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based daycare facility on Lot 2A, Block 5, NE Fox Run Subdivision in the City of Yankton, South Dakota. Address, 2906 Masters Avenue. Kim Byrkeland, applicant

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continuing its work with adults, Svatos said. That effort will begin this summer with manufacturing academies to introduce students to technical career fields, followed by Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at RTEC next school year that will offer dual credit through area high schools and regional technical schools.

“What we’ve done is laid the groundwork for high school kids to come through this facility and take post-secondary credit along with their high school progression,” Svatos said. “They will be able to take these credits throughout the state, and they will have transcript credits that will allow them to go into an engineering program or a welding or manufacturing program.”

Yankton School District superintendent Wayne Kindle added that the new opportunities will come at no charge to the area high school students, as the cost for the dual credit courses will be covered by the recently received Governor’s CTE Grant.

“That’s pretty significant for kids to get their foot in the direction of that pathway for some who may not want to go to college, but want to go to technical school,” he said. “We’re hoping we’re going to be able to do a lot of good things for kids who want to get into manufacturing and skilled labor right here in Yankton.”

Svatos stressed that the new courses are only a part of things to come, as RTEC will continue to explore avenues to increase educational opportunities for young students. He noted that, should the fund drive exceed the goal of \$200,000, RTEC also will establish a technical education scholarship fund to benefit future students.

“With this fund drive and the CTE grant, we’re embarking on a new journey,” Svatos said. “Stay tuned. We’re building it up, and we’re going to see where it goes.”

For information on RTEC’s educational programming or to make a donation to the fund drive, call 605-668-5700 or visit RTEC at 1200 West 21st Street.

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Gov. Calls For Review After Botched Execution

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin named a member of her Cabinet on Wednesday to lead a review of how the state conducts executions after a botched procedure that the White House said fell short of the humane standards required.

Fallin said Clayton Lockett, who had an apparent heart attack 43 minutes after the start of an execution in which the state was using a new drug combination for the first time, had his day in court.

“I believe the death penalty is an appropriate response and punishment to those who commit heinous crimes against their fellow men and women,” Fallin said. “However, I also believe the state needs to be certain of its protocols and its procedures for executions and that they work.”

Lockett convulsed violently and tried to lift his head after a doctor declared him unconscious, and prison officials halted the execution. Fallin said “an independent review” would be effective and appropriate.

The governor said the review, to be led by Department of Public Safety Commissioner Michael Thompson, will focus on Lockett’s cause of death and that an independent pathologist will make that determination. The review will also look at whether the department followed the current protocol correctly and will include recommendations for future executions.

Fallin said a stay for Charles Warner, who had been scheduled to die two hours after Lockett, is in place until May 13. She said Warner’s execution will be further delayed if the review is not complete by then.

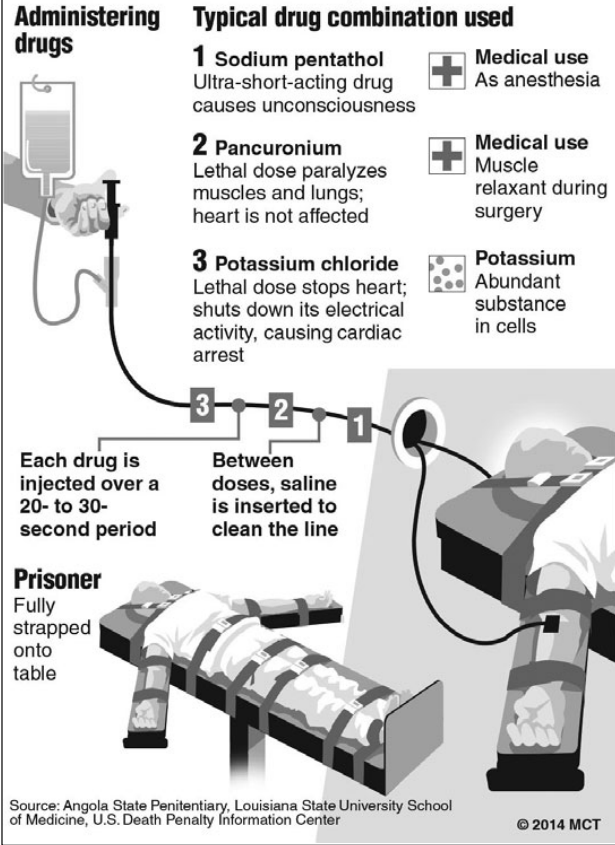
Warner’s attorney objected to the investigation being led by a member of Fallin’s Cabinet.

