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## China pushes for lower cancer drug prices

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - China's new medical insurance regulator will begin negotiations with domestic and overseas pharmaceutical companies to lower prices of cancer drugs in a bid to cut the financial burden on patients, state news agency Xinhua said on Saturday.

The State Medical Insurance Administration said it was preparing to include more cancer drugs on its list of medicines eligible for reimbursement, and said 10 foreign and eight domestic pharmaceutical companies had expressed a willingness to work with the authority.

China's cancer rates have been soaring, driven by growing numbers of over-60s, heavy smoking among men and exposure to pollution. The National Cancer Center said last year there were 4.29 million new cases every year and 2.81 million deaths.

Delegates to parliament said in May that the five-year cancer survival rate stood at just 30 percent in 2015, less than half the U.S. level, and the government has vowed to improve that by 15 percentage points by 2030.

Improving insurance coverage is one of the biggest challenges facing China as its population gets older. It has vowed to make medicine and treatment cheaper and more easily available.

A national medical insurance system began covering 16 brands of targeted cancer drugs last year, cutting prices by 44 percent on average, Xinhua reported this year.

China also removed tariffs on all imported cancer drugs starting from May 1, following a decision by Premier Li Keqiang in April.



## Trump plays golf in Scotland before Putin summit amid Russian meddling charges

TURNBERRY/GLASGOW, Scotland (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump played golf on Saturday at his course on Scotland's west coast ahead of a summit with Kremlin chief Vladimir Putin that could be overshadowed by accusations of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. election.

In an uproarious trip to Europe, Trump harangued members of the NATO military alliance, scolded Germany for its dependence on Russian energy and shocked Britain by publicly criticizing Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit strategy.

Trump apologized to May for the furor over his withering public critique, blaming "fake news" and promising instead a bilateral trade agreement with Britain after it leaves the European Union in March.

While Trump took tea with Queen Elizabeth, a U.S. federal grand jury charged 12 Russian intelligence officers with stealing data from the campaign of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Trump has repeatedly said the investigation into suspected Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election - which he casts as a "rigged witch hunt" - makes it hard for him to do substantive deals with Moscow.

Wearing a baseball cap emblazoned with "USA" for a round of golf, Trump at one point waved at dozens of protesters who were chanting "No Trump!" just a few hundred yards away from a beach beside his Trump Turnberry course. He appeared to say something to them. They

booed.

Describing golf as "my primary form of exercise", Trump tweeted: "The weather is beautiful, and this place is incredible! Tomorrow I go to Helsinki for a Monday meeting with Vladimir Putin."

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Putin held several meetings in the Kremlin, including talks with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. The Russian leader was due to attend the opera at the Bolshoi Theatre later and will watch the final of the soccer World Cup in Moscow on Sunday.

Trump and Putin, who control the world's two biggest nuclear arsenals, are due to meet in the Finnish capital, a venue that evokes memories of Cold War showdowns between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Trump, a 72-year-old former New York real estate developer who praises his own deal-making skills, and Putin, a 65-year-old former KGB spy who cultivates a macho image as a man of action, are due to have some time alone at the summit.

In the most detailed U.S. accusation to date that Moscow meddled in the presidential election, a federal grand jury said Russian military intelligence agency officers covertly monitored computers of Clinton's campaign and Democratic campaign committees, and stole large amounts of data.

The charges shine an even brighter spotlight on Trump's treatment of Putin, who has repeatedly denied that Russia sought to skew the election that Trump, a Republican, unexpectedly won.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, speaking to reporters before his departure to Helsinki on Sunday, pushed



Demonstrators hold banners supporting EDF founder Tommy Robinson and U.S. President Donald Trump during a rally in London

back at Democrats who called for the summit to be canceled. "I am confident that President Trump's meeting with Vladimir Putin will put America in a better place. I think it's very important that they meet," he told reporters en route from Mexico on Friday, in remarks embargoed until Saturday.

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## U.S. lifts ban on suppliers selling to China's ZTE

By Katherine Feser

The U.S. Department of Commerce on Friday lifted a ban on U.S. companies selling goods to ZTE Corp, allowing China's second-largest telecommunications equipment maker to resume business.

The Commerce Department removed the ban shortly after ZTE deposited \$400 million in a U.S. bank escrow account as part of a settlement reached last month. The settlement also included a \$1 billion penalty that ZTE paid to the U.S. Treasury in June.

"The department will remain vigilant as we closely monitor ZTE's actions to ensure compliance with all U.S. laws and regulations," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in a statement that described the terms of the deal as the strictest ever imposed in such a case.

The terms will allow the department to protect U.S. national security, Ross said.

The administration has clashed with lawmakers from its own party over issues related to China, and this was no different. On Friday, Senator Marco Rubio, a Republican, criticized the lifting of the ban.

