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## U.S. lawmakers gift-wrap Trump impeachment impasse ahead of holidays



FILE PHOTO: U.S. President Donald Trump addresses the "White House Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence, & Substance Abuse" at the White House in Washington, U.S., December 19, 2019. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts/File Photo

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. lawmakers who control the fate of President Donald Trump left Washington for a holiday break on Friday with no agreement over how they will handle the Senate trial to consider his impeachment charges in January.

Trump stands little chance of being convicted and removed from office by the Republican-controlled Senate, which is due to take up the two impeachment charges passed by the Democratic-led House of Representatives in a historic vote on Wednesday.

Republicans and Democrats are at loggerheads over how the Senate trial will play out. Democrats want to call top Trump aides as witnesses, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has not yet sent the impeachment package over to the Senate in a bid to ramp up the pressure.

Many Republican lawmakers would prefer a quick trial to get the matter behind them, and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell has dismissed the idea of calling witnesses.

He says Democrats are delaying because they have lost confidence in their case.

"The prosecutors appear to have developed cold feet," he said on Thursday.

No matter the outcome, Democrats have ensured that Trump will go down in history as one of only three U.S. presidents to be impeached, following Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Bill Clinton in 1998. Richard Nixon resigned in 1974 as he faced

impeachment.

Trump, 73, is accused of abusing his power by holding back \$391 million in security aid to Ukraine in an effort to get Kiev to announce a corruption investigation of former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination to face Trump in the 2020 election.

The president is also charged with obstruction of Congress for directing administration officials and agencies not to cooperate with the impeachment inquiry.

Trump has dismissed his impeachment as a hoax and partisan bid to undo his surprise 2016 election win. He says he did nothing wrong.

'PROFOUNDLY IMMORAL'

A Senate trial would kick off a politically charged year heading into the presidential election, which will pit Trump against one of a field of 15 Democratic contenders.

The impeachment trial could pose logistical challenges for the four Democratic senators in the race, as the first nominating contest takes place in Iowa on Feb. 3.

"This impeachment process is more important than anyone's schedule," one of those candidates, Senator Amy Klobuchar, said on Thursday.

Trump's presidency has polarized the United States,

dividing families and friends and making it more difficult for politicians in Washington to find middle ground as they confront challenges such as the rise of China and climate change.

Christianity Today, a magazine founded by the late U.S. evangelist Reverend Billy Graham, called on Thursday for Trump's removal from office in an editorial that branded the effort to get Ukraine to probe Biden as "profoundly immoral."

Trump questioned Christianity Today's success and dismissed its call for his removal.

"No President has done more for the evangelical community, and it's not even close," Trump tweeted.

Christianity Today Editor Mark Galli, in response, said Trump's conduct was an urgent concern.

"We rarely comment on politics unless we feel it rises to the level of some national ... concern that is really important. And this would be a case," he told CNN in an interview. "This is something we need as a movement to think about, pray about at this time in our life."

Evangelical Christians make up about 25% of U.S. voters, according to Pew Research, and have been a bedrock of Trump's support. In 2016, he took over 80% of the group's votes, according to Pew's polling.

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# Boeing's Starliner test capsule fails in space station mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (Reuters) - Boeing Co's new astronaut capsule on Friday failed to reach the orbit of the International Space Station, U.S. space agency NASA said, cutting short a critical unmanned test mission in the embattled aerospace giant's race to send humans to the station.

The CST-100 Starliner astronaut capsule successfully launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida, but an automated timer error, which Boeing could not immediately account for, prevented the spacecraft from reaching the orbit that would have put it on track to meet up with the space station.

The debut journey to the space station was a milestone test for Boeing (BA.N), which is vying with SpaceX to revive NASA's human spaceflight capabilities. SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule carried out its unmanned test flight to the space station in March.

The thwarted mission took place as Boeing, whose shares dropped about 1% in afternoon trading, sought an engineering and public relations win in a year punctuated by a corporate crisis over a ban on its 737 MAX jetliner following fatal crashes. Boeing officials told a news conference that it was too early to determine the exact cause of the glitch. The effect it would have on Starliner's designs and possible testing requirements before its manned mission can take place was also not unclear.



