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## **OPEN:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.



## Groton Area Schedule of Events

### Friday, December 14, 2018

Debate at Brookings High School (Brookings Bell)  
5:15pm: Basketball: Boys C Game vs. Redfield-Doland @ Redfield Jr-Sr High School followed by JV and varsity games.

### Saturday, December 15, 2018

Debate at Brookings High School (Brookings Bell)  
8:00am: Basketball: Boys C Tournament vs. Aberdeen Roncalli, Hamlin, Ipswich, Leola-Frederick, Redfield-Doland, Sioux Valley, Sisseton @ Groton Area High School Arena

9:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament TBA vs. Madison @ Madison High School

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## 12-10-18: —> Hunter update!

We continue to be at Avera McKennan in the Brain and spinal wing. Hunter is moving more than ever. Sometimes unsure if this is agitated movements or trauma from the accident. He is still unconscious but today we have seen some purposeful movements, the sun was in his eyes, he then put his hands up to his eyes to block the sun. He also scratched at his ear and rubbed his eye. And continues to get better and better at holding his neck and moving it! I think so often we don't pay attention to these simple daily things, but sitting in this position one can not help but watch every single finger movement. We are so proud of Hunter, not only for all this, but today they changed his trach to a smaller one so within the next couple days they can plug it, even though he's not using it to breath right now. Now with the smaller tube, it's so nice to hear the sound of his actual cough and little sounds, hopefully continuing to sound more like him and have more sounds when fully plugged. Hunter is a miracle and continues to be another miracle in the making, and we can not thank God enough for holding Hunter so close in his hands and for comforting our family through what seems to be some days still a dream.

—even though We haven't posted for a couple days, just know our thoughts and thank yous to all you have not been lost or forgotten a day.

Keep on praying

#allforhunt

#huntingforabiggerreason

- Hunter Schaller Family



#allforHunt Fundraiser

- Keychains \$10

All proceeds to go to the family. You can order at the Groton High School office, Professional Management Services, Lori's Pharmacy or BK Custom T's

## Fund set up at First State Bank

An account has been set up at First State Bank in Groton for Hunter Schaller. Anyone wanting to donate can make checks to "Hunter Schaller Benefit" and mail or drop off at the First State Bank in Groton. Hunter was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 21st and is in ICU in Sioux Falls. Schaller is a junior at GHS and is the son of Steve Schaller and Julie Schaller.

A GoFundMe page has been established for the Schaller family, started by Peyton Johnson. Thus far, in nine days, \$11,880 has been raised of the \$15,000 goal. To donate, [click here](#).

## HUNTER SCHALLER BENEFIT

# ALL-U-CAN-EAT CHISLIC & SHRIMP



Friday, December 14

starting @5:30pm - Ferney Bar

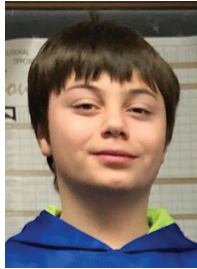
Includes steak chislic & multiple types of shrimp  
for just \$30 per person

**100% of proceeds to benefit the Schaller Family!**

## October Students of the Month

The student council sponsors the Student of the Month. Each month the faculty select students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have an end of the year recognition with the principal.

The October students of the month are Axel Warrington, Claire Heinrich, Andrew Marzahn, Madeline Flihs, Grace Wambach, Kaylin Kucker and Kaitlyn Kassube.



**Axel Warrington**, sixth grade, is the son of Neil and Amy Warrington, Groton. His siblings are Natalia, Navalea, Ayce and Aschar.

Axel's activities include robotics, Destination Imagination, 4-H and band. He has been on the A honor roll, placed in DI multiple times and earned many awards in 4-H. His interests are piano, reading, biking, camping and being with family and friends. Math is his favorite subject and he plans to go to the School of Mines to be an engineer. His parents are his role models.



**Claire Heinrich**, seventh grader, is the daughter of Crystal Peltier and Kevin Heinrich, Groton. Her brother is Douglas Heinrich. She has been on the 4.0 honor roll and her favorite subject is FACs. She would like to be a veterinarian and her role model is her mom.



**Andrew Marzahn**, eighth grader, is the son of Wade and Renee Marzahn, Groton. His siblings are Breanna, Landon and Nicole.

Andrew's activities include football, basketball, baseball, junior high band, MathCounts, 4-H and a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church youth group. His interests are football and hanging out with friends and family. Science is his favorite subject and he plans to attend South Dakota State for animal or plant science. Landon Marzahn is his role model.



**Madeline Flihs**, freshman, is the daughter of Bridget and Jeff Flihs, Groton. Her sisters are Elizabeth and Sophia and her brother is Zach.

Madeline is involved in volleyball, Lacrosse, soccer, basketball and youth group. She has placed in Math competitions, played in a LaCrosse national tournament and made varsity for soccer and volleyball. She likes deer hunting, pheasant hunting, fishing, hanging with friends, watching Netflix, watching football, archery and lake days. English is her favorite subject and she plans to attend college. Her Lacross coach, Bobbi Burdette, is her role model.



**Grace Wambach**, sophomore, is the daughter of Richal and Jason Wambach, Groton. Her brothers are Bryson and Wyatt.

Grace is involved in volleyball, FBLA, FCCLA, debate and the Carnival of Silver Skates. Her accomplishments include being a previous student of the month, being on the honor roll and honorable mention at the Northern Math Contest. She likes volleyball, shopping, baking, working, baby-sitting, watching Netflix and hanging out with friends. Math is her favorite subject and he plans to graduate from high school, then go to college for something in the medical field. Her mom is her role model.

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**Kaylin Kucker**, junior, is the daughter of Chris and Amy Kucker, Groton. Her brothers are Korbin, Keegan and Kyson.

Kaylin's activities include participating in volleyball, soccer, track, trap and softball. She is an officer in the FCCLA chapter. She competed in the 2017 Groton Area Junior Snow Queen Contest, has been on the Principal's Honor Roll many times and her team won the 2014 State Slow Pitch Softball Tournament. She loves spending time with her family and friends and she enjoys hunting and fishing. Algebra II is her favorite subject and she plans to attend USD and to medical school and then work in the medical field. Her grandma, Dianne, is her role model.



**Kaitlyn Kassube**, senior, is the daughter of Chris and Nicole Kassube, Groton. Her siblings are Kylie, Taylor and Hunter.

Kaitlyn's activities include youth group, FBLA and FCCLA. She has been on the honor roll, placed at math competition and got into the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). She like hanging out with friends, listening to music and reading. English is her favorite subject and she plans to go into social work. Her mom is her role model.

## Help Wanted

Looking for full-time and part-time labor in Hecla area. Pressure washing livestock trailers and hog barns. Also working in hog barns as needed, training is provided. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Would require some evenings. Must have good work ethic and references. Full-time benefits of health insurance and 401K, part-time has 401K. Contact Cole at 994-2201.

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## First draft of 2019-20 school year calendar presented

The first draft of the 2019-20 school year calendar was presented to the Groton Area School Board Monday evening. It has a starting date of August. 22. Superintendent Joe Schwan noted that Native American Day on October 14 is currently a school day due to the fact that there are parent-teacher conferences that Thursday and school in-service that Friday. Christmas vacation that school year is proposed from December 23 through January 3.

The school report card is now available on-line at [sdschools.sd.gov](http://sdschools.sd.gov). Schwan said so far everything looks good for the district. He noted anyone going to the website should be aware that the district is broken down into three different schools - elementary, middle and high school.

Police Chief Stacy Mayou brought in posters that could be hung around the school explaining the hazards of vaping.

The football schedules are expected to be out in February. Schwan said he is requesting to keep Ellendale-Edgley-Kulm. Webster will be moving back up to 11 man so Groton Area would be able to pick them up on the schedule and dropping one of the further away teams. Sioux Valley and Miller are also options for pickup.

Middle/High School Principal Kiersten Sombke explained a number of items with the dual credit program. The board gave second reading to allow seniors to pick up four classes per semester of dual credit classes. In addition, a student can only get up to nine credits of dual credit and if they go over that amount, they have to complete a petition for the extra credits.

Schwan reported on the governor's budget address, but added it will be up to the new governor for the upcoming budget. He said he expects Gov. Elect Noem to be more conservative than Daugaard. The budget proposal has a 2.3 percent increase in aid to education.

A request to use two school buses for caroling by the youth groups of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church was approved and the board waived the mileage charge. Last year, the group went to 20 households in addition to Rosewood Court and Groton Care and Rehab.

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## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings traveled to Seattle, Washington for Monday Night Football this week and lost, 21-7. The defense played phenomenally for most of the game and held Seattle to six points with under six minutes left in the fourth. With the score 0-6 in the fourth, Seattle blocked a 47-yard field goal attempt by Dan Bailey, leading to the Seahawks scoring 15 quick points and putting the game out of reach. The offense didn't score until 1 minute and 10 seconds left in the game, and a failed onside-kick was the nail in the coffin. The Vikings (6-6-1) still control their own destiny and can make the playoffs if they win their next three games.

This was Cousins' 7th career Monday Night Football appearance, a night he has never won. Kirk threw 33 passes, connecting on 61% of them for 208 and the late touchdown, but he also had a fumble and ultimately played one of the worst games of his career. The offensive line was a major problem once again, and by this time it's fair to assume the team is incapable of compensating for the glaring weakness on offense.

Adam Thielen tied Cris Carter for fastest Vikings wide receiver to top 100 catches in a season, but he and Diggs were nearly invisible until the team was in scramble mode at the end of the game. Dalvin Cook touched the ball 18 times on Monday for 83 yards, but he could've had a much better day with even average run blocking in front of him. Six of Cooks' 13 carries went for two or fewer yards because Seattle was hitting him at the line of scrimmage every play.

This game was an awakening of sorts for Anthony Barr, who finished with seven tackles, one sack, a quarterback hit and a tackle for a loss. Barr has played nine games this season, and this was his third back from injury. Seattle runs the ball more than any team in the league, so the Vikings' defensive line was imperative in this game. Linval Joseph led the team in tackles, Danielle Hunter was dominant once again, but the Seahawks still ran for 214 yards on 42 carries (5.1 yards per rush). The defense did a great job against Russell Wilson though, as he was held to 72 passing yards with no touchdowns and an interception when the Seahawks were at the one-yard line.

The player of the game on offense was Dalvin Cook. He not only had 83 total yards, but he also scored the Vikings' only touchdown. Mike Zimmer was adamant he wanted to get Cook the ball more coming into this game, and he got his wish. Unfortunately, the passing game couldn't compliment, and the Vikings offense was stuck in neutral for most of the game.

The player of the game on defense was Holton Hill. With Trae Waynes sitting this game out because of a concussion he received last week against New England, Hill was thrust into the starting lineup. Seattle took shots at him multiple times throughout the game, but Hill held his own and was even able to break up a couple passes. The undrafted rookie is developing into a solid cornerback.

Looking ahead, the Vikings return home and host the Miami Dolphins (7-6). The Vikings are heavy favorites in this game (ESPN gives them an 83% chance to win the game), but the Vikings are coming off a demoralizing loss and the Dolphins are coming off an improbable win against the Patriots. The Dolphins should have no business being in this game, which means the Vikings will allow them to keep it close. Hopefully the Vikings can right the ship and win these next three games to make the playoffs. Skol!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL)

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## Today in Weather History

December 11, 1965: Ice, up to 3 inches thick, with even more in some locations, accumulated from freezing rain on utility lines and trees in northern South Dakota, causing extensive damage. The damage was estimated at \$1 million each to telephone lines and power lines, with the highest losses in the northeast quarter of the state. The first accumulation of the glaze began as a thick rime due to dense fog and freezing temperatures before the 11th. Freezing rain, which started the afternoon of the 11th and continued into the 12th, formed a coating of ice over the heavy rime accumulation. The glaze remained for a week or more in most areas. In west central Minnesota, freezing drizzle and freezing rain at night on the 11th caused ice accumulations of 1/2 to 1 inch thick on roads, telephone, and electric wires, as well as tree limbs. Power and other services were disrupted over a broad area. Some services were out for up to four days.

December 11, 2004: High winds gusting to around 60 mph caused some spotty damage in northeast South Dakota. In Watertown, some trees were downed. One tree fell onto a house, causing some minor damage. In Milbank, two rail cars were blown down a railroad track and derailed.

December 11, 1905: The highest temperature ever recorded in South America was recorded at Rivadavia, Argentina with a temperature of 120 degrees.

December 11, 1992: A complex storm system moved eastward from the Gulf Coast of Texas to eastern Georgia on December 9 and 10th. In the next 24 hours, the low-pressure system moved to the Chesapeake Bay and rapidly intensified. This system produced gale force winds with gusts exceeding hurricane force affected not only the Mid-Atlantic coastline but also as far southwest as the southern Appalachians where trees were downed and roofs damaged. This storm also produced 20 to 30-foot waves in Massachusetts on December 12 and 13th. Precipitation amounts varied considerably. Rainfall amounts of 8 inches occurred in southeastern Massachusetts, while several areas in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Maryland recorded more than 30 inches of snow. Precipitation ended during the evening hours on the 12th. Ten deaths resulted from the storm with insured losses totaling near \$850 million and non-insured losses near \$2 billion.

1932 - Very cold weather prevailed along the West Coast. San Francisco received 0.8 inch of snow, and at the airport the temperature dipped to 20 degrees. At Sacramento CA, the mercury dipped to 17 degrees to establish an all-time record low for that location. Morning lows were below freezing from the 9th to the 15th at Sacramento, and the high on the 11th was just 34 degrees. The cold wave dealt severe damage to truck crops and orange groves in the Sacramento Valley. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Low pressure over southwestern Ontario, Canada, brought snow and gusty winds to the North Central U.S. Winds gusted to 62 mph at Riverton WY. Snow and high winds in eastern North Dakota reduced visibilities to less than one hundred feet at times. Warm weather prevailed across the Southern Plains Region. Half a dozen cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Del Rio TX with a reading of 89 degrees. Laredo TX and Kingsville TX tied for honors as hot spot in the nation with afternoon highs of 92 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Arctic cold invaded the central and eastern U.S. Sault Ste Marie MI reported a record low of 14 degrees below zero, and International Falls MN was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 25 degrees below zero. Temperatures remained below zero all day over parts of eastern Upper Michigan and northern New England. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Strong Santa Ana winds developed across southern California and parts of central California. Winds in Kern County of central California gusted to 100 mph near Grapevine. The high winds reduced visibilities to near zero in the desert areas, closing major interstate highways east of Ontario CA. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2008 - A rare snowstorm swept across parts of south Louisiana and Mississippi, blanketing the area with snow. Nearly 8 inches of snow fell over parts of Louisiana. These conditions caused schools and bridges to close and left thousands of residents without power (Associated Press). (NCDC)

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Today

Tonight

Wednesday

Wednesday  
Night

Thursday



Mostly Cloudy  
then Chance  
Snow

High: 33 °F



Snow Likely  
then Partly  
Cloudy

Low: 18 °F



Patchy Fog  
then Mostly  
Cloudy

High: 34 °F



Chance Snow

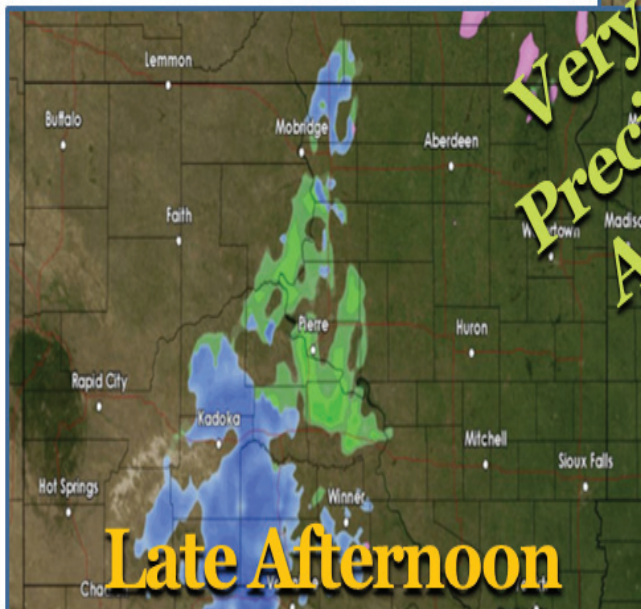
Low: 24 °F



Mostly Sunny

High: 36 °F

## Rain/Snow Chances Today/Tonight



**Very Light  
Precipitation  
Amounts!**

**Mid Evening**

- Generally Rain For Central South Dakota
- Rain Changing To Snow This Evening For Northeast South Dakota
- Maybe Some Late Night Fog/Freezing Drizzle On The Prairie Coteau



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 12/11/2018 5:24 AM Central

Published on: 12/11/2018 at 5:28AM

An area of low pressure moving through the region today and tonight will bring the potential for some light rain by this afternoon across central South Dakota before precipitation shifts over into northeast South Dakota and changes over to snow. Precipitation amounts will be light.



