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Politicians visit border amid outrage



In this photo provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a U.S. Border Patrol agent watches as people who have been taken into custody related to cases of illegal entry into the United States stand in line Sunday at a facility in McAllen, Texas. [U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION'S RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTOR VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

By Nomaan Merchant
The Associated Press

MCALLEN, Texas — Politicians and advocates flocked to the Mexican border to visit U.S. immigration detention centers and turn up the pressure on the Trump administration amid a growing uproar Monday over its policy of separating immigrant children from their parents.

A group of congressional lawmakers on Sunday visited an old warehouse in South Texas where hundreds of children are being held in cages created by metal fencing. One cage held 20 youngsters.

"Those kids inside who have been separated from their parents are already being traumatized," said Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon. "It doesn't matter whether the floor is swept and the bedsheets tucked in tight."

Nearly 2,000 children were taken from their parents over a six-week period in April and May after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a "zero

tolerance" policy when it comes to prosecuting those arrested for illegally entering the country. Church groups and human rights advocates have sharply criticized the policy, calling it inhumane.

The policy has divided Republicans, with former first lady Laura Bush saying in a guest column in Sunday's Washington Post that the practice of separating immigrant parents and children along the nation's southern border is "cruel" and "immoral" and "breaks my heart." Bush likened the policy to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker cited the administration's "cruel and inhuman" policy separating children from their parents in reversing a decision to send a National Guard helicopter from his state to the Mexican border. Migrant advocates announced they would rally outside the federal courthouse in Phoenix on Monday afternoon to protest the policy.

President Donald Trump emphatically defended his

administration's policy Monday, again falsely blaming Democrats.

"The United States will not be a migrant camp and it will not be a refugee holding facility," he declared. "Not on my watch."

In San Diego, Rep. Juan Vargas and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus were leading members of Congress on a visit Monday to several immigration detention facilities. Vargas, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and other U.S. lawmakers hoped to meet with men, women and children detained at the international boundary.

Inside the South Texas warehouse, hundreds of immigration children waited inside chain-link enclosures. Scattered about were bottles of water, bags of chips and blankets that looked like large sheets of metal foil.

It was the same facility the U.S. Border Patrol allowed reporters to briefly visit on Sunday. Agents did not allow reporters to interview detainees or take photos.

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President Donald Trump shows off a "Space Policy Directive" after signing it during a meeting of the National Space Council in the East Room of the White House on Monday in Washington. [EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Trump announces plans for Pentagon to create 'Space Force'

By Lolita C. Baldor, Ken Thomas and Marcia Dunn
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced Monday he is directing the Pentagon to create a new "Space Force" as an independent military service branch aimed at ensuring American supremacy in space — though he may have limited power to develop a new military command.

While Trump has previously talked about his desire for a space unit, he seemed to take those musings one step further, specifically ordering the Pentagon to begin the creation of a sixth branch of the American armed forces.

"When it comes to defending America, it is not enough to merely have an American presence in space. We must have American dominance in space," Trump said during remarks at the White House. "We are going to have the Air Force and we are going to have the Space Force, separate but equal."

Turning to seek out Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Trump said, "General Dunford, if you would carry that assignment out, I would be very greatly honored also...Where's General Dunford? General? Got it?"

Dunford appeared to acknowledge the order, responding, "we got it." But the directive seemed to take defense officials by surprise.

Creating a new joint military command is largely the purview of Congress, which would have to provide the authority and any funding or shifting of money to a new unit.

Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White said that the department understands the president's guidance, and is working on the matter while taking into consideration the implications for intelligence operations for the other services. "Working with Congress, this will be a deliberate process with a great deal of input from multiple stakeholders," she said.

A senior congressional aide said that Trump's order is consistent with efforts by members of Congress over the past two years to find a way to dedicate additional resources to the country's warfighting in space. But the issue has been contested, and even Defense Secretary Jim Mattis expressed some early reluctance to creating a new military service citing the expense and broader effort to integrate warfighting.

