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House to vote on formal inquiry

Resolution to set impeachment rules against president

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK, ERIC TUCKER AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats are laying the groundwork for the next phase of their impeachment inquiry with a vote this week on a resolution to affirm the investigation, set rules for public hearings and outline the potential process for writing articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

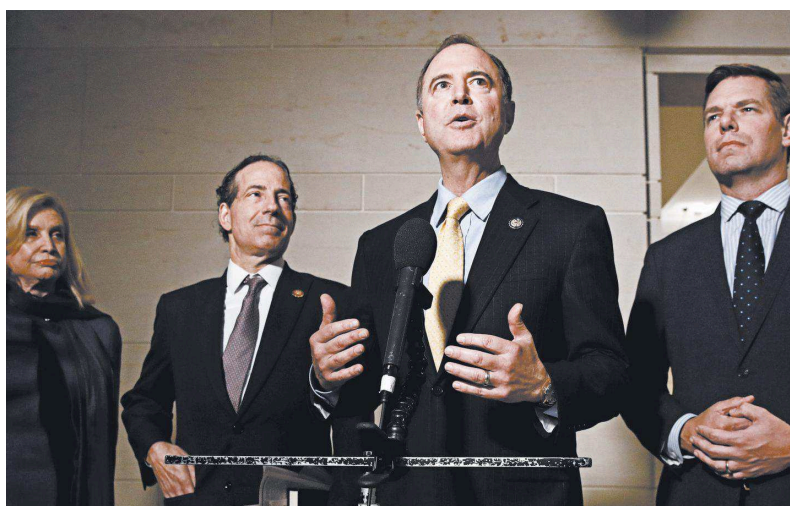
The Washington Post reported the vote would be Thursday.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced a vote on the resolution, which would be the first formal House vote on the impeachment inquiry. It aims to nullify complaints from Trump and his allies — amplified last week when Republicans stormed a secure room used for impeachment interviews — that the process is illegitimate, unfair and lacking in due process.

Despite the move toward a vote, Democrats insisted they weren't yielding to Republican pressure. Pelosi dismissed the White House's argument that impeachment requires an authorizing vote as having "no merit." She noted a federal judge agreed with Democrats in a ruling last week.

Trump has cited the lack of a House vote as a reason to refuse cooperation with

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Rep. Adam Schiff, second from right, said the inquiry will move forward after a witness failed to show up for a deposition on Monday. **PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP**



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Workers put the final touches on the Wharf Fort Lauderdale's expansive wooden deck on the riverfront.

The Wharf adds major chefs

Nautically minded food and drink hub opening at Las Olas Riverfront

BY PHILLIP VALYS

After months of riverfront construction, pop-up lounge The Wharf Fort Lauderdale on Monday finally announced its maiden voyage and a fleet of major Broward and Miami chefs.

The nautically minded food and drink hub will debut Nov. 8, on a busy stretch of the New River between Esplanade Park and Huizenga Plaza. The Astroturf-covered hub at 20

W. Las Olas Blvd. will feature cuisine from five food vendors: seafood from chef-restaurateur Dean James Max's Even Keel in Fort Lauderdale; classic American fare from Be Nice eatery Lunchroom in Fort Lauderdale; Hou Mei Asian Cuisine from Temple Street Eatery chef-owners Alex Kuk and Diego Ng; a pizzeria called the Piefather from chef Jose Mendin; and



THE WHARF FORT LAUDERDALE/COURTESY

An artist's rendering of the restaurant, which will feature patio furniture and communal table-style seating.

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Alleged killers: 'We are real thugs and we got guns'

Firefighter's shoes, smartphone stolen before he was shot

BY LISA J. HURIASH

LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA — It started with a motel shooting in Palm Beach County, and ended with a firefighter dead over an iPhone in Broward within hours.

Cops say when three robbers randomly stopped the Coral Springs firefighter on the street, they shot him dead when he wouldn't give up the passcode for his smartphone.

Firefighter Christopher Randazzo, 39, was killed about 2:30 a.m. Oct. 19 in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. His body was found outside a hotel on El Mar Drive.

Cops say he was cutting through the hotel, which was halfway between a bar he had gone to that night and his girlfriend's home when he was robbed of his red Nike sneakers, smartphone, knife, car keys and wallet with \$55 cash

before being gunned down by the men.

The robbers hours earlier had declared, "We are real thugs and we got guns," according to documents released Monday.

Arrested Friday were Torrey Holston, 19 — who the Broward Sheriff's Office said was Randazzo's shooter — and Jose Garcia Romero, 20, and Marco Rico, 32.

Hours before they killed Randazzo, they were involved in a shooting at a motel in Lantana, police say.

Before midnight Oct. 18, the robbers showed up in a Nissan Sentra to Motel 6 at 1310 W. Lantana Road. They went there to retrieve Rico's ex-girlfriend, who was staying at the two-story motel with another man, records show.

The man at the motel said Rico's ex-girlfriend had called Rico to sell him Adderall, arrest documents say. But Rico's ex-girlfriend really wanted

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Poll: Majority in state see climate change as a threat

Over two-thirds say government should do more

BY DAVID FLESHLER

More than two thirds of Florida adults consider climate change a threat to future generations and say state and local governments should do more to address it, according to a poll released Monday by Florida Atlantic University.

The poll found 68% of respondents agreed with the statement that climate change "has them concerned about the well-being of future generations in Florida," according to a news release from the university. Just 28% said state, county and city governments were doing enough to address it.

While a Republican-Democrat split about climate change exists in Flor-

ida, it's not as pronounced as in the rest of the nation, said Colin Polsky, director of the FAU Center for Environmental Studies, who led the effort.

For example, he said, the poll found 44% of Republicans in Florida agreed that climate change was real and primarily caused by human activities.

While that's lower than the 59% of independents and 70% of Democrats who agreed with that statement, he said it was significant that nearly half of Republicans considered human-caused climate change to be real.

"Nationally we tend to expect and see Republicans score much, much lower on that question than independents or Democrats," he said. "The results from the Florida survey show much less difference."

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YOUR NATION, YOUR WORLD

Man pleads guilty to slaying of five

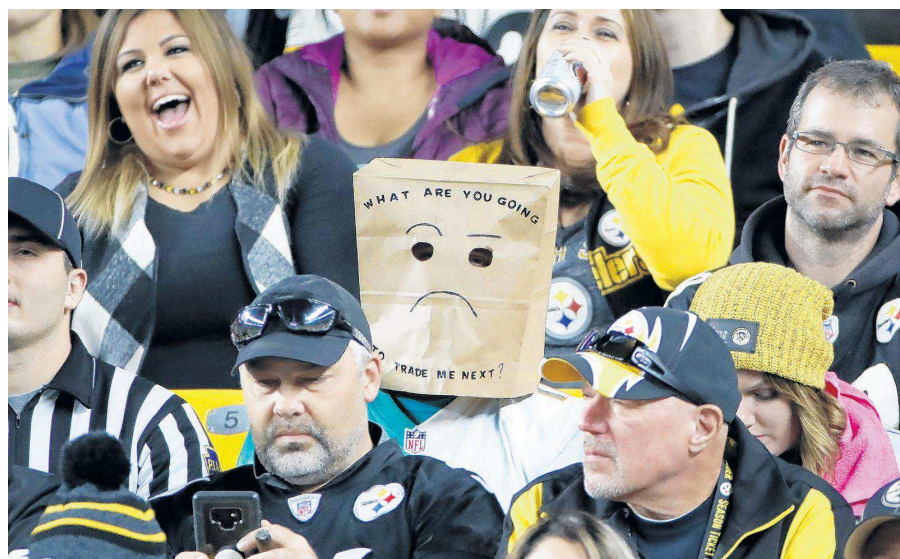
Hearing will determine if shooter was not responsible by reason of insanity in '88 newspaper massacre. **3A**

Pentagon pivots to oil protection

After al-Baghdadi's death, reinforcements to Syria's oil-rich areas are next on the agenda. **4A**

Wildfires destroy homes in Calif.

