

Sanctions for Saudis

U.S. freezes assets for 17 people over journalist's killing. — International, 6A



Let's hear it for the Boy

Movie based on Arkansan's book about gay conversion therapy hits a button. — Style, 1E

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In the news

■ **Joshua Gullatt**, 27, who escaped from the Heard County, Ga., jail, reportedly with the help of his mother, Kathy Lynn Pence, 54, was recaptured and arrested along with Pence when deputies tracked her cell-phone to a pancake restaurant where they stopped to meet with Gullatt's children, authorities said.

■ **Lana Marks**, a native of South Africa who runs a luxury fashion and hand-bag-design company in Florida that caters to celebrities, has been nominated by President Donald Trump to become U.S. ambassador to South Africa.

■ **Rick Moody**, a Maine State Police corporal, and Trooper Jeremy Caron helped corral an "uncooperative" pig along Interstate 95 that had eluded capture for days, using a rope to pull the swine into a trailer.

■ **Thomas Cash**, 44, and his wife, Alisha, 44, were arrested in Alabama after being charged in New York with racking up nearly \$10,000 in utility bills and credit-card debt using the identities of their three children who are under the age of 18.

■ **Eileen Gettleman**, 59, of Pittsburgh, faces aggravated-assault and other charges after being accused of throwing cans of spaghetti at a woman's car, splattering it with sauce and pasta, and then attacking the victim with a knife, police said.

■ **Robin Gable**, an animal-rescue worker in Hartwell, Ga., said that a year-old, 6-pound dog found "freezing, wet, hungry and scared" after being dumped in a trash can at a welcome center on Interstate 85 is "a healthy, happy, sweet girl" that will be offered for adoption.

■ **Samuel Girod**, 58, an Amish farmer from Bath County, Ky., serving six years in federal prison after being convicted in 2017 of mislabeling homemade herbal products, including one that claimed to cure skin cancer but was corrosive to skin, has asked President Donald Trump for a pardon.

■ **Jeff Polenske**, Milwaukee's city engineer, said city towing protocols are being reviewed after a 4-year-old girl spent about eight hours alone overnight inside a minivan that was towed to a city lot after police arrested her mother for driving while intoxicated.

■ **Phil Sims**, the newly elected sheriff of Marshall County, Ala., said he's working with county commissioners to wipe up the mess after his office mistakenly ordered 24,000 rolls of toilet paper costing \$22,000 when the office's entire annual janitorial supply budget is only \$15,000.

Blocks and blocks of destruction



An aerial view Thursday shows a small part of the devastation in Paradise, Calif., from the Nov. 8 wildfire that has left at least 63 people dead, hundreds unaccounted for and thousands of homes destroyed. The city's carefully designed evacuation plan that quickly gave way to a panicked exodus has authorities facing questions over their approach. *Article, 2A*

AP/NOAH BERGER

Another 3,800 lose coverage of health care

State officials say enrollees fail the work requirement

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More than 3,800 Arkansans were terminated from the state's Medicaid expansion program this month as a result of the program's work requirement, the state Department of Human Services reported Thursday.

The terminations bring to 12,277 the number of Arkansans who have lost their health coverage because of the requirement since it went into effect June 1.

An additional 6,002 enrollees had accumulated two months of noncompliance as of Nov. 7 and risk losing coverage next month unless

they meet the requirement this month.

Partly because of the terminations, enrollment in the program, known as Arkansas Works, fell from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 by more than 7,000 people, to 245,553.

The work requirement has been challenged in federal court in Washington, D.C., and has been criticized by advocates for children and the poor.

A week ago, a federal advisory group urged U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar to temporarily halt enforcement of the requirement because of

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Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/MITCHELL PE MASILUN

State Sen. Gary Stubblefield, R-Branch, studies the proposed fiscal 2020 budget Thursday as the Joint Budget Committee meets at the Multi-Agency Complex on the state Capitol grounds.

Legislators dispute justices' spending; budget put on hold

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A proposed budget for the Arkansas Supreme Court hit a stone wall Thursday, as some Republican lawmakers flexed their authority to control the court's spending after months of griping about several high-profile rulings.