The Defense Department is already in the middle of a congressionally-mandated review of the space force issue. The study began in March, with an interim review due in August and a final report due December 31. It's not clear if the president's comments Monday were meant to override or influence that study.

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Ultra-luxury Bentley to open Jacksonville car dealership



Brickell Motors CEO Mario Murgado (from left), whose company will own Bentley of Jacksonville, poses with Mayor Lenny Curry and Bentley U.S. President Mark Del Rosso in front of a Bentley Bentayga SUV at Monday's event at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. [DAN SCANLAN/FLORIDA TIMES-UNION]

By Dan Scanlan
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Mayor Lenny Curry circled the plush Bentley Bentayga sport utility vehicle in the Prime Osborn Convention Center, checking out the \$200,000 ultra-luxury vehicle's hand-stitched leather and mirror-polished burl wood interior.

The city's chief executive joined Bentley officials Monday to reveal that one of the world's most luxurious car companies will open its first dealership in Jacksonville by early 2019 on Bonneval Road on the Southside.

Curry's daily driver is usually an American SUV that costs

about \$50,000 at a dealer's lot. So will he circulate the city in a 600-hp Bentayga when Brickell Motors opens its 25,000-sq-ft. Bentley of Jacksonville by early 2019?

"Absolutely not," Curry said with a laugh, then said in seriousness that new businesses go where they believe they can be successful, and Bentley's arrival speaks to the direction Jacksonville is headed, acting like the big city it is.

"This is one example of what Jacksonville is becoming," Curry said. "They are free-market private-sector folks who have done their homework. I met with them before this decision was made and

their data tells them everything they are seeing. They want to be in Jacksonville because they will be successful."

Liveried waiters served hors d'oeuvres in the arched lobby of the classic old railroad station-turned-convention center as Bentley U.S. President Mark Del Rosso joined Brickell CEO Mario Murgado at the announcement. Murgado, who owns nine dealerships in the Miami area as well as Chicago, said he approached Bentley with the idea to open its 46th U.S. dealership in City Councilman Danny Becton's Southside district.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2018. There are 195 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free — an event celebrated to this day as "Juneteenth."
In 1953, Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.
In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate.
In 1978, the comic strip "Garfield," created by Jim Davis, was first published in 41 newspapers.
In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure.
In 1999, author Stephen King was seriously injured when he was struck by a van in North Lovell, Maine.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress **Phylicia Rashad** is 70. Actress **Kathleen Turner** is 64. Singer-choreographer **Paula Abdul** is 56. Actress **Mia Sara** is 51. TV personality **Lara Spencer** is 49. Actor **Jean Dujardin** is 46. Actress **Zoe Saldana** is 40. Rapper **Macklemore** is 35.

LOTTERY

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Monday midday: 6-8-3
Monday night: 9-0-3
PICK 4
Monday midday: 4-4-8-5
Monday night: 8-4-1-5
FANTASY 5
Sunday: 4-9-11-12-14
LUCKY MONEY
Friday: 14-31-40-41 LB 1
FLA. LOTTERY
Saturday: 4-7-22-24-26-27
GEORGIA CASH 3
Monday midday: 8-4-6
Monday evening: 9-3-5
CASH 4
Monday midday: 5-4-6-7
Monday evening: 7-6-6-5
GEORGIA 5
Monday midday: 6-2-3-5-1
Monday evening: 1-1-6-6-0
FANTASY 5
Sunday: 9-14-17-35-36
MULTI-STATE MEGA MILLIONS
Saturday: 1-11-37-47-51
MB 6
POWERBALL
Saturday: 9-45-57-58-65
PB 9

Warned of 30 years ago, global warming 'is in our living room'

By **Seth Borenstein and Nicky Forster**

The Associated Press

SALIDA, Colo. — We were warned.

On June 23, 1988, a sultry day in Washington, James Hansen told Congress and the world that global warming wasn't approaching — it had already arrived. The testimony of the top NASA scientist, said Rice University historian Douglas Brinkley, was "the opening salvo of the age of climate change."

