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Where Reindeer Mean Everything

The Sami people of northern Norway are fighting legal limits on the size of their herds. At stake are their livelihoods, their land and their cultural identity. Page A6.

G.O.P. LAME DUCKS FADE FROM HOUSE AS A CLASH LOOMS

NO-SHOWS ON KEY VOTES

Fates of Border Wall and Government Funding Hinge on Return

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS and EMILY COCHRANE

WASHINGTON — Just days before a deadline to avert a partial government shutdown, President Trump, Democratic leaders and the Republican-controlled Congress are at a stalemate over the president's treasured border wall. But House Republican leaders are also confronting a more mundane and awkward problem: Their vanquished and retiring members are sick and tired of Washington and don't want to show up anymore to vote.

Call it the revenge of the lame ducks. Many lawmakers, relegated to cubicles as incoming members take their offices, have been skipping votes in the weeks since House Republicans were swept from power in the midterm elections, and Republican leaders are unsure whether they will ever return.

It is perhaps a fitting end to a Congress that has showcased the untidy politics of the Trump era: Even if the president ultimately embraces a solution that avoids a shutdown, House Republican leaders do not know whether they will have the votes to pass it.

The uncertainty does not end there. With funding for parts of the government like the Department of Homeland Security set to lapse at midnight on Friday, Mr. Trump and top Republicans appear to have no definite plan to keep the doors open. It is clear that as Democrats uniformly oppose the president's demand for \$5 billion for his border wall, any bill that includes that funding cannot pass the Senate, and might face defeat in the House, too.

"That's me with my hands up in the air," Senator John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Senate Republican, told reporters last week, in case there was any confusion about the meaning of the exaggerated shrug he offered when asked how the logjam might be broken. "There is no discernible plan — none that's been disclosed."

In the final moments of complete Republican control of government before Democrats assume the House majority in January, Republicans find themselves once again trapped between Mr. Trump's messaging and their own political reality.

The president's declaration in the Oval Office last week that he would be happy to take sole responsibility for a shutdown undercuts Republican leaders who had hoped to blame Democrats for any unresolved spending impasse — a point that Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader, reiterated Sunday morning.

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'Re-education' Leads Inmates to the Factory Floor

By CHRIS BUCKLEY and AUSTIN RAMZY

KASHGAR, China — Muslim inmates from internment camps in far western China hunched over sewing machines, in row after row. They were among hundreds of thousands who had been detained and spent months after month renouncing their religious convictions. Now the government was showing them on television as models of repentance, earning good pay — and political salvation — as factory workers.

China's ruling Communist Party has said in a surge of upbeat propaganda that a sprawling network of camps in the Xinjiang region is providing job training and putting detainees on production lines for their own good, offering an escape from poverty, backwardness and the temptations of radical Islam.

But mounting evidence suggests a system of forced labor is emerging from the camps, a development likely to intensify international condemnation of China's drastic efforts to control and indoctrinate a Muslim ethnic minority population of more than 12 million in Xinjiang.

Accounts from the region, satellite images and previously unreported official documents indicate that growing numbers of detainees are being sent to new factories, built inside or near the camps, where inmates have little choice but to accept jobs and follow orders.

"These people who are detained

China Forces Religious and Ethnic Detainees to Produce Goods

provide free or low-cost forced labor for these factories," said Mehmet Volkan Kasikli, a researcher in Turkey who has collected accounts of inmates in the factories by interviewing relatives who have left China. "Stories continue to come to me," he said.

China has defied an international outcry against the vast internment program in Xinjiang, which holds Muslims and forces

them to renounce religious piety and pledge loyalty to the party. The emerging labor program underlines the government's determination to continue operating the camps despite calls from United Nations human rights officials, the United States and other governments to close them.

The program aims to transform scattered Uighurs, Kazakhs and other ethnic minorities — many of them farmers, shopkeepers and tradespeople — into a disciplined, Chinese-speaking industrial work force, loyal to the Communist Party and factory bosses, according to official plans published online.

