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## Trump threatens 100% tariffs on Russia

U.S., NATO sending more weapons to Ukraine

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USA TODAY

President Donald Trump is stepping up his support for Ukraine amid Russia's ongoing attacks and resistance to peace efforts after more than three years of war.

Trump announced July 14 that the United States is sending weapons to NATO, which plans to transfer the

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equipment to Ukraine, and also threatened steep tariffs aimed at impacting Russia's ability to finance the war.

Trump said that the United States would put 100% secondary tariffs on countries that do business with Russia if a peace deal is not reached within 50 days.

"We're going to be doing very severe

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President Donald Trump meets with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte in the Oval Office July 14, the day Trump announced a deal to get U.S. weapons to NATO. NATHAN HOWARD/REUTERS

## 'Mystic girls' find comfort in each other



Allie Coates, of Los Angeles, has fond memories as a child and counselor of Camp Mystic in Texas, which was recently struck by deadly flooding. BRANDON TAUSZIK FOR USA TODAY

Alumni seek the familiar after deadly Texas floods

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USA TODAY

The first time Allie Coates ran barefoot across the buffalo grass at Camp Mystic, she was 8. Her tiny strides nestled among cypress trees near the Guadalupe River.

She caught a catfish, mailed her first letter and learned to ride a horse.

Thirteen summers later, she was still there, this time as a counselor, teaching 8-year-old girls how to swim and fish, French braid hair, and play guitar.

She can still see herself as the shy girl snuggled under the hot pink comforter. Her name embroidered in white across her bunk in Bubble Inn. It's the same cabin where this year, 13 girls and their counselors were swept away in a Fourth of July flood in Texas Hill Country. In all,

27 children and staff from Camp Mystic died among at least 120 in the state.

Today, her Los Angeles apartment smells like chocolate chips and oatmeal. She's finding comfort baking "Tweety" cookies, named after camp director Tweety Eastland – whose husband died in the flood trying to get girls to higher ground.

She is 25 now, a social media manager, and is wearing a silver bracelet filled with charms from her time at camp, including an "M" for the most improved at canoeing. She pulls out her camp Bible, reading from crumpled papers in her bubbled teenage handwriting: Matthew 5:16, "Be a light for all to see."

As Coates' mom drove her to camp from Dallas each year, she began to relax.

The highway cut through a scrubby desert that turned to flat gentle hills

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Allie Coates was 8 years old the first year her mom, Lori Coates, drove her to Camp Mystic.

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## Effort to ban dyes meets obstacles

Health secretary has sought changes to candy

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President Donald Trump once received a handpicked selection of his favorite red and pink Starburst candy from former House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

However, if his Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has a say, the days of his artificially dyed technicolor candy would be numbered.

But Trump needn't fret. Yet.

Mars Wrigley, the manufacturer of M&Ms, Starburst and Skittles, has resisted Kennedy's artificial food dye-eschewing Make America Healthy Again agenda. But the company told USA TODAY it's "exploring" alternatives.

To the chagrin of food advocates and Kennedy's HHS, though, it's not making any promises with timelines, as other big food companies have in recent months.

A Mars Wrigley spokesperson told USA TODAY that the conglomerate had not yet identified "fully effective solutions" and believes it is "premature to make commitments" until it is certain they can be fulfilled. The spokesperson said the company would continue its efforts and anticipates being able to offer consumers more artificial dye-free choice in the "near future." An internal study conducted by the company five years ago also found that consumers across the globe – except Europe – did not mind artificial dyes in their candy.

Kennedy's boss may be one of them.

During a Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day event organized by the White House in May, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt told children of reporters that Trump eats a "good amount" of candy and said he likes pink Starburst and Tootsie Rolls.

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