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In Alabama, a McConnell rebuke, a Trump miscalculation

HOMEWOOD, Ala. — A firebrand Alabama jurist wrested a U.S. Senate nomination from an appointed incumbent backed by millions of dollars from national Republicans, adding a new chapter Tuesday to an era of outsider politics that ushered Donald Trump into the White House yet leaves his presidency and his party in disarray.

Roy Moore’s 9-point victory over Sen. Luther Strange, backed by the White House and Republican leaders on Capitol Hill, ranks as a miscalculation and temporary embarrassment for the president; it’s a more consequential rebuke for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, whom Moore said should step aside as GOP floor chief.

The Kentucky Republican already is struggling to capitalize on his narrow 52-48 majority. He failed this week to deliver a long-promised health care overhaul, with equally perilous fights looming on taxes, the budget, immigration and the nation’s credit limit. Now, McConnell may also face a 2018 midterm election cycle complicated by GOP primary challengers who, like Moore, make the Senate leader an albatross for establishment candidates, including incumbents Dean Heller of Nevada and Jeff Flake of Arizona.

Moore, the famed “Ten Commandments judge” twice removed from elected judicial office for defying federal courts, declared his nomination a message to Washington leaders “that their wall has been cracked and will now fall,” though he excepted the president from his ire. “Together we can make America great,” he said, echoing Trump’s campaign slogan.

In Mississippi, state lawmaker Chris McDaniel, who nearly defeated Sen. Thad Cochran in 2014, called Moore’s win an “incredibly inspiring” blueprint that leaves him on the cusp of challenging Sen. Roger Wicker in 2018. “We know Mitch McConnell was rejected tonight — and Roger Wicker is just another part of Mitch McConnell’s leadership apparatus,” McDaniel told The Associated Press, saying he expects conservative challengers to emerge in other states, as well.

Saudi women will be allowed to drive in the kingdom in 2018

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia’s surprise decision to grant women the right to drive in the conservative kingdom marks a significant expansion in women’s rights, but activists said Wednesday it is also only the first step in a long list of demands for equality.

Saudi Arabia was the only country in the world to ban women from driving. The royal decree late Tuesday comes into effect next summer, but it comes nearly three decades after women began agitating for the right to drive.

As recently as 2013, dozens of women uploaded videos online of themselves behind the wheel of a car during a campaign launched by Saudi rights activists. Some videos showed families and male drivers giving women a “thumbs-ups,” suggesting many were ready for the change.

While women in other Muslim countries drove freely, the kingdom’s blanket ban attracted negative publicity. Neither Islamic law nor Saudi traffic law explicitly prohibited women from driving, but they were not issued licenses and were detained if they attempted to drive.

The decision to change course and grant women licenses was praised by the White House, which said President Donald Trump views the change as “a positive step toward promoting the rights and opportunities of women in Saudi Arabia.”

Scope of Puerto Rico damage so wide that US aid hard to see

MONTEBELLO, Puerto Rico — Relatives helped Mari-bel Valentin Espino find shelter when Hurricane Maria roared through her community in northern Puerto Rico. Neighbors formed volunteer brigades to cut fallen trees and clear twisty



AP Photo/Brynn Anderson

Former Alabama Chief Justice and U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore speaks during his election party Tuesday in Montgomery, Ala. Moore won the Alabama Republican primary runoff for U.S. Senate on Tuesday, defeating an appointed incumbent backed by President Donald Trump and allies of Sen. Mitch McConnell.

mountain roads after the storm had passed. Now, friends and a local cattle ranch provide the water they need to survive in the tropical heat.

Valentin and her husband say they have not seen anyone from the Puerto Rican government, much less the Federal Emergency Management Agency, since the storm tore up the island Sept. 20, killing at least 16 people and leaving nearly all 3.4 million people in Puerto Rico without power and most without water.

“People say FEMA is going to help us,” Valentin said Tuesday as she showed Associated Press journalists around the sodden wreckage of her home. “We’re waiting.”

Many others are also waiting for help from anyone from the federal or Puerto Rican government. But the scope of the devastation is so broad, and the relief effort so concentrated in San Juan, that many people from outside the capital say they have received little to no help.

Valentin, her husband and teenage son live in one such area, Montebello, a 20-minute drive into what used to be lushly forested mountains near the northern coastal municipality of Manati. Hurricane Maria’s Category 4 winds stripped the trees bare and scattered them like matchsticks. “It seemed like a monster,” she recalled.

Mexicans displaced by quake: ‘This is like a horror story’

MEXICO CITY — Inside the Francisco Kino Elementary School a miniature city has emerged at the site of a shelter for people who lost their homes in last week’s deadly earthquake.

On the school’s open-air courtyard, doctors test blood pressure and glucose levels at a makeshift triage center set up on a plastic table. Nearby, children get haircuts while stressed-out parents receive massages.

But frustration is growing inside the gym, where families camp out on mattresses alongside piles of new, donated belongings. Days without easy access to a shower and the loss of simple liberties like deciding when to turn out a light to go to asleep have become aggravating.