The Boeing CST-100 Starliner spacecraft, atop a ULA Atlas V rocket, lifts off for an uncrewed Orbital Flight Test to the International Space Station from launch complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral.

However, the possibility that Boeing would have to redo its unmanned orbital test flight would substantially delay NASA's timelines and increase costs.

The plan was now for the capsule to head back to Earth, landing at White Sands, New Mexico on Sunday, Boeing's space chief executive Jim Chilton said.

This is the landing site that would have been used if the capsule had completed its planned week-long stay at the space station.

The Boeing CST-100 Starliner spacecraft, atop a ULA Atlas V rocket, lifts off for an uncrewed Orbital Flight Test to the International Space Station from launch complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Florida December 20, 2019. REUTERS/Thom Baur

The craft had burned too much fuel to risk trying to land at the International Space Station at this point, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said.

Vice President Mike Pence was briefed

on the incident and was assured that NASA will continue to test and improve to hit its goal of resuming human flights on American rockets in 2020, his office said in a statement.

The spacecraft, a cone-shaped pod with seats for seven astronauts, blasted off from Cape Canaveral at 6:36 a.m. (1136 GMT) atop an Atlas V rocket from Boeing-Lockheed Martin Corp's (LMTN) United Launch Alliance.

Minutes after liftoff, Starliner detached from the main rocket booster, aiming for a rendezvous some 254 miles (409 km) into space on Saturday morning with the space station.

Both Boeing and NASA said the capsule was in a stable position despite not reaching its intended orbit. "We did obviously have some challenges today. When the spacecraft separated from the launch vehicle we did not get the orbital insertion burn that we were hoping for," Bridenstine said.



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**Pictures of the Year**



SENSITIVE MATERIAL. THIS IMAGE MAY OFFEND OR DISTURB The bodies of Salvadoran migrants Oscar Alberto Martinez Ramirez and his daughter Valeria, lie in the Rio Bravo river in Matamoros, Tamaulipas state, Mexico, June 24, 2019.



Demba, 8, a Koranic student, called a talibe, attends karate training in the courtyard of Maison de la Gare, an organisation that helps talibe street children reintegrate into society, in Saint-Louis, Senegal, February 8, 2019. "My older brother brought me to the daara in Saint-Louis to learn Koran. We don't eat at the daara, they send us to beg. Everyday I have to bring back between 500 and 1000 francs to the marabout (Koranic teacher). If I fail, I'm sent back to the streets and I can only come back after I've collected the right amount. Sometimes I'm forced to spend the night outside," Demba said. "I'm learning karate so I can defend myself from the ones stronger than me. One day my mates from the daara and I were forced to stay out at night. At 6 a.m., a drunk man attacked us and took all the money we collected. I can't forget that. I decided to learn how to defend myself. Maison De la Gare gives me this opportunity. I also want to become a soldier to defend people and help them live in peace," he added. "I no longer feel anything towards my parents and I don't even know if I'm angry at them or not." REUTERS/Zohra Bensemra/File Photo.



Iraqi demonstrators carry away a boy affected by tear gas during the ongoing anti-government protests in Baghdad, Iraq November 3, 2019. REUTERS/Ahmed Jadallah/File Photo



A Russian Army member, dressed in historical uniform, looks on before a rehearsal for a military parade to mark the anniversary of a historical parade in 1941, when Soviet soldiers marched towards the front lines, at the Red Square in Moscow, Russia November 5, 2019.



Golf - Masters - Augusta National Golf Club - Augusta, Georgia, U.S. - April 14, 2019. Tiger Woods of the U.S. celebrates on the 18th hole to win the 2019 Masters.



A riot police officer on fire reacts during a protest against Chile's government in Santiago, Chile November 4, 2019. REUTERS/Jorge Silva/File



Models present creations from the Oscar de la Renta collection before the show during New York Fashion Week in New York, U.S., February 12, 2019. REUTERS/



U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) wipes away tears as Representative Ilhan Omar (D-MN) talks about her own experience as a refugee during a news conference to call on Congress to cut funding for ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S. February 7, 2019.



