



If you would like to share news or information with our readers, please send the unique stories, business

news organization events, and school news to us including your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

For news and information consideration, please send to News@scdaily.com or contact
John Robbins 832-280-5815
Jun Gai 281-498-4310

Harvey Weinstein charged in Los Angeles for sex crimes as NY rape trial



Inside C2

Southern DAILY

Make Today Different

Southern Daily News is published by Southern News Group Daily

Publisher: Wea H. Lee
President: Catherine Lee
Editor: John Robbins, Jun Gai
Business Manager: Jennifer Lopez
Address: 11122 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77072
E-mail: News@scdaily.com

Tuesday, January 07, 2020 | www.today-america.com | Southern News Group

Pentagon chief denies U.S. leaving Iraq; Tehran crowds mourn commander



People attend a funeral procession for Iranian Major-General Qassem Soleimani, head of the elite Quds Force, and Iraqi militia commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, who were killed in an air strike at Baghdad airport, in Tehran, Iran January 6, 2020. Official Khamenei website/ Handout via REUTERS

BAGHDAD/DUBAI (Reuters) - The United States has no plans to pull American troops out of Iraq, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said on Monday, following reports by Reuters and other media of a U.S. military letter informing Iraq officials about the repositioning of troops in preparation to leave the country.

The developments come in the aftermath of an American drone strike ordered by U.S. President Donald Trump that killed Iranian military commander Qassem Soleimani, widely seen as Iran's second most powerful figure behind Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. "There's been no decision whatsoever to leave Iraq," Esper told Pentagon reporters when asked about the letter, adding there were no plans issued to prepare to leave.

U.S. accuses Russia, China of blocking U.N. statement on Baghdad embassy attack

Leaked U.S. letter to Iraq was a poorly worded draft: top U.S. general

See more stories

"I don't know what that letter is... We're trying to find out where that's coming from, what that is. But there's been no decision made to leave Iraq. Period."

The United States has about 5,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

The letter was a poorly worded draft document meant only to underscore increase movement of U.S. forces, the top U.S. military officer told reporters.

"Poorly worded, implies withdrawal. That's not what's happening," U.S. Army General Mark Milley, chairman of the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, stressing there was no withdrawal being planned.

The authenticity of the letter, which was addressed to the Iraqi defense ministry's Combined Joint Operations Baghdad and signed by a U.S. general, had been confirmed to Reuters by an Iraqi military source.

Esper added the United States was still committed to countering Islamic State in Iraq, alongside America's allies and partners.

Several helicopters could be heard flying over Baghdad on Monday night. It was not immediately clear if this was a related development. The letter said coalition forces would be using helicopters to evacuate.

People attend a funeral procession for Iranian Major-General Qassem Soleimani, head of the elite Quds Force, and Iraqi militia commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, who were killed in an air strike at Baghdad airport, in Tehran, Iran January 6, 2020. Official Khamenei website/Handout via REUTERS

In Tehran, Khamenei wept in grief with hundreds of thousands of mourners thronging the streets of the Iranian capital on Monday at Soleimani's funeral. He was killed by a U.S. drone at Baghdad airport on Friday.

"Sir, in deference to the sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq, and as requested by the Iraqi Parliament and the Prime Minister, CJTF-OIR will be repositioning forces over the course of the coming days and weeks to prepare for onward movement," the letter stated.

It was signed by U.S. Marine Corps Brigadier General William Seely III, commanding general of the U.S.-led military coalition against Islamic State.

CJTF-OIR stands for Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve.

"We respect your sovereign decision to order our departure," the letter said.

Iran's demand for U.S. forces to withdraw from the region gained traction on Sunday when Iraq's parliament passed a resolution calling for all foreign troops to leave the country.

Iraqi caretaker Prime Minister Abdel Abdul Mahdi told the U.S. ambassador to Baghdad on Monday that both nations needed to implement the resolution, the premier's office said in a statement. It did not give a timeline.

The letter stated, "During this time, there will be an increase in helicopter travel in and around the International Zone (IZ) of Baghdad." The International Zone is the formal name of Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, home to government buildings and foreign missions.