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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 38 °F at 3:03 PM

Low Outside Temp: 8 °F at 3:21 AM

High Gust: 18 mph at 11:18 AM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

Record High: 59° in 1939

Record Low: -22° in 1927

Average High: 26°F

Average Low: 7°F

Average Precip in Dec.: 0.18

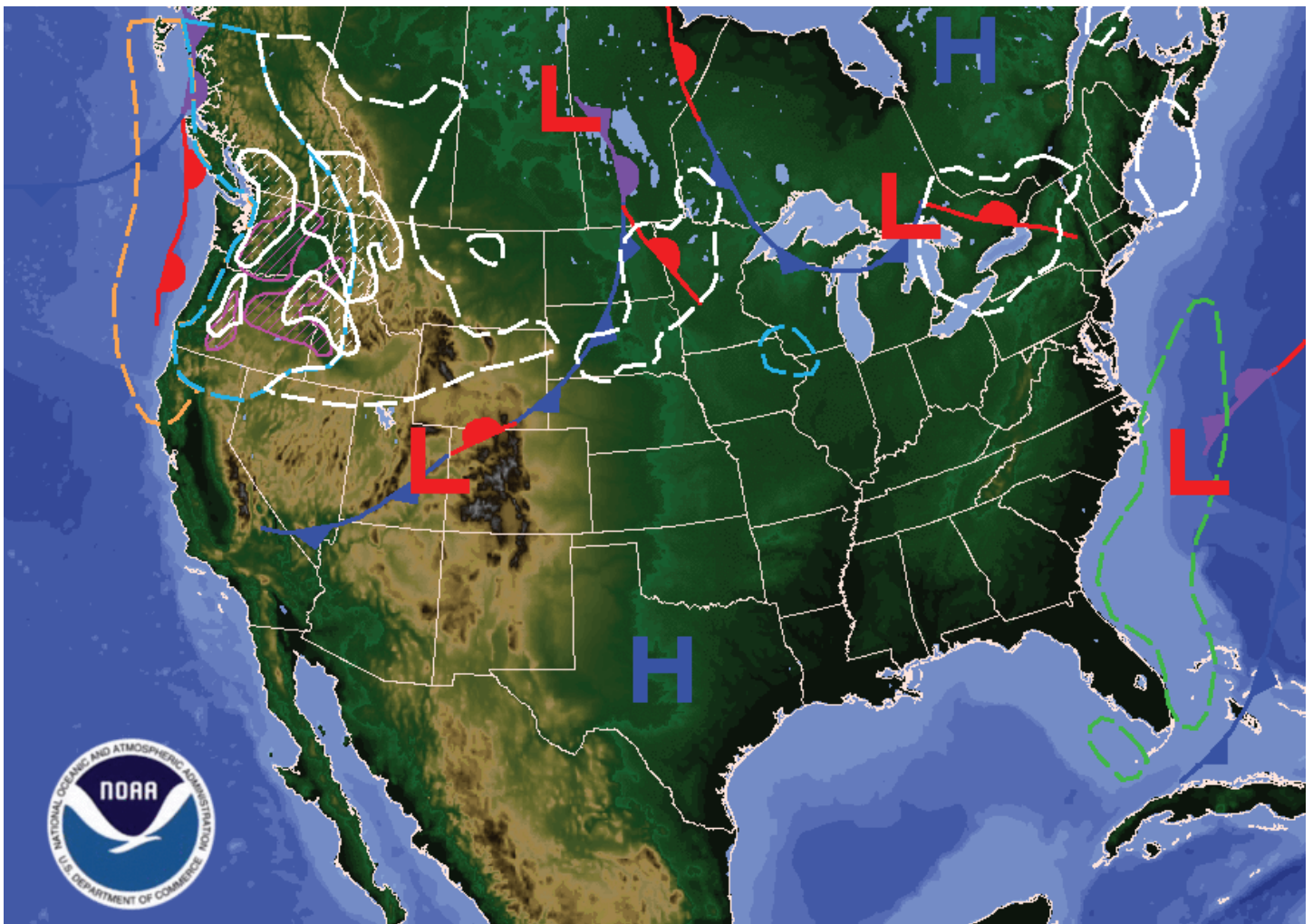
Precip to date in Dec.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 21.38

Precip Year to Date: 15.81

Sunset Tonight: 4:50 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:04 a.m.



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Tue, Dec 11, 2018, issued 4:46 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain

Rain and T'Storms

Rain and Snow

Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)

Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)

Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)

Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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## WHATS IN A NAME?

Initially He was named Jesus. Now we also call Him Christ.

Jesus was the name given to Him when He was born. It means the same as the Jewish name, Joshua, which literally means God is salvation! So, the message that God sent to Joseph through His angels was, You shall call Him God is salvation for He shall save His people from their sins. That name, Jesus, tells us all that we need to know because it reveals Gods plan and purpose: God will save humanity through His only begotten Son.

Christ is more than a name. It is a title. It comes from the Greek word Christos, meaning anointed or anointed one. Its meaning is the same as the Hebrew word Messiah. John quoted Andrew in a conversation that he had with his brother Peter. Said Andrew, We have found the Messiah (which translated means Christ). So the terms Messiah and Christ are titles given to Jesus that assure us that He is the anointed one. Jesus is the One whom God anointed to fulfill the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament.

The name Jesus proves that He was human, lived life on our level and faced the same issues and problems that we face. But the title Christ assures us that this One, once called Jesus, can lift us up to Gods level because He is the One whom God anointed to be our Savior.

Prayer: We thank You, Lord, for what You did for us through Your Son, our Savior. We rejoice in Your love, mercy and grace that brought our salvation thru Him. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 1:41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, We have found the Messiah (which is translated, the Christ).

## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- Nov./Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/7/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

## News from the Associated Press

### **Rapid City woman claims self-defense in fatal stabbing**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City woman accused of stabbing her nephew to death over the weekend says she acted in self-defense.

The Rapid City Journal reports court documents say 32-year-old Lorraine Swallow told police who responded to her home on Saturday that 28-year-old Tyrell Bull Bear had tried to fight with her.

Swallow made her initial court appearance on a second-degree murder charge Monday. Her bond was set at \$100,000 cash. She'll enter a plea later.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

### **Sioux Falls, police union can't reach deal on new contract**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The city of Sioux Falls says it has reached an impasse on a new labor contract with the union that represents police officers and sergeants.

The Argus Leader reports Mayor Paul TenHaken's administration intends to ask the City Council to impose its offer on the Fraternal Order of Police at a Dec. 18 meeting.

The city's offer includes cost-of-living adjustments of 2.5 percent for 2019 and 3 percent for 2020. That mirrors wage increases for members of the Sioux Falls Firefighters Association Union and American Federation of State and County Municipal Employees.

Police union vice president Jason Holbeck says the decision to declare impasse was made by City Hall. He says that even though union members rejected the city's offer by a vote of 209-10, they wanted to continue negotiating.

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

### **South Dakota man gets jail, probation in Nebraska ATV crash**

HARTINGTON, Neb. (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of drinking alcohol before the fatal Nebraska crash of an all-terrain vehicle has been sentenced to 180 days in jail and five years of probation.

Cedar County District Court records say 27-year-old Derrik Nelson was sentenced Monday. He'd pleaded no contest to vehicular homicide and false reporting. Prosecutors dropped manslaughter and other charges in exchange.

The records say Nelson was driving the ATV after drinking for several hours before the June 2017 crash near Fordyce that killed his passenger, Jessi Anderson, a South Dakota State University student.

Prosecutors also dropped an accessory charge filed against Nelson's father, J. Douglas Nelson. Prosecutors say he dismantled the ATV to hide evidence. He'd said he was merely repairing damage he'd noticed.

The two men live in Yankton, South Dakota.

## **Monday's Scores** By The Associated Press

### **BOYS PREP BASKETBALL**

Aberdeen Roncalli 53, Mobridge 35  
Elkton-Lake Benton 60, Castlewood 55  
Estelline/Hendricks 55, Centerville 31  
Florence/Henry 70, Waverly-South Shore 66  
Hot Springs 63, Chadron, Neb. 34

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Kadoka Area 76, Takini 43  
Viborg-Hurley 68, Scotland 18  
Wilmot 51, Waubay/Summit 49

## GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL

Castlewood 70, Elkton-Lake Benton 22  
Chadron, Neb. 42, Hot Springs 8  
DeSmet 48, Wolsey-Wessington 19  
Edmunds Central 55, Aberdeen Christian 33  
Estelline/Hendricks 62, Centerville 22  
Great Plains Lutheran 53, Tri-State, N.D. 50  
McIntosh 59, Tiospaye Topa 44  
Parkston 53, Hanson 37

\_\_\_ Some high school basketball scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

## Girl's Basketball Polls

By The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school girl's preseason poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and last week's ranking.

### Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. O'Gorman	(10)	1-0	78	1
2. Brandon Valley	(6)	2-0	70	2
3. Sioux Falls Lincoln	(1)	1-0	44	3
4. Harrisburg	-	1-0	37	4
5. Washington	-	1-0	12	RV

Others receiving votes: Rapid City Stevens 9, Brookings 4, Rapid City Central 1.

### Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. St. Thomas More	(15)	0-0	80	1
2. Lennox	(2)	1-0	60	2
3. Winner	-	1-0	47	3
4. Sioux Falls Christian	-	0-1	17	4
5. Miller	-	1-0	15	5

Others receiving votes: Aberdeen Roncalli 10, Garretson 5, Vermillion 4, Dell Rapids 4, McCook Central/Montrose 4, Elk Point-Jefferson 3, Hamlin 3, Todd County 2, Groton Area 1.

### Class B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Ethan	(9)	1-0	75	1
2. Warner	(5)	1-0	70	2
3. Castlewood	(3)	0-0	52	3
4. Avon	-	0-0	26	5
5. De Smet	-	1-0	10	RV

Others receiving votes: White River 6, Corsica-Stickney 5, Faith 3, Clark-Willow Lake 3, New Underwood 1, Irene-Wakonda 1, Menno 1, Sully Buttes 1, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 1.

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## Boy's Basketball Polls By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school boy's preseason poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and last week's ranking.

### Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Yankton (17)	2-0	85	1	
2. Rapid City Stevens	-	-	1-1	42 4
3. Roosevelt	-	1-0	33	RV
4. O'Gorman	-	0-1	27	2
5. Lincoln	- 1-0	26	5	

Others receiving votes: Brandon Valley 22, Sioux Falls Washington 15, Harrisburg 5.

### Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Tea Area (17)	1-0	85	1	
2. SF Christian	-	2-0	68	2
3. Pine Ridge	-	0-0	36	3
4. Red Cloud	-	1-0	32	4
5. St. Thomas More	-	-	1-0	22 5

Others receiving votes: Parker 6, Sioux Valley 2, Todd County 2, Flandreau 1, Madison 1.

### Class B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Bridgewater-Emery		(14)	0-0	78 1
2. Clark-Willow Lake		(2)	1-0	61 2
3. White River	-	1-0	51	3
4. Sully Buttes	(1)	0-0	32	4
5. Timber Lake	-	1-0	24	5

Others receiving votes: Aberdeen Christian 3, Colome 1, De Smet 1, Irene-Wakonda 1, Kimball-White Lake 1, Dell Rapids St. Mary 1, Herreid-Selby Area 1.

## Nevada's Caroline MWC player of week for 2nd week in row

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada's Jordan Caroline has been named the Mountain West Conference Player of the Week for the second week in a row after averaging 19 points and 12 rebounds per game in a pair of victories over No. 20 Arizona State and Grand Canyon.

The senior forward had 16 points and 10 rebounds in the 72-66 win at Staples Center in Los Angeles Friday against the Sun Devils.

He notched his seventh double-double of the season Sunday during the 74-66 victory over Grand Canyon at the Jerry Colangelo Classic in Phoenix.

For the week, Caroline shot 44 percent from the field, 33 percent from 3-point range and 82 percent at the free-throw line.

He moved into 13th place on Nevada's all-time scoring list with 1,366 points.

No. 7 Nevada (10-0) hosts South Dakota State (8-3) Saturday at 6 p.m.

## Tribes seek to challenge Corps' Dakota Access pipeline study

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Four Native American tribes that are fighting the Dakota Access oil pipeline in court are seeking to challenge the recent conclusion of federal officials that a spill would not greatly impact tribal populations.

The Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, Yankton and Oglala Sioux tribes have all sought permission from U.S. District Judge James Boasberg to contest recent findings that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided the judge.

Boasberg is working with the North Dakota and South Dakota tribes, along with the Corps and Texas-based pipeline developer Energy Transfer Partners, to determine the best way to proceed. A status conference is scheduled Wednesday in his courtroom in Washington.

Here's a look at where the lengthy legal battle stands.

### WHAT'S NEW?

The 140-page report from the Corps details more than a year of what the agency says is "additional analysis" of the \$3.8 billion pipeline, which began moving North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois in June 2017.

But even the nature of the work is in dispute. The tribes contend the Corps has simply rubber-stamped earlier conclusions that were blessed by pro-energy President Donald Trump days after he took office. The tribes call the work a sham and argue that the Corps either didn't allow them adequate input or give enough weight to the information they provided. The Corps has said the tribes have been difficult to work with.

Boasberg in June 2017 ruled that the Corps largely complied with environmental law when permitting the pipeline but needed to do more study of its impact on tribal rights. The agency completed the work in August but didn't release the full report until October, after it had been vetted by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration for sensitive information.

### WHAT'S IN THE REPORT?

The report includes a lot of technical, scientific information the Corps says backs up its earlier determination that the chances of an oil spill are low and that any effects on tribal rights including hunting and fishing would be limited.

One section deals with the concept of environmental justice and whether the project poses a higher risk of adverse impacts to minority and poor people.

The pipeline skirts the northern edge of the Standing Rock Reservation and crosses beneath the Lake Oahe reservoir on the Missouri River, which provides water for the suing tribes. Boasberg in June 2017 criticized the Corps for focusing its study more on the mostly white demographics near the crossing, and the tribe accused the Corps of gerrymandering because its study area didn't include the reservation.

The Corps report says extending the area of its analysis to include more minority populations doesn't change its conclusion, given what it says is a low risk of a catastrophic spill.

"The mere presence of large minority or low-income populations in the affected area does not alone determine the presence of disproportionately high and adverse environmental impacts," the report says.

The report acknowledges that a spill could hurt water quality for spiritual ceremonies, medicinal and ceremonial plants, and other tribal uses, but it says any such effects would be temporary.

The Corps also studied water intakes on the Standing Rock and neighboring Cheyenne River reservations downstream from the river crossing, as well as intakes near a potential crossing much farther north of the reservations, in the Bismarck area. That site was studied and ultimately scrapped.

"The analysis finds that the Lake Oahe crossing area contains fewer potentially affected minority individuals than does the North Bismarck Alternative crossing, and that water intakes (and the minority and low-income populations that rely on them) would be at greater risk with the North Bismarck alternative," the report states.

### WHAT DO THE TRIBES WANT?

The four tribes want a full environmental study that includes consideration of route alternatives. The

Corps had planned to do a more extensive study before Trump took office in January 2017 and pushed through the stalled project.

"Regrettably but not surprisingly, the Corps ignored this court's admonition to approach the (additional study) with an open mind," Standing Rock attorney Jan Hasselman said in a recent court filing.

The tribes maintain that Energy Transfer Partners underestimates the potential of a spill. The tribes also argued that spill estimates are outdated because the company is now thinking about expanding the pipeline's capacity.

Grow America's Infrastructure Now — a pro-pipeline coalition of businesses, trade associations and labor groups — said tribal opposition to the Corps study "is proof positive that those opposing the Dakota Access pipeline are unwilling to accept the reality that this project was lawfully permitted and constructed."

"After almost four years, it is clear that DAPL is the most studied, reviewed and litigated pipeline in the history of the United States," GAIN Coalition spokesman Craig Stevens said.

#### WHAT NOW?

The four tribes, the Corps and Energy Transfer Partners filed a joint report with the court on Thursday about how they think the case should proceed. But there's no consensus, so Boasberg will need to sort things out during the hearing Wednesday in Washington.

One thing seems clear, based on the proposals of both sides: The case that was first filed in the summer of 2016 will linger into the summer of 2019.

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## UK's May lobbies EU leaders in fight to save Brexit deal

By MIKE CORDER and LORNE COOK, Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Top European Union officials on Tuesday ruled out any renegotiation of the divorce agreement with Britain, as Prime Minister Theresa May fought to save her Brexit deal by lobbying leaders in Europe's capitals.

May began her quest over breakfast with Dutch counterpart Mark Rutte, a day after she abandoned a vote in the U.K. Parliament to secure support for the agreement thrashed out with the EU over more than a year. She acknowledged that the deal would be rejected in London "by a significant margin."

Rutte betrayed little of their conversation, tweeting only that they had "a useful dialogue which saw us discuss the latest Brexit developments."

But European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker warned that the agreement— almost 600 pages long, highly technical and legally binding — cannot be re-opened for negotiation at a summit of EU leaders on Thursday. He did say, however, that elements of the deal could still be clarified.

"There is no room whatsoever for renegotiation," Juncker told EU lawmakers in Strasbourg, France, as he briefed them on the summit.

Juncker, who is set to meet May on Tuesday evening, reiterated that "the deal we have achieved is the best deal possible. It is the only deal possible."

But he added that "if used intelligently, (there) is room enough to give further clarification and further interpretations without opening the withdrawal agreement."

EU leaders have often supplemented agreements with political declarations that clarify their interpretation of elements of an accord or provide assurances about how parts of any deal might work.

In Brussels, Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen also said that EU countries might be willing to clarify parts of the deal.

"It is always a political option to clarify if that is needed, what is meant, what kind of underlining is needed," Samuelsen told reporters.

One of the main sticking points since the Brexit talks began has been how to keep goods flowing between Northern Ireland in the U.K. and EU member country Ireland. May is sure to seek flexibility on this from her European partners.



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But Juncker said that the so-called "backstop" — an insurance arrangement to ensure that no hard border appears after Brexit on March 29 — must remain, even though it was never meant to be used.

"We have a common determination to do everything to be not in the situation one day to use that backstop, but we have to prepare," he said, and underlined that "Ireland will never be left alone."

The European Parliament's Brexit point man, Guy Verhofstadt, noted that with the canceled vote in London "we have spiraled again into a new mess," and he supported Juncker's message.

"Whatever the request may be we will never let down our Irish friends. It is out of the question to renegotiate the backstop," Verhofstadt said.

But Martin Callanan, Britain's Minister of State at the Department for Exiting the EU, insisted that "the U.K. cannot be trapped permanently in the backstop."

"It is very important that these have to be additional legally binding reassurances," he told reporters in Brussels, adding that what lies ahead is "a difficult and complex negotiation."

If the Brexit agreement is accepted by the U.K. Parliament, it must still be endorsed by the European Parliament before March 29.