“I don’t consider that to be an independent investigation,” said lawyer Madeline Cohen.

Attorney General Scott Pruitt, whose office has worked to keep secret details about the execution drugs, said he intends to assign investigators to work with Thompson.

Lethal injection gone awry

Oklahoma and other states are using unnamed experimental combinations of drugs due to shortages caused by suppliers refusing to have their drugs used in legal executions. An Oklahoma death row inmate received an experimental three-drug cocktail, writhed in pain on the gurney and died of a heart attack more than 40 minutes later. A look at the lethal injection process:



investigators to work with Thompson.

The Oklahoma Board of Corrections planned to meet in a closed-door session Thursday to discuss the investigation and “possible litigation” connected to Lockett’s execution. The department did not immediately respond to a request for details.

Lockett, 38, had been declared unconscious 10 minutes after the first of three drugs in the state’s new lethal injection combination was administered Tuesday. Three minutes later, he began breathing heavily, clenching his teeth. The blinds were lowered to prevent those in the viewing gallery from watching, and the state’s top prison official later halted the proceedings. Lockett died of a heart

attack shortly thereafter, the Department of Corrections said. Officials later blamed a ruptured vein for the problems with Lockett’s execution.

Previously, most executions in Oklahoma, which used different fast-acting barbiturates, were completed and the inmate declared dead within about 10 minutes of the procedure’s start.

In Washington, White House spokesman Jay Carney said President Barack Obama believes that evidence suggests the death penalty does little to deter crime.

“But it’s also the case that we have a fundamental standard in this country that even when the death penalty is justified, it must be carried out humanely,” Carney said.

So. Calif. Wildfire Grows To 800 Acres

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. (AP) — A wildfire driven by surging Santa Ana winds sent a choking pall of smoke through foothill neighborhoods on Wednesday, forcing the evacuation of at least 1,650 homes and the closure of at least seven schools.

No homes burned, but the smoke prompted mandatory evacuation orders for several areas of town nestled at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles.

Leo Lemelin, 67, and his family busily loaded several cars with belongings as they prepared to leave.

“We’re trying to pack up everything we can into our cars from 45 years of marriage and eight grandchildren,” he told the *Riverside Press-Enterprise*.

More than 500 firefighters battled the flames near this city of 165,000 people.

The fire was reported about 8 a.m., grew to 200 acres by noon, quadrupled in size within a few hours and continued to grow as it roared through dry brush, fire officials said.

Gusts of 60 mph or more prevented firefighting helicopters from taking to the air, Cal-Fire spokeswoman Liz Brown said.

“They are not able to get off the ground, so we are fighting this with ground resources right now,” she said.

Classes were canceled at Los Osos High School about an hour after the fire started.

“We’re evacuating cause there’s high winds and there’s a fire right up there,” student Shane McHale told KTTV, pointing to the mountains.

The fire erupted in the midst of a heat wave that sent Southern California temperatures soaring into the 90s in some areas.

Los Angeles International Airport recorded a high of 87

degrees, breaking the old record for the day of 86 that was set in 1996.

At Long Beach Airport, the high of 92 broke a 1996 record by two degrees.

Valley areas could see triple digits. High temperatures were expected through Saturday, with humidity in the single digits.

The heat was accompanied by winds gusting to 80 or 90 mph in some mountains and valleys, prompting the National Weather Service to issue red-flag warnings of extreme weather conditions into Thursday night.

