

# Ousted Ambassador Yovanovitch felt threat by President Trump

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Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch testifies before the House Intelligence Committee on Capitol Hill.

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WASHINGTON — Former U.S. Ukraine Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch provided chilling detail Friday in Trump impeachment hearings of being suddenly ousted from her post and feeling threatened upon learning President Donald Trump had denounced her in a phone call to Ukraine's president. In that call, Trump assailed her as "bad news" and said she was "going to go through some things."

In an extraordinary moment, even in an administration filled with them, Trump himself went after her again as she spoke, tweeting from the White House that everywhere she served had "turned bad."

Asked at the hearing about the potential effect of such censure on U.S. officials and witnesses, she said, "Well, it's very intimidating."

Yovanovitch was testifying on the second day of public impeachment hearings into Trump, just the fourth time in American history that the House of Representatives has launched such proceedings. The investigation centers on whether Trump's push for Ukrainian officials to investigate his political rivals amounted to an abuse of power, a charge he and Republicans vigorously deny.

After Trump's tweet on Friday, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee swiftly intervened, halting the questioning to read the president's com-

ments out loud to the witness — and Americans following the hearing — during a live broadcast across the country.

"Ambassador Yovanovitch, as we sit here testifying, the president is attacking you on Twitter," said Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California. He asked if it was designed to intimidate.

"I can't speak to what the president is trying to do, but I think the effect is to be intimidated," she said.

Said Schiff, "Well, I want to let you know, Ambassador, that some of us here take witness intimidation very, very seriously."

Trump, asked about it later, said, "I have the right to speak. I have freedom of speech."

Rather than distract from the career diplomat's testimony, Trump's interfer-

ence could provide more evidence against him in the probe. Democrats said an allegation of witness intimidation could become an obstruction of justice charge in the impeachment probe.

In her testimony, Yovanovitch described a "smear campaign" against her by Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, and others, including the president's son, Donald Trump Jr., before her firing.

She told the lawmakers her sudden removal had played into the hands of "shady interests the world over" with dangerous intentions toward the United States. They have learned, she said, "how little it takes to remove an American ambassador who does not give them what they want."

She said quietly, "Even now words fail me."

Her removal from her

post is one of several events at the center of the impeachment effort.

In his July phone call with new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, Trump asked for a "favor," according to an account provided by the White House. He wanted an investigation of Democrats and 2020 rival Joe Biden. Later it was revealed that the administration was withholding military aid from Ukraine at the time.

"These events should concern everyone in this room," the diplomat testified in opening remarks.

Schiff, the Democratic chairman of the panel, said she was "too tough on corruption for some, and her principled stance made her enemies."

It became clear, he said, "President Trump wanted her gone."

## OBITUARIES

### Robert W. Cummings

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Robert W. Cummings for 14 years, Safeway and died Sunday, November finally Astoria Builders 10, 2019 in Warrenton. Supply.

He was born February 17, 1948 to Oliver and Gladys (Anderson) Cummings in Astoria. Both proceeded him in death.

Robert graduated from Astoria High School in 1966 and went on to attend college at Oregon State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry in 1970.

He entered military service in the U.S. Navy after college, staying in the Navy Reserve until 1990 and retiring as a lieutenant commander.

Robert worked locally with various employers including Lakeshore Foods in Seaside, Prairie Market for 15 years, Bayside Food Warehouse, Hauke's Sentry Market

He had more than 30 years of experience in information technology management. Besides computers and IT work, Robert had many interests and hobbies. He loved cameras and photography, traveling, family history and his pets.

When he was a child, his parents owned and operated the Astoria Motel on 55 Olney Ave.

There will be no formal service. Private interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Astoria. Memorial contributions in Robert's memory may be made to the Clatsop County Historical Society, Columbia River Maritime Museum, Astoria High School Scholarships or the Oregon State University Foundation.



Robert Cummings



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## Stone guilty of witness tampering, lying to Congress

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WASHINGTON — He was proud of his reputation as a practitioner of political dirty tricks and frequently boasted about the extent of his contacts and the depth of his insider information.

Now Roger Stone, a longtime friend and ally of President Donald Trump, faces a prison sentence for a collection of crimes that essentially amounts to exaggerating how much he knew, then lying and scrambling to keep those boasts from being exposed.

Stone was convicted Friday of all seven counts in a federal indictment that accused him of lying to Congress, tampering with a witness and obstructing the House investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election.

He is the sixth Trump aide or adviser to be convicted of charges brought as part of special counsel

Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

Stone has denied wrongdoing and consistently criticized the case against him as politically motivated. He did not take the stand during the trial and his lawyers did not call any witnesses in his defense.