May arrived in Berlin Tuesday for talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, before flying to Brussels for meetings with Juncker and EU Council President Donald Tusk, who will chair Thursday's summit. Tusk has also ruled out renegotiating the deal.

A senior German official said May would not get any pledge of new negotiations while in Berlin. And he stressed that the chief negotiators were in Brussels, not the German capital.

Asked as he arrived at a meeting in Brussels what May can expect from Merkel, Deputy Foreign Minister Michael Roth replied: "I hope they will wish each other Merry Christmas, strength and all the best for the new year. It's good to speak to each other, but there will certainly be no promises of any kind that we will reopen matters now and renegotiate."

Cook reported from Brussels. Geir Moulson in Berlin contributed.

## Normalcy restored in Egyptian Sinai city, but danger lurks

By HAMZA HENDAWI, Associated Press

EL ARISH, Egypt (AP) — Mohammed Amer Shaaban stood over trays of fresh fish at his tiny store in the coastal Sinai Peninsula city of el-Arish, pointing to his right and left while recalling the tough days when Islamic State militants operated with impunity.

"They killed a Christian who owns a knife shop there and an informant over there. They also killed one of my cousins," he said.

"We have enjoyed some stability and peace for the past six or seven months," added the 48-year-old father of five as some two dozen journalists descended on el-Arish's fish market as part of a rare, army-organized trip.

The trip was chiefly designed to show off signs of normalcy in el-Arish, northern Sinai's largest city, as evidence that the military's all-out offensive against militants launched nearly 10 months ago has succeeded.

But in the city and the surrounding deserts, the signs of war are difficult to miss, particularly the enormous security presence. The Associated Press was required to submit the photos and video accompanying this story to Egypt's military censor, which did not say two weeks after submission if or when the material would be released.

The carefully scripted trip included visits to an indoor arena packed with thousands of screaming schoolchildren, a new housing project, a school and a factory. No one is claiming the militants have been defeated, but there have been no major attacks for several months, save a recent ambush of buses carrying Christian pilgrims to a remote desert monastery south of Cairo that left seven dead.

The fight against militants in Sinai has gone on for years, but the insurgency gathered steam after the 2013 ouster by the military of a freely elected but divisive president, the Islamist Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood. Authorities have since shut down almost all underground tunnels that they suspected

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militants used to smuggle fighters and weapons into Sinai from neighboring Gaza, ruled by the Islamist Hamas group since 2007.

They also razed to the ground much of the town of Rafah on the Gaza border in a bid to deny the militants a safe haven and stop its use as cover for tunnels. Elsewhere in northern Sinai, olive orchards have been bulldozed to deny the militants sanctuary.

A brutal militant attack on a Sinai mosque that killed more than 300 worshippers a year ago — the deadliest such attack in Egypt in living memory — prompted general-turned-president Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi to order a major offensive.

The operation, with thousands of troops backed by tanks, jet-fighters and warships, got underway in February. Security forces almost completely sealed off northern Sinai, causing shortages of food and fuel. The siege was eased in May, allowing normalcy to gradually return to the mostly desert region, especially in el-Arish.

Barely a year ago, militants in el-Arish killed suspected informants in broad daylight, set up bogus checkpoints, shot Christians in their stores, snatched clerics and members of the security forces to later dump their bodies on the streets. Now traffic is heavy, families are out in public, stores are filled with goods, and school classes are packed with children.

The military is eager to tout the changes.

“Terrorism will be completely defeated in a matter of a few months,” announced Mohammed Abdel-Fadeel Shoushah, a retired general who serves as the governor of northern Sinai. “Now we are focusing on development, which is the basis of security.”

For now, though, el-Arish shows enduring signs of conflict.

A Pharaonic-style building across the road from the governor’s heavily guarded office has almost every one of its windows shattered. Some streets are blocked by sand berms, while others are sealed off by concrete blocks. Unfinished buildings are everywhere in the city, parts of which look deserted. Many of the date palms in the city look like they have received little care for years.

Authorities are building a wall around the city’s airport after militants last December rocketed a helicopter used by the then defense and interior ministers while parked on the tarmac. The ministers were unharmed, but one officer was killed in the attack.

Another wall with heavily fortified watch towers is being built on the southern reaches of the city to prevent militants from infiltrating through dense olive orchards.

The pervasive security, and the great lengths to which the military went to protect the journalists, suggest danger may not be far away. The reporters traveled in armored cars with gunners in full combat gear perched atop, and a signal-jamming vehicle tagged along as a precaution against roadside bombs. The top officials in the convoy were protected by heavily armed policemen in black fatigues and ski masks.

In late October, militants twice attacked workers employed by the company building the wall just south of el-Arish, killing at least six and wounding 16. Earlier in November, security forces killed 12 militants hiding in unused buildings in el-Arish.

“Stay put in the vehicle and don’t come out and wander around,” an armed plainclothes police officer sternly warned reporters during one stop. “It is not as safe as you might think,” he said, pointing to the expanse of desert on one side of the road.

The magnitude of the counterterrorism task becomes apparent during the nearly 200-kilometer (125-mile) journey through the desert from the east bank of the Suez Canal to el-Arish.

All along the road are military positions. At some, tanks are buried in the sand for protection with only their turrets showing. Soldiers on watch towers in the middle of nowhere cut forlorn figures against a backdrop of desert. The checkpoints create long lines of vehicles. Helicopters occasionally hover above.

El-Arish resident Hassan Mahdi, a lawyer who came to Sinai from a Nile Delta province as a young boy nearly 30 years ago, said the restored security is a welcome change.

“To be honest, life was very, very difficult here,” he said. “Businesses were relocating out of Sinai in search of security and many things were in short supply. Not anymore.”

## Moonves scandal looms over CBS shareholder meeting

By MAE ANDERSON and ALEXANDRA OLSON, AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — With a \$120 million severance package on the line, an investigation into sexual-misconduct claims against former CBS CEO Les Moonves will loom over the network's annual shareholders meeting on Tuesday.

But CBS officials are unlikely to say more beyond seeking to reassure shareholders that the board is "on top of that, don't worry, when we have sufficient information we will disclose this," said Porter Bibb, a former media executive now with the advisory firm Mediatech Capital Partners. He said the scandal is likely to be mentioned "only peripherally."

Shareholder meetings are typically limited to normal annual meeting duties, Bibb said. Among other things, shareholders will vote on 11 board members, six of whom came aboard in a reshuffling after the scandal broke.

The bigger task will come behind the scenes in the weeks to come. The newly revamped board has until the end of January to decide whether Moonves receives his payout. It will also have to chart a path for CBS to recover from the scandal.

Moonves was ousted in September after The New Yorker published allegations from 12 women who said he subjected them to mistreatment that included forced oral sex, groping and retaliation if they resisted. The network launched an investigation with two outside law firms that is due to be complete by Jan. 31.

The New York Times said a draft report on that investigation found Moonves committed "multiple acts of serious nonconsensual sexual misconduct." Citing the report, the Times said he deleted numerous text messages and was "evasive and untruthful at times." The investigators issued a statement saying their work was still in progress, and a lawyer for Moonves denied any wrongdoing.

Moonves had been one of the most admired powerbrokers in the entertainment industry. He was hailed for turning around the fortunes of CBS when he took over as entertainment chief in 1995, as he churned out such hits as "Two and a Half Men" and "Survivor." He was also one of the highest-paid executives in the nation, making about \$70 million in each of the past two years.

The official agenda for Tuesday's meeting had glowing praise for Moonves' 2017 performance, his last full year as CEO. The board lauded Moonves for positioning CBS "for the digital future," growing its direct-to-consumer streaming business and lessening its dependence on traditional advertising.

It also described a management style that seems awkwardly at odds with the emerging allegations of his attempted interference in the sexual-misconduct investigation. The agenda document lauded Moonves for his successes in "management development and human resources," including developing "diversity and inclusion programs."

Dan Eaton, an expert on severance issues and a professor at San Diego State University, said that given the reported findings of the investigation, there's pressure on the board to deny Moonves his \$120 million severance. Any other outcome would likely provoke a backlash, he said. Under the terms of his employment contract, Moonves is entitled to the payout only if the investigation finds he was terminated without cause.

Though Moonves could challenge a denial in arbitration, "does he really want to prolong these steamy allegations in the public mind?" Eaton said. "The longer this drags on, the greater a percentage of his obituary will be devoted to this, and not to his impressive professional accomplishments."

The Moonves scandal aside, the board will have a longer-term challenge determining the company's future. Expected to be at the meeting is Shari Redstone, who controls both CBS and Viacom with his father, Sumner Redstone, through holding firm National Amusements.

Shari Redstone has long advocated for a combination of CBS and Viacom. CBS opposes that because it is financially stronger than Viacom. As part of the agreement that led to Moonves' ouster and the board reshuffling, she agreed not to push for a combination for two years. That doesn't mean a surrogate couldn't take her place, however. So the board will have to decide if this is the best move for CBS.

## Trump to meet with Democrats about border wall, shutdown

By **MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and Democratic congressional leaders are seeking to avert a partial government shutdown amid a sharp dispute over Trump's border wall and a lengthy to-do list that includes a major farm bill and a formal rebuke of Saudi Arabia for the slaying of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Trump is set to confer Tuesday at the White House with House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer ahead of a Dec. 21 deadline to shut down a range of government agencies.

"Republicans still control the House, the Senate and the White House, and they have the power to keep government open," Pelosi and Schumer said in a joint statement Monday.

"Our country cannot afford a Trump Shutdown," the Democrats said, adding that Trump "knows full well that his wall proposal does not have the votes to pass the House and Senate and should not be an obstacle to a bipartisan agreement."

Republican congressional leaders have repeatedly said it's up to Trump to cut a deal with Democrats, an acknowledgment of their own inability to produce spending bills with Republican votes alone.

That gives Democrats some momentum heading into the closed-door talks, which also could veer into Trump's request for emergency funding for deadly wildfires in California and a Republican-sponsored bill to extend expiring tax breaks and delay some health care taxes.

Before lawmakers adjourn for the year they also may consider a bipartisan criminal justice reform bill, a bill to protect special counsel Robert Mueller and a plan to overhaul the system for handling sexual harassment complaints on Capitol Hill.

By far the biggest unresolved issue is the border wall. Trump wants the next funding package to include at least \$5 billion for it, an idea Democrats have flatly rejected.

Pelosi and Schumer have urged Trump to support a bill that includes a half-dozen government funding bills largely agreed upon by lawmakers, along with a separate measure that funds the Department of Homeland Security at current levels through Sept. 30. The homeland bill includes about \$1.3 billion for fencing and other security measures at the border.

If Trump does not agree to that, Democrats will likely urge a continuing resolution that funds all the remaining appropriations bills at current levels through Sept. 30, an aide said. The aide was not authorized to discuss strategy by name and requested anonymity.

Trump said Friday that Congress should provide all the money he wants for the wall and called illegal immigration a "threat to the well-being of every American community."

At an appearance in Kansas City, Missouri, Trump accused Democrats of playing a political game and said it was one he ultimately would win.

"I actually think the politics of what they're doing is very bad for them," Trump said of Democrats. "We're going to very soon find out. Maybe I'm not right. But usually I'm right."

Pelosi, who is seeking to become House speaker in January, said she and many other Democrats consider the wall "immoral, ineffective and expensive" and noted that Trump promised during the 2016 campaign that Mexico would pay for the wall, an idea Mexico has repeatedly rejected.

Protecting borders "is a responsibility we honor, but we do so by honoring our values as well," Pelosi said last week.

Schumer said Democrats want to work with Trump to avert a shutdown, but said money for border security should not include the concrete wall Trump has envisioned. Instead, the money should be used for fencing and technology that experts say is appropriate, Schumer said.

"We do not want to let a Trump temper tantrum govern our policies or cause the shutdown of a government, which everyone on both sides of the aisle knows is the wrong idea," Schumer said. If Trump "wants to shut down the government over Christmas over the wall, that's his decision," he said.

Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee, said Trump

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was all that stands between fully funding the government and a shutdown.

"Time and again, President Trump has used the government of the American people as a bargaining chip for his fabricated solution to his manufactured crisis," Leahy said Monday in a Senate speech.

Trump "wants to score a made-for-reality-TV moment and he doesn't care how many hardworking Americans will suffer for it," Leahy said. "This is not about border security. This is about politics, pure and simple."

But House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., said Democrats were the ones playing politics.

Trump "wants to secure the border. He got elected president on that platform," Scalise told Fox News Channel.

If there's a better way to secure the border than the \$5 billion plan Trump has laid out, Democrats "need to come with an alternative," Scalise said Monday. "They can't come and say they want to shut the government down for no reason because they don't want border security. They'll lose that argument with the American people."

Senate Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said Monday he does not believe Trump or Democrats want to shut the government down.

"When I was with him the indication was he didn't want to shut the government down, but he did want his wall," Shelby said.

AP Congressional Correspondent Lisa Mascaro contributed to this report.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

### 1. WHERE TRUMP, TOP DEMOCRATS DIFFER AHEAD OF MEETING

The president wants a funding package for the next fiscal year to include billions for his proposed border wall with Mexico, an idea Democrats, fresh from capturing the House, have flatly rejected.

### 2. 'NO ROOM FOR RENEGOTIATION'

Top EU officials rule out any significant changes to the divorce agreement with Britain as Theresa May fights to save her Brexit deal by lobbying leaders in Europe's capitals.

### 3. HUAWEI EXEC STILL IN LIMBO

A Chinese technology executive jailed in Canada will have to wait at least one more day to see if she will be released on bail in a case that ratcheted U.S.-China tensions.

### 4. WHAT HAS GOP CONCERNED

Trump's legal troubles unnerve Republicans who believe the turmoil leaves the president increasingly vulnerable in 2020.

### 5. HEFTY BILL FOR FRENCH CONCESSIONS

Tax relief and other fiscal measures announced by Emmanuel Macron to try to calm nationwide protests will cost as much as \$11 billion.

### 6. BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY COMES TO RENT-A-CAR INDUSTRY

Hertz is teaming up with Clear, the maker of biometric screening kiosks found at many airports, in an effort to slash the time it takes to pick up a rental car.

### 7. MOONVES' FATE LOOMS AT CBS BOARD MEETING

A newly revamped board has until the end of January to decide whether the embattled former network boss receives a \$120 million severance package.

### 8. CENTURY-OLD BELL DISPUTE ENDS

Three church bells seized by U.S. troops as war trophies in 1901 are returned to the Philippines in a move long demanded by Filipino leaders.

### 9. WHEN 'TRUTH ISN'T TRUTH'

Rudy Giuliani's assertion as it relates to Trump and Robert Mueller's investigation tops Yale's list of the most notable quotes of 2018.

10. 'IT'S CHRISTMAS. KEEP IT REAL!'

A social media ad campaign by Christmas tree farmers fights back against the growing popularity of artificial trees.

## US returns 3 disputed bells taken from Philippines in 1901

By JIM GOMEZ, Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — For over a century, the Bells of Balangiga have not rung in the Philippines, a silence that the president last year called “painful.” Now, the revered bells will once again be heard in the country.

Hundreds of Filipino villagers in 1901, armed with bolos and disguised as women, used one of Balangiga town’s church bells to signal the start of a massive attack that wrought one of the bloodiest single-battle losses of American occupation forces in the Philippines. The U.S. Army brutally retaliated, reportedly killing thousands of villagers, as the Philippine-American War raged.

After the violence, the Americans took three church bells as spoils of war that Filipinos would demand for decades to be handed back.

On Tuesday, a giant U.S. Air Force cargo aircraft brought the Bells of Balangiga back to the Philippine capital in a poignant ceremony that saw U.S. defense officials and the American ambassador to Manila return the war relics 117 years after they were seized. A military brass band played the Philippine national anthem, followed by “The Star Spangled Banner.”

The treaty allies then swept aside a dark episode in their long relationship with joint photographs and handshakes.

“It is my great honor to be here at this closing of a painful chapter in our history,” U.S. Ambassador Sung Kim said. “Our relationship has withstood the tests of history and flourishes today.”

U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis has said the handover is an important gesture of friendship and is in America’s national security interest. Some U.S. veterans and officials had opposed the return of the bells, calling them memorials to American war dead.

At Tuesday’s handover ceremony at a Philippine air force base, the bronze bells stood atop a red platform like silent symbols of a bygone era of hostilities, as American and Philippine flags flapped in the wind. Officials from both sides called for a minute of silence for the war dead.

The bells are revered by Filipinos as symbols of national pride, and their arrival on a U.S. C-130 plane and the ceremony were shown live on national TV. Two of the bells had been displayed for decades at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and the third was with the U.S. Army in South Korea.

After being colonized by Spain for more than three centuries, the Philippines became a U.S. possession in 1898 in a new colonial era that began with the outbreak of the Philippine-American War.

American occupation troops seized the bells from a Catholic church following an attack by machete-wielding Filipino villagers, who killed 48 U.S. soldiers in Balangiga, on central Samar island off Leyte Gulf, according to Filipino historian Rolando Borrinaga.

The Americans retaliated, with a general, Jacob Smith, ordering troops to shoot villagers older than 10 and turn the island into a “howling wilderness,” Borrinaga said. Thousands of villagers were reported to have been killed.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who has had an antagonistic attitude toward the U.S. and has revitalized ties with China and Russia, asked Washington in his state of the nation address last year to “return them to us, this is painful for us.”

“Give us back those Balangiga bells. ... They are part of our national heritage,” Duterte said in the speech, attended by the U.S. ambassador and other diplomats.

Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said at Tuesday’s ceremony that with the resolution of the issue, “It’s time for healing, it is time for closure, it is time to look ahead as two nations should with a shared history as allies.”

Duterte has referred to violence by Americans in Balangiga and on southern Jolo island in the early

1900s in public criticism of the U.S. government after it raised concerns about his brutal crackdown on illegal drugs in which thousands have died.

A breakthrough on the bells issue came with an amendment to a U.S. law banning the return of war relics and memorials to foreign countries. That allowed the homecoming of the Balangiga bells, said Lorenzana, who saw the bells last year in Wyoming, where he was notified by Mattis of the U.S. decision.

