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# MORE WATER WILL FLOW TO THE VALLEY UPON TRUMP'S SIGNATURE

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WASHINGTON — Congress has approved a sprawling bill that provides for increased water storage in the San Joaquin Valley. If signed by President Donald Trump, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 would authorize more than \$6 billion in spending over 10 years for projects nationwide.

Folded into the bill is Rep. Jeff Denham's New WATER Act. It provides financing for water projects throughout the western United States, including new reservoirs, below ground storage, recycling, and desalination. "My New WATER Act will allow us to leverage non-federal investments and finance the construction of new water storage in California for the first time in decades," Denham said in a statement. "This is real progress that will benefit our community for generations to come."

**Denham, Costa Pushed Bill Through the House**  
With big lifts from Denham (R-Turlock) and Rep. Jim Costa (D-Fresno), America's Water Infrastructure Act passed the House on a voice vote in September. The Senate approved the bill, 99-1, on Wednesday. Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, cast the lone dissenting vote. The act is aimed at improving the nation's ports, dams, and harbors, protect against floods, restore shorelines and support other water-related projects.

Among the nationwide projects nationwide are one to stem coastal erosion in Galveston, Texas, and restore wetlands damaged by Hurricane Harvey last year. The bill also would help improve harbors in Seattle; Savannah, Georgia; and San Juan, Puerto Rico, and extend a federal program to improve drinking water quality in Flint, Michigan and other cities. The bill additionally sets up a new framework for large water projects run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The changes are intended to increase local input and improve transparency.

Additional Denham language in the bill will significantly enhance flood protection in San Joaquin County by authorizing flood control efforts for more than 50,000

Valley residents and a number of critical infrastructure facilities, his office said. Denham also included language to expedite the feasibility study of a reclamation district that includes the French Camp veterans treatment facility. The project will result in an estimated 84 percent reduction in expected annual property damage while enhancing security at 262 critical infrastructure sites, 12 of which are considered essential to life safety.

## Lawmakers on Both Sides Praise the Bill

Lawmakers from both parties hailed the bill, which they said will create jobs and help communities across the country to fix irrigation systems, maintain dams and reduce flooding. "America needs comprehensive water infrastructure legislation that will cut Washington red tape, create jobs and keep communities safe," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. The panel's top Democrat, Delaware Sen. Tom Carper, said the bill invests in critical infrastructure like dams and ports, expands federal efforts to prevent another water crisis similar to the one in Flint and helps coastal communities prepare for the growing risks of climate change.

**"This is real progress that will benefit our community for generations to come."** — Rep. Jeff Denham (R-Turlock)

Flint's tap water became contaminated in 2014 after officials switched from the Detroit system to the Flint River to save money, exposing many residents to lead, a potent neurotoxin. Some Flint children later were found with elevated blood lead levels, which can cause developmental delays and other health problems. State and city officials say Flint's water is now safe to drink, but many residents remain skeptical. The Environmental Protection Agency says there is no safe level of lead.

## Lee Explains 'No' Vote

Lee, the bill's lone named opponent, said it spends federal dollars on a series of local projects that should be funded and maintained by state and local governments..

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# WHO'S A BULLY? WHO'S OWNED BY SPECIAL INTERESTS? COUNCIL HOPEFULS DEBATE.

October 17, 2018 | David Taub

Four of the six Fresno City Council candidates met at GV Wire's forum Tuesday (Oct. 16) night, answering questions about the future of Fresno. While they appeared in lockstep on some issues, such as support for [Measure P](#), things at times got heated on stage in the Fresno City College Old Administration Building auditorium. District 3 candidates Miguel Arias and Tate Hill appeared alongside District 7 hopefuls Nelson Esparza and Brian Whelan. Both District 5 candidates, incumbent Luis Chavez and challenger Paula Yang, confirmed their attendance at the forum, but backed out Tuesday.