Utilities reported about 8,000 people lost power because of wind-related problems such as downed power lines.

Sinn Fein Leader Gerry Adams Arrested

DUBLIN (AP) — Police in Northern Ireland arrested Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams on Wednesday over his alleged involvement in the Irish Republican Army’s 1972 abduction, killing and secret burial of a Belfast widow.

Adams, 65, confirmed his own arrest in a prepared statement and described it as a voluntary, prearranged interview.

Police long had been expected to question Adams about the killing of Jean McConville, a 38-year-old mother of 10 whom the IRA killed with a single gunshot to the head as an alleged spy.

According to all authoritative histories of the Sinn Fein-IRA movement, Adams served as an IRA commander for decades, but he has always denied holding any position in the outlawed group.

“I believe that the killing of Jean McConville and the secret burial of her body was wrong and a grievous injustice to her and her family,” Adams said. “Well publicized, malicious allegations have been made against me. I reject these. While I have never disassociated myself from the IRA and I never will, I am innocent of any part in the abduction, killing or burial of Mrs. McConville.”

3 Dead In China Train Station Attack

BEIJING (AP) — An explosion rocked a railway station in China’s restive far-western region of Xinjiang, and the state broadcaster said three people were killed and 79 people were injured. The attack Wednesday came as President Xi Jinping wrapped up a four-day visit to the area.

CCTV said assailants attacked crowds with knives and set off explosions at the same time at the Urumqi South Station. The station called in a terrorist act.

It was unclear whether Xi was still in the region at the time of the blast, which occurred at the rail station in the regional capital of Urumqi.

Train service was suspended for about two hours before it reopened under the watch of armed police, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

A woman working at a convenience store near the train station said she heard a loud explosion shortly after 7 p.m.

Hundreds Rescued From Floodwaters

PENSACOLA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — People were plucked off rooftops or climbed into their attics to get away from fast-rising waters when nearly 2 feet of rain fell on the Florida Panhandle and Alabama coast in the span of about 24 hours, the latest bout of severe weather that began with tornadoes in the Midwest.

In the Panhandle on Wednesday, roads were chewed up into pieces or wiped out entirely. A car and truck plummeted 25 feet when portions of a scenic highway collapsed. Cars were overturned and neighborhoods were inundated, making rescues difficult for hundreds of people who called for help when they were caught off guard by the single rainiest day ever recorded in Pensacola.

Boats and Humvees zigzagged through the flooded streets to help stranded residents. At the height of the storm, about 30,000 people were without power. One Florida woman died when she drove her car into high water, officials said.

Near the Alabama-Florida line, water started creeping into Brandi McCoon’s mobile home, so her fiancé, Jonathan Brown, wrapped up her nearly 2-year-old son Noah in a blanket and they swam in neck-deep water to their car about 50 feet away. Then, the car was flooded.

Sec. Forces Unable To Restore Order

HORLIVKA, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine’s acting president conceded Wednesday that his police and security forces were “helpless” to stifle unrest in the country’s east, where pro-Russia gunmen seized more buildings, walking into the police station and mayor’s office in this mining hub without resistance.

Insurgents also took control of the customs service building in Donetsk, the region’s main city, and city hall in Alchevsk, an industrial center of about 110,000, adding to the scores of buildings taken by the separatists over the past month in the east, where a dozen cities are now in the hands of the separatists.

Acting President Oleksandr Turchynov has twice proclaimed “anti-terrorist” operations to regain control of the east, but to little effect. In a meeting with officials from other Ukrainian regions, he acknowledged the failure and indicated the government would back off even trying to bring the most restive parts of the east to heel, focusing instead on trying to keep the unrest from spreading to other parts of the nation of 46 million.

“I will be frank: Today, security forces are unable to quickly take the situation in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions under control,” Turchynov said. “The security bodies ... are unable to carry out their duties of protecting citizens. They are helpless in those matters.”

“Moreover, some of those units are either helping or cooperating with terrorist organizations,” he said.

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