Philippine officials led by Duterte are to turn over the bells on Saturday to officials and the church in Balangiga, a small coastal town where villagers, some in tears, applauded while watching troops on TV screens pry open the wooden crates containing the bells.

"The Bells of Balangiga will once again peal, it will still remind the people of Balangiga of what happened in the town square more than a century ago," Lorenzana said. "But we would also look at that history with more understanding and acceptance."

Associated Press journalists Bullit Marquez and Cecilia Forbes contributed to this report.

## Finding a White House chief of staff turns into a scramble

By ZEKE MILLER, JILL COLVIN and JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wanted: Top aide to most powerful leader in world. Chief qualification: Willing to take the job. Must also be prepared to tolerate regular undermining by boss and risk of steep legal bills. Post-employment prospects: Uncertain.

President Donald Trump is scrambling to find a new chief of staff after his first choice to replace John Kelly bailed at the last minute and several other potential successors signaled they weren't interested in the job.

Back to square one, Trump is mulling over a list of at least four potential candidates after Nick Ayers, Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff, took himself out of the running Sunday and decided that he would instead be leaving the White House. The announcement surprised even senior staffers who believed that Ayers' ascension was a done deal.

Trump is now soliciting input on a list of candidates that is said to include Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., the chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, and former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. And allies are pitching Trump on even more contenders.

But as quickly as names were being floated, candidates appeared to be pulling themselves from consideration, underscoring the challenges of working for a mercurial president who has acknowledged that he likes to surround himself with chaos and despises any suggestion he's being managed.

"In the best of times, it is relentless," said Chris Whipple, an expert on chiefs of staff and author of "The Gatekeepers," a book on the subject. "It's 24/7. It's thankless. You get all of the blame and none of the credit for everything that happens. And that's in the best of times. We are not in the best of times."

Trump's administration has set records for staff turnover, and the president has often struggled to attract experienced political professionals, a challenge that has grown more difficult with the upcoming threat of costly Democratic oversight investigations and an uncertain political environment.

Those who take high-level positions in the White House at this time open themselves up to potential legal exposure and pricey lawyer bills, said David B. Cohen, a political science professor at The University of Akron who co-wrote a book on chiefs of staff.

Meadows said Monday he had not discussed the role with the president, but one congressional Republican said Meadows has told others he wants the job.

"It's not been anything that I've been out advocating for," Meadows told Fox News, but he added that "my life changed" after Ayers decided to pull out of the job.

Meanwhile, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, a potential contender, said he was "entirely focused" on his current position. A person familiar with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's thinking but not authorized to speak publicly made clear he, too, is happy in his current post.

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While some of the reactions may be strategic posturing, there is also ample reason for any aspiring chief of staff to give pause to the notion of taking the job.

Trump has already burned through two chiefs of staff — a former chairman of the Republican National Committee and a retired Marine four-star general — subjecting them to regular humiliation and ridicule.

Former RNC Chairman Reince Priebus's departure from the White House was unceremoniously announced by tweet. Nearly 18 months later, Trump stepped on an orderly succession plan for Kelly, making a surprise Saturday announcement on the White House lawn that the retired general would be leaving by year's end.

Ayers' ascension and Kelly's departure looked like a done deal Friday night, according to multiple people in and close to the administration, with an announcement planned for Monday. Trump and Ayers had discussed the job for months, and the president had already been steering inquiries to the Pence staffer rather than Kelly. These people, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive personnel matters.

But Trump jumped the gun Saturday, and Ayers re-evaluated his decision. While a White House official said Ayers' decision was driven by a desire to return to Georgia to be closer to his family, people familiar with his thinking said he was also worried about scrutiny of his former political consulting business. He and Trump also could not reach agreement on Ayers' length of service. Ayers wanted to serve on an interim basis; Trump wanted a two-year commitment.

Trump was stung by Ayers' decision to back out, according to people close to him. The embarrassment comes at a pivotal time for Trump, as he prepares for re-election while facing an expected onslaught of investigations from Democrats who will take control of the House and amid the ongoing Russia probe.

When Trump appoints a replacement for Kelly, he will set a record for most chiefs of staff within the first 24 months of an administration, according to an analysis by Kathryn Dunn Tenpas of the Brookings Institution.

Yet Trump once mocked his predecessor for chief of staff turnover.

"3 Chief of Staffs in less than 3 years of being President: Part of the reason why @BarackObama can't manage to pass his agenda," Trump wrote in a 2012 tweet.

Trump had said Saturday that he would be announcing Kelly's replacement in the next day or two. But with Ayers no longer waiting in the wings, there is fear that Trump may not have someone in place in time for Kelly's departure or that he will pick the first person who comes to mind as he tries to counter perceptions that no one wants the position.

Two Republicans close to the White House said Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and his daughter Ivanka Trump, who were among Ayers' top backers, were still trying to have an outsized hand in the restarted process, telling the president that the two of them, as family, would be the only ones Trump could count on to stay the course in the coming months. The Republicans spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Trump has also told confidants that he is eager to bring on someone he gets along with as his third chief of staff. While he still had a measure of respect for Kelly, the men's personal relationship had long been frosty. This time, Trump has told allies, he wants someone he can chat with — trading gossip and complaining about media coverage — as well as someone more attuned politically.

Meanwhile, the list of names floated for the job continued to grow, including mentions by people close to the administration of former Trump deputy campaign manager David Bossie, acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker — even White House communications director Bill Shine and press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders. Many of them weren't being taken seriously, but the breadth of the list highlighted the uncertainty in Trump's political orbit over the job hunt.

Trump has also told people around him that he misses the more freewheeling feel of the Oval Office under Priebus and would not let his new chief of staff set the kinds of limits he allowed Kelly to impose.

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## China, US discuss plans for trade talks

By **JOE McDONALD, AP Business Writer**

BEIJING (AP) — China's economy czar and U.S. trade envoys discussed plans for talks on a tariff battle, the government said Tuesday, indicating negotiations are going ahead despite tension over the arrest of a Chinese tech executive.

Vice Premier Liu He talked by phone with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer talked by phone about "the promotion of the next economic and trade consultations," said a two-sentence Commerce Ministry statement. It gave no other details.

The announcement indicated talks are on track despite China's weekend threats of unspecified "grave consequences" if the Huawei Technologies Ltd. executive isn't released. She was arrested in Canada on U.S. charges of possible violations of trade sanctions on Iran.

President Donald Trump agreed Dec. 1 to postpone more U.S. tariff hikes on Chinese imports for 90 days while the two sides negotiate over American complaints about Beijing's technology policy.

The Huawei chief financial officer, Meng Wanzhou, was arrested the same day in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Despite that, the Commerce Ministry said last week Beijing would carry out terms of the cease-fire and expressed optimism a deal can be reached during the 90-day period.

The Chinese government raised more doubts over the weekend when it demanded Canada and the United States withdraw the charges and release Meng, the daughter of Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, or face unspecified "grave consequences."

Trump approved tariff hikes of 25 percent on \$50 billion of Chinese goods and 10 percent on another \$200 billion of imports in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology.

China retaliated with penalties on \$110 billion of American goods but is running out of imports for retaliation due to their lopsided trade balance. Trump has threatened to expand charges to all goods from China.

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## Seahawks on brink of playoffs after 21-7 win over Vikings

By **TIM BOOTH, AP Sports Writer**

SEATTLE (AP) — Bobby Wagner leaped over the line of scrimmage, swatted Dan Bailey's field goal attempt and sparked the Seattle Seahawks to two late touchdowns.

Whether or not what Wagner did was entirely legal, he frankly didn't care.

"I'm not stressing about that. I made the play. They called what they called," Wagner said. "There's times in games where things happen all the time. I'm not stressing on it. It was a big block and we'll definitely take it. It was amazing."

Wagner's block midway through the fourth quarter was the catalyst in a 21-7 win over the Minnesota Vikings on Monday night that pushed Seattle to the brink of a playoff berth.

Chris Carson followed the blocked kick with a 2-yard TD run with 2:53 left, and Justin Coleman capped off the Seahawks' fourth straight victory with a 29-yard fumble return for a touchdown 18 seconds later.

What was an ugly and mostly forgettable first three quarters turned into a Seattle party in the fourth as the Seahawks (8-5) moved to the brink of wrapping up a wild-card spot in the NFC. One win in Seattle's final three games — including matchups with lowly San Francisco and Arizona — should be enough to put the Seahawks into the postseason.

"It's really about the defense. I loved the way they played, they played so hard and so spirited," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "It was almost poetic after last week's game that Bobby would get to block the field goal and he pulled it off and did it. That was an incredible play."

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Minnesota (6-6-1) twice had scoring chances in the fourth quarter when it was still a one-score game but was turned away each time. Minnesota's chances of winning the NFC North took a major hit with its second straight loss, but the Vikings still hold the No. 6 spot in the NFC.

"Part of it is being better on third downs. We haven't really done a good job there. Part of it is being better in the red zone," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "We had the ball on the 2-yard line and didn't score."

But much of the conversation centered on Wagner's block of Bailey's 47-yard attempt with 5:38 left and whether it was entirely legal. Wagner's jump through a gap in Minnesota's offensive line was fine, but it appeared he used his teammates to gain leverage, which allowed him to come through and block the kick. A flag was initially thrown but was picked up by the officials.

Wagner said he attempted it four times in practice without a problem but acknowledged it could be tough to pull off the play during the fourth quarter of a tight game.

"When I did it in practice I was pretty fresh," Wagner said.

Zimmer said he asked for an explanation of what happened but wasn't given one. He was told he couldn't challenge.

"Quite honestly, I didn't see what happened. I was told what happened," Zimmer said.

Seattle took possession and Russell Wilson immediately scrambled 40 yards deep into Minnesota territory. Five plays later, Carson scored and Seattle finally had a cushion. Two plays after that, Jacob Martin sacked Minnesota's Kirk Cousins and the ball popped to Coleman, who weaved his way for the clinching touchdown.

Cousins threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Dalvin Cook with 1:10 remaining, but Seattle recovered the onside kick.

"I feel like all of our losses we, as an offense, we are so slow," Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen said. "Our defense is keeping us in games. And we're not pulling our side of the bargain."

Wilson had one of the worst passing games of his career, completing 10 of 20 attempts for career-low 72 yards and a baffling interception late in the first half, one of the many mistakes by Seattle that allowed Minnesota to hang around. But Seattle's ground game was outstanding against one of the better run defenses in the NFL. The Seahawks finished with 214 yards rushing, led by 90 yards from Carson.

Sebastian Janikowski hit field goals of 37 and 35 yards to account for all of Seattle's scoring until the closing minutes.

"If you run it 40-something times, you ought to win. That was pretty good," Carroll said.

## FOURTH QUARTER WOES

Minnesota hung around despite failing to run a play in Seattle territory until there was 4:16 left in the third quarter. Cousins was 20 of 33 for 208 yards, most of that coming late. But he failed to get the Vikings into the end zone from inside the Seattle 5 while trailing 6-0 early in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings had first-and-goal at the Seattle 4 but turned the ball over on downs with 9:06 remaining. Two short runs and an incompletion brought up fourth-and-goal at the 1, and Cousins' pass for Kyle Rudolph was knocked away by Bradley McDougald. Bailey's field goal was blocked on Minnesota's next drive.

## REACHING 100

Minnesota fell to 0-6 when allowing its opponents to run for at least 100 yards. The Vikings came in to the week giving up 99 yards per game on the ground, good for seventh-best in the NFL. Seattle had 136 yards rushing in the first half.

## OTHER CENTURY MARK

Thielen tied Cris Carter as the fastest Minnesota player to reach 100 receptions in a season, both accomplishing the feat in 13 games. Carter did it in 1994 when he finished the year with 122 catches. Thielen is the first Minnesota receiver to get to 100 catches since Randy Moss in 2003. But Thielen didn't get his first catch until midway through the third quarter. He finished with five catches for 70 yards.

## UP NEXT

Minnesota: The Vikings return home to host Miami on Sunday.

Seattle: The Seahawks play their final road game Sunday at San Francisco.

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## Christmas tree farmers combat popularity of artificial trees

By GILLIAN FLACCUS, Associated Press

TUALATIN, Ore. (AP) — Rosa Villarreal's three young sons jumped and ran around the field of Christmas trees like jackrabbits, their excitement palpable as they raced from evergreen to evergreen. The boys, ages 2, 4 and 6, were picking out a real tree this year — a new tradition their young parents hope will create lasting memories.

"I saw this video where the big tree, the mom decorates it, and the little tree, the kids get to decorate it," she said, as her husband, Jason Jimenez, snapped a photo of their toddler posing with a tiny tree just his size.

Christmas tree farmers across the U.S. worry families like Villarreal's are slowly dwindling. Artificial trees, once crude imitations of an evergreen, are now so realistic that it's hard to tell they are fakes even though many are conveniently pre-strung with lights and can fold up for storage at the push of a button.

Between 75 and 80 percent of Americans who have a Christmas tree now have an artificial one, and the \$1 billion market for fake trees is growing at about 4 percent a year — even though they can be reused again and again.

To combat this trend, Christmas tree farmers have joined forces as the Christmas Tree Promotion Board and are running a social media ad campaign this holiday season to tout the benefits of a real evergreen. The campaign, called "It's Christmas. Keep It Real!," is funded by a 15-cent fee that tree farmers pay for each tree they harvest.

It's a modern-day attempt at such famous agricultural ad campaigns as "Got Milk?" and "Beef. It's What's For Dinner."

A series of short movies on Instagram and Facebook follow real families as they hunt for the perfect tree, cut it down and decorate it. The target audience is the "millennial mom" because tree farmers are increasingly worried that young adults starting their own family traditions will opt for an artificial tree, costing farmers a generation of customers, said Marsha Gray, executive director of the Christmas Tree Promotion Board, based in Michigan.

"The target we're talking about right now is millennials: first house, first baby. That's kind of the decision-making time," she said, adding that the videos show families cutting their own trees and buying pre-cut trees from lots.

"We realize they may have never done this before. And we need to help them discover it and figure out how to include it in their holiday."

It's impossible to know exactly how many real Christmas trees are sold each year because there is no central clearinghouse or agency collecting that information. But the National Christmas Tree Association estimates about 25 million evergreens are harvested each year — and presumably, most of those are sold.

Americans buy about 10 million artificial trees each year, said Thomas "Mac" Harman, CEO of Balsam Hill, the leading retailer of artificial Christmas trees. Harman is also the president of the American Christmas Tree Association, which does not disclose its membership but raised \$70,000 in donations in 2016 for its work, which includes touting artificial trees.

Most people buying artificial trees cite convenience, allergens and fire safety, he said.

"We're seeing a trend where consumers want to set their tree up over Thanksgiving weekend and leave it up all the way until after New Year's." That's safer with an artificial tree, Harman said.

Denise Shackleton got a real tree each season before switching to an artificial one. On a recent day, she was at an artificial tree outlet store in Burlingame, California, shopping for a new tree for herself and one for her daughter.

"No one got as excited about a real tree as me, but it was just too much work to put the real tree on my car, get it into the house — all of that," she said. "It's totally for convenience."

Harman says Christmas tree farmers are overestimating the threat to their industry from artificial trees. Many families now have both a real tree and an artificial tree, and small mom-and-pop tree farms that allow families to cut their own evergreen remain extremely popular, Harman said.

"I think it's the farms in the middle that are really seeing their business shrink because more people are either getting their tree from Home Depot — which is supporting the big farms — or they're going out to these small farms," he said. "I think a lot of the angst about 'artificial trees are taking over' is coming from these mid-sized farms."

To fourth-generation tree farmer Casey Grogan, that angst is as real as the towering noble and Nordmann firs he grows at Silver Bells Tree Farm in Silverton, Oregon. Oregon is the nation's No. 1 producer of Christmas trees, yet Grogan says he has watched about half the fellow tree farmers around him go out of business in the past decade.

A seedling takes eight to 10 years to grow to maturity, and it's difficult to predict demand years out, he said. He harvested about half as many trees this year as he did a decade ago, and with every new seedling he plants this season, he knows he's taking a gamble that the demand will still be there in 2028.

"We're an industry that would like to remain here and be around — and if everybody buys an artificial tree, we're not going to be here," said Grogan, who is also president of the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association.

"It may be a little difficult, but not everything is easy," he added of buying a real tree. "It's worth the extra effort."

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## Hertz, Clear partner to speed rentals with biometric scans

By DEE-ANN DURBIN, AP Business Writer

Biometric screening is expanding to the rental car industry.

Hertz said Tuesday it is teaming up with Clear, the maker of biometric screening kiosks found at many airports, in an effort to slash the time it takes to pick up a rental car. Clear hopes it will lead more travelers to its platform, which has 3 million members in the U.S.

It's the latest place consumers will find biometric technology, which has migrated over the last 50 years from secure government facilities and banks to airports, stadiums and even smartphones that unlock with the touch a fingerprint. Hertz is the first rental car company to use the technology.

Improvements in cameras and other technology have made it cheaper to install scanners that can read fingerprints, faces, and irises. More than 100 airports worldwide use biometric readers from Clear, Vision-Box and other companies to scan passengers. Walt Disney World verifies visitors' identity by scanning fingerprints.

And the advancements will likely keep coming. Microsoft is working with Australia's national bank on cardless ATM machines that would let people withdraw cash using a facial scan and personal identification number. Universities in London and Copenhagen have on-campus groceries that let students pay with their finger. Some laptops can now be unlocked with a fingerprint scan.

Hertz with Clear launched their biometrics scans this week at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. It will be rolled out to 40 more U.S. Hertz locations next year, including John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.

Hertz Gold Plus Rewards loyalty program members with access to Clear will be able to bypass the counter, pick up their car and head to the exit gate. There, Clear pods equipped with cameras and touchscreens can read their face or their fingerprints. If they match up with Hertz's reservation data, the gate will open. Hertz will have at least one lane dedicated to Clear members at each location.

