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## Herring: Schools are local concern

The attorney general said state law makes funding school maintenance a local responsibility.

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Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring says the condition of public school buildings is the primary responsibility of localities and local school boards.

Herring issued his opinion Friday in response to several questions raised by state Sen. Bill Stanley, R-Franklin, who has been



**Sen. Bill Stanley**  
Leading an effort to repair the state's public schools.

leading a push to repair Virginia's deteriorating schools, particularly in financially strapped rural and urban areas.

Stanley and some colleagues in the Senate are expected to introduce a few bills related to school infrastructure to be considered when the General Assembly session starts Wednesday.

"While the Virginia Constitution does establish education as a fundamental right, it places the responsibility for determining the funding for maintaining the required educational program on the General Assembly," Herring wrote in the conclusion of his opinion. "The General Assembly has elected to require localities to provide the majority of funding for the construction and improvement of the school physical plant."

Stanley was unavailable for comment Friday night.

Stanley asked Herring, a Democrat who announced he will make a run for governor in 2021, in September whether the state and localities are in violation of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education II* ruling by allowing students to attend schools in poor condition.

The *Brown II* decision in 1955 followed the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision the year before that ordered the desegregation of public schools. Segregationists

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Photos courtesy of Judith Painter

Salem middle school teacher Judith Painter stands atop fast ice near the ship that took her to Antarctica as part of a National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellows expedition.

# ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

Judith Painter of Andrew Lewis Middle School voyaged to the bottom of the world.

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The middle school geography teacher plunged into the icy waters of the Weddell Sea off the coast of Antarctica. But in an extraordinary journey, it wasn't her deepest dive.

Judith Painter, who teaches eighth-grade at Andrew Lewis Middle in Salem, was immersed in the frozen continent dur-

ing winter break. She studied the majestic waters, climate and wildlife through a National Geographic fellowship program for teachers.

The polar plunge was an optional activity for voyagers. But it was one Painter couldn't miss, despite the 20-degree weather. "My students will probably love the look on my face when they see the pictures

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A humpback whale spotted during Judith Painter's expedition to Antarctica.



## Officials no closer to ending closure

Friday's futile White House meeting on the federal shutdown was mutually described as contentious.

By Catherine Lucey,  
Lisa Mascaro and Jill Colvin  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Friday he could keep parts of the government shut down for "months or even years" as he and Democratic leaders failed in a second closed-door meeting to resolve his demand for billions of dollars for a border wall with Mexico. They did agree to a new round of weekend talks between staff members and White House officials.

Trump met in the White House Situation Room with congressional leaders from both parties as the shutdown hit the two-week mark amid an impasse over his wall demands.

Democrats emerged from the roughly two-hour meeting, which both sides said was contentious at times, to report little if any progress.

The standoff also prompted economic jitters and anxiety among some in Trump's own party. But he appeared in the Rose Garden to frame the upcoming weekend talks as progress, while making clear he would not reopen the government.

"We won't be opening until it's solved," Trump said. "I don't

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Associated Press

President Trump speaks during a news conference Friday in the Rose Garden of the White House.

## U.S. employment figures rise in December

The job gains reported Friday came despite a trade war with China and a partial government shutdown.

By Josh Boak  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers went on a hiring spree in December, adding a surprising 312,000 jobs and providing a dose of reassurance about the economy after a turbulent few months on Wall Street.

The job gains reported Friday by the Labor Department came despite a trade war with China, a global slowdown and a partial government shutdown now entering its third week.

The nation's unemployment rate rose slightly to 3.9 percent last month, but that, too, was considered a positive sign, reflecting an

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Fed chairman Powell said he would reject any Trump request to resign  
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increase in Americans beginning to look for work. And average hourly pay improved 3.2 percent from a year ago.

Stocks surged on the news, along with word that the U.S. and China will hold trade talks next week and comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell

that the Fed will be flexible in judging whether to raise interest rates further. The Dow Jones industrial average shot up 747 points, or 3.3 percent.

President Donald Trump called the job growth "GREAT" on Twitter.

The torrid hiring in December far outstripped the 180,000 jobs investors had been anticipating and could help ease fears that the

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**312,000**

Number of jobs U.S. employers added in December.

*"The labor market is very strong even though the economy appears to be slowing."*

Eric Winograd  
Economist at the investment management firm AllianceBernstein

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# Trump impeached

Donald Trump is the third president to be formally charged by the House.

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives Wednesday night, becoming only the third American chief executive to be formally charged under the Constitution's ultimate remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The historic vote split along party lines, much the way it has divided the nation, over the charges that the 45th president abused the power of his office by enlisting a foreign government to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election. The House then approved a second charge, that he obstructed Congress in its investigation.

**MORE INSIDE** Minutes after the voting, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi threw the process into confusion by refusing to say when or whether she would send the articles of impeachment to the Senate for a trial.

**Defiant Trump rallies supporters as House impeaches him.** At a news conference held immediately after the vote, Pelosi said "we'll see what happens" when asked if she would send the articles to the Senate. She said that House Democrats could not name impeachment managers — House prosecutors who make the case in a Senate trial — until they know more about how the Senate will conduct a trial.

Pelosi made the comments after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell rejected a proposal earlier this week from Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer to call several witnesses. The GOP-led Senate, where a vote of two-thirds is necessary for conviction, is expected to acquit Trump.

Democrats led Wednesday night's voting, framed in what many said was their duty to protect the Constitution and uphold the nation's system of checks and balances. Republicans stood by their party's leader, who has frequently tested the bounds of civic norms. Trump called the whole affair a "witch hunt," a "hoax" and a "sham," and sometimes all three.

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California prepares to strike the gavel as she announces the passage of the second article of impeachment against President Donald Trump on Wednesday in Washington.



