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SENATE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Dems wrap up case

Trump's lawyers begin arguments today

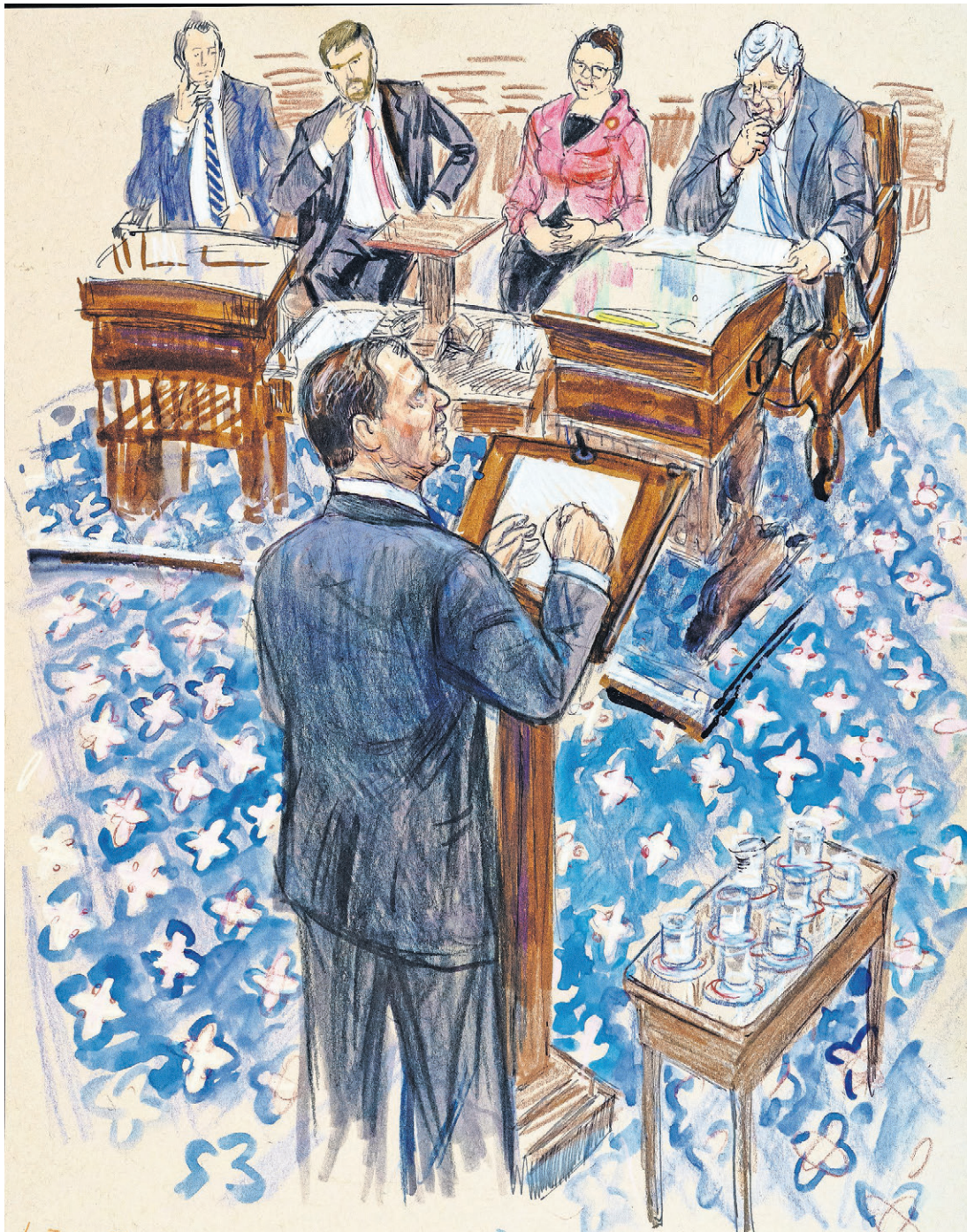
By Lisa Mascaro, Eric Tucker and Zeke Miller
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WASHINGTON — Closing out their case, House Democrats warned Friday in Donald Trump's impeachment trial that the president will persist in abusing his power and endangering American democracy unless Congress intervenes to remove him before the 2020 election.

