

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

Manafort's plan to 'greatly benefit the Putin Government'

WASHINGTON — The Associated Press has learned that President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, secretly worked for a Russian billionaire to advance the interests of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Manafort wrote a 2005 strategy plan that he said "can greatly benefit the Putin Government." At the time, U.S.-Russia relations under Republican President George W. Bush were growing worse.

Manafort's arrangement was with Russian aluminum magnate Oleg Deripaska, a close Putin ally. Manafort signed a \$10 million annual contract beginning in 2006 and maintained a business relationship until at least 2009. The work was described in interviews with people familiar with it and confidential business records obtained by the AP.

Manafort confirmed to the AP that he worked for Deripaska but said the work was being unfairly cast as inappropriate.

Not my laptop! Airline travelers hit the device doldrums

NEW YORK — As the indignities of modern air travel go, the latest ban on laptops and tablets on some international flights falls somewhere between having to take off your ratty shoes at the security checkpoint and having your baby food and milk tested for bomb residue.

It's yet another inconvenience in the name of security for weary travelers, especially those from or passing through the 10 mostly Middle Eastern and North African countries covered by new U.S. and British policies. While it's not quite as disruptive as an outright ban on smartphones — much less a travel ban based on nationality — the laptop limitation loomed large for some people as they prepared to travel.

"Why are only Middle Eastern airlines subject to this ban?" asked Kelsey Norman, a doctoral student who plans to fly home Friday to Los Angeles from Beirut — and expects to have to check her laptop, a Kindle tablet and her DSLR camera. "Overall this policy is inconvenient, discriminatory, and continues to hurt America's rapidly deteriorating reputation globally."

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security rules forbid laptop computers, tablets, Kindles, some gaming devices, cameras and other electronics larger than a smartphone in carry-on baggage. The U.S. government cited unspecified threats as the reason for the ban. The U.K. government instituted a similar ban; neither government's restrictions affect U.S.-based airlines.

Sears has 'substantial doubt' about its future after losses

NEW YORK — Sears, once the monolith of American retail, says that there is "substantial doubt" that it will be able to keep its doors open.

Company shares, which hit an all-time low last month, tumbled more than 12 percent today.

Sears has been a member of the retail dead pool for years, but until this week the company had not openly acknowledged its tenuous existence, said Ken Perkins, who heads the research firm Retail Metrics LLC.

Sears has long maintained that by balancing the sale of key assets while at the same time enticing customers with loyalty programs, it would eventually turn the corner.

Yet industry analysts have placed the staggering sums of money that Sears is losing beside the limited number of assets it has left to sell, and concluded that the storied retailer may have reached the point of no return.

The company has lost \$10.4 billion since 2011, the last year that it made a profit. Excluding charges that can be listed as one-time events, the loss is \$4.57 billion, Perkins says, but how the losses are stacked no longer seem to matter.

"They're past the tipping point," Perkins said. "This is a sym-



AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews

Sears signage is shown on its department store in Brooklyn's Flatbush neighborhood in New York. Sears, once the monolith of American retail, says that there is "substantial doubt" that it will be able to keep its doors open. Company shares tumbled more than 12 percent today.

bolic acknowledgment of the end of Sears of what we know it to be."

For Sears to survive, Perkins believes it would need to do so as a company running maybe 200 stores. It now operates 1,430, a figure that has been vastly reduced in recent years.

GOP leaders boost pressure as health bill crunch time nears

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and House leaders are revving up pressure on balky conservatives and other Republican lawmakers as crunch time approaches on the party's health care overhaul bill, a drive GOP leaders concede they can't afford to lose.

A day before the House passed votes on the measure, Trump was expected to continue hunting support for what would be a significant achievement for his young presidency. But underscoring the bill's uncertain fate, a senior administration official said that 20 to 25 House Republicans remained opposed or undecided. That's a grave figure since united Democratic opposition means the measure crashes if 22 GOP lawmakers vote "no."

"If we keep our promise, people will reward us," House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters Tuesday of GOP vows to demolish former President Barack Obama's health care law that the GOP has assailed since its enactment in 2010. "If we don't keep our promise, it will be very hard to manage this," the speaker said.

"Honestly, a loss is not acceptable, folks," Trump told lawmakers at a closed-door Capitol meeting with House Republicans. He warned they'd face widespread defeats in next year's elections and possible loss of control of the chamber if the measure failed.

