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## In the news

■ **Tim Meyers**, a Sedgewick County, Kan., sheriff's lieutenant, said a wandering camel, cow and donkey were returned to a wildlife park worker after Goddard police posted on social media that if they couldn't find the owners, then they would be "halfway toward a live nativity this Christmas season."

■ **Christine Blasey Ford**, the psychology professor at Palo Alto University in California who accused U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault, accepted an award from the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, saying she felt she had a responsibility to speak out.

■ **Manuel Van Santen**, a Pima County, Ariz., sheriff's deputy, faces an internal investigation after an eight-minute video showed him cursing and holding a shirtless 15-year-old boy with no arms and no legs facedown on a group home's kitchen floor.

■ **Alberto Escartin Ramos**, 22, of Lakeland, Fla., accused of punching a youth baseball league umpire after a game, breaking one of the man's teeth and cutting his lip over a disputed call, was charged with felony battery, sheriff's deputies said.

■ **Ricky Scaman**, sheriff of Falls County, Texas, said a 59-year-old man died and his 55-year-old neighbor was wounded and hospitalized after the two exchanged gunfire during an argument while riding all-terrain vehicles on a rural road.

■ **Zaw Zaw**, 41, a Burmese immigrant who wanted a circumcision but instead got a vasectomy from a doctor in Des Moines, Iowa, was awarded a \$2 million judgment but will only get \$1.4 million after jurors decided he was partly responsible because he used interpreters when he signed consent forms.

■ **Damon Simmons**, 18, a high school student in Louisville, Ky., faces assault and other charges after police said he and three unnamed youths attacked an autistic classmate in a bathroom, leaving him with a fractured jaw and several lost teeth.

■ **Victor Fossi Grieco**, 51, a Venezuelan pilot who pleaded guilty to smuggling 230 pounds of gold worth about \$5 million in the nose of a small plane he landed in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was sentenced to time served, authorities said.

■ **Isabelle Mason**, 21, and Jaimee Pack, 19, accused of stealing a pair of guinea pigs and then lobbing one of the animals at the owner of a pet store in Danville, Ky., as they made their escape, both face shoplifting, robbery and animal cruelty charges.

## WEATHER

**LITTLE ROCK**  
Today Sunny and clear.  
High 67.  
Tonight Clear.  
Low 45.



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## Protests renewed



AP/SHAKH AIVAZOV

Police in riot gear push demonstrators away from the Parliament building Monday in Tbilisi, Georgia, on the second day of anti-government protests. The unrest began after Parliament rejected a proposed change to the country's electoral system that would have ensured proportional representation, which Georgians were promised in the wake of demonstrations in June. More photos are available at arkansasonline.com/1119georgia/

# Chief justice delays push to see Trump's finances

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WASHINGTON — Chief Justice John Roberts is ordering an indefinite delay in the House of Representatives' demand for President Donald Trump's financial records to give the Supreme Court time to figure out how to handle

the high-stakes dispute. Roberts' order Monday put on hold "until further order" a lower court's ruling that said the accounting firm Mazars USA must turn over eight years of personal and business financial records to the House Oversight and Reform Committee. The House itself had ac-

quiesced to such a move earlier on Monday. Without the court's intervention, the firm would have been required to turn over the records on Wednesday. Trump last week asked the high court to stop the order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. See **CHIEF**, Page 4A

# Attendance zones get look in LRSD

3 options proposed for high schools

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Different options for reconfiguring Little Rock School District high school attendance zones for the 2020-21 school year vary based in part on whether Hall High is made into a STEM magnet school that would be open to students districtwide.

Leaders in the Little Rock district have proposed changes for elementary, middle and high school at-

tendance zones in anticipation of opening the new Southwest High School and closing or combining other district schools in the coming year. The proposed school zone changes — more extensive at the high schools and middle schools than at the elementary schools — were recently introduced to the state Board of Education and are now an agenda item for the Little Rock district's See **LRSD**, Page 4A

## U.S.' foreign-policy moves



AP/ANDREW HARNIK

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks Monday at a State Department news conference on a variety of issues, including the U.S.' stance that it no longer views Israel's West Bank settlements as a violation of international law. Pompeo also announced the cancellation of a sanctions waiver for foreign companies that work with Iran's civilian nuclear program. *Articles*, 3A

# Choctaw tribe files for casino

But Pope County support lacking

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The Choctaw Nation submitted an application with the Arkansas Racing Commission on Monday for a license to build and operate a casino in Pope County — three days after the leading candidate, Cherokee Nation Business, submitted an amended application for that license.

Choctaw Nation Division of Commerce is listed on the business card that was submitted along with the application, but the application states that it is from TVSHKA Gaming, a subsidiary of the Choctaw Nation, said Scott Hardin, a spokesman for the state Department of Finance and Administration. The Choctaw Nation is based in Durant, Okla.

The application from the Choctaw Nation does not include letters of support from local elected officials in Pope County, Hardin said. County officials backed the Cherokees for the license.

The deadline for the Racing Commission's second window of applications for the casino license in Pope County was 4:30 p.m. Monday at the commission office in Little Rock.

In a brief interview about the Choctaw Nation's submission for the Pope County casino, County Judge Ben Cross said Monday See **CASINO**, Page 5A

# Hundreds of Hong Kong protesters leave siege

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HONG KONG — About 100 anti-government protesters remained holed up at a Hong Kong university today as a police siege of the campus entered its third day.

The city's chief executive, Carrie Lam, said 600 people had left the Hong Kong Polytechnic campus, including 200 who are under 18 years old. Lam said those under 18 would not be immediately arrested but could face charges later. The other 400 who have left have been arrested.

"We will use whatever means to continue to persuade and arrange for these remaining protesters to leave the campus as soon as possible so that this whole operation could end in a



AP/KIN CHEUNG

Protesters use ropes to lower themselves from a pedestrian bridge Monday as they try to escape from police at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. More photos are available at arkansasonline.com/1119hongkong/

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