Thirty years later, it's clear that Hansen and other doomsayers were right. But the change has been so sweeping that it is easy to lose sight of effects large and small — some obvious, others less conspicuous.

Earth is noticeably hotter, the weather stormier and more extreme. Polar regions have lost billions of tons of ice; sea levels have been raised by trillions of gallons of water. Far more wildfires rage.

Over 30 years — the time period climate scientists often use in their studies in order to minimize natural weather variations — the world's annual temperature has warmed nearly 1 degree (0.54 degrees Celsius), according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. And the temperature in the United States has gone up even more — nearly 1.6 degrees.

"The biggest change over the last 30 years, which is most of my life, is that we're no longer thinking just about the future," said Kathie Dello, a climate scientist at Oregon State University in Corvallis. "Climate change is here, it's now and it's hitting us hard from all sides."

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Decades ago, the military deemed space a critical war-fighting domain, creating the Colorado-based Air Force Space Command in 1982. It includes more than 36,000 personnel around the world that provide space and cyber capabilities for the Defense Department. And the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base in California, designs and buys most of the Pentagon's space systems, while also overseeing satellite and other aircraft launches.

In addition, a number of federal defense agencies control portions of the space program, including NASA and the National Reconnaissance Office, which develops and operates

surveillance spacecraft and satellites for intelligence gathering. In a March document outlining the review, the Pentagon said it has already made organizational changes to beef up the stature of the space force, but is reviewing others. The document sent to Congress said the review will look at research, capabilities, acquisition and joint warfighting needs, and will assess "whether the Space Corps concept should be implemented."

The establishment of an independent space force was mentioned by Trump in a March speech to service members in California, but it has faced opposition since it could create an expensive new headquarters bureaucracy and trigger complex and divisive battles between the agencies that currently control part of the space mission. So far, the Pentagon doesn't have any cost estimates for the

development of a new command, or any description of how it would be set up or its impact on other defense and intelligence agencies.

Ever since the Space Age started with the Soviet Union's launch of Sputnik, there has been a military and national security aspect to space, even though there are treaties and a United Nations committee that explicitly talk about keeping space a place of peace. In the 1950s, President Dwight Eisenhower established two separate space programs — a civilian one that became NASA, and a military one.

Trump more broadly envisioned a bright future for the U.S. space program, pledging to revive the country's flagging efforts, return to the moon and eventually send a human mission that would reach Mars. The president framed space as a national security issue, saying he

big. Now he fights fires 10 times as large.

"You kind of keep saying 'How can they get much worse?' But they do," said Sugaski, who was riding his mountain bike on what usually are ski trails in January this year.

In fact, wildfires in the United States now consume more than twice the acreage they did 30 years ago.

The statistics tracking climate change since 1988 are almost numbing. North America and Europe have warmed 1.89 degrees — more than any other continent. The Northern Hemisphere has warmed more than the Southern, the land faster than the ocean. Across the United States, temperature increases were most evident at night and in summer and fall. Heat rose at a higher rate in the North than the South.

Since 1988, daily heat records have been broken more than 2.3 million times at weather stations across the nation, half a million times more than cold records were broken.

Doreen Pollack fled Chicago cold for Phoenix more than two decades ago, but in the past 30 years night time summer heat has increased almost 3.3 degrees there. She said when the power goes out, it gets unbearable, adding: "Be careful what you ask for."

The AP interviewed more than 50 scientists who confirmed the depth and spread of warming.

Clara Deser, climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said that when dealing with 30-year time periods in smaller regions than continents or the globe as a whole, it would be unwise to say all the

warming is man-made. Her studies show that in some places in North America — though not most — natural weather variability could account for as much as half of local warming.

But when you look at the globe as a whole, especially since 1970, nearly all the warming is man-made, said Zeke Hausfather of the independent science group Berkeley Earth. Without extra carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, he said, the Earth would be slightly cooling from a weakening sun. Numerous scientific studies and government reports calculate that greenhouse gases in the big picture account for more than 90 percent of post-industrial Earth's warming.