"He is who he is," declared Rep. Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. He told the senators listening as jurors that Trump put the U.S.-Ukraine relationship on the line in a way that benefited Russia just so he could take a political "cheap shot" at Democratic foe Joe Biden.

"You cannot leave a man like that in office," Schiff said. "You know it's not going to stop. ... It's not going to stop unless the Congress does something about it."

Trump is being tried in the Senate after the House impeached him last month, accusing him of abusing his office by asking Ukraine for politically motivated probes of Biden and other matters while withholding military aid from a U.S. ally that was at war with bordering Russia. A second article of impeachment accuses him of obstructing Congress by refusing to turn over documents or allow officials to testify in the House ensuing probe.



This artist sketch depicts House impeachment manager Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., addressing the Senate on Friday during the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, at the Capitol in Washington. [DANA VERKOUTEREN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

As Democrats finished their third day before skeptical Republican senators, Trump's legal team prepared to start his defense, expected on Saturday. Trump, eyes on the audience beyond the Senate chamber, bemoaned the schedule in a tweet, saying "looks like my lawyers will be forced to start

on Saturday, which is called Death Valley in T.V."

Said Trump attorney Jay Sekulow: "We're going to rebut and refute, and we're going to put on an affirmative case tomorrow."

Republicans are defending Trump's actions as appropriate and are casting the impeachment trial as a

politically motivated effort to weaken him in his reelection campaign. Republicans hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate, and eventual acquittal is considered likely.

Before that, senators will make a critical decision next week on Democratic

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Norman aims to become sanctuary

Efforts may run into legislative roadblocks

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NORMAN — As Norman residents push for increasingly progressive policies, conservative lawmakers continue attempts to shut down those efforts.

A subcommittee for Norman's Human Rights Commission recently recommended, among many other things, that the city enact policies to become a sanctuary city.

But around the same time those recommendations became public, Sen. Nathan Dahm, R-Broken Arrow, filed a bill for the 2020 session that would prohibit cities and state agencies from creating any sanctuary policies.

"I wasn't surprised," said Norman Mayor Breea Clark.

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Bail system tackled at justice reform conference

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Robin Steinberg joked that like everything good that happens in New York City, the idea was born over Chinese takeout.

One night over dinner, she and her husband, both public defenders, were venting about the injustices they saw in court. They kept landing on the issue of bail and how many of their clients wound up pleading guilty because

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FESTIVE FEAST

The German roots of the town of Corn will be on full display at Corn Bible Academy's German Feast and Auction

Oklahoma officials intervened with three children killed in Arizona

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Police reports from Rachel Henry's hometown of Prague offer a glimpse into her volatile relationship with the father of the kids and the multiple child welfare issues that led to some of the children being removed from her care nearly two years before she allegedly smothered them to death in Arizona.

Police arrested Henry on Monday. Court records say she confessed to smothering 3-year-old Zane Ezri Henry, 23-month-old Mireya Henry and

6-month-old Catalaya Kyeana Rios to death in their Phoenix home, singing songs to them as they died and then placing their bodies in the living room as though they were sleeping.

Henry and her fiancé, Pedro Rios, recently moved to Phoenix from Prague. It has a population of about 2,400.

Rios shares a last name with only the youngest child — Catalaya — and it's not clear whether he is the father of all three. But police records indicate the couple has been together on

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The three children, 3-year-old Zane Ezri Henry, 23-month-old Mireya Henry and 6-month-old Catalaya Kyeana Rios, who police say were killed by their mother, are seen in a picture with their father at their memorial on Thursday in Phoenix. [ARIZONA REPUBLIC]