They want to know: How long will they be stuck here? “This is like a horror story,” said Ana Maria Castaneda, 49, who is living at the shelter with five relatives.

Iranian soldier beheaded by IS in Syria mourned as an icon

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran’s supreme leader and thousands of others Wednesday mourned a young Revolutionary Guard soldier beheaded by the Islamic State group, a killing that has struck a nerve within the Islamic Republic as its forces continue to suffer casualties in Iraq and Syria.

The slaying of 25-year-old Mohsen Hojaji captured the imagination of many in Iran, a Shiite-ruled nation whose

national religion considers as acts of mourning and acknowledging sacrifices a sacred act. Since his death, artists and others have memorialized Hojaji in videos and paintings, while discussion of his slaying has muted domestic criticism of Iran’s foreign military operations, especially in Syria.

His funeral in Tehran brought Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who prayed near his Iranian-flag-wrapped casket. Mourners later lay flowers atop his coffin, while on the street soldiers with the paramilitary Guard mixed with men wearing black and women in long black chadors. Many carried drawn portraits of Hojaji, while others unfurled the black flags common during Muharram, a Shiite mourning period.

Many current and former government officials, including parliament speaker Ali Larijani and former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, attended the funeral. Politics entered the mourning as well, as a cleric on hand alleged Israel and the U.S. were behind the Islamic State group, drawing cries of “Death to Israel” and “down with the U.S.” from the audience.

“We swear on blood of Hojaji we will not rest until destroying Israel,” cleric Ali Reza Pahanhian said from the podium. “Israel, we swear on the head of Hojaji that we will behead your leaders. Guards! Prepare your missiles for annihilation of Israel.”

Trump, GOP roll out tax plan; cuts rates, doubles deduction

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans are rolling out a wide-ranging plan to cut taxes for individuals and corporations, simplify the tax system, and likely double the standard deduction used by most Americans.

Months in the making, the plan meets a political imperative for Republicans to deliver an overhaul of the U.S. tax code after the failure of the health care repeal.

The public reveal of the plan was set for Wednesday. The day before, details emerged on Capitol Hill while Trump personally appealed to House Republicans and Democrats at the White House to get behind his proposal.

“We will cut taxes tremendously for the middle class. Not just a little bit but tremendously,” Trump said as he met with members of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. He predicted jobs “will be coming back in because we have a non-competitive tax structure right now and we’re going to go super competitive.”

Among the details: repeal of the tax on multimillion-dollar estates, a steep reduction in the rate corporations pay from 35 percent to 20 percent and potentially four tax brackets, down from the current seven. The current top rate for individuals, those earning more than \$418,000 a year, is 39.6 percent.

Big stakes in high court fight over partisan political maps

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans are poised for a Supreme Court fight about political line-drawing with the potential to alter the balance of power across a country starkly divided between the two parties.

The big question at the heart of next week’s high court clash is whether there can be too much politics in the inherently political task of drawing electoral districts. The Supreme Court has never struck down a districting plan because it was too political.

The test case comes from Wisconsin, where Democratic voters sued after Republicans drew political maps in 2011 that entrenched their hold on power in a state that is essentially evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans.

“It could portend massive changes in our electoral system,” Washington lawyer Christopher Landau said, if the court for the first time imposes limits on extreme partisan gerrymandering, or redistricting. Courts have struck down racially discriminatory maps for decades.

Wisconsin Republicans controlled the redistricting process that followed the once-every-decade census because they held the governor’s office and both houses of the legislature. They worked in secret to fashion precise, computer-generated maps and won approval on a party-line vote.