Trump's remarks and the White House nose count of votes were each described by Republicans who provided inside information on condition of anonymity.

Supreme Court nominee is unscathed, facing more hearings

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch enters the third day of his nomination hearings largely unscathed by Democratic attacks, as Republicans confidently predict he will win confirmation despite liberal opposition.

A growing number of Democrats, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York and Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, are calling for Gorsuch's confirmation to be delayed because of the FBI investigation of ties between Donald Trump's presidential campaign and Russia. But Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley of Iowa dismissed that demand as "ridiculous," and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky told The Associated Press: "Gorsuch will be confirmed. I just can't tell you exactly how that will happen yet."

Even with Democrats divided over how hard to fight Gor-

such's nomination, the political intensity accompanying his confirmation process seemed at times palpable during the second day of hearings Tuesday, as the questioning stretched beyond 11 hours. Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut announced he would be asking Gorsuch about the "elephant in the room" — Trump — and tried to draw him out over Trump's attacks on judges, including those who halted his immigration travel ban.

"When anyone criticizes the honesty and integrity or the motives of a federal judge, I find that disheartening, I find that demoralizing," Gorsuch said.

"Including the president?" Blumenthal said.

'Gong Show' game show creator Chuck Barris dies at 87

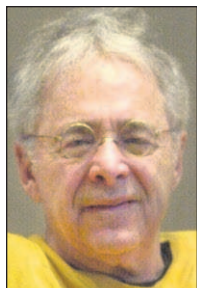
NEW YORK — Chuck Barris, whose game show empire included "The Dating Game," "The Newlywed Game" and that infamous factory of cheese, "The Gong Show," died at 87.

Barris died of natural causes Tuesday afternoon at his home in Palisades, New York, according to publicist Paul Shefrin, who announced the death on behalf of Barris' family.

Barris made game show history right off the bat, in 1966, with "The Dating Game," hosted by Jim Lange. The gimmick: a young female questions three males, hidden from her view, to determine which would be the best date. Sometimes the process was switched, with a male questioning three females. But in all cases the questions were designed by the show's writers to elicit sexy answers.

Celebrities and future celebrities who appeared as contestants included Michael Jackson, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Steve Martin and a pre-"Charlie's Angels" Farrah Fawcett, introduced as "an accomplished artist and sculptress" with a dream to open her own gallery.

After the show became a hit on both daytime and nighttime TV, the Barris machine accelerated. New products included "The Newlywed Game," "The Parent Game," "The Family Game" and even "The Game Game."



Chuck Barris

US, South Korea say North Korea's latest missile test fails

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's latest missile launch ended in failure today as the United States sent a supersonic bomber streaking over ally South Korea in a show of force against the North, officials said.

The reported launch failure comes as the North angrily reacts to ongoing annual U.S.-South Korean military drills that it views as an invasion rehearsal. Earlier this month, North Korea fired four ballistic missiles that landed in waters off Japan, triggering strong protests from Seoul and Tokyo.

The American military detected what it assessed as a failed North Korea missile launch this morning, the U.S. Pacific Command said in a statement. It said the missile "appears to have exploded within seconds of launch."

South Korea's Defense Ministry said it also believes the launch from the eastern coastal town of Wonsan ended in failure. It said it was analyzing what type of missile was launched.