The impasse came during a joint meeting of the Legislative Council and Joint Budget Committee, where lawmakers review fiscal 2020 budget proposals ahead of next year's regular session.

A group of Republicans, led by state Rep. Bob Ball-

FIRST BILLS for 2019 session pre-filed; abortion, Bowie knife, sales tax among topics. Page 1B.

inger, R-Hindsville, sought to strip more than half of the spending authority requested by the high court in its proposed \$11 million budget, after raising questions about where the money was being spent.

Democrats, joined by some Republicans, sought to move forward with the budget as is.

Neither side could gather

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U.K. ministers quit, deal blow to May's exit plan

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

LONDON — Prime Minister Theresa May of Britain faced a deep political crisis on Thursday after two Cabinet ministers quit her government, including Dominic Raab, her chief negotiator on withdrawal from the European Union — decisions that threaten to wreck not only her plans for the exit but also her leadership.

The surprise resignation of Raab on Thursday morning followed a tense, five-hour meeting of the Cabinet the previous day, during which ministers reluctantly agreed to sign off on May's draft plans for departure from the European Union.

Raab's departure was not



AP/MATT DUNHAM

British Prime Minister Theresa May insisted Thursday that her plan "delivers in ways that many said could simply not be done."

only unexpected but also deeply damaging to May's authority, increasing the risk that she might face a leadership challenge from rebel

lawmakers inside her own Conservative Party.

Shortly after Raab's announcement, Esther McVey, the work and pensions secretary, resigned, adding to the turmoil.

At a news conference at the end of the day, May insisted that she was not worried about the prospects for the deal or her own political fortunes.

"Leadership is about [making] the right decisions, not the easy ones," she said. "Am I going to see this through? Yes."

The pound, an indicator of stability amid the debate, fell sharply on the news that Raab had resigned and dropped again when the pensions minister stepped down. The

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UAMS audit: Budget figures off

Revenue projections unsupported, internal report says

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FORT SMITH — The budget adopted before recent mass layoffs at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences included revenue projections unsupported by calculations or recent health care trends, an internal audit report made public Thursday states.

UAMS leaders also had incorrect financial information throughout the recently ended fiscal year because of what auditors believe to be a financial "misstatement" regarding the institution's Myeloma Institute, UA System Chief Audit Executive Jacob Flournoy said Wednesday at a meeting of the University of Arkansas board of trustees.

"The strategic issue with that is it's difficult to make good decisions when the numbers aren't correct," Flournoy said, adding that there's a pending audit of the Myeloma Institute as requested by UAMS Chancellor Dr. Cam Patterson. A risk assessment report showed a gap of more than \$20 million

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CHATTY BILL, ORVILLE HENRY AND NEW SHOES

Fulbright stories abound at forum

Former senator left impression

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FAYETTEVILLE — Bill Clinton just wouldn't stop talking.

As a student at Georgetown University in the 1960s, Clinton got a gig driving U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright around Arkansas.

"Fulbright liked to sit and think and not be bothered,"

said Jim Blair, who managed Fulbright's unsuccessful 1974 re-election campaign. "At some point, I don't remember the context, [Clinton] winds up driving Sen. Fulbright around the state of Arkansas."

Afterward, Fulbright went to an aide and said, "That young man Clinton, See **FULBRIGHT**, Page 3A

"I asked him about his shoes, and it turned out he had been wearing them for 35 years. They had been soled and resoled a dozen times. This led to some deep philosophical discussion between the two of us."

JIM BLAIR, on Fulbright's reluctance to buy a new pair of shoes



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Jim Blair (center) discusses his recollections of the late U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright on Thursday at The David and Barbara Pryor Center for Oral and Visual History on the square in Fayetteville, along with Fulbright's niece Patty Fulbright Smith and former Fulbright aide Hoyt Purvis. Others also shared their memories.

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today Mostly sunny and warmer.
High 61, light west winds.
Tonight Clear and cool.
Low 41.



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