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## Trump to fire Homeland Security boss, replace chief of staff: source

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to remove Department of Homeland Security chief Kirstjen Nielsen and is considering replacing chief of staff John Kelly in another shakeup of his administration, a source close to the White House said.

Trump has been mulling removing Nielsen, a Kelly protege who became the secretary at Homeland Security when he left the job to become Trump's chief of staff, for a number of weeks, the source said.

The source cautioned Trump could still change his mind on the matter, but said he has grown weary of her in his push to harden the U.S. border with Mexico. Trump has not decided on a candidate to replace Nielsen, the Wall Street Journal reported.

"The Secretary is honored to lead the men and women of DHS and is committed to implementing the President's security-focused agenda to protect Americans from all threats and will continue to do so," said Tyler Houlton, a Department of Homeland Security spokesman, in response to an ABC News report about the possible staff changes.

Trump is also considering replacing Kelly, an ardent defender of Nielsen, with Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff, Nick Ayers, the source said.

Kelly, a retired Marine Corps general, has sought to bring more stability to the White House operation under the unpredictable Trump.

During his time as chief of staff, he and the president have had a rocky relationship, according to various news reports and Bob Woodward's best-selling book "Fear: Trump in the White House."

If they leave, Kelly and Nielsen would join a long list of people who have been fired by Trump or resigned since he took office in January, 2017. That list includes former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and former Attorney General



Senior White House Advisor Jared Kushner, Senior White House Advisor Ivanka Trump and White House Chief of Staff John Kelly follow U.S. President Donald Trump and U.S. first lady Melania Trump as they walk to Marine One in Washington

## Oil plummets on global demand concerns; U.S. stocks end lower

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Oil prices plunged 7 percent on Tuesday on persistent concerns of oversupply and weakening global demand, causing Wall Street stocks to reverse early gains that were driven by the resumption of trade talks between the United States and China.

Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York City, U.S., November 12, 2018. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

The U.S. benchmark S&P 500 stock index .SPX ended lower as energy stocks declined with the fall in prices of Brent and U.S. crude futures.

U.S. crude touched its lowest level in a year, and Brent also extended Monday's fall, which was triggered when U.S. President Donald Trump put pressure on OPEC to not cut supply to prop up prices. Both crude benchmarks have fallen more than 20 percent since peaking at four-year highs in early October.

Wall Street stocks reacted sharply to the oil price slump.

"The market does not like such a violent move in an asset class," said Keith Lerner, chief market strategist at SunTrust Advisory Services in Atlanta. "Low oil prices are good for consumers, but they will hurt energy companies, whose earnings estimates have been rising over the past year," he added, noting that there could also be a decline in capital spending.

U.S. crude futures CLc1 settled down \$4.24, or 7.1 percent, to \$55.69 a barrel. It was the largest one-day percentage decline for the contract since September 2015. Brent LCOc1 ended down \$4.65, or 6.6 percent, to \$65.47 a barrel, its largest one-day loss since July.

Earlier, U.S. stocks rose after White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said Washington had resumed trade

talks with China, calling the development "very positive."

The U.S. dollar index .DXY, which has steadily climbed as the U.S.-China trade dispute has escalated, dipped 0.2 percent but remained near a 16-month high reached on Monday.

"If you're looking at market action today, that reflects an unsuredness and lack of direction," said Oliver Pursche, chief market strategist at Bruderman Asset Management in New York.

The pound GBP=D3 rose 0.9 percent to \$1.2966 after reports that Britain and the European Union had agreed upon the text of a Brexit agreement and that British Prime Minister Theresa May would hold a cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

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The Dow Jones Industrial Average .DJI fell 100.69 points, or 0.4 percent, to 25,286.49, the S&P 500 .SPX lost 4.04 points, or 0.15 percent, to 2,722.18, and the Nasdaq Composite .IXIC added 0.01 point, or 0 percent, to 7,200.88. MSCI's gauge of stocks across the globe .MIWD-00000PUS shed 0.10 percent.

In the U.S. Treasuries market, benchmark 10-year notes US10YT=RR last rose 13/32 in price to yield 3.1433 percent, from 3.189 percent late on Friday. The Treasury market was closed on Monday for the Veterans Day holiday.



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Lamar HS student shot to death in 'targeted attack'

A Lamar High School student was killed Tuesday afternoon in a shooting that was believed to be targeted, Houston police said. The 18-year-old student was just outside the campus in River Oaks, when he was shot about 12:15 p.m. at Bammel Lane and Philfall Street, according to officials. The site is near Bethany Christian School. Houston Police Department Executive Assistant Chief Troy Finner said that three suspects approached the student, who was with a 15-year-old girl, and one of the suspects began firing. After the victim went down, the gunman stood over him and fired more shots, Finner said.