The failure might mean that the missile is a newly developed one the North has not deployed, according to South Korean media. Last year, the country suffered a series of embarrassing failed launches of its new medium-range Musudan missile before it successfully test-fired one.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING												MARCH 22	
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 Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	Black-ish	Designated Survivor "Backfire" (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	Black-ish	Designated Survivor "Backfire" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Blindspot (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Genes" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Remember the Devil" (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "The Tables Have Turned" (N)		Criminal Minds "In the Dark" (N)		CM:Beyond "The Devil's Breath" (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "The Tables Have Turned" (N)		Criminal Minds "In the Dark" (N)		CM:Beyond "The Devil's Breath" (N)		KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Blindspot (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Genes" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Remember the Devil" (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Arrow "Kapiushon" (N)		The 100 "Gimme Shelter" (N)		KGW News at 10 "Two and a Half		Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Great Zebra Exodus"		Nova "Escape From Nazi Alcatraz"		Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War			American Masters
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Shots Fired "Pilot" (P) (N)		Empire "Sound and Fury" (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
13	KPDx	(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	Shots Fired "Pilot" (P) (N)		Empire "Sound and Fury" (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) 2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)	Conan (N)	
22	KZJQ	(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	ESPN2	(29) NBA Basketball Atlanta vs Washington		NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NBA Basketball Atlanta vs Washington	
30	ESPN2	(30) WBCS Baseball World Classic Site: Dodger Stadium -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)						SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	NBA Basketball Atlanta vs Washington	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Hunter Street (N)	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Game Shakers	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Tangled "Tangled Before Ever After"	Tangled "Tangled Before Ever After"	(:05) Stuck Middle	Good Luck Charlie	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	Friends	Friends
34	FAM	(34) The Middle	*** Nanny McPhee ('05, Fantasy) Colin Firth, Kelly Macdonald, Emma Thompson.	*** Nanny McPhee	*** Nanny McPhee	*** Nanny McPhee	*** Nanny McPhee	Returns (2010, Comedy) Oscar Steer, Maggie Gyllenhaal.		Rachel Griffiths, Brian Cox, Dennis Quaid.		The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(:45) *** Rio 2 ('14, Ani) Anne Hathaway, Rodrigo Santoro, Jesse Eisenberg.	(:40) FXM Presents	*** The Rookie (2002, Family) Rachel Griffiths, Brian Cox, Dennis Quaid.							(:40) FXM Presents	
36	LIFE	(36) LittleW. "Houston, We Have a Problem"	Little Women: Atlanta "Bad Romance"	Little Women: Atlanta "Bad Romance"	LW Atlanta "Bobbleheads Will Roll"	LW Atlanta "Bobbleheads Will Roll"	LW Atlanta "Spill the Tea" (N)			Bringing Up Ballers "Party Foul" (N)		Little Women: Atlanta "Spill the Tea"	
38	ROOT	(38) (5:30) Snowboarding U.S. Open		MLB Baseball Spring Training Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim vs. Seattle Mariners Site: Peoria Stadium -- Peoria, Ariz.				The Rich Eisen Show NFL commentary and interviews hosted by Rich Eisen. (N)		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			
39	F51	(39) UFC 206		UFC Tonight				Speak for Yourself		TIME Kalief Browder "The Witness" (N)		The Book of Eli Denzel Washington.	
43	SPIKE	(43) (4:00) The Town ("10, Act) Ben Affleck.	*** Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.										
