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Trump seeks national security adviser, health care strategy

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump's holiday weekend featured a raucous campaign rally, a health care strategy session, interviews for a new national security adviser — and even a few holes of golf.

Trump brought four contenders to his private club Mar-a-Lago club in Florida on Sunday as he seeks a replacement for retired Gen. Michael Flynn, who was ousted last week. Trump says he wants to make a decision in the next few days.

The president also drilled down on policy during his working weekend at Mar-a-Lago, attending a strategy session on how to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, with top aides including newly installed Health Secretary Tom Price and Mick Mulvany, director of the White House budget office.

After weeks of tumult in Washington, Trump returned to Florida and his private club for a third straight weekend. On Twitter Saturday, he defended his young administration against reports of dysfunction, saying: "The White House is running VERY WELL. I inherited a MESS and am in the process of fixing it."

At the top of the president's agenda is filling the job of national security adviser.

US Defense Secretary Mattis: No plan to seize Iraqi oil

BAGHDAD — U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said today the United States does not intend to seize Iraqi oil, shifting away from an idea proposed by President Donald Trump that has rattled Iraq's leaders.

Mattis' arrived on an unannounced visit in Iraq as the battle to oust Islamic State militants from western Mosul moved into its second day, and as the Pentagon considers ways to accelerate the campaign against IS in Iraq and Syria.

Those efforts could be complicated by Trump's oil threat and his inclusion of Iraq in the administration's travel ban — twin blows that have roiled the nation and spurred local lawmakers to pressure Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi to reduce cooperation with Washington.

"I think all of us here in this room, all of us in America have generally paid for our gas and oil all along, and I'm sure that we will continue to do that in the future," Mattis told reporters traveling with him. "We're not in Iraq to seize anybody's oil."

His comments may provide some reassurance to the Iraqis. But the tensions come at a critical point in the war against IS, with two key battles in the works: the fight to take control of west Mosul, and the start of a campaign in Syria to oust IS from Raqqa, the capital of its self-declared caliphate.

Duck boats face increasing calls for improvements, bans

BOSTON — With their festive, party-like ambiance and ability to travel on land and in water, duck boats have long been tourist attractions for sightseers around the U.S. But a string of deadly accidents has left the industry reeling, forced safety improvements and led some advocates to call for a total ban on the vehicles.

In Seattle, after five college students were killed in a 2015 duck boat collision with a bus, the company pulled half its fleet out of



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A "Ride the Ducks" amphibious tour bus, right, and a charter bus remain at the scene of a multiple fatality collision on the Aurora Bridge in Seattle in 2015. With an ability to travel by both land and sea, duck boats have long been tourist attractions for sightseers around the U.S. A spate of deadly accidents has forced safety improvements and has prompted some to call for a total ban on the vehicles.

service. In Philadelphia, a duck boat operator suspended its tours indefinitely after three people were killed in two separate crashes. And in Boston, new safety regulations are set to go into effect in April after a duck boat ran over and killed a 28-year-old woman last spring.

Boston has a special fondness for duck boats, which have become a mainstay of parades celebrating sports championships. Earlier this month, two dozen duck boats carried the New England Patriots through the streets of Boston for a "rolling rally" to celebrate the team's Super Bowl win.

But duck boats have lost some of their appeal in Boston and other places where people have been seriously injured or killed.

"We believe that duck boats in their current design should be banned," said Ivan Warmuth, the father of Allison Warmuth, who was killed on April 30, 2016, when a duck boat ran her over on her motor scooter.

Duck boats were originally used by the U.S. military in World War II to transport troops and supplies over land and water, most famously during the invasion of Normandy in 1944. They were later modified for use as sightseeing vehicles. There are now about 130 duck boats operating in more than a dozen U.S. cities, including Boston, Seattle, Miami, San Diego, Honolulu and Washington.

Critics say the 2½-ton amphibious passenger vehicles are inherently dangerous because their design creates numerous blind spots for drivers, who sit 10 to 12 feet behind the bow, making it difficult to see directly below and in front of them.

Iraqi troops push into IS-held southern outskirts of Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq — Iraqi Federal Police forces have pushed into the southern outskirts of Mosul on the second day of a new push to drive Islamic State militants from the city's western half.

Iraqi helicopters were seen firing rockets today at the village of Abu Saif, mainly at a hill that overlooks the city's airport and provides the militants with a natural defense line on the southern approaches to Mosul.

Separately, police forces in armored vehicles were moving toward the sprawling Ghazlani military base on the southwestern outskirts of the city.

Backed by aerial support from the U.S.-led international coalition, Iraqi police and regular army troops launched an offensive on Sunday to retake western Mosul from IS following a 100-day campaign that pushed the militants from the eastern half of the city.

Trump's first month augurs stormy trans-Atlantic relations

BRUSSELS — Europeans have reacted to President Donald Trump's first month in office with demonstrations, counter-barbs and sheer angst that a century of trans-Atlantic friendship may be sinking.

The governments of some traditional allies have gone a step further, uniting with fundraising plans and a special conference to balance the new U.S. administration's reverse tack from Barack Obama's presidency on abortion policies.

