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#### NEW & DEVELOPING

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Adds: WASHINGTON-SPLIT SCREENS; MEXICO-VIOLENCE; SPAIN-CATALONIA; NUCLEAR TESTING-COMPENSATION; FLAVORED E-CIGARETTES-MICHIGAN; TEXAS-REPUBLICAN SCANDAL; FAMILY SLAIN; SEXUAL ASSAULT-SUSPENSION

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#### ONLY ON AP

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WHAT-CAN-BE-MADE-OWLS \_ In a last-ditch effort to save spotted owls, federal officials are killing hundreds of barred owls in the hopes they can stave off their spotted cousins' potential extinction. The experiment raises thorny questions: As climate change continues to alter the planet, should humans intervene? More than 2,400 barred owls have been bagged thus far and the program posed such moral dilemmas that federal officials hired an ethicist to help work through whether the killings could be done humanely. By Phuong Le. SENT: 1,800 words, photos, video. With abridged. Sent in advance and available for immediate use. Series hub: <https://www.apnews.com/WhatCanBeSaved>

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#### TOP STORIES

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ELECTION 2020-DEBATE \_ Tuesday night's presidential debate gives the three Democratic front-runners a chance to answer recent doubts about their campaigns, while nine other candidates - the largest political lineup on a single

stage - get a new shot at the political spotlight in hopes of rising or at least remaining relevant. By Steve Peoples and Will Weissert. SENT: 1,000 words, photos, video. UPCOMING: Developing from debate starting at 8 p.m., 1,100 words by 9 p.m. With ELECTION 2020-DEBATE TAKEAWAYS \_ Winners and losers of Round 4. UPCOMING: 700 words by 11 p.m.; ELECTION 2020-FACT CHECK \_ A look at the facts behind the candidates' statements. UPCOMING: 500 words by 11 p.m. A separate debate advisory has also moved.

TRUMP-IMPEACHMENT \_ House Democrats are gauging support for a vote to formally authorize the impeachment inquiry as another official testifies in the deepening probe of President Donald Trump's efforts to have Ukraine investigate Joe Biden. By Lisa Mascaro, Mary Clare Jalonick and Laurie Kellman. SENT: 1,190 words, photos, video. With TRUMP-IMPEACHMENT-UKRAINE-SONDLAND \_ The U.S. ambassador to the European Union is expected to tell lawmakers that top White House national security officials never personally raised concerns with him about his dealings with Rudy Giuliani. UPCOMING: 720 words by 7 p.m., photos.

SYRIA \_ Russia moved to fill the void left by the United States in northern Syria, deploying troops to keep apart advancing Syrian government and Turkish forces. At the same time, tensions grew within NATO as Turkey defied growing condemnation of its invasion from its Western allies. Now in its seventh day, Turkey's offensive against Kurdish fighters has upended alliances and is re-drawing the map of northern Syria for yet another time in the 8-year-old war. By Lefteris Pitarakis and Bassem Mroue. SENT: 1,250 words, photos. WITH: SYRIA-TURKEY'S SYRIAN ARMY \_ Groups of Syrian fighters paid by Turkey are sowing fear and chaos in northeastern Syria. SENT: 1,075 words, photos.

UNITED STATES-SYRIA-BACK CHANNELS \_ When Syria's Kurdish fighters, America's longtime battlefield allies against the Islamic State, announced over the weekend that they were switching sides and joining up with Damascus and Moscow, it seemed like a moment of geopolitical whiplash. But the move had been in the works for more than a year. By Matthew Lee and Sarah El Deeb. SENT: 1,450 words, photos.

POLICE SHOOTING IN HOME-TEXAS \_The police chief in Fort Worth, Texas, says there was "absolutely no excuse" for a white officer's killing of a black woman in her home. Police have released an arrest warrant quoting the victim's 8-year-old nephew as saying she pointed a gun at a bedroom window after hearing noises outside. But Chief Ed Kraus says Atatiana Jefferson behaved as any Texas homeowner would have if he or she had heard a prowler. By Jake Bleiberg and Jill Bleed. SENT: 800 words, photos.