Each year, roughly 40 million Americans, or about 14% of the U.S. population, move at least once.

Americans moving to warmer climates, more affordable areas, and better job opportunities that have largely determined migration patterns in recent decades.

Because of those long-term patterns, as well as the recent period of economic recovery, cities in some parts of the country have lost tens of thousands of residents.

To highlight the U.S. metropolitan areas that have had the largest net decline in population as a result of migration between 2010 and 2017, the Wall Street Journal reviewed population figures from the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program.

The cities where the most people are moving away from can primarily be found in the Northeast, Midwest, and West Coast, particularly in states like Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and New York.

Among the cities where people are leaving in droves are places such as Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, New York, and Los Angeles.

In some U.S. cities, everyday comfort and happiness is much harder to attain than in others.

William Frey, demographer at the Brookings Institution, a nonprofit public policy research group, explained that these cities that have been losing thousands of residents due to migration are part of the long-term trend of movement from the Northeast and the Midwest to warmer climates, a trend that has increased in recent years.

"The story of the broader migration pattern in the U.S. is from Snow Belt to Sun Belt," Frey said. "That migration has slowed a little bit in the early part of the decade, when we were still dealing with the aftermath of the recession, but it's coming back."

Detailed findings Not all the cities with the largest net declines in population from migration since 2010 are necessarily the fastest shrinking cities.

However, among the U.S. metropolitan areas with the highest net population declines due to migration, the vast majority have had the largest overall decreases in population.

Two notable exceptions are New York and Los Angeles. While tens of thousands more people moved out of each city than moved in, both cities have still had among the highest net increases in population.

This is because of natural population growth - hundreds of thousands more people in these cities have been born than died. Notably, Los Angeles had a net migration loss of 93,959, but the overall population increased by over three-quarters of a million people because of births.

Fairbanks, Alaska
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,011
Population change, 2010-2017: +2.2% (97,585 to 99,703)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 12,364 births, 3,417 deaths

Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,070
Population change, 2010-2017: -7.4% (143,674 to 133,054)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 9,624 births, 13,203 deaths

Hinesville, Georgia
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,171
Population change, 2010-2017: +3.2% (77,919 to 80,400)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 12,218 births, 3,030 deaths

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Every Year, Almost 40 Million Americans Pick Up And Move Creating An Economic Impact On Many Of The Country's Largest Cities

Population Migration Patterns: Here Are Some Of The U.S. Cities Americans Are Abandoning

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

7-219
Population change, 2010-2017: +4.8% (174,528 to 182,830)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 22,531 births, 7,106 deaths

Median home value: \$170,900
Frey explained that movement from New York and Los Angeles to many of the cities with the largest net migration increases is due to residents of these cities getting pushed out because of rising populations and prices, the latter of which is a product of the economic recovery.

"Now that things are picking up again, people are moving out of cities. As the housing market is coming back, people are being sucked out of pricey areas to where it is more affordable again."

Frey gave the example of one common migration pattern: Los Angeles to Las Vegas, the latter of which had the 15th highest net population increase due to migration. Los Angeles has always lost residents to Las Vegas, but when the recession hit and housing prices fell, that movement slowed significantly.

Bakersfield, California
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,314
Population change, 2010-2017: +6.4% (839,621 to 893,119)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 102,106 births, 41,099 deaths

Median home value: \$204,200
Norwich-New London, Connecticut
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,365
Population change, 2010-2017: -1.8% (274,059 to 269,033)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 19,518 births, 17,252 deaths

Median home value: \$242,000
Now that housing prices have recovered in Los Angeles and have become too expensive for many residents, people are once again moving out of the city in droves. As of 2016, Los Angeles had the seventh highest median home value of any metropolitan area, at \$578,200. Las Vegas' median home value is just slightly more than half that, at \$233,700.

"The same sort of thing is true for a place like New York," Frey added. "There has always been huge movement going from New York to Florida, but during the Great Recession period that slowed up quite a bit, and now it is picking up again."