Finner stood near the crime scene afterward, pleading the public for help making Houston safer for children. "We're not just gonna stand by and let our street become bloodbaths, we're not," Finner said. The gunman, masked and wearing a black hoodie and possibly black clothes, fled with the other two suspects in a four-door Subaru with paper license plates, Finner said. The back passenger side window was covered with a plastic bag. People tried giving the student CPR on the scene, but he wasn't responsive, Lt. Nate Rosenblatt said. The teen was taken to Ben Taub Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



Houston reports record snow; Pearland takes on thundersleet

Houston saw a trace of snow on Tuesday, the National Weather Service reported, marking the earliest recorded snow for the Bayou City and breaking a nearly 40-year record. A trace of snow/sleet was recorded at Bush Intercontinental Airport, where the city's official weather is recorded. Tuesday's report broke a record previously set on Nov. 23, 1979, the agency said in a tweet. With temperatures in the upper 30s, nothing is accumulating, said Molly Merrifield, a meteorologist at NWS in League City. "It's just cool to watch it fall," she said. Flurries fell in other parts of the Houston area earlier Tuesday, including Conroe and Ellington Airport. Light sleet and snow flurries hit the ground in College Station. Some parts of the area, including Pearland, also experienced thundersleet, where in a thunderstorm, sleet falls instead of rain. A couple of lightning strikes were reported, said Merrifield, who added the phenomenon is pretty rare here.

The National Weather Service also issued a freeze warning Tuesday for the Houston area, with temperatures expected to dip down to sub-freezing levels tonight. The warning is in effect from 9 tonight to 9 a.m. Wednesday. Temperatures should be between 25 and 32 degrees across southeast Texas. Power washing the 11-story limestone Art Deco building also is a possibility. "I feel so much like this is part of the environment," Lanier said. "All of this inspires people to feel better, to work harder ... and I think it brings a wonderful result." The \$4.9 million price tag — which is for just the first phase of beautification at the site — includes some indoor repairs related to Hurricane Harvey. The City Hall basement has been unusable since it was flooded, Turner said, and windows and cracks in the building will be re-sealed to bring the structure back up to standard, Houston City Councilman David Robinson said.



Attorney Mary Van Orman watches as wintery mix falls around her as she walks toward the Montgomery County Courthouse, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, in downtown Conroe.

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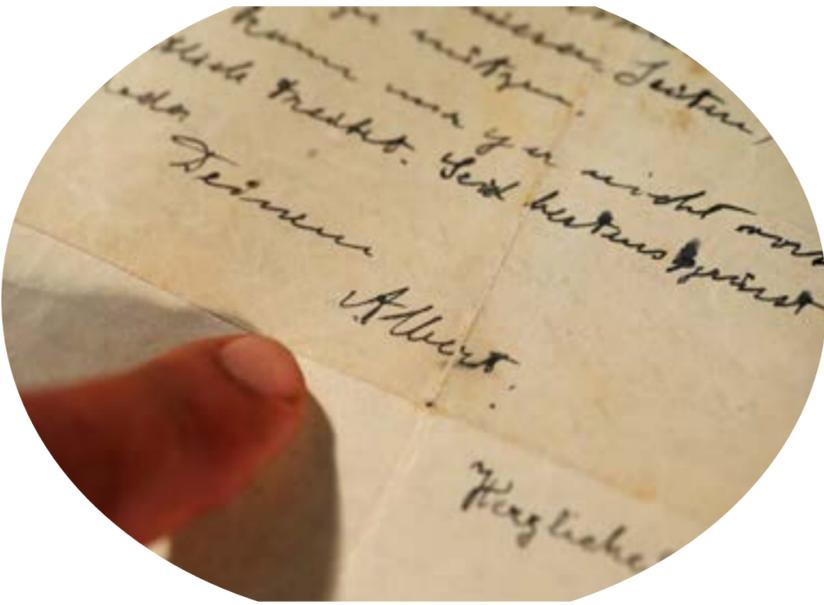
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A car destroyed by the Camp Fire is seen in Paradise



A volunteer search and rescue crew from Calaveras County comb through a home destroyed by the Camp Fire in Paradise



Meron Eren from Kedem Auction House shows a letter written in 1922 by physicist Albert Einstein, prior to its auction, in Jerusalem



Firefighters inspect a property destroyed by the Camp Fire in Paradise



U.S. Marines set up a barricade with concertina wire, at the border between Mexico and the U.S., in preparation for the arrival of migrants, in Tijuana



A U.S flag is pictured while U.S Marines set up a barricade with concertina wire, at the border between Mexico and the U.S., in preparation for the arrival of migrants, in Tijuana



Argentine filmmaker Martel poses during an interview with Reuters at the 33rd Mar del Plata Film Festival in Mar del Plata



FILE PHOTO: Motorcyclists from Red Knights International Firefighter Club arrive to attend a funeral for six members of the Rhoden family in rural Ohio

Overview
Hundreds of Texas firefighters are heading to California to help battle wildfires burning in Southern California

Hundreds of Texas firefighters started heading to California on Monday morning to help battle wildfires burning in Southern California.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced Sunday that 200 firefighters, 55 fire engines and personnel from the Texas A&M Forest Service will be on their way.