Beyond Trump's orders on immigration, few of the administration's policies have unsettled many European nations as much as his ban on funding for international groups that perform abortions or provide information about abortions to women in developing nations.

Belgian Vice Premier Alexander De Croo was so shocked that words were not enough. He said European nations, fearful that thousands of women and girls will die without family planning information, already are cooperating to make up as much of funding gap as possible.

"What we are doing is rolling up our sleeves and saying instead of complaining we are going to take action," De Croo said in an interview with The Associated Press.

North Korean envoy blasts Malaysians, calls for joint probe

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — North Korea's top envoy in Kuala Lumpur today denounced Malaysia's investigation into the apparent killing of the exiled half brother of North Korea's ruler, calling it politically motivated and demanding a joint probe into the death.

The comments from Ambassador Kang Chol came amid rising tensions between North Korea and Malaysia over the death, with Malaysia recalling its ambassador to Pyongyang over what it called "baseless" allegations.

Kim Jong Nam, the estranged half brother of North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un, died last week after apparently being poisoned in a Kuala Lumpur airport. Security camera footage obtained by Japanese television appeared to show a careful and deliberate attack in which a woman comes up from behind him and holds something over his mouth.

Famine declared in part of South Sudan by government and UN

KAMPALA, Uganda — Famine has been declared in two counties of South Sudan, according to an announcement by the South Sudan government and three U.N. agencies, which says the calamity is the result of prolonged civil war and an entrenched economic crisis that has devastated the war-torn East African nation.

The official classification of famine highlights the human suffering caused by South Sudan's three-year civil war and even as it is declared President Salva Kiir's government is blocking food aid to some areas, according to U.N. officials.

More than 100,000 people in two counties of Unity state are experiencing famine and there are fears that the famine will spread as an additional 1 million South Sudanese are on the brink of starvation, said the announcement.

"Our worst fears have been realized," said Serge Tissot, head of the Food and Agriculture Organization in South Sudan.

Dog park: 'Total cost was about \$200'

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Six weeks later, in late July, the plan was approved. The park will be maintained by the Public Works Department and patrolled by the city's dog control officer.

Cost was minimal. "The entire park, other than the gravel and the signage, and the concrete for the post, is recycled material," McDowell said. "All the fencing, the fire hydrant, the benches, the garbage can is all recycled material. Last week, I went down to the spay and neuter thrift store and found the two dog dishes, and I brought those up here on Sunday."

"I think the total cost was about \$200," Barber said at the dedication. "Dale's a wonderful person to find material that can be recycled and reused. People coming through town will see it and be able to stop and let their dogs run and play here. We may need to put some signage out on the highway. Coming in you can see the 'Woof Waste' placard. The best signage is to have a bunch of dogs running around."



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

Seaside Mayor Jay Barber cuts the ribbon Friday for the new dog park next to Broadway Middle School.

Eakins: Working in a man's world is nothing new for Port attorney

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When she started in 2000, Eakins said, she was newly pregnant and newly divorced, trying to meet the high expectations of her employer while raising her daughter, now 17.

"It's a good firm, but it was a lifestyle choice," she said about leaving. "I felt like my daughter needed me more than the firm did."

Asked about working in

what has largely been a man's world, Eakins said it's nothing new.

"I think the practice of law in general has been a man's world," she said. "It might be a man's world, but I guess I don't really care."

Eakins said she will do the job the Port hired her for to the best of her abilities, after which it's up to the agency whether to take her advice.

