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## National Western Stock Show

# “It was an eye-opener for everybody”



Mason Ward rides Monday as fellow cowboys watch from the chutes during the PBR Denver Chute Out at the National Western Stock Show in north Denver. Photos by Aaron Ontiveroz, The Denver Post

## Professional bull riders reflect a year after Mason Lowe's death

By Sam Tabachnik The Denver Post

Wherever Jess Lockwood goes, he carries a little reminder of his friend and fellow cowboy Mason Lowe — a cross made from the leather of Lowe's boots the day the professional bull rider died inside the pen at the Denver Coliseum.



Mason Lowe

The cross stays in Lockwood's rodeo gear bag, evidence of the risk he takes every time he mounts a bucking bull.

“To have a friend pass away doing what I do every weekend, it changes your mind-set for damn sure,” said Lockwood, the third-ranked bull rider in the world. “It kind of makes you just appreciate everything you got in life.”

As the National Western Stock Show celebrates its 114th year in Denver, the rodeo community is still recovering from Lowe's death on Jan. 15, 2019 — the first rodeo-related death in the

LOWE » 7A



Jesse Petri prepares for his ride Monday. He is wearing a helmet and a Kevlar vest for protection.

Popular attraction: The miniature zebu is “more of a companion animal, rather than a serious farm animal.” »2A

## TRADE DEAL

# China vows to alter actions

U.S. companies will  
not have to give up  
intellectual property

By Ana Swanson

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WASHINGTON» The trade deal that President Donald Trump will sign Wednesday includes commitments by China to curtail practices that American companies complain put them at a disadvantage and force them to hand over valuable intellectual property to Chinese firms, according to several people with knowledge of the deal.

Those concessions — along with China's agreement to buy \$200 billion worth of American goods and to allow greater access to its markets — are expected to be announced at a White House ceremony for the signing of the long-awaited trade deal.

As part of the agreement, China

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## IMPEACHMENT

# Gardner's vote on witnesses uncertain

By Justin Wingerter

The Denver Post

Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado isn't saying whether he is part of a small group of Republican senators considering allowing witnesses as impeachment charges against President Donald Trump prepare to move to Congress' upper chamber.

Gardner's office declined again Tuesday to answer questions from The Denver Post about whether he would support a motion to dismiss the two charges against Trump or vote to allow witnesses in a Senate trial that's expected to begin next week. Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Mitt Romney of Utah have

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U.S. House: Speaker Pelosi sets Wednesday vote to send articles to Senate. »14A

## DENVER & THE WEST SOME DPS PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS CUT BACK

Eight Denver schools are reducing preschool programs because of enrollment concerns or the need to use the classrooms for other things. »4A

**Drone update.** After coming up empty in its search, the state is scaling back. »2A

## BUSINESS NSA TELLS MICROSOFT ABOUT WINDOWS FLAW

The National Security Agency discovers a security flaw in Microsoft's Windows 10 operating system and tips off the company so it can be fixed. »12A

**Bank on it.** Profits rose at JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup in 2019. »12A

## NATION & WORLD WARREN, SANDERS SPAR AT DEMOCRATIC DEBATE

Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders clash over whether he said a woman can't win the presidency. She says he said it. He denies it during a debate in Iowa. »15A

**Scary spray.** Elementary schools near LAX hit by fuel dumped by a jet. »17A

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