美南廣播電視台 看電視聽廣播

美南新媒體

全面出擊美南電視廣播車新聞ing
全方位為您實況轉播。傳遞全球華人即時新聞

美南新聞傳媒集團結合，最新高科技及全美國十大城市之精銳新聞專業團隊，全力為全球觀眾及讀者打造放眼世界。

美南國際電視STV15.3為方便觀眾收看，「電視廣播合為一體」不需任何付費，觀眾可24小時直接收看及收聽該頻道，行車間也可方便收聽，輕鬆獲取美南電視節目以及各類國際、社區重大資訊。

操作指南如下，讓觀眾24小時收看收聽：

- 1. 掃二維碼(QR code)：**觀眾只要掃描報上的二維碼，就可連結到美南國際電視，直接在手機上觀看STV15.3。
- 2. 今日美南公眾號直播：**觀眾可在「今日美南」公眾號上，點選「美南視頻」裡的「美南國際電視直播」就可輕鬆連接至STV15.3。
- 3. 下載Apps收看：**可在蘋果商店搜尋「Today America」，下載Apps，除可用手機讀報更方便，也可以在Apps裡收看STV15.3 電視直播。
- 4. Google搜尋：**觀眾只要在Google網站搜尋「Southern TV - STV15.3 Houston」或輸入該平台網址「<http://media.maqtv.com/?1497381&proc=1>」就可直接連結美南國際電視直播平台。

如開開車時收聽廣播，請連接車載音響設備(數據線/藍牙設備)，效果更佳。



www.today-america.com



www.scdaily.com
Tel:(281)498-4310 Fax:(281)498-2728
11122 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072

Harvey Weinstein charged in Los Angeles for sex crimes as NY rape trial starts

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Once powerful Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was charged in Los Angeles on Monday on sex crime charges just hours after he appeared in a New York court for the start of his rape trial, which has become a focal point for the #MeToo movement.

Weinstein was charged with sexual assault of two unidentified women in 2013, said Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey. He was charged with raping one woman and sexually assaulting the other.

"We believe the evidence will show that the defendant used his power and influence to gain access to his victims and then commit violent crimes against them," Lacey said.

The Harvey Weinstein story: From studio to courtroom in 40 years
Weinstein, 67, has pleaded not guilty to charges of assaulting two women in New York. He faces life in prison if convicted on the most serious charge, predatory sexual assault.

Donna Rotunno, Weinstein's lead counsel in New York, declined to comment on the Los Angeles charges, saying she needed more information. A Weinstein spokesman Juda Engelmayer declined to comment.

The charges added to heightened emotions and tension surrounding the trial as jury selection begins on Tuesday.

"L.A. INDICTMENT! Cant breathe," wrote Rose McGowan, who has accused Weinstein of raping her, on Twitter. "Happy trial day to you, Mr. Weinstein. Welcome to the rest of your life, hope you'll have as much fun as we have had being in your jail."

Los Angeles prosecutors said Weinstein and a victim identified as Jane Doe 1 attended a Hollywood film festival on Feb. 17, 2013, according to court papers.

After the woman returned to her hotel room, Weinstein knocked



Film producer Harvey Weinstein departs Criminal Court on the first day of a sexual assault trial in the Manhattan borough of New York City, New York, U.S., January 6, 2020. REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz

at her door, she let him in and after talking briefly he attacked her and raped her. "Jane Doe 1 alleges that she delayed disclosure of this assault, in part, because the defendant threatened her life if she disclosed," said a court filing.

The next evening, a woman identified as Jane Doe 2 and an acquaintance of hers went to Weinstein's hotel room following a business meeting, according to a court filing. The woman

unwittingly followed Weinstein into the bathroom and the acquaintance shut the door behind her, according to court documents.

Film producer Harvey Weinstein departs Criminal Court on the first day of a sexual assault trial in the Manhattan borough of New York City, New York, U.S., January 6, 2020. REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz
Weinstein stripped naked, took a brief shower, took down Jane Doe 2's dress and then masturbated before

releasing her.

"Each of these victims told at least one person about the assault in 2013. They reported the crimes to police in 2017," the prosecutor said.

Weinstein faces up to 28 years in California prison if convicted on the charges, Lacey said. Three other cases were being considered for charges, she said.

國際貿易中心

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER

We Build Bridges To International Business

國際化商貿 從這裡出發

辦公室招租 Office for Rent

- 位置極佳，近中國城5分鐘。
- 環境高雅，安全安靜，包水電，免費高速網絡，辦公傢具
- 有大型停車場。
- Great location, 5 minutes drive from Chinatown.
- Safe and quiet work place with water and electricity, free high-speed Internet, office furniture.
- There has a large parking lot.

