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China's Huawei executive seeks bail in U.S. extradition

VANCOUVER (Reuters) - A Canadian provincial court on Monday weighed whether to grant bail to a top executive of one of the world's biggest telecommunications companies, Huawei Technologies [HWT.UL], while she awaits a ruling on extradition to the United States.

U.S. prosecutors want Chief Financial Officer Meng Wanzhou to be extradited to face accusations she misled multinational banks about Huawei's control of a company operating in Iran, putting the banks at risk of violating U.S. sanctions which would incur severe penalties, court documents said.

Meng's lawyers told the court high-tech surveillance devices would ensure their client does not flee and proposed a C\$15 million (\$11.3 million) bail guarantee for her release.

Meng's arrest has roiled markets over fears it would exacerbate tensions between the United States and China, already at a high over tariffs. The two sides have agreed to trade negotiations that must be concluded by March 1.

Beijing has demanded Meng's immediate release and threatened "consequences" for Canada. But both Chinese and U.S. officials appear to be avoiding linking her arrest to the trade dispute.

Meng, the 46-year-old daughter of the founder of Huawei, was arrested on Dec. 1 as she was changing planes in Vancouver. In a sworn affidavit, she said she is innocent and will contest the allegations against her at trial if she is surrendered to the United States.

Meng's lawyers argue that while she awaits the extradition ruling, she should be allowed to live in one of her two multi-million-dollar Vancouver homes and travel through the area as long as she is accompanied at all times by drivers and minders from a security firm. She would also wear a global positioning system (GPS) bracelet at all times, her lawyers said.

Of the C\$15 million guarantee, C\$14 million would be in equity and C\$1 million in cash, they said.

At one point the judge asked why Meng had avoided travel to the United States since 2017 if not to avoid arrest. Her lawyer David



A home owned by the family of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou, who is being held on an extradition warrant, is pictured

Martin cited a "hostile" climate toward Huawei in the United States.

"I ask the court to ask itself, what motive could she possibly have to flee?" Martin said, arguing the evidence against her was not overwhelming.

"If she were to flee, or breach order in any way ... it doesn't overstate things to say she would embarrass China itself."

Almost half of S&P 500 stocks in a bear market

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - The S&P 500 is not yet in a bear market, but nearly half of its components are.

Hurt by worries about global growth, the S&P 500 .SPX on Monday fell 0.25 percent, putting the benchmark index on track for its lowest close since May and stirring fears that a decade-old Wall Street rally may be over. Earlier in the session, the index was down as much as 1.9 percent. The S&P 500 index has been in a correction since October, defined by many investors as a drop of 10 percent or more from a high. It has not crossed the 20 percent threshold, widely viewed as the definition of a bear market.

However, 245 stocks in the S&P 500 - 49 percent of its components - on Monday had fallen 20 percent or more from their 52-week highs. Another 127 S&P 500 stocks had fallen 10 percent or more from their 52-week highs, but less than 20 percent.

Apple Inc (AAPL.O), until recently Wall Street's

most valuable company and the largest component of the S&P 500, has declined 27 percent from its record high on Oct. 3, accelerating the index's losses as investors fret over cooling demand for iPhones. Holiday travel can be stressful. Here's how to prepare your schedule and finances, and how to adjust when things don't go according to plan.

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Pessimism has spread beyond the S&P 500 to smaller companies across the U.S. stock market, with hundreds of stocks hitting lows for the year on a daily basis in recent sessions.

S&P 500 components deepest in bear market territory include Nektar Therapeutics (NKTR.O), Coty Inc (COTY.N) and General Electric Co (GE.N), each down more than 60 percent from its 52-week high. Microsoft Corp (MSFT.O), which in late November dethroned Apple as Wall Street's largest company, is down 8 percent from its Oct. 3 record high.



