



If you would like to share news or information with our readers, please send the unique stories, business news organization events, and school news to us including your name

and phone number in case more information is needed.
For news and information consideration, please send to:

E-mail: News@scdaily.com
or contact
John Robbins 832-280-5815
Jun Gai 281-498-4310

March through history with photos of Houston's Pride Parade through the years



Inside C2

Southern DAILY

Make Today Different

Southern Daily News is published by Southern News Group Daily

Publisher, Wea H. Lee
General Manager, Catherine Lee
Editor John Robbins
Jun Gai
Business Manager Jennifer Lopez
Address: 11122 Bellaire Blvd.,
Houston, TX 77072
E-mail: News@scdaily.com

Saturday, June 16, 2017 | www.today-america.com | Southern News Group

U.S. judge sends ex-Trump campaign head Manafort to jail

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A judge on Friday sent longtime Republican political operator and businessman Paul Manafort to jail pending trial after a charge of witness tampering, the latest episode in a slow fall from grace of a man who was President Donald Trump's campaign chairman in 2016.

Manafort, a target of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's role in the 2016 U.S. election, has been indicted in both Washington and Virginia on mostly financial-related charges, including conspiring to launder money and defraud the United States. He has pleaded not guilty.

Manafort had been on home confinement in Alexandria, Virginia, and required to wear an electronic monitoring device. Last week, Mueller charged him in a new indictment with witness tampering, which Manafort pleaded not guilty to on Friday.

But U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson in Washington revoked his bail, sending him to jail. "You've abused the trust placed in you," she said.

Manafort turned around briefly to wave to his wife in the front row before heading out a door at the back of the crowded courtroom, court witnesses said.

Manafort's spokesman did not respond for comment on the judge's decision.

Manafort's legal defense fund asked in a Twitter post, "Why is he the target of a partisan investigation?" echoing a theme of Trump and his supporters that the Mueller inquiry is a political witch hunt.

Trump said it was unfair to send

Manafort to jail.

"Wow, what a tough sentence for Paul Manafort," Trump wrote on Twitter even though Manafort has not been sentenced - he has not been convicted on any of the charges. "Didn't know Manafort was the head of the Mob," Trump wrote. "Very unfair!" Mueller, whose investigation has overshadowed Trump's 18-month-old presidency, is looking into whether any Trump campaign associates coordinated with Russia and whether Trump has unlawfully sought to obstruct the probe. Moscow denies U.S. intelligence agency allegations that it interfered in the election and Trump denies collusion.

Manafort's trial in Washington is scheduled for September and the trial on the related charges in Virginia is set for July 25.

None of Manafort's charges refer to the allegations of Russian meddling and largely pre-date the two months he worked as Trump campaign head. Manafort has longstanding ties to a pro-Russian political party in Ukraine and a Russian oligarch close to the Kremlin. The charges against Manafort in Washington include failing to register as a foreign agent for the pro-Russia Ukrainian government under former President Viktor Yanukovich.

Manafort resigned in August 2016 following a news report he had received possibly illegal payments from Yanukovich's political party.

A June 8 indictment accused Manafort and Konstantin Kilimnik, a Manafort aide and political operative, of having ties to Russian intelligence, with tampering with witnesses about their past lobbying for Ukraine's former



Kevin Downing, attorney of President Trump's former campaign manager Paul Manafort, leaves a motions hearing regarding evidence in his case

pro-Russian government. The indictment accused Manafort and Kilimnik of attempting to call, text and send encrypted messages starting in February to two people from a political discussion group - the so-called Hapsburg Group - that worked with Manafort to promote Ukraine's interests in a bid to sway their testimony.

Manafort's lawyers have argued that the evidence suggesting he tampered with witnesses is thin. One of the February 2018 conversations cited by prosecutors be-

tween Manafort and a person identified as "Person D1" lasted a minute and 24 seconds.

Greg Andres, one of the prosecutors, shed new light on the contents of that conversation in court on Friday. The witness, Andres said, was driving in a car in Italy on a rural road when his phone rang under an unidentified number.

"This is Paul. Paul Manafort. I need to give you a heads up," Andres said, citing testimony that Person D1 provided prosecutors. "I need to give you a heads up about Hapsburg ... It's important that we talk."