"ZTE should be put out of business. There is no 'deal' with a state-directed company that the Chinese government and Communist Party uses to spy and steal from us where Americans come out winning," Rubio said in a statement.

A photograph circulating among employees around midnight showed ZTE's new chief executive and 10 other managers each giving a thumbs-up to the news, which was flashed on a screen at the company, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The reprieve follows threats by the Trump administration this week to impose 10



percent tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods in a trade war.

ZTE did not respond to requests for comment.

ZTE, which relies on U.S. components for its smart phones and networking gear, ceased major operations after the ban was ordered in April.

U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted in May that he closed down ZTE and let it reopen, although no agreement had been reached. White House trade adviser Peter Navarro said last month Trump agreed to lift the ban as a goodwill gesture to Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The company had made false statements about disciplining 35 employees involved with illegally shipping U.S.-origin goods to Iran and North Korea, Commerce Department officials said. ZTE pleaded guilty last year over the sanctions violations. ZTE paid \$892 million in penalties to the United States in connection with the 2017 settlement and

guilty plea. The latest \$1.4 billion deal comes on top of that.

The \$400 million will remain in escrow for as long as 10 years to provide the U.S. government access to the money if ZTE violates the June settlement. On Thursday, ZTE's Hong Kong shares surged about 24 percent after Reuters broke news the United States had signed an escrow agreement that paved the way for ZTE to deposit the \$400 million. ZTE's U.S.-listed shares fell 2.4 percent to \$3.70 on Friday. The news came after markets closed in Asia.

Shares of U.S. suppliers Acacia Communications and Lumentum Holdings rose more than 3 percent on the news before ending less than 1 percent higher.

ZTE paid U.S. companies more than \$2.3 billion in 2017, including Qualcomm Inc, Intel Corp, Broadcom and Texas Instruments Inc.



The company, which employs some 80,000 people, got a limited one-month waiver last week to maintain existing networks and equipment.

ZTE has replaced its board of directors and senior management, as required by the June settlement, the Commerce Department noted.

It will now operate with a 10-year suspended ban hanging over its head, which the United States can activate if it finds new violations. The current ban could have lasted seven years.

Many U.S. lawmakers see the company as a national security threat and, on Thursday, a group of Republican and Democratic U.S. senators urged that ZTE's penalties be reinstated.

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U.S. President Donald Trump walks at his golf resort under the gaze of armed police officers, in Turnberry



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A man weighs fish that he intends to barter for basic staples in Rio Chico



A woman with a face painting of the Ethiopia national flag attends a ceremony to welcome Eritrea's President Isaias Afwerki for a three-day visit, at the Bole international airport in Addis Ababa



A bear attempts to predict the result of the World Cup final between France and Croatia at a zoo in Krasnoyarsk



A Canadian soldier with the Royal 22e Regiment takes aim from his position as they conduct assault operations during a Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise with U.S. Marines at Camp Pendleton





Gun Training Includes Hand-To-Hand Combat, Medical Triage.

If someone begins shooting at the students or staff at Fleming K-12 School in north-east Colorado, football coach and bus driver Scott Muller wants to be ready to shoot back.

“Something like this is nothing you want to do,” Muller said during a break from the active-shooter training course he took this week. “But anybody who wants to protect kids, they will take something like this on.”

After all, said Muller, it's unlikely help would be nearby if someone attacked Fleming School, about 20 miles east of Sterling. The local sheriff told him “they are so far out they won't be able to respond in time to do much. It will be pretty much left up to someone at the school to do something.”

Muller is among 17 teachers and administrators from five mostly rural counties who received intensive training this week on how to prevent — or at least minimize — a mass shooting at their schools, many of which are in far-flung areas where it would take law enforcement up to 30 minutes to respond.

Each participant already has a concealed handgun permit and is approved as a school security officer. As many as 20 Colorado school districts have designated teachers, administrators and other personnel as armed security.



A FASTER trainee Jerry Walker, a high school principal from Oklahoma, fires his handgun on a gun range during a training session at Flatrock Training Center June 12, 2018.

But the course work laid out this week by

# Are Texas Teachers Next For Gun Training? Colorado Teachers And Administrators Taking Gun Training For Protection Against Active Shooters

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

Ohio-based FASTER — Faculty/Administrator Safety Training and Emergency Response — is much more intense than a typical concealed weapons class in Colorado, said participants.

“This,” said Muller, “is a whole new level.” Which means there is no sugarcoating of the consequences of not confronting someone bent on killing everyone within reach. “You will be killed if you do not fight,” said Chris Wallace, a 41-year law enforcement veteran, as he introduced students to the course.

The educators sat in silence as Wallace showed slides of the results of past mass shootings and described in stark terms what might happen to victims in the next attack.