44	COM	(44) (20) Futurama "T.: The Terrestrial"	(:55) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	ComedyJam (N)	Tosh.0	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers "Need for Speed"	American Pickers "The Big Bet"	American Pickers "The Big Bet"	American Pickers "High Energy Crisis"	American Pickers "High Energy Crisis"	A. Pickers "Down and Dirty Digs" (N)	A. Pickers "Down and Dirty Digs" (N)	A. Pickers "Down and Dirty Digs" (N)	(:05) A. Pickers "Shocked and Loaded"	(:05) A. Pickers "Shocked and Loaded"	(:05) A. Pickers "Dani Smells a Rat Rod"	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "The Graveyard Shift"	Duck Dynasty "Duck Dynasty"	Duck Dynasty "Duck Dynasty"	Duck Dynasty "Duck Dynasty"	Duck Dynasty "Duck Dynasty"	Jep and Jessica (N)	Jep and Jessica (N)	Jep and Jessica (N)	Jep and Jessica (N)	Jep and Jessica (N)	Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "James K's Story"	My 600-lb Life "James K's Story"	My 600-lb Life "James K's Story"	My 600-lb Life "James K's Story"	My 600-lb Life "James K's Story"	Tracey has shockingly misshapen legs due to her weight. (N)					My 600-lb Life "Tracey's Story"	
48	DISC	(48) The Last Alaskans "On Thin Ice"	The Last Alaskans "Dark Winter"	The Last Alaskans "Dark Winter"	The Last Alaskans "Fire and Ice"	The Last Alaskans "Fire and Ice"	The Last Alaskans "Winter's Dawn" (N)	Bering Sea Gold "Penny Dreadful" (N)	Bering Sea Gold "Penny Dreadful" (N)	Bering Sea Gold "Penny Dreadful" (N)	Bering Sea Gold "Penny Dreadful" (N)	The Last Alaskans "Winter's Dawn"	
49	NGEO	(49) Our Dream of Water (N)	Light the Ocean	Light the Ocean	There Will Be Water (N)	There Will Be Water (N)	Locked Up Abroad "Busted in Bangkok"	Locked Up Abroad "Caracas"	Locked Up Abroad "Caracas"	Locked Up Abroad "Caracas"	Locked Up Abroad "Caracas"	Locked Up Abroad "Delhi"	
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Tiger in the Tale"	Bones "Method to the Madness"	Bones "Method to the Madness"	Major Crimes "Dead Drop"	Major Crimes "Dead Drop"	Major Crimes "Bad Blood" (N)	Major Crimes "Bad Blood" (N)	Major Crimes "Bad Blood" (N)	Major Crimes "Bad Blood" (N)	Major Crimes "Bad Blood" (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "O ka Pilo Ohana ka 'Oi"	
51	USA	(51) (4:00) Lethal Weapon 4 Mel Gibson.	*** Saving Private Ryan (1998, War)	*** Saving Private Ryan (1998, War)	Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Hanks.							Gladiator (2000, Epic) Russell Crowe.	
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Better Angels"	NCIS "Kill Chain"	NCIS "Kill Chain"	NCIS "React"	NCIS "React"	NCIS "Scope"	NCIS "Scope"	NCIS "Scope"	NCIS "Reasonable Doubt"	NCIS "Reasonable Doubt"	Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) CooksCons "Shrimp and Grits Gridiron"	Cooks vs. Cons "Apple Apocalypse"	Cooks vs. Cons "Apple Apocalypse"	Chopped Junior (N)	Chopped Junior (N)	Cooks vs. Cons "Burrito incognito" (N)	Cooks vs. Cons "Burrito incognito" (N)	Cooks vs. Cons "Burrito incognito" (N)	Cooks vs. Cons "Burrito incognito" (N)	Cooks vs. Cons "Burrito incognito" (N)	Spring Baking "Sweet Vacations"	
54	HGTV	(54) Property "Not Ready for the Suburbs"	Property "Unexpected Dream Home"	Property "Unexpected Dream Home"	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	House Hunters	House Hunters	Property "Collaboration and Teamwork"	
55	FX	(55) (3:30) Gone Girl	Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014, Action) Nicola Peltz, Jack Reynor, Mark Wahlberg.					Legion "Chapter 7" (N)	Legion "Chapter 7" (N)	Legion "Chapter 7" (N)	Legion "Chapter 7" (N)	Legion "Chapter 7" (N)	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	Hannity	The First 100 Days	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	The Deal (N)	The Deal (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Deal	The Deal	Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Real Housewives "Win, Place or Sonja"	Housewives Atl. "Loose Lips Sink Ships"	Housewives Atl. "Loose Lips Sink Ships"	Housewives Atl. "Lei It All on the Table"	Housewives Atl. "Lei It All on the Table"	Housewives Atlanta "Maui Mayhem"	Housewives Atlanta "Maui Mayhem"	Housewives Atl. "Aloha and Goodbye"	Housewives Atl. "Aloha and Goodbye"	Housewives Atl. "Aloha and Goodbye"	WatchWhat (N) Beverly Hills	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Man Who Shot Liberty Val... (1967, Western) Fredric March, Richard Boone, Paul Newman.	(:15) *** Hombre (1967, Western) Fredric March, Richard Boone, Paul Newman.				(:15) *** A Touch of Evil ('58, Cri) Orson Welles, Janet Leigh, Charlton Heston.	(:15) *** A Touch of Evil ('58, Cri) Orson Welles, Janet Leigh, Charlton Heston.				(:15) Kansas City Confidential	
65	SYFY	(65) ** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006, Adventure) Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightly, Johnny Depp.					The Magicians "Lesser Evils" (N)	The Magicians "Lesser Evils" (N)	The Magicians "Lesser Evils" (N)	The Expanse (N)	The Expanse (N)	The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Cas...	
69	RFD	(69) Cowboy TV	Cowboy Moments	W. Rodeo (N)	Equestrian Nation	Team Roping (N)	Rural Eve. News	The Final Spin	WesternSport	Cowboy TV	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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