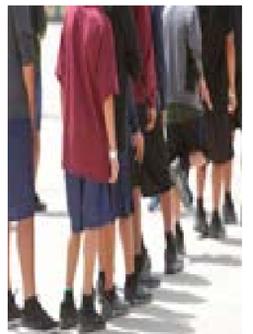
The Daily



U.S. President Donald Trump said he was pushing ahead with hefty tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese imports on Friday, and the smoldering trade war between the world's two largest economies showed signs of igniting as Beijing immediately



U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday said he wished people would "sit up at attention" for him like North Koreans do for their leader Kim Jong Un, a joke that sparked instant outrage on social media and cable news.



The government said on Friday that 1,995 children were separated from 1,940 adults at the U.S.-Mexico border between April 19 and May 31, as the Trump administration implements stricter border enforcement policies.

美南廣播電視台 看電視聽廣播

美南新媒體 全面出擊美南電視廣播車新聞ing 全方位為您實況轉播。傳遞全球華人即時新聞

美南新聞傳媒集團結合，最新高科技及全美國十大城市之精銳新聞專業團隊，全力為全球觀眾及讀者打造放眼世界。

美南國際電視STV15.3為方便觀眾收看，「電視廣播合為一體」不需任何付費，觀眾可24小時直接收看及收聽該頻道，行車間也可方便收聽，輕鬆獲取美南電視節目以及各類國際、社區重大資訊。

操作指南如下，讓觀眾24小時收看收聽：

- 掃二維碼(QR code)：**觀眾只要掃描報上的二維碼，就可連結到美南國際電視，直接在手機上觀看STV15.3。
- 今日美南公眾號直播：**觀眾可在「今日美南」公眾號上，點選「美南視頻」裡的「美南國際電視直播」就可輕鬆連接至STV15.3。
- 下載Apps收看：**可在蘋果商店搜尋「Today America」，下載Apps，除可用手機讀報更方便，也可以在Apps裡收看STV15.3 電視直播。
- Google搜尋：**觀眾只要在Google網站搜尋「Southern TV - STV15.3 Houston」或輸入該平台網址「http://media.maqtv.com/?1497381&proc=1」就可直接連結美南國際電視直播平台。

如需開車時收聽廣播，請連接至車載音響設備(數據線/藍牙設備)，效果更佳。



www.today-america.com

Watch Live TV & Online Radio

美南日報 INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER Southern News Group www.scdaily.com Tel:(281)498-4310 Fax:(281)498-2728 11122 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072

March through history with photos of Houston's Pride Parade through the years

By Fernando Alfonso III

For years, Houston's Pride Parade has brought thousands of people to the city from all over the world to celebrate the LGBT community.

The city's first formal pride march was in 1976 with about 120 participants. The following year, the number ballooned to 3,000 thanks to anti-homosexual crusader Anita Bryant, who was in Houston in 1977 to sing at a local club, according to Pride Houston.

As of last year, the number of participants has grown to tens of thousands.

This year's parade begins June 23 at 8:30 p.m. at Smith and Lamar. The parade will navigate down Smith Street to Walker where it will make a right turn, continue down Walker to Milam to Jefferson Street, according to Pride Houston.

The parade is free, but VIP tickets that include open-bar access, private restrooms, invites to private parties and more can be purchased on the Pride Houston website. For more information on parking, visit Pride Houston



Advertisement for Jian Pai skin cream, featuring product images, before/after photos, and contact information.

Advertisement for Zhen Fan, M.D., a surgical specialist, listing various procedures and contact details.

Advertisement for Xfinity Comcast Home + Business services, including internet, TV, phone, and security, with a promotional offer of \$29.99/month.

Advertisement for Interactive College of Technology, featuring English language courses, GED preparation, and financial aid information.