LeBron James, thousands of others forced to flee their Los Angeles homes in the middle of the night. **6A**



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DOLPHINS FALL TO 0-7

A Miami Dolphins fan, center, sits in the stands during the first half of a game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh on Monday. The Dolphins went ahead 14-0, but the Steelers rallied with 27 straight points for a 27-14 victory. **Sports, 1C**



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to reunite with Rico and asked him to come get her, cops say. Rico agreed to pick her up, but told her to arrange for the other man to sell him an Adderall pill, she said.

Another woman who also was in the robbers' Nissan that night said Holston talked about robbing and shooting the man at Motel 6, she told police. She said on the way to the motel Holston pulled out his gun and declared, "This is my military weapon," according to arrest documents. "They continue to talk each other up, saying things like, 'We are real thugs and we got guns,'" according to records.

When they showed up at the motel, Rico and the man at Motel 6 "exchanged words." Holston admitted opening fire at the man, the woman in the car later told police. When the men got back to the car, Holston said, "I think I got him. I saw him slumped over," she said.

Another one of the men replied, "Yes, you got him," according to the report.

But he didn't shoot him: The man at Motel 6 avoided being wounded by hiding in a stairwell. Police later would find four shell casings from a .22-caliber gun in front of rooms 162, 163

and 164. A palm tree in front of Room 165 had a hole in the trunk.

Rico's ex-girlfriend left the motel, riding off in the car with Rico and his passengers. She left her clothes and other belongings at the motel, only taking her cat with her, she said.

The robbers next drove to Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, but police reports don't say why they chose to head there — a location more than 30 miles away. There they robbed Randazzo.

When Randazzo's body was found just before 6 a.m., authorities came to suspect the same Nissan from the Lantana shooting was involved in the murder case. That somehow helped lead investigators to Rico, as well as Rico's ex-girlfriend, who agreed to speak to detectives.

Rico's ex-girlfriend told Broward detectives that Holston's street name was "Six" and Garcia Romero's street name was "Cobra" and the gun they had was stolen, according to records.

Police say the gun, which hasn't been recovered, is thought to be an automatic pistol. The Sheriff's Office hasn't said how many times Randazzo was shot.

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Trump: Chicago 'embarrassing' nation

Associated Press

CHICAGO — President Donald Trump used a conference of police chiefs Monday to slam the host city as "embarrassing to us as a nation" under the leadership of its top cop, who skipped the event over disagreements with Trump's immigration policies.

Trump has frequently criticized Chicago for its crime problems and status as a sanctuary city, one of scores of cities around the country that refuse to work with federal authorities to round up people who are living in the U.S. illegally.

"It's embarrassing to us as a nation," Trump said. "All over the world they're talking about Chicago. Afghanistan is a safe place by comparison."

Trump also lashed out at Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, who angered Chicago's police by skipping Trump's first appearance in the city as president.

"More than anyone else he should be here, because maybe he could maybe



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

President Donald Trump lashes out Monday against Chicago, saying "Afghanistan is a safe place by comparison," at a conference of police chiefs held in the city.

learn something," Trump said, claiming Johnson puts the needs of illegal immigrants above the needs of the law-abiding residents.

Chicago's police department had no immediate comment on Trump's remarks.

Johnson's decision to skip Trump's address angered the city's chapter of

the Fraternal Order of Police, which said in a Facebook post that "such a gesture would be an insult to both President Trump and the office of the presidency itself and would be a mark of disgrace upon the city throughout the entire nation, including Mayor Lori Lightfoot."

Lightfoot also refused to

meet with Trump.

FOP Lodge 7, which represents rank-and-file Chicago police officers, announced it had cast a vote of no confidence in Johnson.

Trump's visit also comes as more than 25,000 members of the Chicago Teachers Union have been on strike since Oct. 17.

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Sweets by Mojo Donuts.

Mendin (Pubbelly, Habitat and La Placita) is also opening Rivertail, an oyster bar and fish house, next door sometime over the next few weeks, said Emi Guerra, co-owner of the Wharf Fort Lauderdale.