Since the 1800s scientists have demonstrated that certain gases in Earth's atmosphere trap heat from the sun like a blanket. Human activities such as burning of coal, oil and gasoline are releasing more of those gases into the atmosphere, especially carbon dioxide. U.S. and international science reports say that more than 90 percent of the warming that has happened since 1950 is man-made.

Others cautioned that what might seem to be small increases in temperature should not be taken lightly.

"One or two degrees may not sound like much, but raising your thermostat by just that amount will make a noticeable effect on your comfort," said Deke Arndt, NOAA's climate monitoring chief in Asheville, North Carolina, which has warmed nearly 1.8 degrees in 30 years.

Arndt said average temperatures don't tell the entire story: "It's the extremes that these changes bring."

BENTLEY

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Murgado said Jacksonville is a vibrant, cosmopolitan area "thirsty for the ultra-luxury brand," and there is a sustainable market here for an ultra-luxury car line that sells for \$200,000 to \$300,000 or more.

"This is a performance product and an ultra-luxury product and you want to feel its comfort. What we try to create is that relationship," Murgado said. "... [For our customers] It's almost like hey, I am part of the family."

"We do build a good and fast car, the very best in its class. The other part of this story is it is a very personal company," Del Rosso added. "... I think having

someone like Mario Murgado being part of the community and at home in Jacksonville, I think that's an element showing the Bentley brand will only propel us further into the future."

Jacksonville has high-end automotive dealerships like Maserati, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Lexus. But the new Bentley dealership, which will employ 28 to 35 people when opened, will be the area's first foray into the ultra-luxury market since the 1990s. That is when Italian supercar maker Lamborghini briefly operated a dealership on Atlantic Boulevard.

Bentley is one of the world's oldest surviving car companies, founded in 1919 by W. O. Bentley. Taken over by Volkswagen in 1998, Bentley has handcrafted its cars in Crewe, England, for more than 75 years. It sells sporting

ultra-luxury vehicles like the Bentayga, calling it the world's "fastest, most powerful, most luxurious and most exclusive SUV." The company's other lines include the 626-hp Continental GT, 626-hp Flying Spur and imposing Mulsanne sedan, which starts at about \$300,000. Company officials said it takes 130-plus hours to build a Flying Spur and Bentayga, and around 400 for a Mulsanne.

Bentley operates more than 200 dealerships in 58 markets, delivering more than 10,000 cars a year. Six dealerships are in Florida now. The company decided to venture into Jacksonville because the timing was right to establish a "long-term relationship" with the city close to I-95 and busy Butler Boulevard, Del Rosso said.

"The chance to come to

Jacksonville is really a dream for us and we are happy to capitalize on it," Del Rosso said. "... It's a beautiful location, and to be right there in a high-traffic area on a consistent basis definitely gives us good visibility. Mario's vision to develop that property is not only benchmark, but luxury benchmark. From a footprint perspective and a physical presence, it will really embody luxury."

Jacksonville's car guru, Bill Warner, who founded and chairs the 22-year-old Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and its myriad of classic and exotic car events every March, said he knew Bentley was coming to his hometown.

"Bentley should do well in Jacksonville as an alternative to the traditional luxury cars sold here. It represents recognizing

Jacksonville as an emerging luxury market," said Warner. "This is appropriate on the soon-to-be-celebrated centenary of the marque."

The dealership will be visible from I-95 on a 7.5-acre lot on Bonneval Road, with one acre reserved as a buffer between it and nearby homes, Murgado said. He said he will break ground as soon as possible and hopes to sell between 50 and 100 Bentleys a year, plus handle service and the sale of 300 to 500 used luxury vehicles. And Bentley has some big plans to celebrate its 100th anniversary next year with a new dealership as well as three new models — a V-8-powered Bentayga as well as a hybrid version, and a new Continental GT, Del Rosso said.

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