— Edward Stratton

TV LISTINGS

Evening listings MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING											FEBRUARY 20			
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor (N)				Quantico "EPICSHALTER" (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor (N)				Quantico "EPICSHALTER" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	American Ninja Warrior "All-Stars Special" (N)				Timeless "The Red Scare" (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait	Man Plan (N)	Superior Donuts	2 Broke Girls (N)	Scorpion (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait	Man Plan (N)	Superior Donuts	2 Broke Girls (N)	Scorpion (N)		KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	American Ninja Warrior "All-Stars Special" (N)				Timeless "The Red Scare" (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supergirl "Mr. and Mrs. Mxyzptlk" (N)	Jane the Virgin "Chapter Fifty-Six" (N)			KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
10	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Antique "Palm Springs (Hour One)" (N)	Ore. Experience	Ore. Experience		The Talk: Race in Am Black and Hispanic		families counsel kids about safety. (N)		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	24: Legacy "3:00 PM-4:00 PM" (N)	APB "Hate of Comrades" (N)			10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls	
13	KPDQ	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV			Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show	
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	24: Legacy "3:00 PM-4:00 PM" (N)	APB "Hate of Comrades" (N)			Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) The Detour	The Detour	The Detour	The Detour	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan		
22	KZJZ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball Texas at West Virginia (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Baylor at Texas (L)				College Basketball 30 for 30 "This Was the NFL"				NFL Live		Nación ESPN		
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Paradise Run	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Game Shakers	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Alex and the Terrible, Horri...		Stuck in the Middle		Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Ramona and Beezus "10, Adv) Selena Gomez, Joey King. (:50) Jessie		Shadowhunters "Love Is a Devil" (N)		The 700 Club		
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) *** The Blind Side ('09, Sp) Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron, Sandra Bullock.				Shadowhunters "Love Is a Devil" (N)	Beyond "Out of Darkness" (N)			Shadowhunters "Love Is a Devil" (N)		The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (5:55) About Last Night (14, Com) Kevin Hart, Michael Ealy. (:45) FXM Presents				*** White Chicks ('04, Com) Marlon Wayans, Shawn Wayans. (:55) FXM Presents				*** Reno 911!: Miami ('07) Kerri Kenney, Thomas Lennon. (:40) FXM Presents				
36	LIFE	(36) (5:00) *** Mr. and Mrs. Smith ('05, Action) Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.				Britney Ever After ('17, Biography) Nathan Keyes, Clayton Chitty, Natasha Bassett.				Bates Motel "Dark Paradise" (SP) (N)	(:05) Beyond Headlines "Britney Spears" UFC UFC 184			
38	ROOT	(38) Focused	Spotlight (N)	Mariners Mondays "Dueling With Detroit" (N)										
39	FST	(39) (5:00) UFC UFC 77				Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	NASCAR Race Hub						
43	SPKE	(43) (5:30) *** The Expendables (2010, Action) Eric Roberts, Steve Austin, Jet Li.				*** The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.						Braveheart (1995, Action) Mel Gibson.		
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Archer	Archer	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N) midnight		
45	HIST	(45) Amer. Pickers "Red Barn, Black Keys"	American Pickers "Full Speed Ahead"			American Pickers "Bound for Badness"	Pickers "Risks and Rewards" (N)			(:05) Pawn Stars (N) (:35) Pawn Stars		(:05) Swamp People (N)		
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) *** Bad Boys ('95, Act) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. (:45) FXM Presents				Thriller) Famke Janssen, Leland Orser, Liam Neeson.				Bates Motel "Dark Paradise" (SP) (N)		(:05) Bad Boys (1995, Action) Will Smith.		
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Laura's Story"	My 600-lb Life "June's Story"			Daughter "Five Babies on a Budget"	Counting On "The Big Day" (N)					Counting On "The Big Day"		
48	DISC	(48) (5:00) Fast N' Loud: Zero to 100 (N)	Fast N' Loud: Zero to 100 (N)			Fast N' Loud "100th Episode" (N)	Fast N' Loud (N)			Diesel Brothers "Truck Norris" (N)		Fast N' Loud		
49	UN	(49) Obama: The Price of Hope	The '90s "Enemy Within"			The '90s "Shock and Awe"	The '90s "Exposed"			The '90s "The Countdown"		The '90s "Exposed"		
50	TNT	(50) (4:30) *** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug ('13) Martin Freeman.				*** The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies ('14, Adv) Richard Armitage, Benedict Cumberbatch, Martin Freeman.				Law & Order "The Taxman Cometh" (N)				
51	AMC	(51) (4:00) Erin Brockovich Julia Roberts.				*** Forrest Gump (1994, Comedy/Drama) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.				HUMANS (N)		HUMANS		
52	USA	(52) Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	WWE Monday Night Raw				(:05) Friday Tykes "Be the Drive" (N)		(:05) Friday Tykes "Be the Drive" (N)		
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Teen Tournament: Battle 4"				Kids Baking "Pet Shop Jobs" (N)	Cake Wars "Champs: The Avengers"			Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	
54	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It	Love It/List It "New Kid on the Block"			House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	Love/List "Mother-In-Law Matters" (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	TinyHouseHunters	TinyHouseHunters	
55	FX	(55) (4:30) 2 Guns ('13) Denzel Washington.				The Equalizer (2014, Action) Chloë Grace Moretz, Marton Csokas, Denzel Washington.				The Equalizer ('14, Act) Chloë Grace Moretz, Marton Csokas, Denzel Washington.				
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon				Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
58	FNC	(58) Tucker Carlson Tonight				Hannity				Hannity		The First 100 Days		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank				Shark Tank				Shark Tank		Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRVA	(63) Vanderpump Rules "Ambush"				Vanderpump Rules "Into the Closet"	VanderpumpR "Beads, Beers and Tears"	Vanderpump Rules (N)		Summer House (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Vanderpump Rules	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) A Place in the Sun				(:15) *** Pocketful of Miracles (1961, Comedy/Drama) Bette Davis, Peter Falk, Glenn Ford.				(:45) *** Poltergeist ('82) Heather O'Rourke, Craig T. Nelson, JoBeth Williams.		(:45) Possessed		
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) G.I. Joe: Retaliation (2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Adrianne Palicki, Channing Tatum.				*** Ghost Rider (2007, Action) Eva Mendes, Wes Bentley, Nicolas Cage.						Drive Angry (2011, Action) Nicolas Cage.		
162	RFD	(162) American Rancher	Red Steagall (N)	Horse Master	Inside Reining	Craig Cameron 4/6	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Live" "AgXplore LIVE"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase		