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Trump moves toward a tougher line on Israeli settlements

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is warning Israel that constructing new settlements “may not be helpful” to Middle East peace efforts, shifting toward a tougher line with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government.

Still, the White House made clear Thursday that the Trump administration “has not taken an official position on settlement activity,” departing from previous administrations that have considered the settlements illegitimate.

Trump has been perceived as sympathetic to the settlements. Shortly before taking office, he vigorously criticized the Obama administration for not vetoing a United Nations Security Council measure condemning settlements.

But in a statement Thursday, the White House said, “While we don’t believe the existence of settlements is an impediment to peace, the construction of new settlements or the expansion of existing settlements beyond their current borders may not be helpful in achieving that goal.”

The White House said the president would discuss the issue with Netanyahu when he travels to Washington later this month. The two leaders are scheduled to meet at the White House on Feb. 15.



University of Bergen
Researchers from the university begin dissecting a two-ton whale that was beached in shallow waters off Sotra, an island west of Bergen. Terje Lislevand of the Bergen University says the visibly sick, 2-ton goose-beaked whale was euthanized. Its intestine “had no food, only some remnants of a squid’s head in addition to a thin fat layer.”

Zoologists say dead whale in Norway full of plastic bags

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Norwegian zoologists have found about 30 plastic bags and other plastic waste in the stomach of a beaked whale that had beached on a southwestern Norway coast.

The visibly sick, 2-ton goose-beaked whale was euthanized, Terje Lislevand of Bergen University said today.

“The (whale’s) stomach was full of plastic,” Lislevand said, adding that its intestine “had no food, only some remnants of a squid’s head in addition to a thin fat layer.”

Lislevand says the non-biodegradable waste was “probably the reason” why the male whale repeatedly beached last Saturday in shallow waters off Sotra, an island west of Bergen, 200 kilometers (125 miles) northwest of the capital of Oslo.

Its size — about 20 feet — showed the whale was an adult. The U.N. estimates that 8 million tons of plastic trash are dumped into the world’s oceans each year, he said.

US hiring accelerates and more people begin looking for work

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers stepped up hiring last month, adding a healthy 227,000 jobs, and more Americans began looking for work, a sign that President Donald Trump has inherited a robust job market.

January’s job growth was the best since September, and it exceeded last year’s average monthly gain of 187,000, the Labor Department said today.

The unemployment rate ticked up to a still-low 4.8 percent from 4.7 percent in December. But the rate rose for an encouraging reason: More Americans started looking for work, though not all of them found jobs immediately. The proportion of adults who are either working or looking for work reached its highest point since September.

Today’s report depicted an American job market that is generating consistently solid hiring and encouraging more people to start looking for work. Nearly a half-million people who weren’t previously job-hunting began doing so in January.

If employers keep hiring, even more Americans could be drawn into the job market.

“The increase in the unemployment rate came about from both more people working and more people looking for work — a positive,” said Gus Faucher, an economist at PNC.

Yet some of the economy’s softness remains: Average hourly wages — a weak spot since the Great Recession ended 7½ years ago — barely rose last month. And the number of people working part time who would prefer full-time work rose.

Still, even the sluggish wage gain contains a silver lining: It suggests that employers are attracting qualified job seekers who were previously on the sidelines. If employers regarded those people as unemployable, they would likely have to further raise pay to attract people who already have jobs.

Europeans ask ‘Who’s 2nd?’ after Trump slogan ‘America 1st’

BERLIN — The Dutch started it with a humorous video highlighting their “orange” history and lax tax rules. Now other European countries are getting in on the act.

Broadcasters across the continent are publishing satirical videos directed at President Donald Trump, asking for their country to be second if he keeps insisting on “America first.”

Switzerland’s public broadcaster SRF touted its “big fat mountains” and plentiful gold reserves in its pitch to Trump, who used to host “The Apprentice” reality show.

A video by Portugal’s RTP television noted the country’s “huge, enormous beaches. You don’t even have to take your spray tan.”

Several videos took more serious satirical digs, with an entry from German public broadcaster ZDF claiming that Adolf Hitler “made Germany great again.”