“Adult males will be tortured and killed,” he said. “Females will be raped and killed. There will be no mercy involved in these situations. There is no talking yourself out of these situations.”

Good training will remove unneeded emotion from your response to an attacker, Wallace told the educators. That will make a counterattack more effective, he said.

“You've got to get inside the moment,” he said. “Don't go so fast that you miss what you need to see.”



FASTER instructor Graham Dunne during gun training session at Flatrock Training Center June 12, 2018.

“When you engage the shooter, you need speed and surprise and violence of action,”

he added.

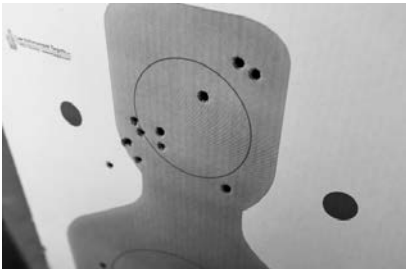
FASTER's instructors — current or former law enforcement officers — have trained nearly 900 Ohio school staff members over the past five years. No matter their day-to-day roles — teacher, superintendent, librarian, coach, secretary — school staffers going through FASTER training are taught how to approach and shoot an active assailant. They are also tutored on hand-to-hand fighting skills, and they learn advanced medical training from a trauma surgeon.

On the second morning of the training, the educators learned how to apply a tourniquet to a fellow student's arm and leg in the midst of chaos, practicing the act of cutting off the flow of blood to keep someone alive.

Later in the day, all 17 took to the shooting range where, under a blistering sun, they learned how to properly remove a handgun from its holster, quickly but surely approach an attacker and level their weapon to shoot. Just as important, instructors showed them how to safely holster their sidearms and wait for emergency help.

The three-day class was held at the Weld County Sheriff's Department shooting range. It was organized by Coloradans for Civil Liberties, a gun-rights group aligned with the right-leaning Independence Institute.

Tuition is \$1,000 per student, and the Independence Institute offered scholarships.



Target practice results.

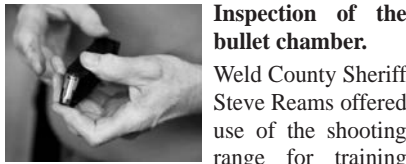
“We have raised scholarship money because we never want the lack of training budget money to keep any school personnel from having access to this lifesaving training,” said Amy Cooke, the institute's executive vice president.

Graduates will be certified as exceeding Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training handgun qualifications, said Laura Carno, co-founder of Coloradans for Civil Liberties.

“We want to give them world-class training so they can stop active shooters at their school,” Carno said.

School districts that use staff as security personnel screen them extensively, say school officials. That includes administering psychological tests often used on law enforcement recruits.

“The screening is pretty tough,” said Muller, the Fleming football coach. “I took a psychological screening, like other applicants. But some dropped out. And I can understand why. It's tough that one day you may have to take down a student that you've known for a long time.”



Inspection of the bullet chamber.

Weld County Sheriff Steve Reams offered use of the shooting range for training because he supports Second Amendment rights. He also wants rural school staffers to be able to protect themselves, said sheriff's spokesman Matt Turner.

“We all know there is anxiety about sending your kids to school and wondering if they will be safe,” Turner said. “We wanted to help in any way we can to ensure kids' safety.”

Fleming parent Carmen Vandenbark said most parents support school officials deciding to arm qualified staff members. Flem-

ing is fairly remote and has no local police department, and response times from first responders can be lengthy.

“It was a good, common-sense solution,” Vandenbark said.

But others say active-shooter training for teachers will do little to protect students and might make a bad situation even worse.

“In armed confrontations, trained law enforcement hit their target only 20 percent of the time,” said Eileen McCarron of Colorado Ceasefire, a group that opposes gun violence. “In a crowded classroom, what happens to the remaining 80 percent of the bullets? And how do we expect a nervous, far less-trained individual to perform anything but worse?”

Taking aim at the target.



Ronnie Wilson said he took the training to help ease the fears of parents who worry about school security.

“One of the first things parents ask about are academics, and the next thing is whether their kids will be safe at our school,” said Wilson. “And that is our highest priority.”

Wilson is president of the governing board of Liberty Tree Academy, a K-8 charter school slated to open in Falcon, near Colorado Springs, next year.

“This has been real eye-opening for me, and a great experience,” Wilson said of the FASTER training. “I know we can't be prepared for everything. But I now know I'm better equipped to handle the worst kind of situation.” (Courtesy denverpost.com)

Editor's Note: In Texas, 172 school districts allow teachers, staff to carry guns in schools

There are 172 school districts in Texas that allow staff and/or board members to carry firearms on school premises, according to a statewide review of board policies by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Those 172 school districts represent about 17 percent of the 1,023 independent school districts in Texas, according to the Texas Education Agency. About 15 percent of all ISDs have a police department and about 24 percent employ school resource officers, according to the association's analysis. (Courtesy Caller Times)

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TOKYO, July 2 (Reuters) - Oil prices fell early on Monday, following comments from the White House that the leader of Saudi Arabia promised President Donald Trump that he can raise oil production if needed.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude for August delivery was down 65 cents, or 0.9 percent, at \$73.50 a barrel by 2250 GMT, after rising more than 8 percent last week. It touched a low of \$72.51.