Editor's Choice



Volunteer Ekaterina Semenova poses with her painted fingernails at the media center of Kaliningrad stadium



People attend the Executive Branch Job Fair hosted by the Conservative Partnership Institute at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington



Soccer Football - World Cup - Group B - Portugal vs Spain - Fisht Stadium, Sochi, Russia - June 15, 2018 Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, Pepe and team mates celebrate at the end of the match REUTERS/Murad Sezer



Soccer Football - World Cup - Group A - Egypt vs Uruguay - Ekaterinburg Arena, Yekaterinburg, Russia - June 15, 2018 Egypt's Tarek Hamed in action with Uruguay's Giorgian De Arrascaeta REUTERS/Andrew Couldridge TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Prince Albert II of Monaco with actors and producers at opening ceremony of 58th Monte-Carlo Television Festival



A worker places the Turkish and Chinese flags before a meeting between the Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Beijing



Actress Mariska Hargitay receives from Prince Albert II of Monaco a Crystal Nymph for her career during the opening ceremony of the 58th Monte-Carlo Television Festival



Actress Chauvin poses at the 58th Monte-Carlo Television Festival



Russian children attend a cultural event at the Kremlin historic citadel of Tatarstan on Kazan

The winds of change are blowing through employee benefit plans across Canada, and they smell like weed.

Benefits industry insider Mike Sullivan caught a whiff at a recent meeting with some of his clients, who represent private companies with benefit plans that cover about three million Canadian workers across a range of industries.

"This group that was in attendance, the No. 1 topic of discussion was medical cannabis," said Sullivan, who is president of Cubic Health, which provides analytics to employers who sponsor health benefit plans.

"That's what everybody wanted to talk about — but not in a negative way: there's a lot of support for looking at this and examining it in a thoughtful, responsible way," Sullivan told an audience at a cannabis business conference held in Toronto by the Canadian Institute May 25.

The insurance industry itself has been hesitant to cover medical marijuana, according to Sullivan.

"Insurance company actuaries cannot get their head around how to price the risk of medical cannabis," he said, citing the range of products available, the personalized nature of dosing, and the wide range of potential indications as complicating factors.

But that doesn't matter to medium- and large-sized Canadian employers, Sullivan said. They generally use insurance companies to administer their employee health benefit plans while paying the costs of coverage themselves, an arrangement known as a self-insured, self-funded or "administrative services only" plan.

Self-insured companies get to choose what their benefit plans cover — and apparently, some of their workers want them to cover medical marijuana.

"Employers are hearing it from their employees," said Joan Weir, director of health and disability policy with the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association. "Will it ever be a benefit?"

'Mutual Benefit' To Employers, Employees

Those employers, said benefits expert Mike Sullivan, are seeking the answer to a question: "Can they do a better job of getting people back to work sooner, and staying at work," by covering medical marijuana?

Major Canadian Employers Are Already Considering Covering The Drug, Says Industry Insider

Could Medical Marijuana Be Your Next Employee Health Benefit?

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Large Canadian companies with self-funded employee benefit plans are seriously considering covering medical cannabis for their workers, according to a benefits industry insider. (Photo/Bloomberg)

Of course, paying for employees' medical marijuana raises a host of complex questions, especially in safety-sensitive industries like resource extraction or construction. But workers in those industries are already using employer-covered drugs, said Sullivan, especially opiates and benzodiazepines.

"I think it's a very naive argument for employers to say, 'Well, we don't want to open up the door here,'" he said. "The door is already open."

As self-insured health benefit plans start covering medical marijuana, employees shouldn't expect blanket approvals for the drug. Coverage will have to be approved on a case-by-case basis, said Sullivan.



Jonathan Zaid, executive director of Canadian For Fair Access to Medical Marijuana, convinced the University of Waterloo student union to cover his medical cannabis under its health benefit plan in December 2014.

tor of Canadian For Fair Access to Medical Marijuana, convinced the University of Waterloo student union to cover his medical cannabis under its health benefit plan in December 2014. Covering medical marijuana brings "mutual benefit" for patients and their employers, according to Jonathan Zaid, executive director of Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana. (Photo/CBC)

"We hear wide-ranging anecdotal reports that are extremely positive from patients, saying that they're going back to work, they're having better family and social lives, they're happier, their symptoms are more manageable, and they're often going off of other pharmaceutical drugs which are all insured," Zaid said.

Some Plans Already Cover Marijuana

Zaid himself has been covered for medical cannabis by the University of Waterloo student union's health benefit plan since December 2014. He said it took eight

months of discussions to reach an agreement with his plan sponsor.

A small number of other self-insured Canadian health benefit plans already cover medical marijuana in certain circumstances.