The Woolsey Fire, burning just northwest of Los Angeles, had scorched more than 83,000 acres as of Sunday and is only 10 percent contained. At least two people have died.

Meanwhile, at least 23 people were killed and thousands of buildings were destroyed in a separate wildfire in Northern California.

"When disaster strikes, it is imperative that the call for help is answered, and that is exactly what these men and women serving in fire departments across Texas are doing," said Gov. Abbott in a press release.

A representative from Texas A&M Forest Service said that 47 fire departments from 23 Texas counties are deploying to California, and that it will take about two days before they arrive.

Several Houston-area fire departments, including Baytown, Eastex, Forest Bend, North Montgomery and Webster, will be sending engines, firefighters or both, according to Texas A&M Forest

Texas Firefighters Head To California To Help Battle Wildfires

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



Firefighters from across Texas, including some from the Houston area, headed out this morning to help with the California wildfires. So far more than 8,000 firefighters have been battling what's being called California's most destructive wildfire.

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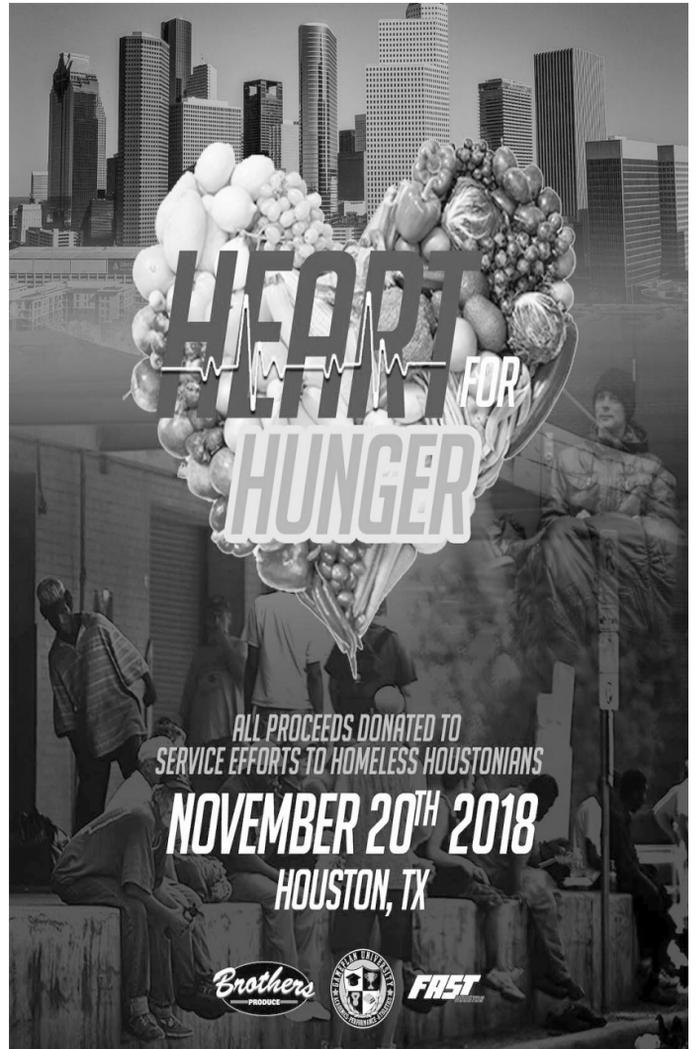
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California firefighters are still trying to

ifornia. The Camp Fire is now one of the deadliest fires in the state's history. It's also the most destructive on record, having destroyed over 6,000 structures. The Pacific Gas & Electric Company is working with investigators to figure out the cause.

contain at least three major fires in the state. The Camp Fire, the largest of the three fires, has burned through 110,000 acres of land, killing at least 41 people. There are reports that hundreds more people are still missing in Northern Cal-



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OVERVIEW

NBC News reported last year on the agreements between pharmacies and insurance companies that had kept some pharmacists from disclosing cheaper drug options to consumers.

President Donald Trump signed two bills at the White House on Wednesday aimed at lowering pharmaceutical drug prices by promoting greater disclosure in drug pricing.