NBA-CHINA RELATIONSHIP \_ LeBron James has stepped into the spotlight of the now-strained relationship between the NBA and China with his comments about the league executive who started the ongoing fallout with a "misinformed" tweet. Politicians and human rights groups have criticized the outspoken superstar, questioning the motivation of James' comments. By Tim Reynolds and Greg Beacham. SENT: 1,100 words.

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## WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

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TEXAS-REPUBLICAN SCANDAL \_ Texas' GOP House speaker called a female lawmaker "vile" and said President Donald Trump is "killing us" in pivotal races in a secretly recorded meeting with a conservative activist. SENT: 670 words, photo.

FAMILY SLAIN \_ Man brings body to California police, says he killed family. SENT: 350 words, photos, video.

MUSIC-ROCK HALL \_ The late musical icons Whitney Houston and Notorious B.I.G. are among the 16 acts nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 2020 class. SENT: 275 words, photo.

TV-GREASE-SPINOFF \_ A spinoff series inspired by the 1978 movie musical "Grease" has been ordered by HBO Max. SENT: 125 words.

WIFE SLAYING-DEMENTIA \_ Florida authorities charge a 94-year-old man with first-degree murder for fatally shooting his 80-year-old wife, who had been suffering from dementia. SENT: 140 words.

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## WASHINGTON/POLITICS

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IMPEACHMENT-HUNTER BIDEN \_ Hunter Biden, acknowledging that his family name created business opportunities, rejects assertions by President Donald Trump that he did anything wrong by engaging in foreign work in Ukraine and China. But he concedes he failed to take into account potential implications for his father's political career. Former Vice-President Joe Biden is a front-runner in Democratic presidential contest. By Juana Summers. SENT: 800 words, photo.

US-ELECTION 2020-METOOVOTER \_ The founder of #MeToo is using the second anniversary of the movement to launch a new effort intended to mobilize voters heading into the 2020 election. The new hashtag #MeTooVoter was unveiled Tuesday, on the same day as the fourth Democratic presidential debate and reflects a frustration among activists that issues of sexual violence and harassment have largely been absent from the debate stage and campaign trail. SENT: 585 words, photos.

WASHINGTON-SPLIT SCREENS \_ Tuesday night presents a quandary for many Washingtonians: a Democratic presidential debate on a night when the Washington Nationals have a chance to make it to their first-ever World Series. By Ashraf Khalil. UPCOMING: 600 words, photos by 11 p.m.

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## INTERNATIONAL

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SPAIN-CATALONIA \_ Violent clashes erupted for a second consecutive night in Barcelona between police and protesters angry about the conviction of a dozen Catalan separatist leaders, as Spain launched an investigation into an activist group organizing the protests. SENT: 960 words, photos.

MEXICO-VIOLENCE \_ Grieving family members of the 13 police officers killed in an apparent cartel ambush gathered outside a funeral home in the Mexican state of Michoacan on Tuesday, many of them angry at the government and police chiefs they believe sent their loved ones to a certain death. SENT: 1,000 words, photos.

BREXIT \_ A Brexit divorce deal is still possible ahead of this week's European Union summit, the bloc said - but only if the British government makes more compromises to seal an agreement in the coming hours. Even though many questions remain, diplomats made it clear that both sides were for the first time within touching distance since an earlier U.K. withdrawal plan fell apart in the British House of Commons in March. SENT: 800 words, photos.

FRANCE-REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS \_ France's lower house of parliament overwhelmingly passed a bill that aims to give single women and lesbian couples legal access to in vitro fertilization, egg freezing and fertility medication. The assisted reproduction measures are part of a broader bioethics bill voted by the National Assembly, the lower house, where French President Emmanuel Macron's government has a majority. The bill passed 359-114. It must still go to the Senate for debate. SENT: 340 words, photos.

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## NATIONAL

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COLLEGE ADMISSIONS-BRIBERY-HUFFMAN \_ DUBLIN, Calif. \_ "Desperate Housewives" star Felicity Huffman - aka prisoner No. 77806-112 - reported to a federal prison in California to serve a two-week sentence in a college admissions scandal that ensnared dozens of wealthy mothers and fathers trying to get their children into elite schools. SENT: 550 words, photos.