"These guys will all open with specific, smaller menus to start and expand from there," said Guerra, who founded the Wharf Miami on the Miami River in November 2017. "Everyone was hand-picked so they could create menus that complement each other."

The Wharf Fort Lauderdale's vendors will frame an open-air patio on 1.25 acres of riverfront, newly equipped with Astroturf and communal-style tables, beach umbrellas and patio furniture. A 100-foot-long white pergola stretches from the Wharf's entrance to a covered tent, which will house more communal tables, a music stage and an island cocktail bar boasting 200 brands of rum. Finally the venue, planning to hire 100 staffers, will feature an 8,500-square-foot wooden deck along the Riverfront's edge with more seating.

"The Wharf is going to be an amazing addition to our community and we are honored to have the opportunity to be a part of it," Elliot Wolf, owner of Lunchroom and Be Nice Restaurants, said in a press statement.

Menus for each Wharf food truck are still being finalized, Guerra said.

A sister location of the Miami hotspot, The Wharf Fort Lauderdale came together out of practical necessity. In March, developer Dev Motwani of Merrimac Ventures signed a lease agreement with Guerra to spruce up the Riverwalk's nightlife scene. Motwani, building the two-tower X Las Olas building nearby, also said in March he wanted a short-term vendor while construction wrapped up.

Adding a Fort Lauderdale offshoot of the Wharf made "perfect sense," Motwani said. "It's very popular and with so much construction going on, we're wedged between two construction sites [X Las Olas and 4 West Las Olas]."

The Wharf Fort Lauderdale is designed to be temporary, although Motwani and Guerra declined

to say how long the Wharf's lease agreement would last. Another downtown hotel-condo tower may take over the riverfront space once X Las Olas finishes construction during the first half of 2020.

Next door to the Wharf, Jose Mendin's Rivertail will take over the former Briny Irish Pub location. After Briny's abrupt closure in August 2018, Mendin's Food Comma group partnered with Motwani, Rodney Barreto of the Barreto Group and the Wharf Miami's Guerra. Mendin says he discovered the Briny's old restaurant space in disarray, plus a too-small kitchen in dire need of a facelift.

When it opens, Rivertail will specialize in local, sustainable seafood, with catch-of-the-day specials (pompano, yellowtail, grouper, lionfish) and a large, island raw bar framed in high-top seating. The raw bar, designed for "casual eaters," will feature a separate menu of oysters and ceviches, clams and crabs, Mendin said.

Medin described the rest of Rivertail as an upscale restaurant-bar, featuring shareable plates such as brioche doughnuts filled with blue crab meat and dipped in spicy honey and sea salt; ceviche tacos; and New England clam chowder-filled dumplings. He will also serve Moqueca Mista, a version of the Brazilian stew he debuted at Sushisamba in Miami Beach 15 years ago, which includes palm oil, tomatoes, onions, okra, jumbo shrimp, squid, coconut milk and rice.

Why Fort Lauderdale? Mendin wants to revitalize the old Las Olas Riverfront — one of his nightlife haunts during his 20s — as hundreds of urban pioneers shuffle into the city's many new downtown residential lofts.

"I wanted to make a fresh fish house experience that has some modern touches and feels cool and comfortable," Mendin said. "I think we can add a lot more value to the river and to the Riverwalk, especially when the Wharf comes in."

Rivertail, not yet open, is currently in hiring mode, with an expected debut in November once Mendin's Piefather food truck debuts at the Wharf.

The Wharf Fort Lauderdale will be open from noon until late night Friday through Sunday. For more information, go to WharfFTL.com.

York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's "Great Depression" began.

In 1998, Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier.

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the impeachment investigation. In the wake of Pelosi's announcement, the White House said nothing had changed.

Pelosi "is finally admitting what the rest of America already knew — that Democrats were conducting an unauthorized impeachment proceeding, refusing to give the President due process, and their secret, shady, closed door depositions are completely and irreversibly illegitimate," said White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham.

Pelosi did not release the text of the resolution but said it would establish procedure for public hearings, authorize the disclosure of closed-door deposition transcripts and set forth "due process rights for the President and his Counsel."

It's unclear if that means that White House lawyers will be able to interview witnesses, or if Republicans will be able to call their own. Republicans have noted that the minority had those powers

in previous impeachment investigations.

Senate Republicans took a wait-and-see approach to the resolution.

Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin said it was a "good thing" the House was considering a vote. But when asked if Trump should cooperate fully once it passes, he replied, "I'll leave that up to the White House."

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas said the impeachment process had been "disreputable from the beginning." Like other Republicans, he wanted the full details.

Many government officials have cooperated with the inquiry despite Trump's orders.

But Pelosi's announcement came hours after a former White House national security official defied a House subpoena for closed-door testimony, escalating the standoff between Congress and the White House over who will testify.

Earlier Monday, Charles Kupperman, who was a deputy to former national security adviser John Bolton, failed to show up for the scheduled

closed-door deposition after filing a lawsuit asking a federal court in Washington to rule on whether he was legally required to appear. In a statement, Kupperman said he was awaiting "judicial clarity."

House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff said Kupperman's suit has "no basis in law" and speculated that the White House didn't want him to testify because his testimony could be incriminating. Democrats are investigating Trump's pressure on the Ukrainian government to pursue politically motivated investigations as the administration was also withholding military aid to the country.

"If this witness had something to say that would be helpful to the White House, they would've wanted him to come and testify," Schiff told reporters. "They plainly don't."

Schiff said the three committees leading the impeachment inquiry will move forward, with or without testimony from Kupperman and other witnesses. Democrats have indicated that they are likely to use no-show wit-

nesses to write an article of impeachment against Trump for obstruction of justice, rather than launching potentially lengthy court battles to obtain testimony.

"We are not willing to allow the White House to engage us in a lengthy game of rope-a-dope in the courts, so we will move forward," Schiff said.

Two current National Security Council staff members, Alexander Vindman and Tim Morrison, are scheduled to appear this week and would be the first White House employees to testify in the inquiry. Morrison's attorney, Barbara Van Gelder, said that if Morrison is subpoenaed, he will appear.

The argument advanced by Kupperman's lawyers turns on his status as a close adviser to the president and may not be available for other administration officials who are lower down the executive branch organization chart or who did not have regular contact with Trump.

Kupperman, his lawyers say, advised Trump on a regular basis; therefore, he can't be compelled to testify.



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Seasonal high tides called king tides flooded coastal neighborhoods in Hollywood last month.

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Other results of the survey:

■ Sixty-eight percent support teaching about climate change in the schools.

■ The numbers were higher for specific hazards associated with climate change. Sixty-five percent expressed a moderate or extreme concern about hurricanes getting stronger, 61% about rising temperatures and 59% about rising seas levels.

■ Among younger people, the belief in the scientific consensus on climate change was higher. Sixty percent of those aged 18-49 believed that climate change was real and caused by human activities, while for those aged

50-64 the percent was 51% and for those 65 or over it was 52%.

The poll of 1,045 Floridians was conducted by FAU's Center for Environmental Studies and Business and Economics Polling Initiative in the university's College of Business.

The possible impact of climate change on next year's presidential election remains unclear in Florida, whose 29 electoral votes and evenly split electorate make the state a crucial battleground.

The lines on the issue are likely to be fairly sharp between President Trump and his Democratic opponent.

Trump has dismissed climate change as a "hoax" invented by China, pledged to withdraw the United States from what

he called the "job-killing" Paris agreement to limit greenhouse gases, and authorized a lawsuit to block part of California's climate-change reduction program.

All the top contenders for the Democratic nomination consider climate change a reality that the United States needs to address.

Whether the issue can tip the balance in Florida remains unclear, although in a state with a recent history of electoral photo-finishes, any issue could make a difference.

"Historically, Floridians have usually gravitated toward three general issues, including education, the environment and crime," said Kevin Wagner, chairman of the political science department at FAU, who was not in-

volved in the poll. "With that said, which issue rises to the top can change. I think the easy takeaway is that yes, the environment matters to people. The question we don't know yet is whether those concerns are going to be the thing that drives their vote."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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On Oct. 29, 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

In 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New