The two bills the president signed — the Know the Lowest Price Act and the Patients' Right to Know Drug Prices Act — are meant to prevent "gag clauses" in agreements between pharmacies and pharmacy benefit managers, the middlemen who administer prescription drug programs for insurance companies, which pharmacists say kept them from disclosing cheaper drug options to consumers.

"It's way out of whack. It's way too high," Trump said of the current state of drug pricing at the signing. "You look at prices in our country and for the exact same drug in other countries, it's much lower — made in the same plant by the same company — and I said, 'What's going on?'" He added, "Now, they'll be able to see where they should go and as they start leaving certain pharmacies, those pharmacies will be dropping their prices."



Trump Signs Bills Lifting Pharmacist 'Gag Clauses' On Drug Prices

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President Donald Trump signs bills intended to lower prescription drug prices during a ceremony at the White House on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018. Saul Loeb / AFP - Getty Images

News. "It's a big win for patients in terms of allowing pharmacists to openly discuss medication prices to save patient money and health care costs."

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Trump signed the Know the Lowest Price Act and the Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Wednesday afternoon. Both seek to end the "gag orders" that keep pharmacists from disclosing cheaper drug options to consumers.

The laws will allow, but not require, pharmacists to inform patients of lower-cost prescriptions.



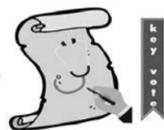
In May, Trump laid out a series of plans to make pharmaceutical companies more competitive, including reducing the cost of prescription drugs by allowing drug companies to introduce cheaper versions of medications already on the market, stat-

ing at the time they were "getting away with murder."

"Today Congress is building on my administration's actions with legislation ... very strong legislation to completely end these unjust gag clauses once and for all," Trump said. "Our great citizens deserve to know the lowest price available at our pharmacies and now that is what they'll be getting."

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the legislation will give patients "the right to know" when lower-cost prescriptions are available.

PATIENT RIGHT TO KNOW ACT OF 2018



"American patients should know: You can always ask your pharmacist whether you're getting the best deal on the prescription drugs you need. This is just one step in the President's plans to deliver better healthcare to Americans at lower prices,

efforts that have already involved more action to bring down drug prices than any previous President has taken," Azar said in a statement.

Azar added the Trump administration has "so much more coming" in the weeks and months ahead to reduce drug prices in the United States. (Courtesy upi.com)

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Some drugs, supplements taken together can pose health risk



A study found certain over-the-counter herbal medicines and dietary supplements taken concurrently with prescription drugs could have serious health risks, especially among older adults. (Photo/Creative Commons)

Sept. 25 (UPI) -- People who use certain over-the-counter herbal medicines and dietary supplements concurrently with prescription drugs could open themselves up to serious health risks, especially among older adults, according to a study.

Researchers in Britain found some drugs' effectiveness was reduced and that new medical problems could be caused with some combinations in a study published Monday in the British Journal of General Practice.

They report that blood pressure treatments, statins and aspirin are affected, and there is increased blood glucose concentration and risk of bleeding. They also found the body's reduced ability to absorb prescription drugs associated with aging. Researchers found 32.6 percent of the participants were at risk of potential adverse drug interactions.

Substances with potential drug interaction risks include evening primrose oil, St. John's wort and ginkgo. Supplements include glucosamine and Omega3 fish oil.

Table 4. Potential Drug-Dietary Supplement Interactions. Columns: Drugs, Dietary Supplements, Potential Adverse Effects.

Adapted from Lamy (1994), Loung and Foster (1997)

"The potential risk of interactions with certain combinations of prescription drugs, herbal medicines and dietary supplements shows the need for healthcare professionals to routinely ask questions regarding the use of other medications that are not prescribed," Dr. Taofikat Agbabiaka, a researcher at the University of Hertfordshire in England, said in a press release.

Twenty-eight of the 55 herb-drug and supplement-drug combinations were assessed as "no interaction" or "no interaction of clinical significance." But 21 combinations were categorized as interactions with "doubts about the outcome of concurrent use." Three combinations were rated as "potentially hazardous" and three of "significant hazard."

The significant ones were Bonelac supplement/Levothyroxine medicine, peppermint supplement/Lansoprazole and St. John's war supplement/Amlodipine. The study was conducted in 2016 at two practices in South East England.

One third of the 149 participants said they used herbal medicines and dietary supplements bought over the counter and by self-prescription. The study also found that some patients were taking as many as eight types of alternative medicines and supplements.

Seventy-eight percent of the concurrent users were taking dietary supplements, including vitamins and minerals. The most commonly used dietary supplements were cod liver oil, glucosamine, multivitamins and vitamin D. Common herbal medicinal products were evening primrose oil, valerian and Nyctol Herbal, which is a combination of hops, gentian and passion flower. (Courtesy https://www.upi.com/Health\_News)

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