The contract on Friday touched a high of \$74.46, which was the highest since November 2014, rallying on concerns that U.S. sanctions against Iran would remove a substantial volume of crude oil from world markets at a time of rising global demand.

London Brent crude fell 55 cents, or 0.7 percent, to \$78.68, after gaining more than 5 percent last week.

The leader of Saudi Arabia promised President Donald Trump that he can raise oil production if needed and the country has 2 million barrels per day of spare capacity, the White House said on Saturday, rowing back on an earlier Trump tweet that appeared to suggest the Saudis had agreed to boost output by that amount.

Trump told King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud that the oil market could need more supply when the men spoke on Friday, the White House said. The Saudi leader said he was ready to raise output if needed, the White House said in a statement.



President Trump lashed out at OPEC with a warning to stop manipulating oil markets and piled pressure on close U.S. allies in an interview that aired on Sunday with a threat to sanction European companies that do business with Iran.

Crude declined as U.S. President Donald Trump put pressure on Saudi Arabia to ramp up oil output, but nervously with traders worrying about how it could affect spare capacity ahead.

# Oil Falls As White House Says Saudi King To Raise Output If Needed

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In this June 29, 2018 file photo, President Donald Trump gestures while speaking during an event in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Trump says he has received assurances from King Salman of Saudi Arabia that the kingdom will increase oil production, “maybe up to 2,000,000 barrels,” in response to turmoil in Iran and Venezuela. Trump said on Twitter Saturday, June 30, that he asked Salman to increase oil production “to make up the difference...Prices too high! He has agreed!” Saudi Arabia acknowledged the call took place, but mentioned no production targets.

Following last week’s rally, futures fell today in both London and New York after Trump tweeted over the weekend that Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz had agreed to boost production to the kingdom’s maximum capacity in a push designed to overcome supply losses from Canada to Libya.

“The commodity has gotten incredibly politicized now, beyond the supply-demand dynamic,” said John Kilduff, a partner at New York-based hedge fund Again Capital LLC. Trump’s pressure on Saudi Arabia “is making the market nervous that it won’t have any spare capacity, and/or the Saudis will do some harm potentially to their fields and rate of production,” he said.

The U.S. benchmark crude rallied more

than 10 percent in June amid tightening inventory levels and global supply outages that increased the demand for domestic production. That’s despite OPEC’s pledge to boost supply levels, with Saudi Arabia’s crude exports already surging to a 15-month high in June.



West Texas Intermediate crude for August delivery slid 42 cents to \$73.73 a barrel at 9:49 a.m. on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Total volume traded Monday was about 3 percent above the 100-day average.

Brent for September dropped \$1.20 to \$78.03 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange. The global benchmark traded at a \$6.11 premium to WTI for September.

Following Trump’s tweet, the White House said Saturday in a statement that King Salman bin Abdulaziz affirmed that Saudi Arabia has 2 million barrels a day of spare production capacity “which it will prudently use if and when necessary to ensure market balance and stability, and in coordination with its producer partners, to respond to any eventuality.”

The White House statement aligned with one by the state-run Saudi Press Agency saying that the king and Trump, in a phone call Saturday, discussed efforts by the oil-producing countries to compensate potential shortages in oil supply.



Iran Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said any production increase above limits agreed to by OPEC would “breach” the deal, according to a letter he sent to OPEC President Suhail Al Mazrouei and distributed by the Iran Oil Ministry’s news service Shana. (Courtesy

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Oil prices slipped below \$70 on Thursday as markets eyed a potential comeback for output in Libya, where armed clashes near eastern ports have posed major supply disruptions in recent months.

West Texas Intermediate crude, the US benchmark, fell 2% to \$69.20 around 11:30 a.m. ET. Brent, the international benchmark, shed 1% to \$73.32. Crude had its largest one day drop in more than a year on Wednesday, shedding more than 5% at lows.

Libya’s National Oil Corporation said in a statement that it had lifted force majeure on several ports that had been blocked off, according to The Wall Street Journal. The move sets the stage for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) member to resume operations at the ports, where hundreds of thousands of barrels had been shut out.



Eastern factions handed the ports — Es Sider, Ras Lunuf, Hariga and Zueitina — over to the state-run oil company on Wednesday, the Journal reported. It could potentially return to full operation of more than a million barrels per day.

Brent is up nearly 53% this year. Courtesy <http://markets.businessinsider.com>

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