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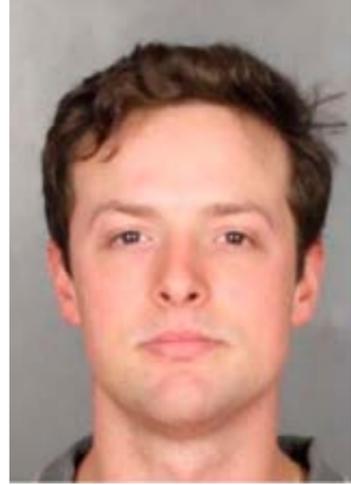
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No jail time for Baylor fraternity president accused of rape

WACO, Texas (AP) — A Texas judge on Monday accepted a plea bargain allowing a former Baylor University fraternity president accused of rape to avoid serving jail time, prompting outrage from the former Baylor student who filed the complaint and her parents. Judge Ralph Strother accepted the plea deal for Jacob Walter Anderson, who was indicted on sexual assault charges and pleaded no contest to a lesser charge of unlawful restraint. A no contest plea means a defendant does not admit guilt, but will offer no defense. The deal from prosecutors allowed 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 who accused Anderson said she was devastated by the judge's decision and described the county's justice system as "severely broken." An online petition had been created to oppose the plea agreement, which the woman said more than 85,000 people have signed. Baylor was engulfed in a sexual assault scandal tied to its football program in 2016, ultimately leading to the departure of several school leaders. Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years, and Robin Bush, the daughter they lost to leukemia at age 3.



Randalls to shutter Katy store, its seventh Houston-area closure this year

Randalls is shuttering its seventh local store this year as the longtime Houston grocery chain continues to struggle in the city's hyper-competitive market.

The Randalls at North Fry and Morton roads in Katy will close and be sold to El Rancho Supermercado, a fast-growing Hispanic grocery chain that entered the Houston market earlier this year.

RELATED: Randalls continues retreat from competitive grocery market

Randalls, locally based but now a subsidiary of national supermarket company Albertsons, will have just one store in Katy after closing its 1525 South Mason location in 2017 and its 3050 North Fry location this year. The chain will continue to operate its Katy location at 525 South Fry. The decision to close its North Fry location came after an extensive analysis of the Randalls store portfolio, spokeswoman Connie Yates said. "There are no additional store closings at this time," Yates said in an email. Randalls, once one of the top grocery chains in

Houston, has been steadily retreating from the city's competitive market. The company this year closed its Garden Oaks, Stafford, Cypress, Montrose, The Woodlands and Sugar Land stores, bringing the chain's local footprint to 22 from 51 locations in 2005. Randalls today has less than 4 percent of the Houston grocery market share while H-E-B, Kroger and Walmart each have about a quarter, according to the Shelby Report, a grocery industry research firm. Albertsons, the parent company of Randalls, is a major stakeholder in El Rancho, a Garland, Texas-based grocery chain catering to the state's growing Hispanic population. El Rancho replaced two other former Randalls stores locally: Garden Oaks and Stafford.



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Editor's Choice



Defense witness Scott Filer appears at the B.C. Supreme Court bail hearing of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou, who is being held on an extradition warrant, in a drawing in Vancouver



Lisa Duan, a visitor from China, holds a sign in support of Huawei outside of the B.C. Supreme Court bail hearing of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou, who is being held on an extradition warrant in Vancouver



Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou, who was arrested on an extradition warrant, appears with her attorney at her bail hearing in B.C. Supreme Court



A man walks by a sign outside of the B.C. Supreme Court bail hearing of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou, who is being held on an extradition warrant in Vancouver



A sign outside of the Chinese consulate is pictured in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada December 8, 2018. REUTERS/David Ryder



A home owned by the family of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou, who is being held on an extradition warrant, is pictured



Razor wire is seen on a fence at the Alouette Correctional Centre for Women, where Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou is being held on an extradition warrant, in Maple Ridge



Handout of Meng Wanzhou, Huawei Technologies Co Ltd's chief financial officer (CFO)

Close to 100 guests joined ITC Chairman Wea H. Lee and his wife Catherine at a special celebration of the life of the late President George H.W. Bush Sunday, December 9, 2018, at the International Trade Center in southwest Houston.

The event was MC'ed by James Noteware, formerly with the City of Houston and now part of the leadership of ITC. Chairman Lee delivered the opening remarks and told how President George H.W. Bush had influenced his life.

Among the speakers at the event was Ambassador Li Qiangmin, Consul General of China in Houston, who spoke about the legacy of the late president George H.W. Bush and his important accomplishments in the area of U.S. - China relations and stressed how today's leader need to follow the late president's example.



Oil painting by Mr. Wang Xin Sheng, Oil Painting Artist Displayed at the meeting.

Chairman Lee also used the occasion to announce that he and his wife have established a 501C3 foundation that will focus on giving aid to children in need.

The singing tributes included: Cai Yi, America, the beautiful, Hallelujah Love Song, Lily Zhang 《敖包相》 Jasmine, Yu Xiao Mei 《茉莉花》 and Jingle Bells. A commemorative oil portrait of former president George H.W. Bush was created by artist Mr. Wang Xin Sheng and was displayed at the event.

The event organizers included ITC, Southern TV, Southern News Group, US China Partnerships.

Another Houston Area Tribute To George H.W. Bush This Week

Last Wednesday, the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation's Young Professionals Group hosted its fifth annual Tacky Sweater Party at the Children's Museum of Houston, where its members will mix and mingle while packaging 9,600 books into home libraries for underserved pre-

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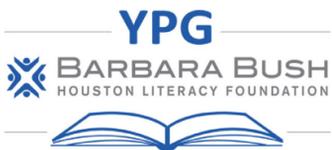
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school-aged children throughout the city of Houston.

In tribute to former President George H.W. Bush, the group will be wearing quirky and colorful socks, a trademark accessory for Bush.

"This week, it's even more important with the passing of President Bush. We want to recognize his mission of service and Barbara Bush's mission of literacy," Victoria Villarreal said.



All of the volunteers had on their holiday sweaters and silly socks, but the mission, they said, was very near and dear to the Bush family. The volunteers spent Tuesday evening packing up books that will go to Houston children.

Julie Finck, President of the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, said that the annual event is part of a bigger mission that means a little bit more this week. "This is all in honor of the Bush family," said Finck, "They both lived a life of service and were role models to so many of us and we are just working hard to emu-

late the things they believed in and service to others is one of them."

Villarreal, chair of the Young Professionals Group, said that she hopes that the boxes of books will turn into a lifelong passion.

"We hope that the children find the passion for literacy. When you learn to read, you can do anything," Villarreal said. Finck said she believes that, when the children turn the pages of the books, the Bushes' legacy will live on.

"Mrs. Bush believed that reading was a lifetime gift and it lasts forever and impacts generations," Finck said.

The books will be distributed to the children before the holidays. (Courtesy https://www.click2houston.com)

Final Arrangements

TRANSPORT FROM HOUSTON TO WASHINGTON

Bush's body was transported by a motorcade Monday morning from a Houston funeral home to Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, a Texas Air National Guard base. The casket was loaded onto a plane during a departure ceremony and flown to Joint Base Andrews in Maryland.

Relatives accompanying the casket included his sons, former President George W. Bush and Neil Bush, along with members of their immediate families. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and the rest of the

Bush family met the party when the body arrived at Joint Base Andrews.

Houston hosted a public tribute to Bush on Monday night. Mayor Sylvester Turner had urged attendees to wear colorful socks, a nod to the former president's fondness for sporting loud socks often emblazoned with unusual patterns during public events.

Family spokesman Jim McGrath tweeted Monday that Bush will be laid to rest wearing gray socks honoring his days as a naval aviator.

STATE FUNERAL IN WASHINGTON

In Washington, Bush laid in state in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol until 8:45 a.m. EST Wednesday. His casket was transported by motorcade Wednesday morning to the National Cathedral, where a state funeral was held at 11 a.m. EST. President Donald Trump, who ordered federal offices closed on Wednesday for a national day of mourning, is to attend with first lady Melania Trump.



Tiffany Uttersen, right, and her children, from left to right, Ella, 11, Ian, 10 and Owen, 8, place a wreath outside the gated community entrance to the home of George H.W. Bush Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, in Houston.