Hertz President and CEO Kathy Marinello expects Clear to shave 1.5 minutes off what's now a two-minute checkout process.

"In the world of travel, I think time is of the essence," she said.

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The service is free for members of the Gold Plus Rewards program, which also has no fee. Travelers can sign up for Clear at a Hertz location. To upgrade to airport service, which promises to move Clear members through security lines more quickly, travelers must pay a monthly fee of \$15.

Clear says it's the first time it will be identifying members based on their face instead of their iris or their fingerprints. Clear CEO Caryn Seidman-Becker says the cameras can take measurements and identify minute differences in facial features.

Amil Jain, a professor at Michigan State University who researches biometrics, says facial screenings work by comparing an original photo to a new one. That could be tough in a rental car lane, where the lighting may differ substantially and drivers could be wearing makeup or winter scarves that change their features.

"If you don't do the biometrics right, you'll turn off the customer more," he said. But biometric scanning done well could be more robust and secure than having an employee see if a driver's face matches their license, he said.

Jain doesn't think customers need to be particularly worried about facial scans. He points out that millions of people have shared photos of their faces on Facebook and other platforms already.

But Justin Brookman, director of consumer privacy and technology for Consumer Reports, said consumers should think twice before sharing personal identifiers.

"Once your biometric data gets leaked or compromised, you can't really do anything about it," he said. "The more people who potentially have it, the more potential for things to go bad."

Seidman-Becker said Clear will not sell or share the data it collects. She noted that the company has been certified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

But Jeramie Scott, the national security counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, said sharing biometric data is still risky, because there are no federal laws governing the collection, use and retention of biometric data.

"An individual might sign up for one use only to find out that down the road their data is being used in another manner," he said.

Marinello said Clear approached Hertz about the partnership and Hertz agreed to pay for the installation of the Clear pods. Marinello wouldn't say how much Hertz is investing, but said the company expects to recoup that through increased customers and return visits.

Hertz has been eager to adopt new technology and partner with other companies in an effort to prove there is still a future in rental cars despite pressure from ride-hailing companies and self-driving cars. It's a partner with Volvo in an autonomous driving incubator in Israel, for example.

Clear, too, has been trying to boost its membership through partnerships after Seidman-Becker bought it out of bankruptcy in 2010. Delta Air Lines bought a 5 percent stake in the company in 2016 and offers discounted Clear membership rates for its frequent fliers.

## Jury to resume deliberations on white nationalist's sentence

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A Virginia jury is set to resume deliberations on a sentencing recommendation for a man convicted of killing a woman and injuring dozens when he drove his car into counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally.

Jurors spent just under two hours Monday considering a sentence for James Alex Fields Jr. They are scheduled to return Tuesday morning.

The 21-year-old Fields of Maumee, Ohio, faces up to life in prison after being convicted last week on first-degree murder and other charges.

On Monday, the jury heard emotional testimony from the mother of Heather Heyer, a 32-year-old paralegal and activist who was killed. Jurors also heard from several people who suffered severe injuries.

A psychologist testifying for the defense said Fields has a long history of mental health issues, including bipolar disorder.

## Where Trump-related investigations stand

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**By ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is facing escalating criminal investigations in Washington and New York that are examining not only whether his campaign coordinated with the Kremlin but also whether he illegally bought the silence of two women who say they had sex with him.

A look at the nearly three dozen people charged by special counsel Robert Mueller and unanswered questions about what may lie ahead for the president — labeled “Individual-1” in court papers — and his administration:

## WHAT’S THE LATEST?

Federal prosecutors in Manhattan for the first time connected the president to a federal crime, accusing him of orchestrating hush-money payments during the campaign by his longtime lawyer and fixer, Michael Cohen, to a porn star and a former Playboy model. Cohen is due to be sentenced this week.

Mueller’s office, meanwhile, detailed lies they say former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort told them even after he agreed to plead guilty and cooperate.

And prosecutors are preparing for the sentencing hearing next week of former national security adviser Michael Flynn, who lied to the FBI about his Russian contacts.

## UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

— Did the Trump campaign collude with Russia?

That remains unclear, though there is mounting evidence of direct contact throughout the campaign between Trump associates and Moscow and evidence that individuals in Trump’s orbit were discussing a possible email dump from WikiLeaks before it occurred.

American intelligence agencies and Mueller have said Russia was the source of hacked material released by WikiLeaks during the campaign that damaged Democrat Hillary Clinton’s presidential effort.

Additional ties between Russians and Trump aides were alleged within the last week. Prosecutors revealed that a Russian contacted Cohen in 2015 and offered “political synergy” between Russia and the Republican campaign. A person familiar with the matter confirmed that that person is a former Russian Olympic athlete named Dmitry Klovov.

Trump and his lawyers have returned a list of written answers on the collusion question to Mueller, but it’s unclear whether investigators will return with more questions.

— Did the president obstruct the investigation?

That is another unresolved question that Mueller is pursuing. Investigators have examined key episodes such as Trump’s firing of former FBI Director James Comey and his fury over the recusal from the investigation of former Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

## THE AMERICAN DEFENDANTS

— Paul Manafort: He has been convicted in Washington and Virginia of crimes related to years of Ukrainian political consulting work, including allegations he concealed his foreign government work from the United States and failed to pay taxes on it. Although the charges don’t directly touch Trump, he’s nonetheless remained a figure of considerable intrigue and enjoys the continued sympathy of the president, who has left open the door for a pardon.

— Rick Gates: The longtime associate of Manafort and key Trump campaign aide was indicted last year alongside his mentor but months later split from him by pleading guilty to unregistered foreign lobbying work and agreeing to cooperate with Mueller. No sentencing date has been scheduled for Gates, indicating that his cooperation with investigators is continuing.

— Michael Flynn: He has admitted lying to the FBI just days after Trump took office by telling agents that he had never discussed sanctions with the-then Russian ambassador to the United States. The White House said Flynn had misled administration officials, including Vice President Mike Pence, about the conversation and ousted him weeks later. He’s since become a vital cooperator for Mueller, having met 19 times with investigators. Prosecutors aren’t recommending any prison time when he’s sentenced next week.

— Michael Cohen: He’s at the center of not only Mueller’s investigation but also a separate investigation

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into hush-money payments. In Mueller's investigation, Cohen has admitted lying to Congress about a proposed real estate development in Moscow. He told lawmakers the negotiations were done in January 2016 when in fact they stretched deep into the campaign. He also pleaded guilty in New York to campaign finance violations stemming from the payments, with prosecutors saying he "acted in coordination and at the direction of Individual-1" — Trump.

— George Papadopoulos: The former foreign policy adviser recently finished a 14-day prison sentence after admitting lying to the FBI about a 2016 conversation with a Maltese professor who told him Russia had "dirt" on Clinton in the form of emails.

## 25 RUSSIANS

— Twelve military intelligence officers were charged in July with hacking the email accounts of Clinton's presidential campaign and the Democratic Party and then facilitating the release of tens of thousands of private communications. It remains perhaps the most direct example of what American intelligence officials say was a broad conspiracy by the Kremlin to meddle in the 2016 election on Trump's behalf.

That indictment did not accuse any Americans of participating in the conspiracy, though it did include an eye-catching detail: The Russian hackers, prosecutors say, made an attempt to break into Clinton's network just hours after Trump appeared to invite them to do so. In a July 27, 2016, speech, Trump urged Russia to look for emails that Clinton said she had deleted from her tenure as secretary of state.

"Russia, if you're listening," Trump said, "I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing."

— A separate indictment charges 13 Russians with using a covert social media propaganda campaign to sow discord among Americans in the run-up to the 2016 presidential election. Prosecutors say the scheme was run by a Russia-based troll farm that relied on bogus social media postings and advertisements fraudulently purchased in the name of Americans to try to influence the election.

## OTHER DEFENDANTS

— Konstantin Kilimnik: The Ukrainian native, who U.S. authorities say has ties to Russian intelligence, was indicted on obstruction of justice charges involving Manafort. The men are accused of trying to persuade two witnesses to lie about the nature of political consulting and lobbying work they carried out for Ukrainian interests.

— Richard Pinedo: The California man was sentenced in October to six months in prison for unwittingly aiding the Russian troll farm by selling stolen identifications and bank account numbers that were used by Russians to establish PayPal accounts and purchase advertisements on Facebook.

— Alex van der Zwaan: The Dutch attorney became the first person punished with prison in the Mueller investigation when he was given a monthlong sentence for lying to investigators about his contacts with Gates and Kilimnik and about a report prepared by his law firm about the trial of a former Ukrainian prime minister.

## OTHER NAMES YOU MAY HAVE HEARD

— Roger Stone: The longtime Trump confidant and self-proclaimed "dirty trickster" of Republican politics has been under investigation for months as prosecutors try to establish what knowledge he may have had about plans by WikiLeaks to release the stolen Democratic emails in the weeks before the election. Although a 2016 Stone tweet — "Trust me, it will soon be the Podesta's time in the barrel" — appeared to presage the disclosure of hacked emails, Stone has said he had no inside knowledge about the content, source or timing of WikiLeaks' disclosure.

— Jerome Corsi: A conspiracy theorist and Stone friend, he's been under intense pressure from Mueller and even turned down a plea offer that would have required him to admit intentionally lying about a 2016 conversation he had with Stone about WikiLeaks. It's unclear when or if he will be indicted, but based on draft documents Corsi has released, prosecutors appear to believe that he misled them about email exchanges involving Assange and the purloined emails.

— Julian Assange: Prosecutors in the Eastern District of Virginia inadvertently disclosed the existence of a sealed criminal complaint against the WikiLeaks founder, though no details have been publicly announced. Assange, under Justice Department scrutiny for years for WikiLeaks' role in publishing government secrets, has been an important figure in the Mueller probe as investigators examine how WikiLeaks obtained the stolen emails and whether any Americans were involved in coordinating that effort.

— Donald Trump Jr.: The president's eldest son has attracted scrutiny for his role in arranging a Trump Tower meeting in June 2016 — also attended by Manafort and Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner — at which he expected to receive damaging information on Clinton. He has said the meeting was a waste of time because he didn't receive anything interesting from the attorney, Natalia Veselnitskaya. Both he and his father have suggested that anyone in that position would have taken the meeting in hopes of getting dirt on a political opponent. The meeting has been of interest to investigators, who have called multiple participants before the grand jury.

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## Some Trump allies starting to worry about investigations

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, ALAN FRAM and ELANA SCHOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's intensifying legal troubles are unnerving some of his fellow Republicans. Despite his brash stance, they believe the turmoil has left him increasingly vulnerable as he gears up for what is sure to be a nasty fight for re-election.

Trump, ever confident of his ability to bend story lines to his will, mocks the investigations into his conduct as candidate and president as a "witch hunt" and insists he will survive the threats.

But a shift began to unfold over the weekend after prosecutors in New York for the first time linked Trump to a federal crime of illegal hush payments. That left some of his associates fearful that his customary bravado is unwarranted. For some Republicans, the implication that the president may have directed a campaign finance violation, which would be a felony, could foreshadow a true turning point in the Republican relationship with him when special counsel Robert Mueller releases his report on the Russia investigation.

"I'm sure there's going to be a lot more that's going to come out from the Southern District (of New York) and from, at some point, from the Mueller investigation as well," Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the chamber's incoming No. 2 Republican, said Monday. "What they're implying there, obviously, is something I assume at some point the president will have an opportunity to respond to."

Thune continued, "Campaign finance violations are something that ... they are serious matters, but obviously it depends a little bit on how it gets treated."

As the legal drama plays out, political challenges that could threaten Trump's re-election are piling up.

Republicans are still coming to terms with their drubbing in last month's House elections and looking for someone to blame. The departure of John Kelly as White House chief of staff has set off a disorganized search for a replacement who could stay in the job through the 2020 campaign. After Trump's top choice, the vice president's chief of staff Nick Ayers, passed on the job, few of the remaining candidates have political experience.

Also, Democrats will soon take control of the House of Representatives, wielding subpoena power and potentially exploring impeachment proceedings. Meanwhile, financial markets have been jittery, in part because of Trump's trade wars and concerns that higher borrowing costs could ultimately trigger a recession.

Facing pressure from Mueller and an impending onslaught of Democratic investigations, Trump could hew even further to the right, catering exclusively to the base of voters he is concerned about losing, according to a Republican close to the White House who has consulted on the early re-election efforts. That instinct would echo the president's double-down, scorched-earth response to the crises that hit his 2016 campaign, including the "Access Hollywood" tape about forcing himself on women, and could make it harder to woo the independent voters or disaffected Democrats he may well need.

Could Trump face a primary election challenge from within his own party? He doesn't seem concerned.



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The president is eager to unleash his re-election machinery and begin to collect pledges of loyalty from across the GOP to quell any hint of an insurrection, according to a campaign official and a Republican familiar with the inner workings of the campaign but not authorized to speak publicly.

The Trump team has discussed the possibility of a challenge from someone such as outgoing Ohio Gov. John Kasich or Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake. A week after the midterm elections, Kasich traveled to New Hampshire for a public speech and private meetings with prominent Republicans.

Flake, who has tangled repeatedly with Trump, isn't making any personal commitment, but his feelings about a challenger are clear.

"Somebody needs to run" against Trump, he said Monday. "I hope somebody does."

While some Democrats eyeing the White House are expected to announce campaigns in the first few weeks of 2019, a Republican challenger could move more slowly, according to two GOP operatives who have been involved in hypothetical discussions about taking on Trump. Waiting until early spring, for example, could give Republicans time to assess whether Trump will be weakened by Mueller's investigation or a downturn in the economy.

One leading House Republican said the situation surrounding Trump remains volatile and has urged colleagues to wait for the Mueller report, which some believe could emerge early next year. That Republican, who demanded anonymity to assess the situation candidly, has urged fellow GOP lawmakers to not defend the indefensible but to also not believe every charge. The lawmaker expressed hope that the special counsel's findings come out sooner rather than later so there will be more time before the 2020 elections.

For all the private and not-so-private party worries, many close to Trump predict he not only will survive the Russia investigation but will be re-elected in two years. They point to his remarkable ability to shake off scandal, the sway he continues to hold over his base of GOP voters, the fear his Twitter account has instilled among many Republican elected officials and what they believe is the lack of top-shelf talent among Democrats who could face him in 2020.

Echoing the president, they contend the special counsel has come up empty-handed in his efforts to prove Russian collusion and is ready to settle for a campaign finance charge they believe is minor and will be ignored or not understood by most voters.

The president has said the lesson of the 2018 midterms is that Republican candidates abandon him at their own peril. And the Republicans who remain in Congress after that election aren't likely to back away from him.

"Remember that the Republicans who are left have won in fairly solid Republican, Trump districts," said moderate Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida, who is retiring. "So he is very popular with the base. I would not think that they would want to distance themselves or have any fear of associating with him."

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## Some Democrats talking impeachment not ready to do it

By MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Democrats who will take the House majority in January are willing to say that President Donald Trump may have committed impeachable offenses. But that doesn't mean they will try to impeach him — at least not yet.

For several reasons, Democrats have been extremely cautious about the "I" word. They know it could backfire politically, and many of them were in office during President Bill Clinton's impeachment 20 years ago. New York Rep. Jerry Nadler, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee and the panel's likely incoming chairman, has called impeachment a "trauma."

Nadler told CNN on Sunday that if it is proved that Trump directed his former lawyer to commit campaign finance violations, as was suggested by special counsel Robert Mueller in a new court filing, he believes

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it would be an impeachable offense. But Nadler added, "Whether they are important enough to justify an impeachment is a different question."

It's unclear whether the distinction between an impeachable offense and impeachment itself will satisfy those in the Democratic base who are eager to kick Trump out of office. But Democrats are walking that fine line, for now.

Five reasons Democrats aren't ready to impeach Trump:

## OTHER SHOES TO DROP

In filings on Friday, Mueller's prosecutors asserted that Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, committed campaign finance violations "in coordination with and at the direction of" Trump. It's the first time they have directly tied Trump to a federal crime.

The violations stemmed from payments Cohen made to buy the silence of porn actress Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal. Both women alleged they had affairs with Trump, which the White House denies. Trump also denies knowing about the payment, but the filing contradicts that claim.

There is likely more to come from Mueller. Charges are expected related to emails stolen during the 2016 presidential election that could implicate some in Trump's circle. And Mueller could complete a larger report at the conclusion of his investigation.

If Democrats move to impeach Trump, it will likely be for more than just campaign finance violations.

## IT COULD BACKFIRE

Democrats are cognizant of the price that Republicans paid for Clinton's impeachment 20 years ago. Both Nadler and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi were in Congress at the time, and Nadler sat on the Judiciary panel. Republicans were seen as overreaching, and that helped boost Clinton's poll numbers and win Democrats seats in the 1998 midterm election.

Pelosi was also under pressure to impeach President George W. Bush in 2006 when she first became speaker of the House. She has said that if Democrats had spent their first two years in the majority trying to impeach Bush, voters may never have elected Barack Obama as president in 2008.

Republicans are also aware that impeachment could backfire.

"I think it'll help the president get re-elected," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on the possibility Democrats would move for impeachment. "This business of presidential harassment may or may not be quite the winner they think it is."

## REPUBLICAN BUY-IN NEEDED

Pelosi has called impeachment a "divisive activity" that needs buy-in from both parties to work. "If the case is there, then that should be self-evident to Democrats and Republicans," she said.

Nadler has said the same, that there would have to be at least some Republican support if they take the step of initiating impeachment proceedings.

If the Democrats hold to that, it would mean Mueller would have to produce a lot more evidence of Trump's involvement in crimes. No Republicans have so far come close to supporting impeachment, and many moderate Republicans critical of Trump lost their re-election races in November.

## CHECKING TRUMP IN OTHER WAYS

Democrats have tried to keep the public focus on investigating the president and moving forward on policy like improving infrastructure and lowering health care costs.