The forum was co-sponsored by [CMAC Fresno/Clovis](#), which broadcast it live, and the Office of the President of [Fresno City College](#). Cordiality came to an end when Esparza and Whelan debated over now-defunct redevelopment agencies. Esparza argued in favor of employing a similar concept, called enhanced infrastructure finance districts, to pay for large government projects at the local level. Whelan warned that Gov. Jerry Brown shut down local RDAs because of corruption in

the way their funding was utilized. Esparza disagreed. "Brian is a smooth talking lawyer. He can make anything sound bad," Esparza said. "I bet he probably couldn't point out one example of corruption or fraud with RDA in the city of Fresno. If he could, whoever it was, is probably tied to financing (his) campaign."

"Do I get 10 minutes to respond to that baloney?" Whelan asked. He reiterated his view of corruption within redevelopment agencies and urged the audience to search the subject online. The two also traded barbs when asked to describe their differences. "I'm a long time resident of District 7. I've lived here for over 10 years. I didn't relocate to run for this office," Whelan said. Esparza reminded Whelan about their respective track records of running for public office.

"One big difference is the folks in District 7 have agreed with my values and elected me and they rejected his values when he ran for Congress," said Esparza, who was elected to the...

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## DE LA CERDA TAKES HEAT FOR MISREPRESENTING ENDORSEMENTS

October 17, 2018 | Myles Barker

McLane High School area trustee Christopher De La Cerda misrepresented his endorsements to local media, the Fresno Teachers Association said in a tweet Tuesday afternoon. The first instance was with The Fresno Bee and then in a GV Wire article, FTA said.

### SEIU, CTA Endorse Islas

In both instances, De La Cerda claimed to be endorsed by the Service Employees International Union and the California Teachers Association. In an interview with GV Wire for an article profiling De La Cerda and challenger Veva Islas, the incumbent said that he was endorsed by both of those organizations. "I think it is unfortunate anytime a candidate, in this case an incumbent, would lie about those sorts of things," said FTA President Manuel Bonilla. "It definitely shows that we need somebody that has integrity in those positions, and that is why we have endorsed Veva Islas for that position..."

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## 'YES' ON MEASURE A CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX MAKES FRESNO SAFER: CLINT OLIVIER

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"Whether you agree with the legalization of marijuana or not, it is already here, so it is crucial that we tax this new industry to ensure compliance and to eradicate the black market." With that sentence, the supporters of [Measure A](#), the city of Fresno's cannabis tax, sum up their ballot argument in favor of a new way forward — taxing cannabis businesses in Fresno.

What makes this [ballot argument](#) so unique is that it is signed by two of the most respected public safety leaders in California: Fresno Fire Chief Kerri Donis and Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer. Donis oversees the biggest municipal fire department in the Central Valley, and to have her name on the list of supporters is a big deal. But Dyer? He's one of the most prominent advocates of law and order around. He's spent decades combating gangs, drug dealers, human traffickers, and drunk drivers. Dyer's steady hand at the helm of Fresno's police...

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# STATE IRONY ALERT: NUNES HITS UP BAY AREA FOR CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

October 15, 2018 | GV Wire

Highly respected San Francisco Chronicle political reporter John Wildermuth served up a scoop Monday. Rep. Devin Nunes is hitting up Bay Area conservatives for campaign donations in the fight to keep his seat against Andrew Janz. The irony is that in his local campaign ads the Tulare Republican attacks Janz, a Fresno Democrat, for successfully enlisting the support of outsiders — liberals in the Bay Area and Hollywood.

“Bay Area Republicans have become part of a Central Valley congressional race, with GOP Rep. Devin Nunes

**“I have become a constant target of attack for the political establishment, the mainstream media, far-left special interest groups and the extreme left-wing of the Democratic Party. I have a closeup view of the left’s freakish coalition — the powerful public employee unions, radical environmental organizations, myriad far-left groups and other bizarre elements that comprise the left-wing power structure.”** — Rep. Devin Nunes’ campaign brochure sent to Bay Area residents

of Tulare bombarding them with a fund-raising mailer, complete with his full-color picture on the envelope,” Wildermuth writes. The story also quotes what Nunes says in the mailer: “I have become a constant target of attack for the political establishment, the mainstream media, far-left special interest groups and the extreme left-wing of the Democratic Party.