Bush is returning to Washington as a revered political statesman, hailed by leaders across the political spectrum and around the world as a man not only of greatness but also of uncommon decency and kindness. Bush, died late Friday at his Houston home at age 94, is to be honored with a state funeral at National Cathedral in the nation's capital on Wednesday, followed by burial Thursday on the grounds of his presidential library at Texas A&M.DAVID J. PHIL-LIP AP PHOTO

RETURN TO HOUSTON

Following the service at the National Cathedral, Bush's body was flown to Houston on Wednesday and arrived at

4:30 p.m. CST. His body was transported by motorcade to St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where he and his wife regularly worshipped. A public viewing of Bush's casket was held at the church from 6:45 p.m. CST on Wednesday until 6 a.m. CST on Thursday.

On Thursday, a private funeral service with about 1,200 invited guests was held at the church starting at 10 a.m. CST. After the hour-long service, a motorcade transported Bush's casket to a train station north of Houston, near the international airport named after Bush.

A ceremony was held at the train station as Bush's casket is loaded onto a Union Pacific train. The train took about 2½ hours to travel roughly 70 miles (113 kilometers) to the city of College Station, home to Bush's presidential library at Texas A&M University.

The locomotive was painted the colors of the Air Force One plane used during Bush's presidency and bears the number "4141" in honor of the 41st president. The casket was placed in a car with Plexiglas windows to allow people to see it during the trip, according to McGrath, the family spokesman.



Final resting place of President George H.W. Bush, his wife Barbara and their daughter, Robin Bush, in College Station, Texas, on the site of the presidential library.

BURIAL IN COLLEGE STATION

The train arrived in College Station on Thursday around 3:45 p.m. CST. Bush's casket was then transported by motorcade to the presidential library, where he was buried at the gated family plot near his wife and their daughter Robin, who died of leukemia at age 3. Barbara Bush died on April 17 at their Houston home. The couple was married for 73 years, longer than any other U.S. presidential couple.

Ceremonies at the presidential library included a "missing man" formation flyover. The casket was then rolled along a path through woods, over a bridge and over a creek for burial during a private graveside service with the Bush family.

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U.S. Announces \$12B Bailout For Farmers Hurt In Trade War

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The Trump administration pledged \$12 billion in financial aid to U.S. farmers Tuesday as it reiterated attacks on the "illegal trading practices" it blames for a broadening trade war with China and other countries.

It was a dose of relief for rural Texans — among the nation's largest exporters of cotton and sorghum to China — and a sign that despite Trump's tweet in March that "trade wars are good, and easy to win," the fighting of them is complex.

"The programs we're announcing today are a firm statement that other nations cannot bully our agricultural producers to force the United States to cave in," Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said in announcing a relief program that aims to make up for retaliatory tariffs wiping out key markets for commodities including pork, soybeans, wheat and grain sorghum. "This is a short-term solution that will give President Trump and his administration time to work on long-term trade deals to benefit agriculture and all sectors of the American economy," Perdue said.

The program will include payments to soybean, cotton, sorghum, corn, wheat, dairy and hog farmers; a program to buy up surplus products such as fruit, nuts, rice and legumes for distribution by food banks and government food programs; and an effort by the Foreign Agriculture Service and the private sector to develop new export markets.

The plan, which has been in the works since at least April, drew sighs of relief from farm interests that have seen prices reach lows not seen in years.

Photo taken on July 6, 2018, shows farmer Terry Davidson walking through his soy fields in Harvard, Illinois. US Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced on July 24, 2018, up to \$12 billion in aid to US farmers hurt by retaliatory tariffs imposed by trading partners. Farmers will receive direct payments or sell their excess production to the government, Perdue told reporters. This will aid producers of soy, sorghum, pork, dairy, fruit, rice and nuts, all products hit by tariffs imposed in response to US duties. (Photo / AFP/Getty Images)



Photo taken on July 19, 2018 shows imported soybeans in a display at the Hopeful Grain and Oil Group in Sanhe, in China's northern Hebei province. The company is currently using soybeans imported from Brazil, after recently changing from US soybeans, weeks before China imposed tariffs on American goods in retaliation for tariffs imposed by the US on Chinese goods. (Photo/AFP/Getty Images)

"U.S. pork, which began the year in expansion mode to capitalize on unprecedented global demand, now faces punitive tariffs on 40 percent of its exports," National Pork Producers Council President Jim Heimerl said in a news release. "The restrictions we face in critical markets such as Mexico and China — our top two export markets by volume last year — have placed American pig farmers and their families in dire financial straits. We thank the president for taking immediate action."