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Evening listings
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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 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Goldberg (SP) (N)	Speechless (SP) (N)	Modern (SP) (N)	Am.Wife (SP) (N)	Designated Surv. "One Year In" (SP) (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Goldberg (SP) (N)	Speechless (SP) (N)	Modern (SP) (N)	Am.Wife (SP) (N)	Designated Surv. "One Year In" (SP) (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
9	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Blacklist "Smokey Putnam" (SP) (N)	Law&Order: SVU "Gone Fishin" (SP) (N)	Chicago P.D. "Reform" (SP) (N)	Chicago P.D. "Reform" (SP) (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor (N)	SEAL Team "Tip of the Spear" (P) (N)	Criminal Minds "Wheels Up" (SP) (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert			
5	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor (N)	SEAL Team "Tip of the Spear" (P) (N)	Criminal Minds "Wheels Up" (SP) (N)	KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert			
8	KGW	(3) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Blacklist "Smokey Putnam" (SP) (N)	Law&Order: SVU "Gone Fishin" (SP) (N)	Chicago P.D. "Reform" (SP) (N)	KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show			
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Arrow "Lian Yu"	Super. "All Along the Watchtower"	News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature's Great Race "Zebra"	The Vietnam War "A Disrespectful Loyalty	(May 1970-March 1973)" (N)	The Vietnam War				
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "Noble Memory" (SP) (N)	Star "The Winner Takes It All" (SP) (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV			
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Noble Memory" (SP) (N)	Star "The Winner Takes It All" (SP) (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)	Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons			
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan (N)			
22	KZJO	(22) The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Pre-match	MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Vancouver Whitecaps (L)		Post-match	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball	Chi.C./St.L. (L)	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers Site: Dodger Stadium -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) 30 for 30 (N)	30 for 30 Shorts	MLB's Greatest Games (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		NFL Live	MLB Baseball		
31	NICK	(31) Dude Perfect (N)	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	I Am Frankie (N)	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	
34	FAM	(34) ★★ 27 Dresses (2008, Comedy)	James Marsden, Malin Akerman, Katherine Heigl.			★★ The Break Up (2006, Comedy/Drama)	Jennifer Aniston, Joey Lauren Adams, Vince Vaughn.		The 700 Club				
35	FMC	(35) (05) Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (2013, Animated)				The Art of Getting By ('11, Dra)	Emma Roberts, Sasha Spielberg, Freddie Highmore.		The Art of Getting By ('11, Dra)	Emma Roberts, Sasha Spielberg, Freddie Highmore.			
38	LIFE	(38) Grey's Anatomy "Love/Addiction"	Grey's Anatomy "Let the Truth Sting"	★★★ Unfaithful (2002, Thriller)	Diane Lane, Olivier Martinez, Richard Gere.				Little W. Dallas "Season One Reunion"				
39	ROOT	(39) Undeniable Joe Buck "Nick Faldo" (N)	Sounders	MLS Soccer Vancouver Whitecaps at Seattle Sounders FC (L)		Post-game	MLS Soccer Vancouver Whitecaps at Seattle Sounders FC		TUF Talk	UFC Classics	UFC Classics		
39	FS1	(39) TUF: Champion "The Truth in Me"	TUF "Feelings Mean Nothing" (N)	TUF Talk (N)	MLB Whiparound (L)	UFC Knockouts	TUF "Feelings Mean Nothing"		TUF Talk	UFC Classics	UFC Classics		
43	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
44	COM	(44) (15) South Park	(50) South Park	(25) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	(N) The Opposition (N)	(N) The Opposition (N)	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers "Thunderdome"	American Pickers "Space Oddities"	American Pickers "Space Oddities"	American Pickers: Bonus Buys "Appalachian Picking"	A Kentucky property's racetrack	revives an old rivalry. (N)		(05) A. Pickers "Backroad Barnstorming"				
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	
48	DISC	(48) Misfit Garage "Boom or Bust"	Misfit Garage "Air Picking We Shall Go"	Misfit "Chasing a Six Figure Dream" (N)		Misfit Garage "Fired Up for a Jeep" (N)	Garage Rehab "Offset Kustoms" (N)		Misfit Garage "Fired Up for a Jeep"				
49	NGEO	(49) JFK: The Lost Bullet	JFK: The Final Hours	The final day of Kennedy's life is retold.		Killing Reagan Just two months into his term, Reagan was shot.			JFK: The Final Hours				
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Body and the Bounty"	Bones	★★★ San Andreas (2015, Action)	Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario, Dwayne Johnson.	★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012, Fantasy)	Ian McKellan, Richard Armitage, Martin Freeman.		★★★ The Chronicles of Riddick ('04) Judi Dench, Vin Diesel.				
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11) Johnny Depp.		Law&Order: SVU "Heartfelt Passages"	★★★ The Help (2011, Drama)	Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, Emma Stone.							
52	USA	(52) Law&Order: SVU "Assaulting Reality"		W.Cooks "Celebrity: This Meat is Offal!"	★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012, Fantasy)	Ian McKellan, Richard Armitage, Martin Freeman.							
53	FOOD	(53) WorstCooks "Blast from the Past"	WorstCooks "Final Food Fight"	New Orleans "Welcome to the Big Easy"	Buying "Moving in With the Folks" (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers	Battleship (2012, Sci-Fi)	Taylor Kitsch.			
54	HGTV	(54) Buying/Sell "Get Us Out of the City"	Buying and Selling "Shacking on Up"	★★ Battleship (2012, Sci-Fi)	Alexander Skarsgard, Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch.	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
56	FX	(56) (5:00) ★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act)	Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr.	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight	The Five	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight	The Five	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	
58	FNC	(58) The Five		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight	The Five	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight	The Five	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	
63	BRAV	(63) Housewives "Drag Bingo Bombshell"	H.Wives "Loose Lips Sink Friendships"	Real Housewives "Breast Intentions"	The Real Housewives								
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Heidi ('52)	(45) ★★ Sealed Cargo (1951, Action)	Carla Balenda, Claude Rains, Dana Andrews.	★★ McQ (1974, Action)	Eddie Albert, Colleen Dewhurst, John Wayne.							
65	SYFY	(65) (5:30) ★ The Legend of Hercules ('14)	Gaia Weiss, Kellan Lutz.	★★★ The Book of Eli (2009, Adventure)	Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, Denzel Washington.								
162	RFD	(162) Cowboy TV	Cowboy Moments	Women's Rodeo	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	WesternSport	Cowboy TV	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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