I have a closeup view of the left’s freakish coalition — the powerful public employee unions, radical environmental organizations, myriad far-left groups and other bizarre elements that comprise the left-wing power structure.” Wildermuth notes that Nunes’ rhetoric isn’t often heard in the Bay Area where “most of the contests tend to pit candidates who are more liberal against those who lean slightly less to the left.”

## Nunes Backed By Silicon Valley Conservatives

But Nunes has looked west of the Valley for campaign help before. Conservative executives in Silicon Valley such as Oracle’s Larry Ellison, for example, are backing his campaign with big donations. According to a September poll from UC Berkeley’s Institute of Governmental Studies, Nunes leads Janz 53 percent to 45 percent. In addition, the Oct. 3 Cook Political Report rates the race in California’s 22nd District as “solid Republican.”

## Janz Outraises Nunes in Third Quarter

Janz, however, has mounted the biggest challenge that Nunes has faced since first being elected to the House in 2002. On Monday, the latest Federal Election Commission filings showed that the Janz campaign outraised Nunes by nearly \$1.2 million in the third quarter of the election cycle. The FEC filings also showed that the Nunes campaign had outspent the Janz campaign during the quarter. “Our campaign proves you can run a well-funded campaign without corporate influence and a first-time politician can outraise the House Intelligence Chairman even without party help,” Janz said in a statement.

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— Challenger Andrew Janz

You can read The Chronicle’s story, “Conservative, Central Valley Rep. Devin Nunes seeks money in Bay Area,” [at this link](#).





## DID TUCK'S AD ON PRISONS VS. SCHOOLS RILE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS?

Photo: Wikipedia

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You might not guess who is backing Assemblyman Tony Thurmond's bid to become the state superintendent of public instruction. Last month, the California Correctional Peace Officers Association contributed \$500,000 to an independent expenditure committee supporting Thurmond, campaign filings show. The CCPOA since has added more muscle to its Thurmond effort, **spending \$1.175 million** on television ads supporting him thus far.

The CCPOA ad began airing this month. Why does the correctional officers union care who wins the November election for the state's top elected public education post? "Tony

Thurmond supports more training and prison safety and that is a big deal for them," Richard Temple, CCPOA's long-time consultant, **told CALmatters senior editor Dan Morain**.

But, as Morain pointed out, the contribution on behalf of Thurmond followed the release of a campaign ad by opponent Marshall Tuck that "obliquely criticizing prison spending and, by extension, correctional officers' pay." The ad states: "Did you know that every year, California spends \$71,000 per prisoner but only \$16,000 per student? It's no wonder our public schools rank 44th in the nation." For the record, Thurmond voted to approve CCPOA's latest contract...

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## SAN FRANCISCO TO VOTE ON TAXING THE RICH BUSINESSES FOR HOMELESS

October 15, 2018 | AP News

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco has come to be known around the world as a place for aggressive panhandling, open-air drug use and sprawling tent camps, the dirt and despair all the more remarkable for the city's immense wealth.

Some streets are so filthy that officials launched a special "poop patrol." A young tech worker created "Snapcrap" — an app to report the filth. Morning commuters walk briskly past homeless people huddled against subway walls. In the city's squalid downtown area, the frail and sick shuffle along in wheelchairs or stumble around, sometimes half-clothed.

The situation has become so dire that a coalition of activists collected enough signatures to put a measure on the city's Nov. 6 ballot that would tax hundreds of San Francisco's wealthiest companies to help thousands of homeless and mentally ill residents, an effort that failed earlier this year...