舉辦活動最佳地點 Event rental

- 場地寬敞 設備齊全
- 有大型停車場。
- The great location to host various of events in Chinatown area.
- Spacious place with a large parking lot.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER-HOUSTON

Southern News Group 11110 Bellaire Blvd., Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77072
Corporate Office-Houston, Texas USA Tel: (832) 448-0190 Fax: (281) 498-2728

Editor's Choice



FILE PHOTO: 77th Golden Globe Awards - Photo Room - Beverly Hills, California, U.S., January 5, 2020 - Awkwafina poses backstage with her Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy award for "The Farewell". REUTERS/Mike Blake/File Photo



Film producer Harvey Weinstein arrives at Criminal Court for first day of sexual assault trial in New York



Woman carries a Jesus Christ figurine as a girl looks on, at the San Pedro Church on Three Kings' Day, or the Feast of the Epiphany, in La Paz



U.S. Army paratroopers assigned to 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division board an aircraft bound for the U.S. Central Command area of operations from Fort Bragg



A sign is held outside New York Criminal Court on the first day of film producer Harvey Weinstein's sexual assault trial in the Manhattan borough of New York City, New York, U.S., January 6, 2020. REUTERS/Jeenah Moon TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Rose McGowan arrives on the first day of film producer Harvey Weinstein's sexual assault trial in New York City



Greek Orthodox men help a faithful who fainted after jumping into the Golden Horn to retrieve a wooden crucifix during the Epiphany ceremony in Istanbul, Turkey, January 6, 2020. REUTERS/Murad Sezer TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A supporter of the Houthis has a poster attached to his waist of Iranian Major-General Qassem Soleimani, head of the elite Quds Force, who was killed in an air strike at Baghdad airport, during a rally to denounce the U.S. killing, in Saada

Researchers trying to figure out how meat causes heart disease came up with another possible explanation last week: an essential nutrient found in meat and eggs might be a culprit. They found evidence that choline may feed gut bacteria that in turn produce a compound that makes blood sticky and prone to form clots that can cause heart attacks and strokes.

It's the latest in their series of studies looking at what specific compounds in food raise people's risk of heart disease, the no. 1 cause of death in the U.S. and much of the world. Choline is considered an essential nutrient and getting too little can, ironically, lead to heart disease, cancer and other conditions. It's found in abundant quantities in egg yolks, liver, red meat, peanuts and wheat germ. Dr. Stanley Hazen of the Cleveland Clinic and colleagues did a small but intense study in 18 volunteers – eight of them vegetarians or vegans, and 10 people who eat meat, eggs and dairy. They gave all 18 choline supplements – 500 mg daily. The recommended adequate intake of choline from all sources is 425 mg a day for women and 550 mg a day for men.

“Unless prescribed by your doctor, avoid supplements with choline.”

Bacteria May be Reason Some Foods Cause Heart Disease, Stroke

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



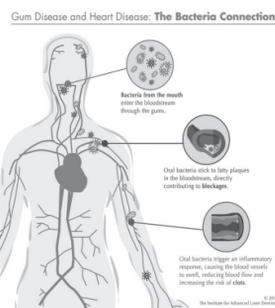
Hard-boiled egg cut in half on chopping board

The research team did not find that people who took the supplements had an actual higher risk of heart disease – the study did not last long enough or include enough people to show that.



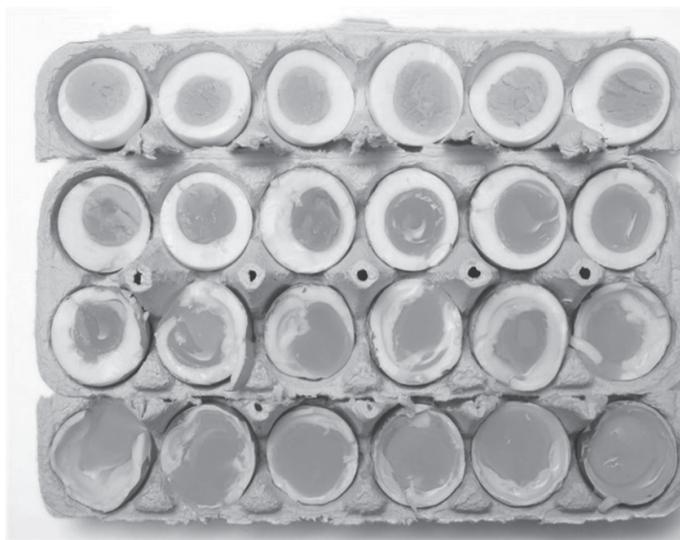
But they've also found that other compounds found in animal products also raise levels of TMAO. “We previously showed gut microbial production of trimethylamine N-oxide (TMAO) from dietary nutrients like choline, lecithin, and L-carnitine is linked to the development of cardiovascular diseases,” they wrote. “Almost all of the probiotics that are commercially sold now have virtually no studies to demonstrate that they actually do anything, even survive in your stomach.” “The new study provides the first direct evidence in humans that consuming excess choline, an essential nutrient plentiful in a Western diet, raises both levels of the bacteria-produced compound, called trimethylamine N-oxide (TMAO), and the tendency of platelets to clump together and form clots,” the American Heart Association, which publishes Circulation, said in a statement. “Numerous studies have shown that higher blood levels of TMAO are associated with a greater risk of heart disease, including heart attacks and strokes in humans, and recent studies showed that feeding animals choline-supplemented diets also raised their risk of clotting.” Taking a daily aspirin reduced the clotting effect, they added. “An unanticipated finding was that low-dose aspirin partially reduced choline supplement-dependent rise in TMAO,” they wrote.