Several Democrat-led committees are expected to initiate investigations of Trump and the White House, including on whether Russians used laundered money for transactions with the Trump Organization. They will also try to protect Mueller's investigation through legislation.

Freshmen lawmakers who won competitive districts and handed Democrats the majority have made it clear they don't want to focus on issues like impeachment.

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Democratic Rep.-elect Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey said shortly after the election that his constituents "don't just want to see us argue and investigate and have hearings."

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

In the end, even if the Democratic House approved articles of impeachment, the Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate to convict. And that would be unlikely in a Republican-led Senate.

And some Senate Democrats might be reluctant to support impeachment, as well, since several of them represent swing states.

"My concern is that, if impeachment is moved forward on the evidence that we have now, at least a third of the country would think it was just political revenge and a coup against the president," said Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, on NBC's "Meet The Press" on Sunday. "That wouldn't serve us well at all. The best way to solve a problem like this, to me, is elections."

## Woman who accused man of rape outraged he got no jail time

By RYAN TARINELLI, Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas judge on Monday accepted a plea bargain allowing a former Baylor University student accused of raping a woman at a fraternity party to avoid serving jail time, marking at least the third time the judge has approved probation for men accused of sexually assaulting Baylor students.

Judge Ralph Strother's decision to accept the plea deal sparked outrage from the woman who accused Jacob Walter Anderson of repeatedly raping her. The woman says she was plied with a drink of punch at the party in 2016 and became disoriented. Anderson, the woman said, led her behind a tent and assaulted her while she was gagged and choked.

"He stole my body, virginity and power over my body," the woman said in court, according to a family spokesman.

Anderson had been indicted on sexual assault charges and the deal allowed him to plead no contest to a lesser charge of unlawful restraint. A no contest plea means a person does not admit guilt, but will offer no defense. Anderson was expelled from Baylor after a university investigation.

The deal allows Anderson to receive deferred probation. The ex-Phi Delta Theta president agrees to seek counseling and pay a \$400 fine. Anderson will not be forced to register as a sex offender.

The woman told authorities she was assaulted until she lost consciousness and police reported Anderson left her alone. Police said she had vomited on herself and could have choked to death in the backyard.

She has not been named and The Associated Press generally does not name possible victims of sexual assault.

"I not only have to live with his rape and the repercussions of the rape, I have to live with the knowledge that the McLennan County justice system is severely broken," the family statement quoted the woman as saying. "I have to live with the fact that after all these years and everything I have suffered, no justice was achieved."

Anderson's attorneys declined to comment Monday.

McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna defended the plea deal in October.

"This office stands by the plea offered and believes we have achieved the best result possible with the evidence at hand," Reyna said.

He said that evidence did not support the allegation that the victim may have been drugged.

Judge Strother said Monday that in making the decision he had the benefit of arguments filed by attorneys on both sides and a background report assembled by a probation department. He said much of the comments he saw on social media or in emails were "not fully informed, misinformed or totally uninformed."

The decision Monday was not the first time that Strother has sentenced men accused of sex crimes to probation. Last year, he sentenced a man to deferred probation after he pleaded guilty in the 2013 rape of a former Baylor student. The judge ordered the man to pay for the woman's counseling. The man told police the woman had been drunk, according to an affidavit.

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Strother earlier this year sentenced a man to felony probation for the sexual assault of a former Baylor student, a punishment that came with 30 days in jail. The man, who was a student at the time and told authorities the sex was consensual, was allowed to serve the jail time on the weekends.

Strother did not return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment.

The alleged assault by Anderson happened around the same time that Baylor was engulfed in a sexual assault scandal surrounding its football team in 2016. It resulted in the firing of then-football coach Art Briles and the demotion of the university's president, Ken Starr. Athletic Director Ian McCaw was disciplined by the school and resigned.

The university has since settled several lawsuits from women who said their allegations of sexual assault by football players were mishandled or ignored.

The outrage over Anderson's plea deal also mirrors reaction to the case involving ex-Stanford University swimmer Brock Turner, who was convicted in 2016 of sexually assaulting an intoxicated woman outside a fraternity party. A judge in that case rejected a prosecutor's demand for a lengthy prison term and instead sentenced Turner to six months in jail. He was released from jail in September 2016 after serving three months.

## China ups pressure as tech exec's hearing goes into Tuesday

By **JIM MORRIS, ROB GILLIES and PAUL WISEMAN, Associated Press**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A jailed Chinese technology executive will have to wait at least one more day to see if she will be released on bail in a case that has raised U.S.-China tensions and complicated efforts to resolve a trade dispute that has roiled financial markets and threatened global economic growth.

Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer of Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei and daughter of its founder, was detained at the request of the U.S. during a layover at the Vancouver airport Dec. 1 — the same day that Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping of China agreed to a 90-day cease-fire in the trade dispute that threatens to disrupt global commerce.

The U.S. has accused Huawei of using a Hong Kong shell company to sell equipment to Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions. It also says Meng and Huawei misled banks about the company's business dealings in Iran.

After a second daylong session, Justice William Ehrcke said the bail hearing would continue Tuesday.

In urging the court to reject Meng's bail request, prosecutor John Gibb-Carsley noted the Huawei executive has vast resources and a strong incentive to flee as she is facing fraud charges in the United States that could put her in prison for 30 years.

Gibb-Carsley later told the judge that if he does decide to grant bail it should include house arrest.

David Martin, Meng's lawyer, said Meng was willing to pay for a surveillance company to monitor her and wear an ankle monitor but she wanted to be able to travel around Vancouver and its suburbs. Scot Filer of Lions Gate Risk Management group said his company would make a citizen's arrest if she breached bail conditions.

Martin said Meng's husband would put up both of their Vancouver homes plus \$1 million Canadian (\$750,000) for a total value of \$15 million Canadian (\$11.2 million) as collateral.

The judge cast doubt on that proposal, saying Meng's husband isn't a resident of British Columbia — a requirement for him to act as a guarantor that his wife won't flee — and his visitor visa expires in February.

The prosecutor said her husband has no meaningful connections to Vancouver and spends only two or three weeks a year in the city. Gibb-Carsley also expressed concern about the idea of using a security company paid by Meng.

He said later that \$15 million Canadian (\$11.2 million) would be an appropriate amount if the judge granted bail, but he said half should be in cash.

Huawei said in a statement that it had "every confidence that the Canadian and U.S. legal systems will reach a just conclusion."

Meng's arrest has fueled U.S.-China trade tensions at a time when the two countries are seeking to resolve a dispute over Beijing's technology and industrial strategy. Both sides have sought to keep the

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issues separate, at least so far, but the arrest has roiled markets, with stock markets worldwide down again Monday.

The hearing has sparked widespread interest, and the courtroom was packed again Monday with media and spectators, including some who came to support Meng. One man in the gallery brought binoculars to have a closer look at Meng, while outside court a man and woman held a sign that read "Free Ms. Meng."

Over the weekend, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng summoned Canadian Ambassador John McCallum and U.S. Ambassador Terry Branstad.

Le warned both countries that Beijing would take steps based on their response. Asked Monday what those steps might be, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said only, "It totally depends on the Canadian side itself."

Stocks around the world fell Monday over investor concerns about the continuing U.S.-China trade dispute, as well as the cloud hanging over Brexit negotiations after Britain's prime minister postponed a vote on her deal for Britain to quit the European Union. In the U.S., stocks were volatile, tumbling in the morning and then recovering in the afternoon.

The Huawei case complicates efforts to resolve the U.S.-China trade dispute. The United States has slapped tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese imports, charging that China steals American technology and forces U.S. companies to turn over trade secrets.

Tariffs on \$200 billion of those imports were scheduled to rise from 10 percent to 25 percent on Jan. 1. But over dinner Dec. 1 with Xi in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Trump agreed to delay the increase for 90 days, buying time for more negotiations.

Bill Perry, a trade lawyer with Harris Bricken in Seattle, said China's decelerating economy is putting pressure on Xi to make concessions before U.S. tariffs go up.

"They need a trade deal. They don't want the tariffs to go up to 25" percent, said Perry, who produces the "US China Trade War" blog. "This is Damocles' sword hanging over the Chinese government."

Huawei, the biggest global supplier of network gear for phone and internet companies, has become the target of U.S. security concerns because of its ties to the Chinese government. The U.S. has pressured other countries to limit use of its technology, warning they could be opening themselves up to surveillance and theft of information.

Lu, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, accused countries he didn't cite by name of hyping the "so-called" threat.

"I must tell you that not a single piece of evidence have they ever presented to back their allegation," he said. "To create obstacles for companies' normal operations based on speculation is quite absurd."

Canadian officials have declined to comment on Chinese threats of retaliation, instead emphasizing the independence of Canada's judiciary and the importance of Ottawa's relationship with Beijing.

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## US arrests 32 at San Diego border demonstration

By GREGORY BULL, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — U.S. authorities arrested 32 people at a demonstration Monday that was organized by a Quaker group on the border with Mexico, authorities said. Demonstrators were calling for an end to detaining and deporting immigrants and showing support for migrants in a caravan of Central American asylum seekers.

A photographer for The Associated Press saw about a dozen people being handcuffed after they were told by agents to back away from a wall that the Border Patrol calls "an enforcement zone." The American Friends Service Committee, which organized the demonstration, said 30 people were stopped by agents in riot gear and taken into custody while they tried to move forward to offer a ceremonial blessing near

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the wall.

Border Patrol spokesman Eduardo Olmos said 31 people were arrested on suspicion of trespassing by the Federal Protective Service and one was arrested by the Border Patrol for assaulting an agent.

More than 300 people, many the leaders of churches, mosques, synagogues and indigenous communities, participated in the demonstration at San Diego's Border Field State Park, which borders Tijuana, Mexico.

The rally held on a beach divided by the border wall was the second confrontation for Border Patrol agents since a caravan of more than 6,000 migrants, predominantly Hondurans, reached Tijuana last month. A confrontation with rock-throwers from Mexico led to U.S. agents firing tear gas into Mexico on Nov. 25 and a five-hour closure of the nation's busiest border crossing.

Thousands of migrants are living in crowded tent cities in Tijuana after undertaking a grueling journey from Central America to the U.S. border. Many face waiting weeks or months in Mexico while they apply for asylum. The U.S. is processing up to about 100 claims a day at the San Diego crossing, which is creating a backlog.

The demonstration Monday was meant to launch a national week of action called "Love Knows No Borders: A moral call for migrant justice," which falls between Human Rights Day on Monday, and International Migrants' Day on Dec. 18, the group said.

"Showing up to welcome and bless children, mothers and fathers seeking asylum from very difficult and dehumanizing circumstances is the right and humane thing to do," said Bishop Minerva G. Carcano, from the San Francisco Area United Methodist Church. "How we act in these moments determines who we will become as a nation."

The group also is calling on Congress to defund Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection.

## Snowed-in South makes the best of day off from work, school

By JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Snowed-in Southerners made the best of a day without work or school Monday while officials warned that roads remained treacherous even as the worst of a wintry storm departed.

Snow, sleet and freezing rain tapered off across states from Georgia to West Virginia that were recovering from outages, canceled flights and numerous car wrecks. But officials cautioned that Tuesday's commute could be treacherous as plunging temperatures turn melted snow into ice on roads. The storm was blamed for at least three deaths in North Carolina.

Scores of schools canceled class Monday, and many businesses and government offices — including Virginia's executive-branch agencies in Richmond — were closed.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, police shut down a street Monday after reports of ice falling from the Duke Energy Center. And an overturned truck full of pigs added to traffic delays in the western part of that state.

For those staying close to home, the storm provided a chance to sled, drink hot chocolate with friends or simply take in a wintry landscape in places that don't often see so much of the white stuff.

In North Carolina's Durham County, where a foot (.3 meters) fell in places Sunday, kids reveled in a day off from school as a second dusting of snow and sleet fell Monday morning. Children threw snowballs or built snowmen.

Andrew Dedman, 16, was walking about a mile (1.6 kilometers) through a flurry to visit a friend on their day off from high school.

"We're just going to hang out, sit around, drink hot chocolate," he said.

Others ventured Monday into ankle-deep snowdrifts to walk dogs. Ron Gordon, 75, donned boots and a hooded winter jacket to take out his dog, Easy.

"She seems to like it," he said, holding a walking stick for extra traction. "She enjoys it more than I do."

The semi-retired photographer said he moved to Durham from Chicago several years ago and was surprised to see this much snow: "I didn't expect this."

The North Carolina Department of Transportation said a livestock truck carrying pigs overturned on

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Interstate 40 westbound near the Tennessee line. The westbound lanes were closed temporarily Monday so the pigs could be corralled, but at least one lane was reopened by midafternoon.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said Monday that the worst of the storm had passed, but residents — particularly motorists — should keep watch for dangerous conditions. Melting snow and ice could result in slick road conditions Tuesday morning as temperatures fall and moisture refreezes, Cooper said at a news conference. The Highway Patrol already had responded to hundreds of collisions and calls for services since the storm began.

Snowfall totals topped 20 inches (50 centimeters) in some areas of the western part of the state, according to the National Weather Service.

A truck driver died Sunday after suffering what appeared to be a heart attack from shoveling out his rig that got stuck at the height of the storm along Interstate 77 in the central part of the state, Yadkin County Emergency Services Director Keith Vestal said.

The state emergency operations center also said one man died Sunday when a tree fell on him in Mecklenburg County, while an ailing woman died in Haywood County when her oxygen was cut off due to power outages.

Governors and local officials declared emergencies ahead of the storm crossing several Southern states, which hit portions of North Carolina and Virginia particularly hard.

Flight cancellations and delays continued Monday at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, the sixth busiest airport in the country. The airport had nearly 400 cancellations, about one-fourth of its scheduled flights.

More than 244,000 power outages were reported across the region Monday morning, with North Carolina bearing the brunt of it, according to poweroutage.us. South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee also had outages reported Monday.

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## **In possible plea deal, accused Russian agent case 'resolved'**

**By MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman accused of being a secret agent for the Russian government has likely taken a plea deal, prosecutors indicated Monday in a court filing that said her case has been "resolved."

The information was included in a filing in the case against Maria Butina. Federal prosecutors and Butina's lawyer filed a joint motion asking to change her plea. A hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

Prosecutors have alleged Butina, 30, gathered intelligence on American officials and political organizations and worked to develop relationships with American politicians through her contacts with the National Rifle Association.

They have charged that her work was directed by a former Russian lawmaker who was sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury Department for his alleged ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Butina, who was arrested in July, was charged with conspiracy and acting as an unregistered foreign agent for Russia. Her lawyer has argued that Butina is a student interested in American politics and better U.S.-Russian relations.

The documents did not provide details about the resolution. However, for several weeks, prosecutors and Butina's lawyer have indicated in court papers that they were negotiating and may have been nearing a plea deal.

The charges against Butina were brought by federal prosecutors in Washington, D.C., and her case is unrelated to special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

## Macron vows tax cuts, pay rise; will France's anger subside?

By SYLVIE CORBET and ANGELA CHARLTON, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron tried to reassert control over a nation wracked by increasingly violent protests with offers of tax relief for struggling workers and pensioners — and an exceptional admission Monday that “I might have hurt people with my words.”

It may not be enough.

Even as Macron broke his silence on the protests in a brief televised address, yellow-vested demonstrators vowed to keep up the pressure on a man they see as arrogant, out-of-touch and “president of the rich.”

“We are at a historic moment for our country,” the French leader said from the presidential Elysee Palace. “We will not resume the normal course of our lives” after all that has happened.

Speaking with a soft voice and gentle tone, Macron pleaded for a return to calm after almost four weeks of protests that started in neglected provinces to oppose fuel tax increases and progressed to rioting in Paris and a plethora of broad demands.

It's a turning point in Macron's presidency, and a crucial moment for both France and Europe. Macron rode to the presidency last year on promises of rejuvenating France's stagnant economy and salvaging European unity. His credibility on both fronts is now deeply damaged, just as the EU struggles with Britain's chaotic exit and as France's protests have prompted copycat movements beyond its borders.

French protesters spent days demanding that Macron speak publicly about their concerns. After he did, they dissected his promises.

“It doesn't solve the problem,” protester Alain Bouche told BFM television from a yellow-vest roadblock southwest of Paris. He said fellow demonstrators want a national referendum, too.

At a similar barricade near France's border with Switzerland, demonstrators argued. Two retirees watching the broadcast on a tablet in a makeshift shelter dismissed it as too little, too late. But another yellow-vested protester who gave only her first name, Milliau, said it had “a few reassuring elements. He took one first big step. He has many more to take.”

Some protest representatives have said more demonstrations will be held Saturday, following those in Paris that turned violent during the previous two weekends.

Meanwhile, students opposing changes in key high school tests called for a new round of protests Tuesday.

Macron declared an “economic and social state of emergency,” ordering the government and parliament to take immediate steps to change tax rules and other policies that hit the wallets of working class French people.

He responded to several of the protesters' demands, promising measures that included:

—A government-funded 100-euro increase in the minimum wage starting at the beginning of the new year.

—Abolition of taxes on overtime pay in 2019.

—Asking profit-making companies to give workers tax-free year-end bonuses.

—Slashing a tax hike on small pensions, acknowledging it was “unjust.”

One thing he didn't do: Restore a special tax on households with assets above 1.3 million euros (\$1.5 million) that he cut last year. Yellow vest protesters decry the end of the tax and wanted it revived.

Overall, Macron unveiled no radical changes, and clung to his vision for transforming France. Yet his costly promises will make it even more difficult to boost growth - already being hammered by protests that have damaged holiday retail sales and worried tourists and foreign investors.

“It's more of a budgetary adjustment than a change of political course,” said Benjamin Cauchy, a yellow vest protest representative. “That doesn't correspond to what the French want.”

Some protesters just wanted one thing: Macron to announce “I quit.”

He showed no signs of giving in. Instead, he defended his political independence and described his devotion to serving France. No French presidential or parliamentary elections are scheduled until 2022.

The most remarkable part of the speech may have been the moment an uncharacteristically unshaven Macron said: “I take my share of responsibility” for the anger gripping France.