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## HERE'S WHY RENT CONTROL MEASURE WOULD WORSEN HOUSING CRISIS

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California's housing crisis has gotten the attention of the media, but it is often discussed as an issue that primarily impacts coastal communities. Despite the focus on the Bay Area and Los Angeles, parts of the Central Valley are feeling the housing pinch as well. As California's population continues to grow, our region is the heart of that growth. Merced and San Joaquin Counties are the fastest growing in the state, according to the state Department of Finance. New data from the US Census Bureau shows Fresno has the **lowest vacancy rate** among the largest cities in California.

It's clear that we are not building the housing we need to meet the demands of our community. The economics are simple — supply is simply not keeping pace with demand. The human toll of this imbalance is very real. Our company manages tax-credit properties throughout the Valley, including many...

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# TRUMP TELLS AP HE WON'T ACCEPT BLAME IF GOP LOSES

October 17, 2018 | AP News

WASHINGTON — Facing the prospect of bruising electoral defeat in congressional elections, President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he won't accept the blame if his party loses control of the House in November, arguing his campaigning and endorsements have helped Republican candidates. In a wide-ranging interview

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three weeks before Election Day, Trump told The Associated Press he senses voter enthusiasm rivaling 2016 and he expressed cautious optimism that his most loyal supporters will vote even when he is not on the ballot. He dismissed suggestions that he might take responsibility, as his predecessor did, for midterm losses or view the outcome as a referendum on his presidency.

"No, I think I'm helping people," Trump said. "I don't believe anybody's ever had this kind of an impact." Trump spoke on a range of subjects, defending Saudi Arabia from growing condemnation over the case of a missing journalist, accusing his longtime attorney Michael Cohen of lying under oath and flashing defiance when asked about the insult — "Horseface" — he hurled at Stormy Daniels, the porn actress who accuses him of lying about an affair. Asked if it was appropriate to insult a woman's appearance, Trump responded, "You can take it any way you want."

## Trump Has Been Campaigning Aggressively

Throughout much of the nearly 40-minute interview, he sat, arms crossed, in the Oval Office behind the Resolute Desk, flanked by top aides, including White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and communications director Bill Shine. White House counselor Kellyanne Conway listened from a nearby sofa. The inter-

view came as Trump's administration was being urged to pressure Saudi Arabia to account for the disappearance of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Instead, Trump offered a defense for the U.S. ally, warning against a rush to judgment, like with what happened with his Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused of sexual assault. "Well, I think we have to find out what happened first," Trump said. "Here we go again with, you know, you're guilty until proven innocent. I don't like that. We just went through that with Justice Kavanaugh. And he was innocent all the way."

Weeks away from the midterms, Democrats are hopeful about their chances to recapture the House, while Republicans are increasingly confident they can hold control of the Senate. Trump has been campaigning aggressively in a blitz of rallies aimed at firing up his base. He said he believes he's doing his job, but allowed he has heard from some of his supporters who say they may not vote this November. "I'm not running," he said. "I mean, there are many people that have said to me ... 'I will never ever go and vote in the midterms because you're not running and I don't think you like Congress.'" He added: "Well, I do like Congress."

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## Unconcerned About Other Potential Threats to His Presidency

If Democrats take the House and pursue impeachment or investigations — including seeking his long-hidden tax returns— Trump said he will "handle it very well." The president declared he was unconcerned about...

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# EFFECT OF KHASHOGGI'S ALLEGED MURDER ON U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONS?



October 15, 2018 | GV Wire

How serious is the unfolding international incident over the alleged disappearance and murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi? "It should change everything about the United States' long-standing relationship with Saudi Arabia. Regrettably, it probably won't," writes Aaron David Miller and Richard Sokolsky of The Atlantic.

The criticism of the U.S. business dealings with the kingdom, both at the government and private business level, continues to grow. While the Trump administration is hardly the first to foster a positive relationship with the Saudis, The Atlantic

writers say that only Trump has done so "on such a galactic, unrestrained, and unreciprocated scale."

["Possible Saudi involvement in the disappearance—and alleged murder—of the Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi presents the U.S.-Saudi relationship with its greatest crisis since 9/11. If the Saudis are proven guilty of this heinous crime, it should change everything about the United States' long-standing relationship with Saudi Arabia. Regrettably, it probably won't. The administration's identification with..." Read The Atlantic's full story [here](#).]

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## SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS WILL GROW IN 2019 AS INFLATION RISES

October 11, 2018 | AP News

WASHINGTON — Tens of millions of Social Security recipients and other retirees will get a 2.8 percent boost in benefits next year as inflation edges higher. It's the biggest increase most retired baby boomers have gotten. Following a stretch of low inflation, the cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, for 2019 is the highest in seven years. It amounts to \$39 a month for the average retired worker, according to estimates released Thursday by the Social Security Administration.

The COLA affects household budgets for about one in five Americans, including Social Security beneficiaries, disabled veterans and federal retirees. That's about 70 million people, enough to send ripples through the economy. Unlike most private pensions, Social Security has featured inflation protection since 1975. Beneficiaries also gain from...

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## TWITTER AIRS MORE ELECTION MEDDLING DATA

October 17, 2018 | AP News

NEW YORK — Twitter is releasing all known accounts and posts related to "information operations" dating back to 2016, when it was first learned that foreign operators were using social media to meddle in U.S. elections. Twitter has already disclosed the account numbers, but is now releasing the actual tweets, images, video and other information so that outside researchers can study them.

The company said Wednesday that the data comprises more than 4,600 accounts and over 10 million tweets, most affiliated with the Russia-linked Internet Research Agency and potentially linked to Iran. Twitter says the earliest activity it found on its service from these accounts dates back to 2009. The Internet Research Agency, essentially a Russian troll farm, has been indicted by U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller for its actions during the U.S. presidential election. Facebook and other social media companies are attempting...

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# HONDURAN MIGRANT CARAVAN CROSSES GUATEMALA BORDER

October 15, 2018 | AP News

OCOTOPEQUE, Honduras — A caravan of hundreds of Honduran migrants crossed the Guatemalan border under a broiling sun Monday hoping to make it to new lives in the United States, far from the poverty and violence of their home nation. Singing the Honduran national anthem, praying and chanting, “Yes, we can,” the group estimated at 1,600 or more defied an order by the Guatemalan government that they not be allowed to pass. “We have rights,” the migrants shouted.

Keilin Umana, a 21-year-old who is two months pregnant, said she was moved to migrate to save herself and her unborn child after she was threatened with death. “A letter arrived at my house saying I could not stay, that I had to leave, or else they were going to kill me,” said Umana, who is a nurse. “I was in hiding awhile,” she added. “It’s because I have this tattoo on my hand — it’s not a gang thing. Look, it’s the name of my father and mother.” Umana said she had been walking for four days. “We are not criminals — we are migrants,” she said.

## Poverty Has Made It Impossible to Support a Family

Many in the caravan traveled light, with just backpacks and bottles of water. Some pushed toddlers in strollers or carried them on their shoulders. Carlos Cortez, a 32-year-old farmer traveling on foot with his 7-year-old son, said the poverty back home has made it impossible to support a family. “Every day I earn about \$5,” Cortez said. “That isn’t enough to feed my family.”

The caravan was met at the border by about 100 Guatemalan police officers. After a tense standoff of about two hours, the migrants began walking again. Outnumbered, the police did nothing to stop them but merely accompanied them several miles into Guatemalan

territory. Officers later set up a roadblock about a mile outside the city of Esquipulas, where the migrants had planned to spend the night.

Some police and Guatemalan civilians offered the migrants water, and some locals drove Hondurans part of the way. Red Cross workers gave medical attention to some migrants who fainted in the heat.