German satirist Jan Boehmermann, who last year made headlines for reading a lewd poem about Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on air — prompting an international incident — invited other broadcasters to join the effort.



AP Photo/Andrew Selsky

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown speaks during a press conference in the Capitol ceremonial office in Salem Thursday. Brown is asking Oregon’s attorney general to bring legal action against the federal government over President Donald Trump’s executive order on immigration.

Gov. Brown: Executive order expands 1987 immigration enforcement law

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related to the president’s executive order.

“We are carefully reviewing legal cases around the country and assessing how we can best advance our effort,” Boss said.

The Attorney General’s Office plans to announce the next steps in the legal process next week, he said. Brown sent a two-page letter to the office asking that a lawsuit challenge the president’s order.

The governor’s executive order expands a 1987 law that prohibits the use of state

and local law enforcement resources in federal immigration enforcement.

“Oregon’s unique law has succeeded in keeping the deportation of immigrants by the federal government separate and distinct from the enforcement of our state criminal laws by our local police,” said Kimberly McCullough, ACLU of Oregon’s legislative director. “We are pleased the governor has extended this important state disentanglement to all state agencies and employees.”

It’s unclear how many people headed to Oregon were

affected by Trump’s executive order, according to the ACLU of Oregon, which has provided legal support to airport detainees.

A 5-month-old Iranian girl who was scheduled to have surgery at Oregon Health & Science University for a heart condition was one of those not allowed to enter the country because of the president’s executive order, according to a report by KATU News.

“I find it deplorable that an infant who was supposed to come to Oregon to receive much needed live-saving care was not able to access that

care at Oregon Health & Science University,” Brown said Thursday.

The governor’s executive order does the following:

- Bars state employees from discriminating against residents for their immigration status.
- Prohibits the use of state moneys, equipment or personnel for detecting or apprehending people solely on the basis of their immigration status.
- Prohibits the use of state resources to assist or facilitate the creation of a Muslim registry, or any other registry targeting a religious group.



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John Lindstrom, owner of the Danish Maid Bakery, frosts a heart-shaped, raspberry-filled cake in 2004.

Bakery: Sweet shop had been closed since 2015

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Before Lindstrom’s
“It was called Jones’ Bakery,” John Lindstrom said during a 2003 interview. “Harold Jones, he’s the one that really got it going. Carl Maxwell, he bought it from Harold Jones ... His wife was an actual Danish maid — not m-a-d-e. A lot of people, they really don’t understand that.”

John Lindstrom originally worked in the bakery while attending Astoria High School. He said that after returning from duty, there were no jobs available. He worked at Bumble Bee Seafoods, but said he didn’t like the job.

Then an assistant baker position at Schoen’s Danish Maid opened up in 1974. John Lindstrom filled the position until he and Jan Lindstrom, neither of any Danish lineage, bought the business Jan. 1, 1986, and opened Lindstrom’s Danish Maid Bakery.

The shop had been closed since September 2015, after John Lindstrom had a leg amputated. Friends and local businesses raised more than \$27,000 to help the family with

medical expenses. He died in October at 64 years old.

But Lindstrom’s Danish Maid wasn’t Astoria’s only historic bakery. Home Bakery, opened in 1910, still operates on Marine Drive in Uppertown under the same Tilander family ownership lineage.



The Daily Astorian/File Photo

The former Cafe Uniontown has been sold to the owners of the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Astoria.

Landmark: ‘Each time I sold it, people failed to perform’

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restaurant there until 1980. She founded Cafe Uniontown in 1982.

Wilkins ran Cafe Uniontown until 2007, but the property has since struggled to hold tenants. A four-leaf clover on the entrance canopy still looks out at traffic on Marine Drive, as do the green and gold accents painted on by the owners of the short-lived Workman’s Irish Pub. The pub held a dry soft opening in June and was ultimately denied a

liquor license by the state.

Wilkins, on his fourth round selling the building, said he’s happy to have a stable buyer. “Each time I sold it, the people failed to perform, and I had to take it back,” he said.

A block or two west on Marine Drive is Mary Todd’s Workers Tavern, another Uniontown landmark up for sale. The business and building at 283 W. Marine Drive are listed for \$595,000 on the Clatsop Association of Realtors website.

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