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It was an unusual admission for a president whose leadership has appeared marked by a single-minded determination to push through reforms he promised in his 2017 campaign, regardless of the fallout.

"I might have hurt people with my words," he said.

Indeed, he wounded many when he told a jobless man that he just had to "cross the street" to find work. Or when he told retirees with small pensions to stop complaining. Or when he suggested some French workers are "lazy."

However, the centrist leader insisted Monday that the protesters' "malaise" is as old as he is — 40 years — and coincides with France's struggles in recent decades to keep up with globalization.

He also denounced the protest-associated violence that led to hundreds of injuries, more than 1,000 arrests and the ransacking of stores in some of Paris' richest neighborhoods.

Authorities will show "no indulgence" to those behind the vandalism and rioting, Macron said, adding that "no anger justifies" attacking police or looting stores.

Political analyst Dominique Moisi said the important thing in Macron's speech was not only "what he said but the way he said it."

Macron sought to establish his authority by declaring he wouldn't tolerate violence, but also "gave the impression that he understood what is happening," Moisi said.

Moisi predicted the protest movement could fizzle as the holidays approach and the government launches into the public dialogue Macron promised.

Fallout from the protests so far could cost France 0.1 percent of gross domestic product in the last quarter of the year, French Finance Minister Le Maire warned Monday.

"That means fewer jobs, it means less prosperity for the whole country," he said.

The yellow vest protests began in November against a rise in fuel taxes - which Macron retreated from last week - but mushroomed into other, sometimes contradictory demands.

Before his TV speech, Macron met with local and national politicians and with union and business leaders to hear their concerns — but with no representatives of the scattered, leaderless protest movement.

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## 'We're still in the war': Chicagoans battle flow of firearms

By SHARON COHEN, AP National Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Ke'Shon Newman's daily routine is guided by guns — the hundreds of illegal pistols, revolvers and other firearms that torment his South Side neighborhood.

He walks on brightly lit streets, the ones lined with Jamaican jerk and seafood joints, minimarkets, the White Castle, a Shell gas station. If shooting erupts, he wants witnesses — and, if necessary, help. He listens to music with one earbud, to hear approaching footsteps, and avoids clothing with hoods that might block his peripheral vision.

These are the rituals of a street-smart 16-year-old who knows the cruel meaning of wrong place, wrong time. His stepbrother, Randall Young, then 16, was killed in crossfire two years ago while walking his girlfriend to a bus stop. "Nine shots," Newman says, words that need no embroidery. "I'm making sure my mom doesn't have to lose another child."

The Auburn Gresham neighborhood is flooded with illegal guns: .40-caliber pistols, .380 semi-automatics, .38-caliber revolvers. Police recover as many as they can, searching apartments, stopping cars, cornering people on the street. A buy-back in June brought in hundreds of firearms. And in September, the mayor and other dignitaries gathered to mark a milestone: Police in the 6th District had recovered their 1,000th gun this year.

It was a triumphant moment, but it also offered a glimpse into the overwhelming task faced by law en-

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forcement — and the wounds inflicted on just one Chicago community — when guns are readily available and violence so common that, one study found, an estimated 1 in 2 young men had at some time carried firearms, almost always illegally. Most did so to stay safe.

"I tell people all the time we don't have post-traumatic stress. We have PRESENT-traumatic stress," says the Rev. Michael Pflieger, the activist priest at St. Sabina Church who was the inspiration for a character in Spike Lee's "Chi-Raq." "We're still in the war. We're not coming home from it. We live it."

Chicago's gun violence has captured the national spotlight in recent years and President Donald Trump has, at various times, blamed the Democratic leadership, threatened to send in federal troops and breezily called the problem "very easily fixable."

Those who battle this daily in the 6th District see it much differently. Guns not only shatter families, they determine what time people leave their houses, the streets and stores they avoid, whether a church should have a metal detector, even whether a Ferris wheel operator feels it's safe enough to install a ride for a festival.

Residents in the community often know who's behind shootings — there've been nearly 600 since 2016 — but the threat of gang retaliation has created an almost impenetrable code of silence. Many of the guns police seize belong to repeat offenders, who may be back on the street in days.

St. Sabina has tried to break through, handing out \$5,000 rewards 28 times in the last decade or so to help solve murders. The church is offering another to help find the killer of 21-year-old Oceanea Jones, who was with her boyfriend in July when they were chased by a group of men. She was shot in the back; he suffered minor injuries. "SPEAK UP FOR ME!" beseeches a poster on a church window featuring Jones' hopeful smile.

For Pflieger, solving murders like this and seizing guns don't address the real problem.

"Until we deal with easy access, they can pick up another 1,000 and another 1,000," says the priest, who decades ago lost his foster son in gang crossfire. "It's like water pouring on the floor and you keep mopping it up, but nobody's shut off the faucet."

Chicago police regularly recover more illegal firearms than officials in larger New York and Los Angeles. Last year, the citywide haul was 7,932 firearms. The 2018 tally exceeds 8,300, and police say it could surpass 10,000 by year's end.

Police seize an illegal weapon about once every hour, most connected to gangs on the South and West sides. Authorities cite two reasons for the heavy gun traffic: Penalties for carrying these firearms aren't considered a deterrent and, according to police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi, suspects tell officers they "would rather be caught by police with a gun ... than caught by a rival gang without one."

The department's 6th District, one of 22 in all, leads the city in guns recovered, accounting for almost 15 percent so far in 2018. District Commander William Bradley sees progress in those numbers, measuring success in the smallest increments.

"Every gun that (officers) get, I get excited about that because that's a gun that can't be used against them or a law-abiding citizen," he says. "I don't look at it as a grain of salt or a drop in the bucket."

The 6th District is an 8-square-mile stretch of overwhelmingly black working-class neighborhoods. A densely populated area, it's thick with apartment buildings and brick bungalows, neat lawns, a busy bus route, a business strip with mom-and-pa stores and the prestigious all-boys Leo Catholic High. Every school graduate in the last eight years has been accepted to college.

The community also bears visible signs of despair: weed-filled lots, boarded-up houses, wary fast-food workers and clerks hunkered down behind protective partitions in storefronts with thick metal security gates. Gang rivalries are fierce. On the district's eastern edge, members of an organization called Cure Violence prowl the streets as "interrupters" to keep the peace, even if it's something as simple as arranging safe passage for someone to go to a store in another gang's territory.

"These guys are living in their own little world of survival," says Demeatreas Whatley, a Cure Violence supervisor. "Their enemies are not even two blocks away."

The 6th District polices 30 different gang factions — each with anywhere from 20 to 100 members — that

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account for 75 percent of the area's gun violence. The gang presence is so ordinary, the turf so defined, that everyone from pastors to grade-schoolers can tell you, for instance, which streets are controlled by the Killer Ward faction and which are run by the G-Ville faction of the Gangster Disciples.

Tracking gang guns is especially difficult because they move from one faction to another, and when police finally seize them, they're rarely in the hands of the purchaser. "Gangs use guns like timeshares," says Andrew Papachristos, a sociology professor at Northwestern University. "They stay in circulation."

Once guns move from the legal to the illegal market, they can bounce around the city with no rhyme or reason, says Celinez Nunez, special agent in charge of the Chicago office of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. She says one gun now being investigated has been used in more than 30 crimes, including homicides and assaults.

Last year, the ATF formed the Chicago Crime Gun Strike Force, a multiagency unit to combat gun crimes, and added 20 agents. The U.S. attorney's office also has put more prosecutors on gun cases.

But the gun problem isn't limited to gangs. A recent Urban Institute survey of young people in four neighborhoods with high levels of violence, including Auburn Gresham, found half the young men had carried a gun, though for most it wasn't routine. Protection was the overwhelming reason.

Tommie Bosley knows that may sound strange. He runs Strong Futures, a jobs-mentoring program at St. Sabina for young adults, many with criminal pasts. His 18-year-old son, Terrell, was fatally shot in 2006 while unloading musical instruments in a church parking lot. Bosley appreciates how all-consuming fear is for law-abiding people.

"A lot of these guys are carrying weapons because they're scared," he says. "They feel that they cannot leave their house, go to work, whatever, unless they have a gun. They feel that at any time someone can be shooting at them and the gun — it makes them feel like they have a chance, which in my world is, 'Are you kidding me?' But that is the reality."

The community has rallied to rid itself of guns. Members of New Life Covenant Church Southeast held a buy-back in coordination with police, who gave \$100 gift cards to anyone who turned in a firearm. It took four hours to gather the weapons as the line snaked around the block.

At day's end, 292 handguns and 132 rifles were out of circulation, but the event didn't soothe the frayed nerves of some congregation members.

"There's a constant crisis state of mind," says Shammrie Brown, the church's community relations manager. "Elders who are supposed to have some level of peace are traumatized to the point where they're rushing to get home before it's night. ... There's anxiety about going to the grocer, anxiety to go inside the church. ... They want security at the park. ... They want surveillance for every move that they make."

As the church prepares to move into a new building, one looming question is whether to include a permanent metal detector.

Three miles west at St. Sabina Church, from a basement room one floor below a mural of a black Jesus beckoning with outstretched hands, Lamar Johnson is trying to shepherd the next generation of his community to speak out against gun violence.

Johnson, 28, is a counselor for B.R.A.V.E. Youth Leaders, training kids as young as 6 on how to be social justice activists. At one recent gathering of 10- to 12-year-olds, he listened as the children talked about hearing gunshots while walking to school or having to hit the ground to avoid an errant bullet while shopping with their parents.

"They talked about it as if it were an everyday thing, which it is," Johnson says. "It makes them numb, but if something happens to you over and over, eventually you adjust."

Johnson warns that seizing guns alone won't transform a community long victimized by segregation and neglect.

"If you're taking guns off the street, what are you putting in those communities for those young people who use guns? What resources are you adding? We need everything. Businesses. Jobs. Schools. This isn't something that just started in 2018. It's happened over decades."

Carlos Nelson, director of the Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation, is just as frustrated

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at the dearth of so much that would improve the community. He ticks off some of the businesses and services in the area: Currency exchanges. Quick loan shops. Dialysis and methadone clinics.

"The businesses that you would find in an area with a good quality of life, you would be hard-pressed to find them here," he says. "The investment has not been made in our community to build the economic base. ... It is being made to police the community and to deal with issues like taking the guns off the street."

That singular focus has repercussions.

In September, Nelson was planning the 79th Street Renaissance Festival — a peaceful event for 13 years — when a Ferris wheel operator returned the group's check, citing the violence. Though Nelson calls that "ridiculous," he knows gun statistics that sound "like the Wild West" have taken their toll.

The community, in which 60 percent of residents are homeowners, has shrunk from about 60,000 to about 47,000 over the last 15 or so years.

"We don't want this violence," Nelson says. "We have a choice. The choice for many is to move out."

Veronica Parker has remained, even though her 27-year-old son, Korey, was fatally shot around the corner from her house on July 4, 2012. She believes he was selling marijuana and might have been targeted in a turf battle.

In September, police tape cordoned off Parker's street as officers investigated another killing. Cornelius Jackson had turned his life around, completing the Strong Futures program after a five-year prison stint for gun possession. He was newly married, working and had moved from his old neighborhood, which he described in a promotional video as a place that resulted in jail or death. On a return visit to Auburn Gresham, a gunman stepped from a car and shot the 29-year-old in the head.

Both shootings remain unsolved, one of the more unsettling realities in places awash in guns. Bradley, who grew up in the area, understands how fear of gangs stifles cooperation. Chicago's murder clearance rate in the last two years was 38 percent.

"If I come forward ... and nothing is done, I put myself and my family at risk," he says. "If these witnesses to crimes don't say anything, we can't do anything. I don't have a real solution."

Parker is a member of Purpose Over Pain, a support group for parents who've lost children to guns. They're determined to find ways to curb the violence but, she concedes, "there's a void in my life that will never be filled."

Parker last spoke with the detective investigating her son's case three years ago. "It's like they just forgot him," she says. When she's out in the community these days, she's dismayed by what she sometimes hears.

"Young guys (are) saying they've made it to age 30 without getting shot or killed, and they think they've accomplished something. It's heartbreaking."

Parker applauds police for going after guns but harbors no illusions.

"If they get 100 or 1,000, others are still out there. As soon as the police pick up the guns, they'll just go and get them somewhere else."

By December, the 6th District had recovered more than 1,200 guns.

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Read more here about some of the myths and truths regarding the flow of guns in Chicago.

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## AP All-America team: Tide leads with 4 of 10 CFP players

By RALPH D. RUSSO, AP College Football Writer

The College Football Playoff semifinalists combined to place 10 players on The Associated Press All-America first team, including a high of four from No. 1 Alabama.

The Crimson Tide had six players chosen to the three All-America teams, more than any other school. No. 2 Clemson has three first-teamers, No. 4 Oklahoma has two All-Americans — including quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray — and No. 3 Notre Dame had one.

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The Tide and Sooners meet in the Orange Bowl on Dec. 29 and the Tigers play the Fighting Irish at the Cotton Bowl that day. The winners meet in the College Football Playoff national championship game Jan. 7 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

The playoff teams combined for 17 overall selections on the teams chosen by a panel of AP poll voters and released Monday.

The Tide placed two players on each side of the ball, with Outland Trophy winner Quinnen Williams highlighting the defense. Receiver Jerry Jeudy, offensive tackle Jonah Williams and safety Deionte Thompson also made the first team while Tua Tagovailoa was the second-team quarterback.

Tagovailoa finished second behind Murray in the Heisman voting on Saturday. Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins was the third-team quarterback after finishing third in the Heisman voting.

Clemson placed defensive linemen Christian Wilkins and Clelin Ferrell on the first team, and offensive tackle Mitch Hyatt. Cornerback Julian Love represented Notre Dame on the first team.

Clemson, Oklahoma and LSU each had four players on the three teams, trailing only Alabama. Notre Dame, Kentucky, Iowa, Mississippi State, Texas A&M, Washington and Wisconsin each had three overall selections.

Kentucky placed two players on the first team: linebacker Josh Allen and guard Bunchy Stallings. The Wildcats have not an AP All-American since receiver/kick returner Derek Abney in 2002.

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Quarterback — Kyler Murray, junior, Oklahoma

Running backs — Jonathan Taylor, sophomore, Wisconsin; Darrell Henderson, junior, Memphis

Tackles — Jonah Williams, junior, Alabama; Mitch Hyatt, senior, Clemson

Guards — Beau Benzschawel, senior, Wisconsin; Bunchy Stallings, senior, Kentucky

Center — Garrett Bradbury, senior, North Carolina State

Tight end — Jace Sternberger, junior, Texas A&M

Wide receivers — Jerry Jeudy, sophomore, Alabama; Marquise Brown, junior, Oklahoma

All-purpose player — Rondale Moore, freshman, Purdue

Kicker — Andre Szmyt, freshman, Syracuse

### DEFENSE

Ends — Clelin Ferrell, junior, Clemson; Sutton Smith, junior, Northern Illinois

Tackles — Quinnen Williams, junior, Alabama; Christian Wilkins, senior, Clemson

Linebackers — Josh Allen, senior, Kentucky; Devin White, junior, LSU; Ben Burr-Kirven, senior, Washington

Cornerbacks — Deandre Baker, senior, Georgia; Julian Love, junior, Notre Dame

Safeties — Grant Delpit, sophomore, LSU; Deionte Thompson, junior, Alabama

Punter — Braden Mann, junior, Texas A&M

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Quarterback — Tua Tagovailoa, sophomore, Alabama

Running backs — Travis Etienne, sophomore, Clemson; Trayveon Williams, junior, Texas A&M

Tackles — Dalton Risner, senior, Kansas State; Andrew Thomas, sophomore, Georgia

Guards — Dru Samia, senior, Oklahoma; Michael Dieter, senior, Wisconsin

Center — Ross Pierschbacher, senior, Alabama

Tight end — T.J. Hockenson, sophomore, Iowa

Wide receivers — Tylan Wallace, sophomore, Oklahoma State; Andy Isabella, senior, Massachusetts

All-purpose player — Greg Dortch, sophomore, Wake Forest

Kicker — Cole Tracy, senior, LSU

### DEFENSE

Ends — Montez Sweat, senior, Mississippi State; Jachai Polite, junior, Florida

Tackles — Jerry Tillery, senior, Notre Dame; Gerald Willis III, senior, Miami

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Linebackers — Devin Bush, junior, Michigan; David Long Jr., junior, West Virginia; Joe Dineen, senior, Kansas

Cornerbacks — Greedy Williams, sophomore, LSU; Byron Murphy, sophomore, Washington

Safeties — Taylor Rapp, junior, Washington; Amani Hooker, junior, Iowa

Punter — Mitch Wishnowsky, senior, Utah

## THIRD TEAM

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks — Dwayne Haskins, sophomore, Ohio State

Running backs — Benny Snell, junior, Kentucky; Eno Benjamin, sophomore, Arizona State

Tackles — Andre Dillard, senior, Washington State; Cody Ford, junior, Oklahoma

Guards — Terrone Prescod, senior, North Carolina State; Chris Lindstrom, senior, Boston College

Center — Michael Jordan, junior, Ohio State

Tight end — Noah Fant, junior, Iowa

Wide Receivers — A.J. Brown, junior, Mississippi; David Sills V, senior, West Virginia

All-purpose player — J.J. Taylor, sophomore, Arizona

Kicker — Matt Gay, senior, Utah

### DEFENSE

Ends — Chase Winovich, senior, Michigan; Jaylon Ferguson, senior, Louisiana Tech

Tackles — Jeffery Simmons, junior, Mississippi State; Ed Oliver, junior, Houston

Linebackers — Paddy Fisher, sophomore, Northwestern; David Woodward, sophomore, Utah State; Te'Von Coney, senior, Notre Dame

Cornerbacks — Hamp Cheevers, junior, Boston College; Lavert Hill, junior, Michigan

Safeties — Andre Cisco, freshman, Syracuse; Jonathan Abram, senior, Mississippi State

Punter — James Smith, sophomore, Cincinnati

## FIRST-TEAM BREAKDOWN

By school (first-team selections-overall)

Alabama — 4-6.

