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California governor orders speedy recovery from wildfires

SAN FRANCISCO — California Gov. Jerry Brown issued an executive order to speed up recovery as fire authorities say they've stopped the progress of wildfires that have killed at least 42 and destroyed thousands of homes in Northern California.

More people were allowed home and about 15,000 people remain evacuated today, from a high of 100,000 on Saturday.

The wind-whipped fires that started Oct. 8 swept through parts of seven counties and is the deadliest and most destructive series of blazes in California history. The fires hit hard the wine country counties of Napa and Sonoma.

Brown issued an order Wednesday that allows disrupted wineries to relocate tasting rooms and suspends state fees for mobile home parks and manufactured homes.

The order extends the state's prohibition on price gouging during emergencies until April 2018 and expedites hiring of personnel for emergency and recovery operations.

Daniel Berlant, a spokesman with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said by Friday, crews should fully contain one of the wildfires that devastated Sonoma County's Santa Rosa.

Widow of workplace shooting victim says he feared co-worker

WILMINGTON, Del. — The widow of a man killed in a workplace shooting in Maryland said today that her husband was so concerned about the gunman's explosive temper that he brought it up in church prayer sessions.

Bayarsaikhan Tudev was one of three people shot and killed Wednesday at a granite manufacturer in Edgewood, Maryland.

Police said Radee Prince walked into work at Advanced Granite Solutions and shot five co-workers. Two remained in critical condition today.

Tudev's widow, Gerelmaa Dolgorsuren, said her husband had described Prince's volatile temper several times.

"He was always angry," she said her husband told her.

Tudev, 53, was a native of Mongolia who came to the U.S. in 2005. He and his wife settled in Arlington, Virginia, which has a large Mongolian-American community.

Dolgorsuren said her husband liked his job so much that he endured a regular commute of more than two hours. She said he always felt that he was living the American dream.

Prince was captured late Wednesday after a 10-hour manhunt during which he also shot and wounded an acquaintance in Wilmington, Delaware. He was ordered held on \$2.1 million cash bond on attempted murder charges in that shooting during his arraignment in a Delaware court early today.

Wilmington Police Chief Robert Tracy said his department is coordinating with Maryland law enforcement officials to transfer Prince back to Maryland to face charges in the workplace shooting.

Trump remarks on Kelly contrast with quiet tribute to son

WASHINGTON — It's known as some of the saddest ground



AP Photo/Eric Risberg

A mailbox, one of few items left at the site of the destroyed home in Napa, Calif., where Sara and Charles Rippey died in a fast-moving wildfire, shows a pink and black polka dot ribbon that indicates a fire crew has visited the location.

Older couples die together or cling to each other in fires

Some had just celebrated marriages of half a century or longer. They spent their time volunteering and playing with grandchildren. A few had lived through both world wars.

The vast majority of the 42 people killed in the wildfires that have ravaged Northern California were in their 70s and 80s. Several were couples who died together, including childhood sweethearts who had grown old together.

A 95-year-old man and his 75-year-old wife spent their final moments huddled in the wine cellar of their home where they had lived for 45 years.

The oldest victim — 100-year-old World War II veteran Charles Rippey, who used a walker — is believed to have been trying to make it to his 98-year-old wife, Sara, who had limited mobility after a stroke. Their caretaker barely escaped alive before the roof collapsed and the blaze engulfed the house.

An 80-year-old man never made it past his driveway after getting his 80-year-old wife into the car to escape. The two were born four days apart and died together.

in America, a 14-acre plot of Arlington National Cemetery called Section 60 where many U.S. personnel killed in Iraq and Afghanistan are interred. On Memorial Day this year, President Donald Trump and the man who would be his chief of staff visited Grave 9480, the final resting place of Robert Kelly, a Marine killed Nov. 9, 2010, in Afghanistan.

"We grieve with you. We honor you. And we pledge to you that we will always remember Robert and what he did for all of us," Trump said, singling out the Kelly family during his remarks to the nation that day. Turning to Robert's father, then the secretary of homeland security, Trump added, "Thank you, John."

The quiet tribute contrasts with Trump's messy brawl this week with critics of his handling of condolences to Gold Star families who, like Kelly, have lost people to recent warfare. Trump brought up the loss of Kelly's son as part of an attack on former President Barack Obama, dragging the family's searing loss into a political fight over who has consoled grieving families better. Kelly has not

commented on the controversy, but it was exactly the sort of public attention to a personal tragedy that the reserved, retired Marine general would abhor.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders acknowledged Kelly was "disgusted" that the condolence calls had been politicized, but said she was not certain if the chief of staff knew Trump was going to talk about his son publicly.

Trump sparked the controversy during an interview Tuesday with Fox News Radio. Asked whether he'd called the families of Americans killed in Niger nearly two weeks before, Trump replied, "You could ask Gen. Kelly, did he get a call from Obama?"

Trump kicks issues to Congress, is erratic trading partner

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is proving to be an erratic trading partner as he kicks thorny policy issues to Congress and then sends conflicting signals about what he really wants.

His rapid backpedal on a short-term health care fix this week is the latest example to leave Republicans and Democrats alike scratching their heads.

"The president has had six positions on our bill," an exasperated Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said Wednesday after Trump offered multiple reads on a bipartisan plan to keep health insurance markets in business, ultimately ending with a thumbs-down.

Nine months into office, Trump has shown a preference for delegating to lawmakers on everything from health care to immigration to foreign policy. Sometimes he creates situations that demand a congressional solution. In other cases, he sets difficult-to-achieve broad policy goals and expects lawmakers to fill in the fine print.

Along the way, he's proven to be an unpredictable force. He encouraged Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee to work with Murray on a bipartisan solution on insurer payments, only to announce after some wavering that he wouldn't support it.

China's conflicted goals: Freer markets, more party control

BEIJING — China's ruling Communist Party is expanding its role in business even as it promises freer markets and support for entrepreneurs on the eve of President Xi Jinping's second five-year term as leader.

Party officials are tightening their control over state-owned enterprises and want a voice in how some foreign companies are run. State companies that dominate energy and other fields are being made even bigger through mergers. Some are forming ties with private sector success stories such as tech giants Alibaba and Tencent to draw on their skills.

Beijing's conflicting goals are raising concerns that leaders might put off changes needed to reinvigorate a cooling economy that faces surging debt and trade tensions with Washington and Europe.

"There is no grand vision. There are parallel goals that are competing with each other," said Andrew Polk, an economist at Trivium/China, a research firm in Beijing. "We are not sure which ones are going to win out at a given moment."

No major policy changes are expected out of the twice-a-decade party congress that is due to re-appoint Xi as general secretary. The party also will name a Standing Committee, the country's ruling inner circle of power, in preparation for installing a new government in early 2018.

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