin with \$7.5 billion in improvements, the Houston Chronicle reported. The enhancements would be used to develop 66 miles (105 kilometers) of bus rapid transit and at least 16 miles (25 kilometers) more of light rail.

Metro is still reviewing proposals that include a light rail extension to Hobby Airport. As metro officials finish the bus and rail plans, residents will have one last opportunity at a community meeting this month to shape them before the November ballot.

"We are headed in the right direction, based on all our community input," Metro chairwoman Carrin Patman said, citing the response from elected officials, community groups and commenters at dozens of meetings around the area. "I think we are moving toward a wonderful plan to take out to the voters."

A 0.2-mile expansion of the Green and Purple Lines is already included in the long-term plan, which would extend from the western end of the Theater Dis-

BY THE NUMBERS

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trict to the Houston Municipal Courthouse.

"I would be really curious what the ridership models will show," said Metro board member Sanjay Ramabhadran.

Officials emphasized the proposal is still being assessed and not yet part of the plan.

"We're looking at it," Patman said.

With few details outlined, many residents applauded the possibility.

"I'd get rid of my car to ride it," said Paul Miles, 32, who lives nearby.

Metro board member Jim Robinson said all lines should offer parking at their ends to lure commuters.

"Regardless of how we get to Hobby, I think it is paramount we put a park-and-ride lot at the end of it," Robinson said.



YI-CHIN LEE/HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Houston's Metropolitan Transit Authority is reviewing a light rail extension to Hobby Airport as well as other proposals to amend the metro's expansion.

'Safety is at risk': After legislative impasse, Texas plumbers face uncertainty in licensing

ELIZABETH BYRNE
Texas Tribune

Plumbers in Texas will no longer be subject to state regulations after lawmakers this week flushed the state plumbing code and the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, a state agency that employed dozens and generated \$5.2 million in revenue in 2017.

Soon, anyone can call themselves a plumber without completing the agency-required education and tests, said Roger Wakefield, master plumber and owner of Texas Green Plumbing in Richardson. Wakefield, who has been a plumber for 40 years, said the industry is now "completely unregulated," which will lead to more unqualified workers entering the workforce.

"We're going to put the safety of the homeowners and the public of Texas in jeopardy," he said. "Plumbers install medical gas. They install the potable drinking water that we have every day. If

they're not doing it right, people's safety is at risk."

Wakefield said he and other plumbers are calling Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and asking him to order lawmakers back to Austin for a special legislative session to remedy the situation. Abbott's press office did not respond to requests for comment, but the governor indicated on Twitter on Monday that he has no plans to reconvene legislators before the next regular session in 2021.

The state plumbing code will cease to exist on Sept. 1 while the state plumbing agency, which had 28 employees as of March, will have a "wind down" period to wrap up operations by September 2020. Several requests for comment left with the state board were not returned.

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ROGER WAKEFIELD
MASTER PLUMBER

That entity is responsible for licensing plumbers and enforcing the state plumbing code. The agency was up for what's known as the sunset review process, when lawmakers periodically assess how efficiently state entities are organized and whether they should continue to exist.

Senate Bill 621 received pushback from members of the plumbing industry because it would abolish the state board and move its duties under the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, a larger agency that oversees more than two dozen other professions. The bill failed 57-88. State Rep. Chris Paddie, R-Marshall, later tried to reconsider the vote, but he failed again, 68-76.

However, House members say Paddie had the power to save the plumbing board with House Bill 1550, a "sunset safety net bill." Lawmakers usually pass such a bill every session to keep a number of state agencies from shutting down by pushing their sunset review to the following session. Paddie had earlier called for a committee of lawmakers from the House and Senate to iron out the differences on the safety net bill, but they didn't issue a report by a key deadline. Thompson said from the House floor Sunday that if Paddie chose to discharge the committee and call a vote before the House gaveled out for the night, then both the safety net bill and the plumbing board bill could have been saved.

Paddie said the plumbing board operated with some inefficiencies, including that in order to take a plumbing exam, an applicant must come to Austin for the test.

A NATION OF TRAUMA

There’s a network of stricken survivors in the U.S.
A mass shooting can happen anytime and anywhere.

AT A HIGH SCHOOL



Parkland High School - Feb. 14, 2018

Your heart hurts every time a new tragedy happens. ... You don’t just get over it and move on.

STEPHANIE CINQUE
DIRECTOR, RESILIENCY CENTER OF NEWTOWN

AT A CONCERT



Route 91 Harvest Festival - Oct. 1, 2017

I find it very hard to talk to family members and give them bad news ... much more so than before.