## The Caravan Began With About 160 People

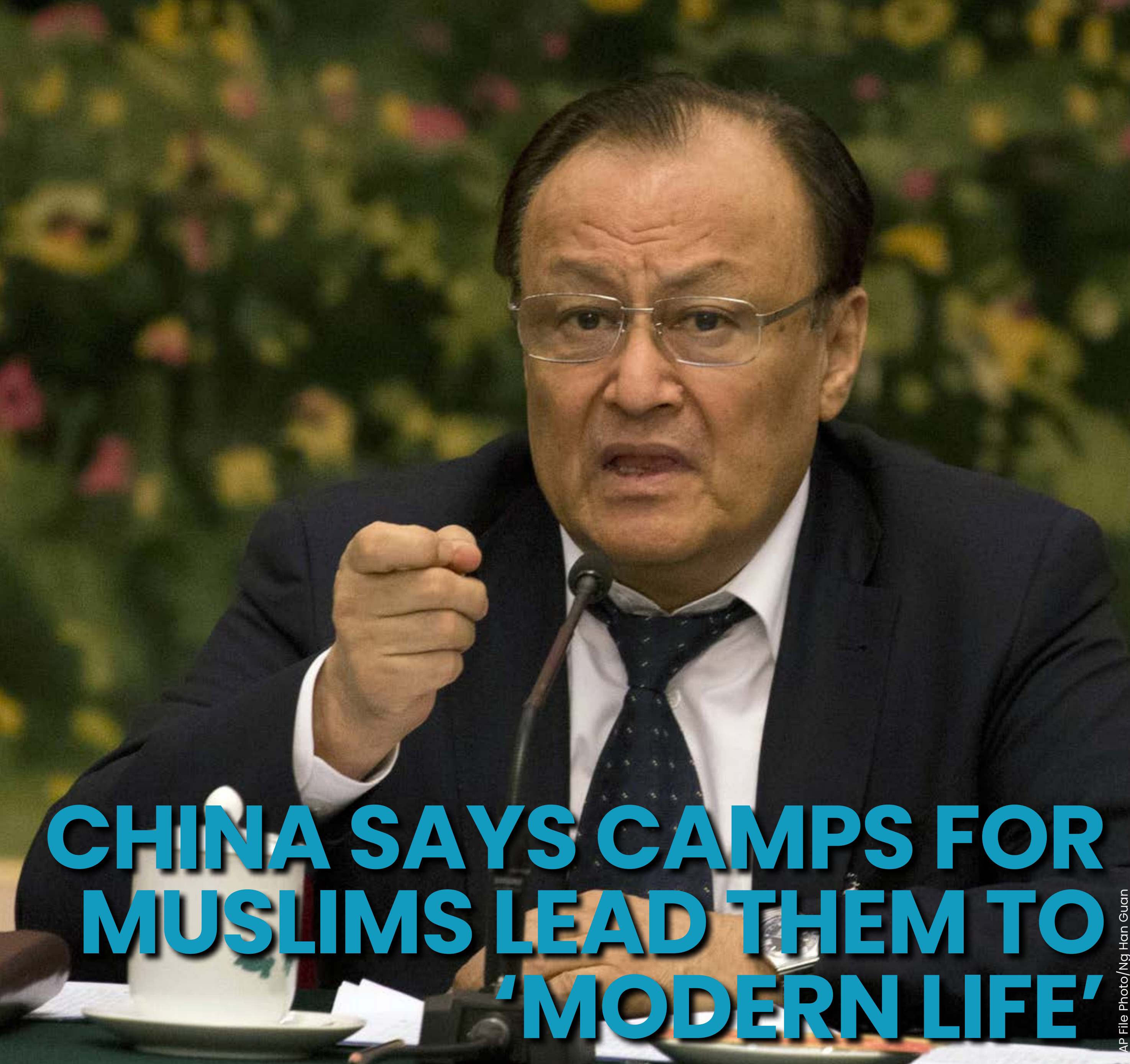
The caravan began as about 160 people who first gathered early Friday to depart from San Pedro Sula, one of Honduras’ most dangerous places, figuring that traveling as a group would make them less vulnerable to robbery, assault and other dangers common on the migratory path through Central America and Mexico.

