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President Trump leaves the White House for a campaign trip Wednesday.

President impeached by U.S. House

HISTORIC VOTE SPLIT ALONG PARTY LINES ON BOTH CHARGES

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.

The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial. If Trump is acquitted by the Republican-led chamber, as

expected, he would have to run for re-election carrying the enduring mark of impeachment on his purposely disruptive presidency.

Democrats led Wednesday night's voting, framed in what many said was their duty to protect the Constitution and uphold the nation's

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A CENTURY OF SEASONS



Lettie Glenz bakes up Christmas goodies in her Sumerduck home each year for the Ruritan Club.

Holiday memories are made by hand

AS TOLD TO ROB HEDELT | PHOTO BY MIKE MORONES THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Decorate and bake, bake and decorate. That's what I do in December. I love to cook. It makes me feel good.

[For Santa's visit at the Sumerduck Ruritan Club], I do 10 different kinds of cookies. Christmas mice, reindeer, snowmen with the little pretzel arms and then I do all those cutouts, the Santas, the bells, the trees. I do lemon cookies, those mint cookies and candy cane meringues and something—another chocolate.

I know I got a lot to do in three days.

And then we're Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at Mary Walter Elementary School. And then I do community stuff. If someone dies, I get the Ruritan Club ready to serve food and everything.

I decorate at the Ruritan building. I do the Christmas tree and the Girl Scouts [from Troop 1757] help me. They help me for the Santa [visit], too, help me get

ABOUT THE SERIES

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the cookies out and serve punch. Some of these Girl Scouts came up to see Santa Claus and one of them is 18 years old now, so I've been with them a long time.

[My husband] Bill says, "How do you do it, Lettie?" When those little kids come in [to see Santa] and there's one little boy, he comes in every year, and he goes,

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Stafford votes to back Second Amendment

BY JAMES SCOTT BARON THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Brandi Long told Stafford County supervisors Tuesday night that she and others are devastated by the loss of life caused by gun violence.

But Long said proposed gun-control legislation Democratic lawmakers have introduced in next year's General Assembly session would criminalize weapons and activities of lawful citizens without solving the problems that exist.

"It will only make many of us felons overnight, or leave us defenseless against those who al-

ready disregard the current laws," Long said.

Long and more than 60 others spoke Tuesday night in support of a resolution making Stafford a Second Amendment sanctuary, which means county officials would not enforce measures perceived as violating people's constitutional rights to keep and bear arms.

After the public finished speaking around 11:15 p.m., Stafford supervisors voted 7-0 in favor of the resolution, joining 93 other jurisdictions in the state that have adopted similar resolutions.

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Stafford resident Carl Allard asks veterans to stand during his remarks to the county Board of Supervisors.

K.G. supervisors reject proposed campground

PLANS INCLUDED A GUN RANGE, WHICH SPARKED OPPOSITION

BY CATHY DYSON THE FREE LANCE-STAR

After sitting through 4 1/2 hours of reports, comments and presentations, a standing-room-only crowd cheered Tuesday night when the King George Board of Supervi-

sors shot down a request to build a campground and gun range on a former golf course.

Supervisors voted unanimously against the proposal for the Freedom Hunt Outdoor Club, submitted by brothers Mike and Chris Ognek. While board members gave several reasons for the denial, a key factor was the lan-

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