Windsor, Ont. union LIUNA Local 625 recently started covering medical marijuana as a way to reduce opioid use among members. Earlier this year, a Nova Scotia human rights board said the Canadian Elevator Industry Welfare Trust Plan had to cover medical marijuana expenses for employee Gordon "Wayne" Skinner, although that plan's board of trustees is appealing the decision.

Veterans Affairs Canada also reimburses a growing number of military veterans for medical cannabis.

From the perspective of benefit plan sponsors, there's strong medical evidence that medical marijuana is effective for three specific conditions, according to Cubic Health's Mike Sullivan: spasticity in multiple sclerosis patients, nausea reduction for chemotherapy patients, and relief of chronic pain.



Loblaw Companies is covering medical marijuana for employees through their health benefit plans, but only in a limited number of cases. (Photo/Reuters/Canadian)

Press)

Grocery and pharmacy giant Loblaw Companies started covering medical marijuana for employees in late March — but Sullivan noted that Loblaw is only covering MS and chemotherapy patients, leaving out the potentially large population of chronic pain patients who could benefit from coverage.

"It's curious to me that they cherry-picked the two groups that are going to be very, very, very small in number, and that they just said [the annual coverage limit] is going to be \$1,500," Sullivan told CBC News. "Where did that number come from?"

Licensed Marijuana Producers Lay Groundwork

Marijuana has not been assigned a Drug Identification Number from Health Canada, which makes it difficult for insurers to process claims. But some licensed marijuana producers are laying the groundwork for employers to cover their products by assigning them Product Identification Numbers instead.

"We want to make it as easy as possible" for insurance administrators to cover costs, said Philippe Lucas, vice president of patient research and access at licensed producer Tilray.

Lucas said some Tilray customers are already getting their costs covered by major insurance plan administrators like Great West Life, Sun Life and Wawanesa by way of employees' individual healthcare spending accounts, which allow discretionary spending of an annual amount of money on approved medical expenses.

Tilray is also actively lobbying employee benefit plan sponsors to include cannabis in their coverage, he said. Meanwhile, Lucas sees changing attitudes towards medical marijuana among insurance industry players.

"I think that there's a hesitance by some industry members of being the first out of the gate to offer medical cannabis, but there's a greater fear of being the last out of the gate to offer this coverage," he said. (Courtesy http://www.cbc.ca/news)

Advertisement for Sino-Sci products, featuring text: 痼疾 美國ZK靈芝孢子三帖油 醫藥用級—輔助癌症患者安全渡過放化療 經全球11個國家「臨床輔助治療實驗」証實

Advertisement for Sino-Sci products, featuring product images, a list of benefits (e.g., 世界唯一超臨界CO2技術萃取極品), and contact information for the US and Canada.

Advertisement for Bone Pain Relief (骨痛靈), featuring a product image, a list of ailments it treats (e.g., 關節炎, 骨質增生), and a comparison table of its efficacy against other products.

Advertisement for Ocean Palace Restaurant (珍寶海鮮城), featuring the restaurant's name in English and Chinese, and a photograph of the building.

Advertisement for Ocean Palace Restaurant, featuring text: 天天茶市 正宗粵菜 港式點心, 二樓大型豪華宴會廳, 大型舞台, 可容納百餘席, 精心承辦婚禮/壽宴/社團等各類型宴會, 本海鮮酒樓常備各種生猛游水海鮮, 珊瑚蝦、帶子、彩龍魚、龍躉斑、紅斑魚、象拔蚌, 刀蜆、龍蝦、加州大蟹、阿拉斯加皇帝蟹, 地址: 11215 Bellaire Blvd. (位於香港城商場), 訂座電話: 281-988-8898

Footer for the Bone Pain Relief advertisement, featuring text: 專家直線: 832-588-7516, 網絡訂購享有最大優惠 www.chinesemiracleherb.com

In Chinese President Xi Jinping's wildest dreams, he could not have envisioned a better outcome of President Trump's summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un - at least as it concerns Beijing's interests.

After one day of meetings, Trump agreed to halt U.S.-South Korea military exercises, doing exactly what the Chinese government proposed ahead of the summit. Trump publicly stated he wants to remove all U.S. troops from South Korea, which would be a huge strategic windfall for China.