“Although the mechanism for this result is unknown, aspirin has been reported to alter the composition of the gut microbial community.” Choline is important for human development and health. It's used to make membranes and affects brain development. It also affects how the body clears out “bad” cholesterol.



A large egg delivers about 125 mg of choline. Scientists know that gut bacteria are vital for digesting and metabolizing food. People could not survive without the trillions of bacteria, viruses and fungi species that live in and on our bodies. But the balance of those germs can affect health greatly. Gut bacteria can protect against certain infections and play a role in obesity. Studies indicate they may affect the risk of cancer, heart disease and even mental illnesses such as schizophrenia. Other teams have narrowed down the species of bacteria that metabolize choline, L-carnitine and other compounds to make TMAO. Hazen's hope is to develop ways to alter these bacteria or their products to lower the risk of heart disease.

Right now, products may promise to do so but none are proven, said Hazen, who helped found a company that licensed a test for TMAO to the Cleveland Clinic. “Almost all of the probiotics that are commercially sold now have virtually no studies to demonstrate that they actually do anything, even survive in your stomach,” Hazen said. (Courtesy <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/>)



A photo of eggs cooked to different temperatures included in “The Food Lab” by J. Kenji López-Alt. J. Kenji López-Alt / W.W. Norton and Company

After a month, their blood levels of a compound called trimethylamine N-oxide (TMAO) rose 10-fold. In tests, their blood became much more likely to form clots, the team reported in the journal Circulation. “TMAO supercharges platelet function,” Hazen said. Platelets are cell-like structures in the blood that help form blood clots. TMAO makes them sticky, Hazen said. “What is clear from this study is if you increase the choline in your diet, the TMAO level goes up and that changes your platelet function,” Hazen told NBC News. The vegans and vegetarians had much lower levels of choline to start with than the meat-eaters did, Hazen's team reported. Even after taking choline, their blood levels were much lower. “Foods that raise TMAO may increase your risk for clotting and thrombotic events. Unless prescribed by your doctor, avoid supplements with choline,” Hazen said in a statement. “A Mediterranean or vegetarian diet is reported to help reduce TMAO.”

美南廣播電視台 看電視聽廣播

美南新媒體

全面進入數據互聯時代

美國華人 傳媒史上重大突破



掃三維碼(QR code)： 收看電視 收聽廣播 全球直播



美南國際電視STV15.3為方便觀眾收看，「電視廣播合為一體」，不需任何付費，觀眾可24小時直接收看及收聽該頻道，行車間也可方便收聽，輕鬆獲取美南電視節目以及各類國際、社區重大資訊。

美南國際電視STV15.3收看 操作指南如下，讓觀眾24小時收看收聽：

1. 掃二維碼(QR code)：觀眾只要掃描報上的二維碼，就可連結到美南國際電視，直接在手機上觀看STV15.3。
2. 今日美南公眾號直播：觀眾可在「今日美南」公眾號上，點選「美南視頻」裡的「美南國際電視直播」，就可輕鬆連接至STV15.3。
3. 下載Apps收看：可在蘋果商店搜尋「Today America」，下載Apps，除可用手機讀報更方便，也可以在Apps裡收看STV15.3 電視直播
4. Google搜尋：觀眾只要在Google網站搜尋「Southern TV- STV15.3 Houston」，或輸入該平台網址「<http://media.maqtv.com/?1497381&proc=1>」，就可直接連結美南國際電視直播平台。