DAVE MACINTYRE
LAS VEGAS TRAUMA SURGEON

AT A TEMPLE

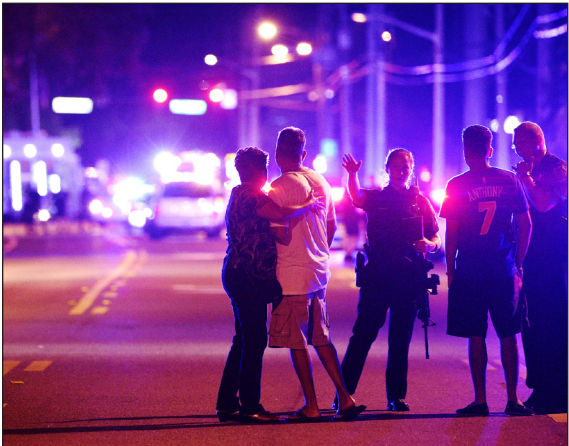


Oak Creek Sikh Temple - Aug. 5, 2012

It’s not like I wake up and say, ‘I can’t believe this happened.’ It’s just life now.

BRIAN MURPHY
WISCONSIN POLICE OFFICER, FIRST ON SCENE AT THE SIKH TEMPLE SHOOTING

AT A NIGHTCLUB



Pulse nightclub - June 12, 2016

I felt like I was normal before Pulse. I was a very happy guy. ... Now I still deal with depression.

JIMMY REYES
ORLANDO FIREFIGHTER

AT A GOVERNMENT BUILDING



Virginia Beach - May 31, 2019

They leave a void that we will never be able to fill.

DAVE HANSEN
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, CITY MANAGER

AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Sandy Hook Elementary - Dec. 14, 2012

Mass shootings are a different type of trauma. ... It just rattles us to our core.

LAURA WILSON
PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

Mass shootings create a community of heartbreak

BY SHARON COHEN AND LINDSEY TANNER | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pardeep Singh Kaleka has surveyed the landscape of an America scarred by mass shootings. Seven years ago, a white supremacist invaded a Sikh temple in Wisconsin and killed six worshippers — among them, Kaleka’s father. Now, whenever another gunman bloodies another town, Kaleka posts a supportive message on social media. Later, he may visit the community to shore up others who share his pain. He’s been to Newtown, Connecticut. Charleston, South Carolina. Pittsburgh. “We’ve become kind of a family,” Kaleka says. It’s true. The unending litany of mass shootings in recent years — the latest, on Friday, leaving 12 dead in Virginia Beach, Virginia — has built an unacknowledged community of heartbreak, touching and warping the lives of untold thousands. All the survivors, none of them unscathed. Loved ones of the living and dead. Their neighbors, relatives and colleagues. The first responders, the health care workers, the elected officials.

The attacks have changed how America talks, prays and prepares for trouble. Today, the phrase “active shooter” needs no explanation. Schools hold “lockdown drills” to prepare students for the possibility of a shooter. Police and firefighters, tormented by memories of carnage they’ve witnessed, are treated for post-traumatic stress disorder. Healing centers have opened. Support groups of survivors have formed. Mayors, doctors, police and other leaders who’ve endured these crises are paying it forward — offering mentoring and guidance to the next town that has to wrestle with the nightmare. Former Oak Creek Mayor Stephen Scaffidi remembers the night of the 2012 Sikh temple shooting, when he got a call from the mayor of Aurora, Colorado, where 12 people had recently been killed at a movie theater. “He gave me the best advice ... ‘Be calm. Reassure your community. And only speak to what you know,’” Scaffidi recalls. Last year, two days after the fatal shooting of 17 students

and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Christine Hunschofsky, mayor of Parkland, Florida, met the mother of a 6-year-old killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School. “She said at first it will seem like everyone comes together,” the mayor recalls. “Then it seems like a tsunami that hits the community. People become very divided. This is all normal after a mass trauma.” Mass shootings account for a tiny percentage of homicides, but their scale sets them apart. In 1999, the Columbine shooting shocked the nation with its unforgettable images of teens running from the school with their hands up. Today, the public follows these unfolding events through live-streamed video or tweets. The National Center for PTSD estimates 28 percent of people who have witnessed a mass shooting develop post-traumatic stress disorder and about a third develop acute stress disorder. Some first responders with PTSD have turned to UCF RESTORES, a clinic that helps military and civilian trauma victims.



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In this Tuesday, April 20, 1999, file photo, four unidentified young women head to a library near Columbine High School, where students and faculty members were evacuated after two student gunmen went on a shooting rampage in the school in the Denver suburb of Littleton, Colorado. The attack left 12 students and one teacher dead.