"Trump loves to characterize things as winners and losers, and Xi Jinping appears to be the biggest winner of all after the historic Trump-Kim summit," said Theresa Fallon, director of the Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies.

Only a few months ago, the Beijing-Pyongyang relationship was on the rocks. But Xi and Kim have patched things up, coordinated their strategy and now - thanks to Trump - achieved their desired summit outcome. Meanwhile, Trump's concessions risk alienating allies, undermining the U.S. strategic posture in East Asia and endorsing China's preferred frame for the diplomacy.

In fact, the "deal" that Trump and Kim agreed to in Singapore is essentially the "freeze-for-freeze" arrangement that was originally put forth by Beijing.

"Eroding trust in U.S. alliances is a key win for Xi Jinping," Fallon said. "Beijing wanted 'freeze for freeze' and no joint exercises, which is exactly what



Trump delivered for apparently no trade-off whatsoever. So much for art of the deal.

The Biggest Winner Of The Trump-Kim Summit Is China

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Dalian, China. (Photo/North Korean Central News Agency)

Trump delivered for apparently no trade-off whatsoever. So much for art of the deal.

Trump didn't just pause U.S.-South Korean military exercises. He used China and North Korea's own rhetoric to criticize the exercises, which previously the United States has defended as necessary for military readiness and deterrence.

"We will be stopping the war games," Trump said at his Tuesday news conference. "We'll be saving a tremendous amount of money. Plus, it is very provocative," he added.

bring our soldiers back home. We have right now 32,000 soldiers in South Korea," Trump said. "... That's not part of the [North Korea] equation right now. At some point, I hope it will be."

Trump also handed Beijing a win in its drive to undermine the "maximum pressure" campaign led by the United States, South Korea and Japan. Trump not only said he would hold off imposing new sanctions on North Korea, he also admitted that China was not enforcing sanctions strictly and then shrugged it off.



"We paid for it by giving both the ap-

"President Xi of China ... has really closed up that border, maybe a little less so over the last couple of months, but that's okay," Trump said. "I think over the last two months, the border is more open than it was when we first started. But that is what it is," he said.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry Tuesday upped the ante by calling for sanctions relief for North Korea, to build off the goodwill from the Trump-Kim meeting. Beijing is happy to agree with Trump that the summit was a success just because it happened.

"The fact that leaders from both countries can sit together and have an equal conversation already has significant meaning. This is creating a new history, and Beijing welcomes and supports such outcome," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said in a statement.

North Korea's Kim Jong Un and President Trump met for the first time on June 12. Here are key moments from the summit in Singapore. (The Washington Post)

Former CIA director Michael Hayden told me that having a good meeting with Kim that opens up a process for future talks is a positive thing. But we should not think North Korea has agreed to anything new, and we must realize we paid a high price.

"We paid for it by giving both the ap-

pearance and the reality — through the president's words — a sense of equivalence to one of the world's worst dictators," he said. "And all we got out of it was an agreement to think about agreeing sometime in the future."

As an additional bonus for China, Trump has thrown confusion into America's alliances with South Korea and Japan. Seoul's Blue House spokesman said Tuesday: "At this moment, the meaning and intention of President Trump's remarks requires more clear understanding."



Trump said he is relying on instinct and he believes Kim is serious about denuclearization, wants the economic development assistance Trump is offering and is being honest about his intention to follow through.

President Trump said the U.S. will end its "war games" with South Korea after the historic summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12.

"I think he's going to do these things. I may be wrong. I mean, I may stand before you in six months and say, hey, I was wrong," Trump said. "I don't know that I'll ever admit that, but I'll find some kind of an excuse."

Blind faith in the sincerity of a North Korean dictator is not a valid basis for gutting the U.S. strategic posture in Asia, calling alliance relationships into question and lifting the pressure on North Korea. If Beijing's strategic aim is to weaken America's standing in its region, Trump just did a good bit of their work for them. (Courtesy the washingtonpost.com)

Double Star Academy advertisement with math and English course details.

J Feng Insurance Agency advertisement for Farmers Insurance.

Advance Academy advertisement for 2018 summer classes.

Fame Well School advertisement for various educational programs.

General Chennault Flying Tiger Academy advertisement for pilot training.