如需開車時收聽廣播，請連接到車載音響設備(數據線/藍牙設備)，效果更佳。

Watch Live TV & Online Radio

www.today-america.com

美南新聞 Houston TX · 達拉斯時報 Dallas TX · 芝加哥時報 Chicago IL · 波士頓新聞 Boston MA · 亞特蘭大新聞 Atlanta GA · 奧斯汀新聞 Austin TX · 波特蘭新聞 Portland OR · 聖安東尼新聞 San Antonio TX · 西雅圖新聞 Seattle WA · 聖路易新聞 St. Louis MO



www.scdaily.com
Tel:(281)498-4310 Fax:(281)498-2728
11122 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072

news.com.au @newscomauHQ



Heartbreaking footage of kangaroos fleeing has been captured in Monaro, NSW, as bushfires close in.

The blazes, expected to be the worst yet this weekend, threaten to erase entire species in Australia, which already has the highest rate of extinction in the world.

Pictures and images on social media show charred koalas receiving medical attention, bodies of dead animals lying on the ground and kangaroos desperately running from blazes. Experts say the fires have likely killed millions of animals including koalas, wallabies, wombats and kangaroos.

“Many of the affected animals are likely to have been killed directly by the fires, with others succumbing later due to the depletion of food and shelter resources and predation from introduced feral cats and red foxes,” the University of Sydney ecologists said in a statement on Friday.



Australia Fires Kill Half A Billion Animals As Crisis Mounts



OVERVIEW

Wildfires have turned southeast Australia into a charred, apocalyptic nightmare, and threaten to wipe out entire species of animals.

An estimated half billion mammals, birds and reptiles have been killed since the bushfires started in September, according to ecologists from the University of Sydney. The actual number is likely much higher. Pictures and images on social media show charred koalas receiving medical attention, bodies of dead animals lying on the ground and kangaroos desperately running from blazes.

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

In record heat Australia and South Australia, where temperature have risen to 40 degrees, koalas approached cyclists on the road to seek water.

37.2K people are talking about this Roughly 34 species and subspecies of native mammals have become extinct in Australia over the last 200 years.

Australia's koala population, which is already declining and vulnerable, has been especially devastated by the fires. Government officials estimating that 30% of the region's species may have died.

Ecologists estimate that about 8,000 koalas have died since the fires started, as the slow-moving animals are unable to escape the flames. The marsupials are one of the country's most iconic animals, and have contributed between \$1.1 bil-

lion and \$2.5 billion per year to tourism in Australia, according to government data.

“Up to 30% of the koalas in the region may have been killed, because up to 30 percent of their habitat has been destroyed,” Australia's Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation last week. “We'll know more when the fires are calmed down and a proper assessment can be made.”

Images of burned koalas prompted people to support a Gofundme page for Australia's Port Macquarie Koala Hospital. The hospital has received more than \$2 million in donations since September, but is still struggling to treat injured koalas.



A dehydrated and injured Koala receives treatment at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie on November 2, 2019, after its rescue from a bushfire that has ravaged an area of over 2,000 hectares. Saeed Khan | Getty Images

University of Sydney Professor Dieter Hochuli said that while wildfires are traditionally a normal part of Australia's ecosystem, the increased frequency and intensity has enormous consequences for the future of plants and animals.

“It's not just the charismatic well known species that are at risk either. The insects that so many of our ecosystems are reliant on for services like pollination and nutrient cycling are very sensitive to fire,” he said.



“One of the great unknowns is just how, if it all, their populations and subsequently the services they provide will recover.” (Courtesy cnbc.com)



美南報業/電視/網站/傳媒總社 SOUTHERN NEWS GROUP

Media | Newspaper | Television | Yellow Pages | Printing

The Largest Asian Independent Multi-media Group In Houston & USA.

- 美南國際電視網 Southern Television
- 美南新聞日報(總社) Southern Chinese Daily News
- 休士頓黃頁 Houston Chinese Yellow Pages
- 休士頓旅遊指南 Houston Travel Guide
- 美南新聞網站 www.scdaily.com
- 美南國際貿易中心 International Trade Center www.itchouston.org
- 美南印刷廠 U.S.A. Printing
- 美國美南拉瑪爾大學環球職業教育中心 Global center for Professional Education Lamar University - SNG
- 美南光聲電訊傳媒集團 Phonoscope-Southern News Group Telecom Media Group