Local media coverage prompted hundreds more to join, and Dunia Montoya, a volunteer assisting the migrants, estimated Sunday that the group had grown to at least 1,600 people. Police gave their own estimate of around 2,000 on Monday. The caravan formed a day after U.S. Vice President Mike Pence urged the presidents of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala to persuade their citizens to stay home and not put their families in danger by undertaking the risky journey to the United States.

In April, President Donald Trump threatened in April to withdraw foreign aid from Honduras and countries that allowed transit for a similar caravan that set out from the Central American country. That caravan dwindled as the group approached the U.S. border, with some giving up along the way and others splitting off to try to cross on their own. Historian Dana Frank, an expert on human rights and U.S. policy in Honduras, said the caravan could have political implications in the United States...

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# CHINA SAYS CAMPS FOR MUSLIMS LEAD THEM TO 'MODERN LIFE'

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October 16, 2018 | AP News

BEIJING — China on Tuesday characterized its mass internment of Muslims as a push to bring into the “modern, civilized” world a destitute people who are easily led astray — a depiction that analysts said bore troubling colonial overtones. The report is the ruling Communist Party’s latest effort to defend its extrajudicial detention of Central Asian Muslim minorities against mounting criticism.

China’s resistance to Western pressure over the camps highlights its growing confidence under President Xi Jinping, who has offered Beijing’s authoritarian system as a model for other countries. About 1 million Uighurs, Kazakhs and oth-

er minorities have been arbitrarily detained in mass internment camps in China’s far west Xinjiang region, according to estimates by a U.N. panel. Former detainees say they were forced to disavow their Islamic beliefs in the camps, while children of detainees are being placed in dozens of orphanages across the region.

The report by the official Xinhua News Agency indicated that key to the party’s vision in Xinjiang is the assimilation of the indigenous Central Asian ethnic minorities into Han Chinese society — and in turn, a “modern” lifestyle. Xinjiang Gov. Shohrat Zakir said the authorities were providing people...

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## EGYPTIAN MEDIATORS RACE TO RESTORE CALM IN GAZA

October 17, 2018 | AP News

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — A high-level Egyptian delegation on Wednesday held urgent talks with Gaza’s Hamas rulers, seeking to restore calm after a rocket from the Palestinian area slammed into a home in southern Israel and the Israeli military responded with airstrikes on Hamas targets. The pre-dawn flare-up in violence appeared to be pushing the region toward another conflagration between the bitter enemies. But by late Wednesday, there were signs that the situation was calming down.

As the Egyptian mediators arrived, Hamas and a second militant group, Islamic Jihad, issued a joint statement that made rare criticism of the rocket attack, suggesting that they were trying to defuse the situation. “We reject all irresponsible attempts that try to change the direction and sabotage the Egyptian efforts, including the overnight firing of the rocket,” they said. “At the same time, we emphasize we are ready...”

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## CANADA NOW WORLD’S LARGEST LEGAL MARIJUANA MARKET

October 17, 2018 | AP News



MONTREAL — Ian Power was among the first to buy legal recreational marijuana in Canada but he has no plans to smoke it. He plans to frame it. Canada became the largest country with a legal national marijuana marketplace as sales began early Wednesday in Newfoundland. Power was first in line at a store in St. John’s, Newfoundland.

“I am going to frame it and hang it on my wall. I’m not even going to smoke it. I’m just going to save it forever,” Power said. And there was more good news for pot aficionados: Canada will pardon all those with convictions for possessing up to 30 grams of marijuana, the newly legal threshold. People will have to apply for the pardons, but will no longer have to wait five years after a conviction or pay hundreds of dollars in fees, as they do now. “This is going to going to make a real difference for people who have been unfairly impacted by the previous regime,” said Canadian Prime Minister...

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