LGBT DISCRIMINATION \_ The Supreme Court's decision on whether federal law shields LGBT people from job discrimination could leave millions of gay and transgender workers vulnerable in parts of the U.S. without protections at the state or local level. An Associated Press analysis found that half of an estimated 8.1 million LGBT workers live in 28 U.S. states with no state laws prohibiting firing workers because they're gay or transgender. The court appeared divided last week during arguments. By Russ Bynum and Angeliki Kastanis. SENT: 1,400 words, photos, graphic. With abridged.

NUCLEAR TESTING-COMPENSATION \_ Western governors say atmospheric nuclear weapons testing exposed more states and more people to radiation fallout and resulting cancers and other diseases than the federal government recognizes. SENT: 590 words, photos.

FlavourED E-CIGARETTES-MICHIGAN \_A Michigan judge temporarily blocked the state's weeks-old ban on flavoured e-cigarettes, saying it may force adults to return to smoking more harmful tobacco products and has irreparably hurt vaping businesses. SENT: 500 words, photo.

SEXUAL ASSAULT-SUSPENSION \_ The American Civil Liberties Union of Maine is calling on a federal court to stop the suspension of a high school student who was punished for bullying after she charged the school failed to address concerns about sexual assault. SENT: 700 words, photos.

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## HEALTH & SCIENCE

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ALL-FEMALE SPACEWALK \_ NASA is moving up the first all-female spacewalk to this week because of a power system failure at the International Space Station. Astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir will now venture out Thursday or Friday, instead of next Monday, to deal with the problem. It will be the first spacewalk by only women in more than a half-century of spacewalking. By Marcia Dunn. SENT: 350 words, photos.

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## BUSINESS/TECH

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GOOGLE-NEW GADGETS \_ Google unveiled a new Pixel smartphone and other hardware devices, all aimed at getting people even more dependent on its artificial-intelligence services. The Pixel 4 phone promises to respond to AI queries even faster than before, while a home Wi-Fi system is getting the AI features for the first time. The company also unveiled a new smart speaker and wireless earbuds, both invoking the AI-powered Google Assistant. SENT: 880 words, photos.

GM STRIKE \_ General Motors CEO Mary Barra joined negotiators at the bargaining table, an indication that a deal may be near to end a monthlong strike by the United Auto Workers union that has paralyzed the company's factories. Barra and GM President Mark Reuss were in the bargaining room early, a person briefed on the talks said, but they left later in the morning as committees began work on specific contract language. The person didn't want to be identified because the talks are confidential. By Tom Krisher. SENT: 870 words, photos.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

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**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT-CUBA GOODING JR** \_Cuba Gooding Jr. is facing a growing cast of sexual misconduct accusers, with prosecutors unveiling new criminal charges against the actor and telling a judge they intend to have up to a dozen women testify that he violated them, too. SENT: 800 words, photos.

**FILM-JULIE ANDREWS** \_ In her new memoir stage and screen legend Julie Andrews reflects on her Hollywood years from "Mary Poppins" to the 1986 film "That's Life!" The Associated Press caught up with Andrews in June while she was filming a guest programming segment for "Victor/Victoria!" and "That's Life!" one of the most personal films she's ever made. By Film Writer Lindsey Bahr. SENT: 950 words, photos. WITH: **Q&A-JULIE ANDREWS** \_ Actress Julie Andrews says she doubts that she will go back in front of the camera for a feature film but doesn't rule out the possibility. SENT: 780 words, photos.

**BOOKS-TEEN-LIFE SENTENCE** \_ Cyntoia Brown-Long, now 31 years old, knows as much about life in prison as she does about being free. At 16, she was arrested for robbing and killing a man she says picked her up for sex and later was sentenced to life in prison. But two months ago, Brown-Long walked out of a Tennessee prison after successfully petitioning the governor for her clemency. SENT: 1,275 words, photos.

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## SPORTS

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**BBA- ALCS** \_ With the Astros and Yankees tied 1-all, the AL Championship Series shifts to New York for Game 3. By Baseball Writer Mike Fitzpatrick. Game started at 4:08 p.m.

**BBN-NLCS**\_ The Washington Nationals send Patrick Corbin to the mound to try to finish off a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals in the NL Championship Series. By Howard Fendrich. Starts at 8:05 p.m.

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