Frey added that the reasons behind the decline in population in cities like Los Angeles and New York -- overcrowding and high prices -- are very different than the reasons for decreases in other cities on this list, notably Rock Belt cities like Flint, Michigan; Toledo, Ohio; and Rockford, Illinois; and even larger cities like St. Louis, Cleveland, and Milwaukee. These cities have been losing domestic migrants for decades due to stagnating economic conditions stemming from the decline of American manufacturing.

Methodology
To identify America's Fastest Declining Cities, 24/

Wall Street reviewed the annual estimates of resident population and the estimates of the components of residential population change from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2017, provided by the American Community Survey. Population, and home value data also came from the 2016 American Community Survey. (Courtesy USA Today)

Here Are Some Of The Other Cities That People Are Leaving According To The Study

Fresno, California
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,571
Population change, 2010-2017: +6.3% (930,495 to 989,255)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 113,926 births, 47,252 deaths

Median home value: \$238,100
Macon-Bibb County, Georgia
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,877
Population change, 2010-2017: -1.5% (232,286 to 228,914)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 21,752 births, 17,233 deaths

Median home value: \$122,000
Anchorage, Alaska
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,464
Population change, 2010-2017: +5.3% (380,821 to 400,888)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 43,973 births, 15,756 deaths

Median home value: \$299,700
Vineland-Bridgeton, New Jersey
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,476
Population change, 2010-2017: -2.6% (156,628 to 152,538)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 14,926 births, 10,604 deaths

Median home value: \$165,900
Erie, Pennsylvania
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,511
Population change, 2010-2017: -2.1% (280,564 to 274,541)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 22,920 births, 20,396 deaths

Median home value: \$125,700
Mobile, Alabama
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,517
Population change, 2010-2017: +0.2% (413,143 to 413,955)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 40,422 births, 30,886 deaths

Median home value: \$126,800
Atlantic City-Hammonton, New Jersey

Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,550
Population change, 2010-2017: -1.7% (274,540 to 269,918)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 22,801 births, 18,976 deaths

Median home value: \$215,100
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,741
Population change, 2010-2017: +5.6% (366,322 to 386,662)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 47,548 births, 19,638 deaths

Median home value: \$134,600
Jacksonville, North Carolina
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,791
Population change, 2010-2017: +9.1% (177,799 to 193,893)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 30,768 births, 7,184 deaths

Median home value: \$151,500
Yakima, Washington
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,916
Population change, 2010-2017: +2.9% (243,237 to 250,193)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 29,681 births, 13,811 deaths

Median home value: \$166,300
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,470
Population change, 2010-2017: -3.8% (251,737 to 242,217)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 18,295 births, 18,409 deaths

Median home value: \$121,000
Sierra Vista-Douglas, Arizona
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,495
Population change, 2010-2017: -5.0% (131,356 to 124,756)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 11,814 births, 9,110 deaths

Median home value: \$130,100
Farmington, New Mexico
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,633
Population change, 2010-2017: -2.4% (130,045 to 126,926)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 13,381 births, 6,949 deaths

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Lawton, Oklahoma
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Median home value: \$124,900
Charleston, West Virginia
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,772
Population change, 2010-2017: -5.6% (227,061 to 214,406)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 18,078 births, 20,856 deaths
Median home value: \$111,300

Saginaw, Michigan
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,783
Population change, 2010-2017: -4.1% (200,169 to 191,934)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 16,380 births, 14,912 deaths
Median home value: \$96,200
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -10,001
Population change, 2010-2017: -9.3% (100,278 to 90,963)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 8,244 births, 7,701 deaths

Median home value: \$84,700
Montgomery, Alabama
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -10,317
Population change, 2010-2017: -0.2% (374,541 to 373,903)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 35,032 births, 25,380 deaths

Median home value: \$135,700
Wichita, Kansas
Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -10,335
Population change, 2010-2017: +2.3% (630,924 to 645,628)
Natural growth, 2010-2017: 65,873 births, 40,647 deaths

Median home value: \$132,400

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Twenty Years With The Motherland

Macao Model Of "One Country, Two Systems" Success Story



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Overview

During the past 20 years, China's Macao has experienced profound changes to become a flourishing international free port with its per capita GDP and life expectancy among the highest in the world.