Russell Boening, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said the agricultural aid package "will help farmers and ranchers who rely on export markets stay in business as the administration works to develop and obtain new markets."

But it also drew harsh criticism from both sides of the political aisle as an expensive bailout to help a significant part of Trump's voting base weather what could be a prolonged, multifront trade war.

"This trade war is cutting the legs out from under farmers and White House's 'plan' is to spend \$12 billion on gold crutches," said U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb. "America's farmers don't want to be paid to lose — they want to win by feeding the world. This administration's tariffs and bailouts aren't going to make America great again, they're just going to make it 1929 again." U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., criticized President Donald Trump on his favorite medium.

"OK @POTUS — you created this mess with your trade war and now you are going to spend \$12 billion to placate the farmers that voted for you," she tweeted. Exit polls from the 2016 election showed rural voters came out strong for Trump, whose appearances in heavily agricultural areas drew long lines of supporters. The Trump appeal was most dramatic among rural voters in tiny communities far from urban centers, where 71 percent went for Trump, compared with 40 percent of vot-

ers in cities with a million or more people. Farm communities are caught up in trade politics. After the administration imposed tariffs on a wide range of imports, trading partners retaliated. China, a key buyer of U.S. agricultural exports, slapped \$34 billion in tariffs on goods including soybeans, sorghum and pork.

Perdue said the aid package announced Tuesday is "directly in line with the estimated \$11 billion impact of illegal tariffs" already facing the nation's agricultural producers.

"As you know, President Trump has promised since Day 1 that he has the back of every American farmer and rancher, and today's announcement is a fulfillment of that promise," Perdue said.



Song Qun, explains to his colleagues how the sorghum is harvested using the big tractor at the Chopelas Farms.

All the programs are authorized under the charter act of the Commodity Credit Corp. a government-owned entity incorporated in 1933 to help stabilize farm income and prices. Congressional approval is not required for the money to be used and producers are expected to be eligible to apply for the aid in September.

"We certainly provided outreach to Congress and let them know the plan that we're undertaking today," USDA chief economist Rob Johannson said. "It's taking advantage of existing authority that we have."

Greg Ibach, USDA undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs, said other countries would see the bailout as a sign the administration was not backing down in its fight for more favorable trade deals.

"We hope that it will allow time to conclude trade negotiations that will indeed open those markets and restart trade," he said. "We're hoping other countries will see that we're serious now about trade negotiations."

Luis Ribera, an agricultural economist at Texas A&M University, looked at the value of five top agricultural exports to China to get a sense of losses. In 2017, U.S. ranchers sent about \$31 million to the just-reopened market for beef and veal (Texas share: \$4 million), \$349 million in wheat (Texas share: \$11.5 million), \$12.4 billion in soybeans (Texas share: \$11.6 million), \$976 million in cotton (Texas share: \$449 million) and \$836 million in sorghum (Texas share: \$209 million).

"We send \$15.5 billion worth of these agricultural products, so if no alternative markets are found then that would be the amount needed," he said, adding, "subsidies, in general they are just a patchwork and not sustainable. They usually disrupt markets and harm producers in the long run."



A Midwest U.S. farmer checks his crops. But Wayne Cleveland, executive director of the Texas Grain Sorghum Association, said the aid would keep a lot of growers from going under.

"This is absolutely critical for our guys," he said. "There's no grain trading at all and it's because of the tariffs. It's primarily the Chinese, but Mexico's even quit buying and you have to think that (North American Free Trade Agreement) negotiations are playing some part of this as well. This is across the board."

"Sorghum is a cash crop and it's used to pay for other crops, finish cattle," he added. "So the money isn't there. These guys are having to go back to the bank and nobody's going to loan them money in these markets."

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall agreed that the funding "should help many of our farmers and ranchers weather the rough road ahead and assist in their dealings with their financial institutions." (Courtesy <https://www.expressnews.com>)

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