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Far Right Sees Fresh Recruits In Yellow Vests

By ANDREW HIGGINS

HÉNIN-BEAUMONT, France — While security forces under the control of France's president, Emmanuel Macron, have deployed tear gas, water cannons and mass arrests to quell sometimes violent demonstrations across the country, "Yellow Vest" protesters in northern France have found an unlikely sanctuary: under the wing of a far-right mayor who has made his career railing against disorder.

Mayor Steeve Briois, a leader in France's anti-immigrant National Front, has allowed the demonstrators to gather around wood fires in a municipal parking lot, and he put up a sign at the entrance to town declaring its support for the Yellow Vests. He also gave protesters a tent and granted them permission to march along a main road — in defiance of a ban issued by regional authorities under Mr. Macron.

Mr. Briois's critics say his motivation is obvious: The hundreds of thousands of protesters are France's newest and most powerful grass-roots force, threatening the presidency of Mr. Macron and bringing to the fore the plight of the country's struggling middle class and working poor.

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Trump's Input Muddies Case Of Green Beret

This article is by Helene Cooper, Michael Tackett and Taimoor Shah.

WASHINGTON — The long and winding case of Maj. Matthew L. Golsteyn had all the elements of a story that would seize President Trump's attention. A Green Beret charged by the Army in the killing of a man linked to the Taliban. Thorny questions about America's longstanding entanglement in Afghanistan. And a Fox News program that lauded the officer as a war hero.

And so, on Sunday, Mr. Trump announced on Twitter that he would examine the case of Major Golsteyn, using, verbatim, language aired just minutes before by his favorite program, "Fox & Friends."

"At the request of many, I will be reviewing the case of a 'U.S. Military hero,' Major Matt Golsteyn, who is charged with murder," Mr. Trump wrote. "He could face the death penalty from our own government after he admitted to killing a Terrorist bomb maker while overseas."

With that tweet, Mr. Trump made another extraordinary intervention into the American judicial system. A president who just last week threatened to stop a Justice Department effort to extradite a Chinese tech executive and who spends most days vilifying

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Netflix's Bold Push Into Movies Takes Aim at Hollywood's Core

By BROOKS BARNES

As hundreds of movie buffs waited in line to see Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma" at the Telluride Film Festival in August, an S.U.V. rolled up and a tall, tanned man wearing sunglasses stepped out. He smiled and waved before breezing into the theater with his entourage.

"Was that some sort of celebrity?" one ticket holder asked.

Moviegoers may not know Scott Stuber, but he is fast becoming one of the most important — and dis-

ruptive — people in the film business. A former Universal Pictures vice chairman, Mr. Stuber, 50, is Netflix's movie chief. His mandate is to make the streaming service's original film lineup as formidable as its television operation, which received 112 Emmy nominations this year, the most of any network.

With the rapturously reviewed "Roma," which arrived on Netflix on Friday, Mr. Stuber has pushed

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Bureaucracy, Hostility and a Disturbing Arrest

By ASHLEY SOUTHALL and NIKITA STEWART

Jazmine Headley took her baby boy to a public benefits office in Brooklyn on a recent Friday to find out why the city had abruptly stopped paying for him to go to day care while she worked cleaning offices.

Nearly four hours later Ms. Headley, 23, left the Boerum Hill facility in handcuffs, after police officers and security guards pried her son from her arms in a chaotic arrest that began when she got into a dispute over whether she was allowed to sit on the floor.

Brooklyn Mother's Tale Reveals Tensions at the Welfare Office

The incident, caught on cellphone videos and shared widely online, has propelled her into the center of a public reckoning over how the city treats people seeking public assistance.

In the last week, Ms. Headley has become a cause célèbre for New Yorkers who depend on food stamps and cash public assistance

and who say they are often met with hostility and are sometimes threatened with arrest at city benefits offices.

"It's the story of many other people, it's not just my story," Ms. Headley said in an interview. "My story is the only one that made it to the surface."

Her arrest highlighted the tension that plays out in public benefit offices throughout the city every day. People seeking benefits are usually under tremendous financial strain and are dealing with an unyielding bureaucracy, and city workers at these offices are under pressure to follow rules,

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Jazmine Headley, 23, whose son was yanked from her arms.

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