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

MACAO, Dec. 18 (Xinhua) -- On an ordinary day before Christmas, tourists from various parts of the world were seen at the Ruins of Saint Paul's complex, the A-Ma Temple and other heritage sites of Macao, a colorful and enchanting city with a unique fusion of Eastern and Western cultures.



Macao has hosted a grand celebration on Friday to mark the 20th anniversary of its return to the motherland.

During the past 20 years, the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR), once burdened with a floundering economy and notoriously poor security, has experienced profound changes to become a flourishing international free port with its per capita GDP and life expectancy among the highest in the world.

Macao's transformation has demonstrated to the world a successful practice of "one country, two systems," a fundamental national policy formulated and con-

tinuously improved by Chinese leaders to resolve sovereignty-related questions arising from the nation's complicated past.

SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE OF "ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS"

On Dec. 20, 1999, standing under the regional and national flags, 44-year-old Ho Hau Wah was sworn in as the first chief executive of the Macao SAR.

"I made two promises: one was to implement the Basic Law without compromise to make 'one country, two systems' a success in Macao; the other was to try my best to deliver a Macao where people could live and work in peace and contentment," Ho, now vice chairman of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

"Macao residents of all ages have a full and accurate understanding of the Basic Law and the Constitution. This has led to the smooth implementation of the 'one country, two systems' with Macao characteristics," he said.



Ho Iat Seng, incoming chief executive of China's Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR), speaks with Xinhua in Macao, south China, Nov. 20, 2019. (Xinhua/Xu Liang)

Macao has enjoyed a long tradition of loyalty to the motherland even before its return in 1999. Since then, the tradition has been maintained and enhanced at different levels of government and with society, with the Constitution and the Basic Law advocated by all people, incumbent Chief Executive of the Macao

SAR Chui Sai On told Xinhua.

One key to Macao's successful practice of "one country, two systems" is that the Macao SAR has well implemented the requirements by the central government, said incoming Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng, who will be sworn in as the fifth-term chief executive Friday on the anniversary day.

GREATER PROSPERITY, STABILITY

Twenty years have flown by since Macao's return to the motherland, during which it drew international attention with its tremendous development.

Macao's gross domestic product soared



to 54.6 billion U.S. dollars in 2018 from 6.1 billion U.S. dollars in 1999, with its financial reserves and foreign exchange reserves growing exponentially.

Students attend a flag-raising ceremony during a gala performance celebrating 20th anniversary of Macao's return to motherland in south China's Macao, Dec. 6, 2019.

(Xinhua/Cheong Kam Ka)

Employment now is almost full and the government has done its utmost to promote a strong social welfare system including public security, housing, education, medical care, job training and disaster prevention. Macao residents enjoy a stronger sense of happiness and gain.

"Macao residents' happiness index is high," said Fu Ziyang, director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR, citing various social welfare benefits provided by the SAR government.

Macao people aged 65 and above receive a combined allowance of up to 6,099 Macao patacas (about 760 U.S. dollars) every month, he said.

All students enjoy free education for 15 years. Since 2007, the SAR government has been distributing year-end bonuses of up to 10,000 Macao patacas to all residents.

To promote economic growth, Macao has in recent years been striving to diversify its economy while taking on new roles as an international tourism and leisure center, a platform for trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries and an active participant of the Belt and Road Initiative, among others.

In the outline development plan of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area unveiled earlier this year by the central government, Macao is listed as one of the four core cities in the area to serve as one of the core engines for regional development.

DEEP-ROOTED PATRIOTISM

All Macao residents have a clear understanding that Macao is backed by a strong motherland and the support of 1.4 billion compatriots, according to Ho Hau Wah.

Patriotic education is deep-rooted in schools, youth societies and government agencies, which has helped pass the torch of patriotic tradition from one generation to the next, he said.

Macao residents consciously align their own fate with that of the motherland, seeking their development opportunities within the overall development plan of the country. (Courtesy http://www.xinhuanet.com/)

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