President Donald Trump speaks Wednesday during a campaign rally at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich.

## Riggleman, Griffith and Cline vote no

The three Western Virginia representatives joined the Republican Party in opposition.

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As expected, the three congressmen representing Western Virginia voted against impeaching President Donald Trump.

Virginia's congressional delegation voted Wednesday on party lines following a historic day of debate, ending with Trump being the third president in American history to be impeached. Trump is accused of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress related to allegations he pressured Ukraine's president into helping him in his 2020 reelection.

"When history looks at this House, it will judge it on what it truly is," Rep. Ben Cline, R-Botetourt, said on the House floor before voting. "A blatantly political process designed to finally achieve what they could not achieve at the ballot box: the removal of a duly elected president."

All four of Virginia's Republicans, including the three who represent Western Virginia, voted against the two articles of impeachment. The seven Democrats, which includes centrist Democrats in Trump-friendly districts, voted to impeach the president.

"[House Democrats] impeached President Trump over disputes between the executive branch and the legislative branch that occur in many administrations," Rep. Morgan

**MORE INSIDE** How Virginia's Congressional delegation voted.  
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### ARTICLE 1 VOTES ■ ABUSE OF POWER

Democrats: 230 yeas ■ Republicans: 197 nays

Two Democrats voted nay. No Republican voted in favor. One independent voted yea. One Democrat voted present.

### ARTICLE 2 VOTES ■ OBSTRUCTION OF CONGRESS

Democrats: 229 yeas ■ Republicans: 198 nays

Three Democrats voted nay. No Republican voted in favor. One Democrat voted present.

## 'Rumors of War' sculpture cost museum \$2 million, records say

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond did not originally disclose the amount.

By Colleen Curran  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Kehinde Wiley's monumental sculpture, "Rumors of War," was acquired by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for \$2 million. Calling it "the most expensive acquisition of a sculpture ever made in our history," the museum did not originally disclose the figure.

The purchase price was made public in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from the Richmond Times-Dispatch and other media publications. The amount was first reported by The Virginia Mercury.



Kehinde Wiley's "Rumors of War" stands at its new permanent home near other monuments in Richmond.

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## Part of ACA ruled unconstitutional

The Affordable Care Act's individual mandate was struck down by a federal appeals court.

By Amy Goldstein  
The Washington Post

A federal appeals court on Wednesday struck down part of the Affordable Care Act, ruling that its requirement that most Americans carry insurance is unconstitutional; it also sends back to a lower court the question of whether the rest of the law can remain without it.

The long-awaited decision by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit has little immediate practical effect on consumers because Congress already has removed the penalty for the insurance requirement. But the panel's two-to-one ruling leaves the rest of the

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## #23 VA. TECH AT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH CUP

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# Big game contrasts teams of rivalry

The countdown clock in the Virginia football locker room is a perfect symbol of the differences between these two programs.

The thing has been ticking all year long. "BEAT TECH," the header says. Below, there's a spot for days, hours, minutes, even seconds. All those digits will hit zeroes at noon Friday, when the Cavaliers host Virginia Tech in their annual rivalry game.

UVA coach Bronco Mendenhall has been on the sidelines for three of these games. He's lost all three.

Yet the clock stays.

"To try to pretend the game isn't important or that it's not different is not real," UVA coach Bronco Mendenhall said this week. "It is. It's important to the university. It's important to the state. It's important to the UVA alumni."

"It seemed important to me because I like being transparent with my team, to acknowledge that."

You would not find a Commonwealth Cup countdown clock in the Virginia Tech locker room. It's not because the Hokies underappreciate the value of this matchup. They love this game, and why wouldn't they? They've won it 15 times in a row.

No, it's because a countdown clock to a game at the end of the season runs counter to the near-sighted goal-setting they try to uphold. Their motto is "to go 1-0 every week," not to beat Virginia or even win the ACC Coastal Division title.

And that's the beauty of this year's edition: Everybody gets exactly what they want.

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Full coverage in Sports

**Left, top to bottom:** Hokies head coach Justin Fuente, QB Hendon Hooker, LB Rayshard Ashby, Hokies fan

**Right, top to bottom:** Cavaliers head coach Bronco Mendenhall, QB Bryce Perkins, LB Zane Zandier, Cavs fan

Photos by The Roanoke Times and Associated Press

# Support of Hong Kong dissidents riles China

China angrily accused the U.S. of unlawful intervention after the president signed two bills.

By Yanan Wang  
Associated Press

BEIJING — China reacted furiously Thursday to President Donald Trump's signing two bills aimed at supporting human rights in Hong Kong, summoning the U.S. ambassador to protest and warning the move would undermine cooperation with Washington.

Hong Kong, a former British colony that was granted semi-autonomy when China took control in 1997, has been rocked by six months of sometimes violent pro-democracy demonstrations.

Thousands of pro-democracy activists crowded a public square in downtown Hong Kong on Thursday night for a "Thanksgiving Day" rally to thank the United States for passing the laws and vowed to "march on" in their fight.

Trump's approval of the bills was not unexpected. Neither was the reaction from Beijing, given China's

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# Trump visits Afghanistan, says Taliban talks back on

The president spent about 3½ hours with U.S. troops and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

By Jill Colvin | Associated Press

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — President Donald Trump paid a surprise Thanksgiving visit to Afghanistan, where he announced the U.S. and Taliban have been engaged in ongoing peace talks and said he believes the Taliban want a cease-fire.

In his first trip to the site of America's longest war, Trump arrived at Bagram Air Field shortly after 8:30 p.m. local time Thursday and spent 3½ hours on the ground, serving turkey, thanking the troops and sitting down with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani before leaving just after midnight.

As per tradition, reporters were under strict instructions to keep the trip a secret to ensure the president's

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