Clemson — 3-4.

Kentucky — 2-3.

LSU — 2-4.

Oklahoma — 2-4.

Texas A&M — 2-3.

Wisconsin — 2-3.

Georgia — 1-2.

Memphis — 1-1.

Northern Illinois — 1-1.

North Carolina State — 1-2.

Notre Dame — 1-3.

Purdue — 1-1.

Syracuse — 1-2.

Washington — 1-3.

By conference

SEC — 11.

ACC — 5.

Big Ten — 3.

Big 12 — 2.

American — 1.

Pac-12 — 1.

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MAC — 1.  
Independent — 1.  
By class/eligibility  
Freshman — 2.  
Sophomore — 3.  
Junior — 12.  
Senior — 8.

Selection panel: Rob Asmussen, Champaign (Ill.) News-Gazette; Matt Baker, Tampa Bay (Fla.) Times; Michael Barber, Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch; Matt Brown, The Athletic; Robert Cessna, Bryan-College Station (Texas) Eagle; Rece Davis, ESPN; Pat Dooley, Gainesville (Fla.) Sun; Scott Hamilton, WECT-TV (Wilmington, N.C.); Eric Hansen, The South Bend (Ind.) Tribune; Brian Howell, Buffzone.com, Boulder (Colo.) Daily Camera; Rob Long, WJZ FM 105.7 The Fan Baltimore; Sean Manning, The Dominion Post (Morgantown, W.Va.); Conor O'Neill, Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal; Soren Petro, 810 WHB Kansas City, Mo.; Keith Sargeant, NJ.Com/Star-Ledger; Jon Wilner, San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News.

## California inferno gives rise to family-reuniting 'Angels'

By JOCELYN GECKER, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They have become known as the Angels of Paradise. But there is nothing ethereal about them.

They are online sleuths who know how to find people, and they have been putting their skills to use in the aftermath of California's catastrophic wildfire.

In the dark days that followed the Nov. 8 inferno, the deadliest in California history, social media filled with posts from people trying to contact loved ones from the Paradise area.

Panic spread as the magnitude of destruction came into focus: At least 85 dead. Nearly 14,000 homes destroyed. From across the U.S., people posted names of aunts, uncles, foster parents, distant relatives and long-lost friends or acquaintances and asked, "Does anyone know if they are safe?"

Nancy Collins knew she could help. A mother of two and a 911 dispatcher, Collins volunteers as a "search angel," someone who helps adoptees find their biological parents. She knows her way around public records and how to track people down.

She offered her services to the administrator of a newly created Facebook page, "Camp Fire Missing Persons, Paradise CA," after noticing panicked posts were piling up.

"I said, 'I have a bunch of genealogy friends, and we can help,'" said Collins, who lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and formed a team of eight "angels" from around the country and one in Canada, all of whom volunteer with a group called Search Squad. "The rest was history."

Working on laptops from their living room sofas, home offices and kitchen counters, they communicated in online chat groups and divvied up hundreds of posts. They used public databases to find property deeds, court records and bankruptcy filings, and logged onto people-finding sites like Ancestry.com, BeenVerified.com, the online White Pages and others. They looked for cellphone numbers and email addresses and names of friends, relatives, neighbors and associates who might have clues.

In the four weeks since the fire started, the search angels have connected nearly 250 people with the relatives and friends they were searching for. They are one of several missing persons groups that sprung up on Facebook with the intention of helping strangers in a time of need, harnessing the power of social media and dogged investigative work.

"I reached out to the angels, and they really are angels," said Delisa Gaeta, 55, who was concerned about her foster father, whom she hadn't seen in years. "I threw a lifeline out there, and they grabbed hold of it and reeled it in. They just made it happen."

At first, Gaeta didn't know if her foster father, Dale Wingett, had made it out of his Paradise home alive. Authorities had no information on him, and after two weeks of trying to contact him, she was losing hope.

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Then she saw his picture in a local newspaper at a Thanksgiving dinner for survivors in the Northern California city of Redding. Gaeta desperately wanted to speak to Wingett and see if he needed help.

"It became a group project," said Dawn Kosmakos, a search angel who lives in Martinez, in the San Francisco Bay Area. "It was like, 'OK, girls. Let's find him!'"

They alerted the sheriff's office, did online searches and tried calling family and a property management company, Collins said. They found out Wingett had left Redding and was heading about 80 miles (130 kilometers) south, to the city of Willows.

"We called every hotel in Willows and said, 'If he checks in, can you give him this message?'" said Collins, and that's how they found him. Wingett got the message, called them back, got Gaeta's number and called her. They have since emailed and spoken several times.

For Wingett, the connection brought happiness at a time of great loss.

"We have had really moving talks," said Wingett, contacted by phone at a hotel in Sutter Creek. "She told me that even though I was her foster father, to her I was her father. That hit me pretty strongly."

Gaeta says she has peace of mind after weeks of sleepless nights.

"I am so grateful to the work of these women," said Gaeta, who lives in the Bay Area city of Santa Clara. "They gave me the best Christmas gift."

Diana Sauer, 39, feels a similar sense of gratitude and wonder for the work of the angels, who use methods for finding people that many don't know exist.

"I owe them everything," said Sauer, who lives in the San Francisco area but grew up in Paradise and was worried about her father's best friend, Russell Anderson. "I don't think I would have found him without them."

Anderson is 70 and lived simply, she said, with no cellphone or internet.

"It made him one of those very difficult people to find," said Sauer, who knew Anderson had no children but was close with his ex-wife's daughter, Charmaine. Sauer did not know Charmaine's last name, but the angels found her.

"They ended up finding Charmaine's marriage record, then they found birth records showing she had children. They found her children on Facebook and asked, 'Do you know Russell, and is he with you?'"

The answer was yes. She spoke to Anderson on the phone for 40 minutes, and caught him up on her life, her marriage, her own children. They hadn't spoken in 15 years. "It was a very sweet conversation between two people that love each other and haven't seen each other in a long time."

Several people that Collins' group tracked down appeared on the official list of people unaccounted for after the fire. That list, managed by the Butte County Sheriff's Office, is down to six names from a high of 1,300 last month.

Sheriff Kory Honea acknowledged the work of Facebook groups in the effort but said his agency wasn't coordinating with them or using their resources, primarily because it was so swamped with other work.

"If the Facebook group knows that (people) are safe, they should call us and let us know. There's no way my staff can check the myriad of Facebook pages," Honea told The Associated Press.

Collins said when her team located a "missing" person who was on the official list, they emailed the sheriff's office and also told friends and family of those found to contact the sheriff's office to have their names removed.

Susie Elliot, 63, tried to get official information about her cousin in Paradise, Dee Riley, but called the sheriff's office and got repeated busy signals.

For over two weeks, Elliot, who lives in San Dimas, near Los Angeles, checked everywhere she could think of for Riley. She contacted the Red Cross, which was running shelters for fire evacuees, and it had no record of Riley so directed her to the Butte County Sheriff's Office, where she couldn't get through. She learned Riley's house burned down and started getting anxious. Then she did a Google search using words like, "missing people in Paradise," and found the Facebook group.

On Nov. 27, Elliot posted a message to the group saying she couldn't find her cousin. Within minutes, Kosmakos was on the case. Kosmakos, a stay-at-home mom and part-time administrative assistant, said she found Riley's cellphone number after a few quick online searches.



"By 3 p.m. the next day, I was in touch with my cousin," said Elliot, who learned her cousin was safe and was renting an apartment near Sacramento.

"I couldn't believe they found her in less than 24 hours," Elliot said.

The angels say they all have personal reasons for doing the work they do.

"I was in a foster home myself. I really don't have much family," said Collins. "So, for me, I get joy connecting others to their family."

## Nobel Peace winners urge global action vs. sexual violence

By DAVID KEYTON and JIM HEINTZ, Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The Congolese doctor who shares this year's Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end the use of rape and sexual violence as weapons of war called Monday for strong international action against the abuse, including reparations for victims.

Dr. Denis Mukwege, founder of a hospital in eastern Congo that has treated tens of thousands of victims of the country's conflicts for two decades, and Iraqi activist Nadia Murad received the prize at a ceremony in the Norwegian capital, Oslo. They split the 9-million-kronor (\$1 million) amount.

In an address interrupted by frequent applause, Mukwege criticized the international community for allowing Congolese to be "humiliated, abused and massacred for more than two decades in plain sight."

"I insist on reparations, measures that give survivors compensation and satisfaction and enable them to start a new life," he said. "I call on states to support the initiative to create a global fund for reparations for victims of sexual violence in armed conflicts."

He said countries should take a stand against "leaders who have tolerated, or worse, used sexual violence to take power. ... This red line would consist of imposing economic and political sanctions on these leaders and taking them to court."

Dozens of armed groups in Congo profit from mining the country's trillions of dollars' worth of mineral resources, many of which are crucial to popular electronic products such as smartphones.

"As consumers, let us at least insist that these products are manufactured with respect for human dignity. Turning a blind eye to this tragedy is being complicit," Mukwege said. An outspoken critic of Congo's government, he added: "My country is being systematically looted with the complicity of people claiming to be our leaders."

Murad, a member of Iraq's Yazidi minority, was kidnapped and sexually abused by Islamic State militants in 2014. She became an activist after escaping and finding refuge in Germany.

She told the ceremony that she wants world leaders to translate sympathy for victims into action against the abusers.

"The fact remains that the only prize in the world that can restore our dignity is justice and the prosecution of criminals," Murad said.

"Young girls at the prime of life are sold, bought, held captive and raped every day. It is inconceivable that the conscience of the leaders of 195 countries around the world is not mobilized to liberate these girls," she said.

"What if they were a commercial deal, an oil field or a shipment of weapons? Most certainly, no efforts would be spared to liberate them," she said.

Berit Reiss-Andersen, head of the Norwegian Nobel Committee that chooses the peace laureates, also said action was necessary.

"This award obligates Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad to continue their vital work. But the award obligates us to stand side by side with them in the struggle to end wartime sexual violence," she said.

Back in Iraq, Murad's sister and brother who live in a camp for displaced Yazidi people in Dohuk in northern Iraq expressed their happiness for their sibling's Nobel Prize.

"We are very happy, because on this date, Daesh was defeated in Iraq, on the same day Nadia is receiving her award ... This is like a tumor in the chest of Daesh. We are very glad, and very proud," her sister Khayriya Murad told The Associated Press at the family's caravan where a photo of Nadia hung on

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the wall. She was busy receiving congratulations from friends and camp management staff. Daesh is an Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group.

The winners of the medicine, physics, chemistry and economics Nobels received their awards Monday in Stockholm; no winner of the literature prize was named this year.

In comments at the awards banquet, William Nordhaus, an American who shared the economics prize for his work studying the consequences of climate change and proposing carbon taxes, took a swipe at those who are unwilling to address global warming.

"Some obstacles are unnecessary and manmade, such as those posed by the financial interests of polluters or the ludicrous arguments of some of our politicians," he said.

He shared the prize with Paul Romer, also of the United States, who was honored for studying how economies can encourage innovation.

The chemistry prize went to Americans Frances Arnold and George Smith and Britain's Gregory Winter for work that speeds up the evolution of proteins and enzymes. James Allison of the United States and Japan's Tasuku Honjo shared the medicine prize for discoveries in activating the body's immune system to fight cancer. The physics prize was awarded to Donna Strickland of Canada, Gerard Mourou of France and Arthur Ashkin of the U.S. for developments in laser technology.

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Associated Press writer David Keyton reported in Stockholm and AP writer Jim Heintz reported from Moscow. AP writer Rashid Yahya in Dohuk, Iraq, contributed to this report.

## Asian shares mixed on concerns over trade, economic outlook

By ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Asian markets were mixed Tuesday in narrow trading on doubts that U.S. and China can manage to resolve their festering trade dispute.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 lost 0.4 percent to 21,127.00 and South Korea's Kospi added less than 0.1 percent to 2,055.07. Hong Kong's Hang Seng edged 0.1 percent higher to 25,768.25. The Shanghai Composite rose 0.3 percent to 2,586.47. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 0.2 percent to 5,562.50. Shares rose in Taiwan but fell in Singapore and Indonesia.

WALL STREET: Buying of technology companies spurred gains for U.S. indexes after steep losses in early trading. China has protested the detention of a Chinese technology executive in Canada, which was carried out at the request of the U.S. The S&P 500 index rose 0.2 percent to 2,637.72 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average added 0.1 percent to 24,423.26. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite rose 0.7 percent to 7,020.52. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks dropped 0.3 percent to 1,443.09.

HUAWEI HEARING: The bail hearing of Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer of Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei, in Vancouver, British Columbia, is to continue after the judge said he would not make a decision Monday. Meng is wanted in the U.S. for allegedly misleading banks about the company's business dealings in Iran. China has protested Meng's arrest and told the U.S. and Canada that it would take further steps based on their response.

SOFTER ASIAN GROWTH: On Monday, revised data showed that the Japanese economy shrank by a worse than expected 2.5 percent in the third quarter, partly because of natural disasters. Over the weekend, China reported that its exports and imports slowed in November, adding to concerns that its economy may slow further, sapping regional and global growth.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Early movers in the Asia region had commenced with a brisker tone following the U.S. lead, although the awareness that the macro picture remains unchanged seems to have tamed some of the delight," Jingyi Pan of IG said in a market commentary.

IPHONE BAN IN CHINA: On Monday, U.S. chipmaker Qualcomm said that won an order in a Chinese court that bans some Apple phones in China. This is part of a lengthy dispute over two Qualcomm patents, allowing users to format photos and manage phone apps using a touch screen. Although Qualcomm said that the ban applies to models of the iPhone 6S through X, Apple said that all iPhones will remain available

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for customers in China. Qualcomm shares jumped 2.2 percent to \$57.24 on the news.

**ENERGY:** Oil prices began to recover Tuesday from a sharp decline. They have erased their gains from news of a production cut by OPEC countries and other major oil producers. U.S. benchmark crude added 22 cents to \$51.22 a barrel. It gave up 3.1 percent to \$51 a barrel in New York on Monday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 30 cents to \$60.27. The contract dropped 2.8 percent to \$59.97 a barrel in London.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar weakened to 113.08 yen from 113.34 yen late Monday. The euro rose to \$1.1366 from \$1.1355.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 2018. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1972, Apollo 17's lunar module landed on the moon with astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt aboard; they became the last two men to date to step onto the lunar surface.

On this date:

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1910, French inventor Georges Claude publicly displayed his first neon lamp, consisting of two 38-foot-long tubes, at the Paris Expo.

In 1917, British Gen. Edmund Allenby entered Jerusalem two days after his forces expelled the Ottoman Turks.

In 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne so he could marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson; his brother, Prince Albert, became King George VI.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon — the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed legislation creating a \$1.6 billion environmental "superfund" to pay for cleaning up chemical spills and toxic waste dumps. "Magnum P.I.," starring Tom Selleck, premiered on CBS.

In 1991, a jury in West Palm Beach, Florida, acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual assault and battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman.

In 1997, more than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

In 2001, in the first criminal indictment stemming from 9/11, federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Moussaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with conspiring to murder thousands in the suicide hijackings. (Moussaoui pleaded guilty to conspiracy in 2005 and was sentenced to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Former Nasdaq chairman Bernie Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that destroyed thousands of people's life savings and wrecked charities. (Madoff is serving a 150-year federal prison sentence.) The remains of missing Florida toddler Caylee Anthony were found six months after she disappeared. (Her mother, Casey Anthony, was acquitted of murder in her daughter's death.) A suicide bomber killed at least 55 people near Kirkuk, Iraq. Former pinup model Bettie Page died in Los Angeles at age 85.

Five years ago: Time magazine selected Pope Francis as its Person of the Year, saying the Roman Catholic church's new leader — the first from Latin America — had changed the perception of the 2,000-year-old institution in an extraordinary way in a short time.

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One year ago: A Bangladeshi immigrant set off a crude pipe bomb in a New York City subway passageway in a botched suicide bombing; it did not fully detonate and Akayed Ullah was the only one seriously hurt. (Ullah was convicted on terrorism charges in federal court; sentencing is set for April 5, 2019.) A Southern California wildfire exploded in size again, becoming the fifth largest in state history; officials handed out masks to those who stayed behind in an exclusive community where Oprah Winfrey and other stars had homes. Chef Mario Batali stepped away from his restaurant empire and his cooking show "The Chew" as he conceded that reports of sexual misconduct "match up" to his behavior. French President Emmanuel Macron awarded millions of dollars in grants to 18 climate scientists from the U.S. and elsewhere, allowing them to relocate to France for the remainder of Donald Trump's presidential term. The Pentagon said transgender recruits would be allowed to enlist in the military beginning Jan. 1; a ban ordered by Trump had suffered a series of legal setbacks.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 88. Actress Rita Moreno is 87. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 78. Actress Donna Mills is 78. Former Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 77. Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is 75. Singer Brenda Lee is 74. Actress Lynda Day George is 74. Music producer Tony Brown is 72. Actress Teri Garr is 71. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 67. Actress Bess Armstrong is 65. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 64. Rock musician Mike Mesaros (The Smithereens) is 61. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Motley Crue) is 60. Rock musician Darryl Jones (The Rolling Stones) is 57. Actor Ben Browder is 56. Singer-musician Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is 54. Rock musician David Schools (Hard Working Americans, Gov't Mule, Widespread Panic) is 54. Actor Gary Dourdan (DOOR'-dan) is 52. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 51. Actor Max Martini is 49. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 45. Actor Rider Strong is 39. Actress Xosha (ZOH'-shah) Roquemore is 34. Actress Karla Souza is 32. Actress Hailee Steinfeld is 22.

Thought for Today: "It takes a long time to understand nothing." — Edward Dahlberg, American author and critic (1900-1977).