The Stone case could be the last public gasp of the Mueller investigation, which wrapped up in March. Mueller made clear that his team never considered indicting Trump because the Justice Department prohibits the prosecution of a sitting president.

The evidence presented in the trial didn't directly address Mueller's conclusion that there was insufficient evidence to prove a criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia to tip the outcome of the 2016 presidential election in Trump's favor. But it provided new insight into the scramble inside the Trump campaign when it was revealed in July 2016 that the anti-secrecy site WikiLeaks

was in possession of more than 19,000 emails hacked from the servers of the Democratic National Committee.

Witnesses highlighted how Trump campaign associates were eager to gather information about the emails, which the U.S. says were hacked by Russia and then provided to WikiLeaks. Steve Bannon, who served as the campaign's chief executive, testified during the trial that Stone had boasted about his ties to WikiLeaks and its founder Julian Assange, alerting them to pending new batches of damaging emails. Campaign officials saw Stone as the "access point" to WikiLeaks, he said.

Stone, 67, showed no visible reaction as the verdict was read aloud, count by count. He's scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 6 and could face up to 20 years behind bars. Another former Trump campaign aide, Michael Caputo, was removed from the courtroom by security officers after he turned his back on the jury after the verdict was read.

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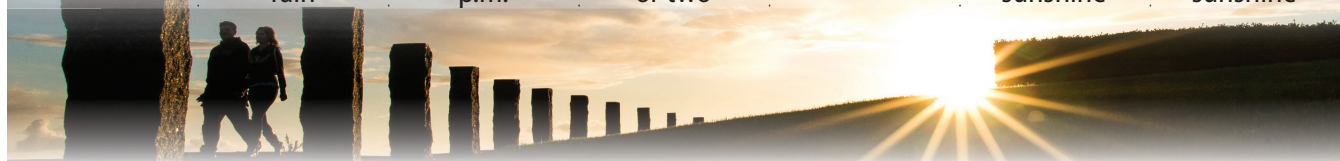
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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
58 50	58 47	57 45	54 38	54 36	53 35	52 38
Clearing	Cloudy, a little rain	Rain late in the p.m.	A brief shower or two	Mostly sunny	Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine



### ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday

#### Temperatures

High/low	55/45
Normal high/low	54/40
Record high	64 in 2001
Record low	15 in 1955

#### Precipitation

Thursday	Trace
Month to date	0.50"
Normal month to date	4.76"
Year to date	39.25"
Normal year to date	50.98"

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### UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** High above the southern horizon before midnight are the Double Clusters of Perseus.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:43 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:15 p.m.
Moonset today	11:23 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 19	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 11

### TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
3:57 a.m.	6.9	9:14 a.m.	-0.3	
2:46 p.m.	8.7	10:05 p.m.	-0.3	
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>				
3:30 a.m.	6.7	8:20 a.m.	3.4	
2:30 p.m.	8.1	9:16 p.m.	-0.7	
<b>Hammond</b>				
3:44 a.m.	7.1	8:45 a.m.	3.4	
2:40 p.m.	8.7	9:37 p.m.	-0.7	
<b>Warrenton</b>				
3:52 a.m.	7.3	8:58 a.m.	3.4	
2:41 p.m.	9.1	9:49 p.m.	-0.2	
<b>Knappa</b>				
4:34 a.m.	7.2	10:15 a.m.	2.9	
3:23 p.m.	8.9	11:06 p.m.	-0.3	
<b>Depoe Bay</b>				
2:45 a.m.	7.1	7:49 a.m.	3.8	
1:39 p.m.	8.6	8:48 p.m.	-0.5	

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	58/37/s	60/40/pc
Boston	39/28/s	44/38/pc
Chicago	38/28/c	40/32/sn
Dallas	63/42/pc	64/40/pc
Denver	59/31/c	60/38/pc
Honolulu	88/73/pc	85/72/c
Houston	63/39/s	67/45/pc
Los Angeles	84/60/s	88/59/s
Miami	77/57/pc	74/58/pc
New York City	39/29/s	42/38/c
Phoenix	84/56/s	86/56/s
San Francisco	64/49/s	68/51/s
Wash., DC	45/32/pc	44/40/c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

## REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	56/52		Wenatchee	48/35	
Tacoma	56/48		Moses Lake	49/38	
Yakima	53/32		Pullman	51/41	
Kennewick	56/39		Walla Walla	54/41	
Lewiston	54/42		Enterprise	50/35	
Pendleton	57/41		La Grande	53/36	
John Day	55/39		Ontario	58/29	
Burns	53/21		Caldwell	55/30	
Medford	62/35				
Klamath Falls	56/25				