

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Calling it a beginning, Trump signs health care order

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump directed his administration today to rewrite federal rules so consumers can have wider access to health insurance plans featuring lower premiums. He called his new executive order a “beginning” and promised more actions to come.

Frustrated by failures in Congress, Trump is moving to put his own stamp on health care. But even the limited steps the president outlined today will take months for the federal bureaucracy to finalize in regulations. Experts said consumers should not expect immediate changes.

“With these actions, we are moving toward lower costs and more options in the health care market,” Trump said before he signed his directive in the Oval Office.

But the changes Trump hopes to bring about may not be finalized in time to affect coverage for 2019, let alone next year.

Trump said he will continue to pressure Congress to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama’s Affordable Care Act, better known as “Obamacare.”

One of the main ideas from the administration involves easing the way for groups and associations of employers to sponsor coverage that can be marketed across the land. That reflects Trump’s longstanding belief that interstate competition will lead to lower premiums for consumers who buy their own health insurance policies, as well as for small businesses.

Those “association health plans” could be shielded from some state and federal insurance requirements. But responding to concerns, the White House said participating employers could not exclude any workers from the plan, or charge more to those in poor health.

US to pull out of UN agency over alleged anti-Israel bias

PARIS — The United States said today it is pulling out of the U.N.’s educational, scientific and cultural agency because of what Washington sees as its anti-Israel bias and need for “fundamental reform.”

While the Trump administration had been preparing for a likely withdrawal from UNESCO for months, the announcement by the State Department rocked the agency’s Paris headquarters, where a heated election to choose a new chief is underway.

The outgoing UNESCO director-general expressed her “profound regret” at the decision and tried to defend the reputation of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, best known for its World Heritage program to protect cultural sites and traditions.

The U.S. stopped funding UNESCO after it voted to include Palestine as a member state in 2011, but the State Department has maintained a UNESCO office and sought to weigh on policy behind the scenes. The U.S. now owes about \$550 million in back payments.

In a statement, the State Department said the decision will take effect Dec. 31, 2018, and that the U.S. will seek a “permanent observer” status instead. It cited U.S. belief in “the need for fundamental reform in the organization.”

Israel’s ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, praised Washington’s move as heralding “a new day at the U.N., where there is a price to pay for discrimination against Israel.”

Deadly and vast California wildfires could gain momentum

SONOMA, Calif. — Wildfires already well on their way to becoming the deadliest and most destructive in California history could gain momentum Thursday and erase even the modest gains firefighters have made.

Steady winds with gusts up to 45 mph with nearly non-existent humidity are expected to descend on the areas north of San Francisco, where at least 23 people have died and at least 3,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed.

“It’s going to continue to get worse before it gets better,” state fire Chief Ken Pimlott said today.

Entire cities had evacuated in anticipation of the next wave, their streets empty, the only motion coming from ashes falling like snowflakes.

They included Calistoga, the historic resort town of wine tastings and hot springs, whose 5,300 people are all under evacuation orders. Tens of thousands more were also driven from their homes by the flames. A few left behind cookies for firefighters and signs that read, “Please save our home!”

Emergency alerts get scrutiny after deadly wildfires

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Communities in wildfire-prone Northern California have an array of emergency systems designed to alert residents of danger: text messages, phone calls, emails and tweets. But after days of raging blazes left at least 23 dead, authorities said those methods will be assessed.

The fast-moving fires, strengthened by fierce winds and nearly absent humidity, began to burn through the state’s fabled wine country Sunday night. Counties used a variety of ways to send out warnings, but the alert systems rely on mobile phones, landlines or the internet to rouse residents.

State fire officials said today that while the priority is getting people out of active fires, they would be following up on the methods used and whether it was even possible to reach everyone with so little time to react.

“People were in bed, asleep at midnight, and these fires came down on these communities with no warning within minutes,” said state fire agency Chief Ken Pimlott. “There was little time to notify anybody by any means.”

Questions remain about police response to Las Vegas massacre

A revised chronology given by investigators for the Las Vegas massacre is intensifying pressure for police to explain how quickly they responded to what would become the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Two hotel employees had called for help and reported that gunman Stephen Paddock sprayed a hallway with bullets, striking an unarmed security guard in the leg, several minutes before Paddock opened fire on a crowd at a musical performance, killing 58 people and injuring nearly 500 others.

At 10:05 p.m. Paddock began his 10-minute deadly barrage into the crowd, firing off more than 1,000 rounds, police said. Police didn’t arrive on the 32nd floor until 10:17 p.m., which is two minutes after he had stopped firing.

Questions remain about what happened in the six minutes between the time police say Paddock fired off 200 rounds through the door of his 32nd-floor suite into the hallway of the Mandalay Bay hotel and casino and when he unleashed a deadly hail of gunfire into the crowd at the Route 91 Harvest festival.

Chief among them: Were police notified immediately about the hallway shooting and did officers respond quickly enough to have a chance to take out the gunman before could carry out the bloodshed?

Spain celebrates national day amid Catalan secession crisis

MADRID — Army troops and police are to march today in Madrid as Spain’s celebrates its national day, amid one of the country’s biggest crises as its powerful northeastern region of Catalonia threatens independence.

King Felipe VI, accompanied by national and regional politicians, will preside over the colorful annual parade as Spain awaits a response to a government request to Catalonia’s leader to clarify by Monday if he has already declared independence — in which case Spain warns it may apply Article 155 of its Constitution and begin taking direct control of the region.

Catalan regional President Carles Puigdemont announced Tuesday that he was using the claimed victory in a banned Oct. 1 secession referendum to proceed with a declaration of Catalan independence, but proposed freezing its implementation for a few weeks to allow for dialogue and mediation with the national government in Madrid.

‘Why so much hate?’ Femicides plague Mexico’s largest state

VILLA CUAUHEMOC, Mexico — Just like any other day, Dr. Jessica Sevilla Pedraza went to work at the hospital that morning, came home for a quick lunch and then left again. The plan was to see more patients, hit the gym and be back in time for her usual dinner with dad before he went to his night-shift job.

Instead a hospital co-worker showed up at the family’s door in the evening. She said a man had come in with a bullet wound in his leg and told doctors he had been with Sevilla when gunmen intercepted them, shot him and took off with the doctor in her own car.

“Ma’am,” the woman told Sevilla’s mother, Juana Pedraza, “it’s my duty to tell you that we cannot locate your daughter.”

Two days later Pedraza identified 29-year-old Jessica’s body at the morgue. She had been shot in the head and decapitated, and the skin had been flayed from her skull.

“I can’t understand why,” Pedraza said. “Why so much fury? Why so much hate?”

Ford: Was issued a summons to appear in court on Oct. 20

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Ford began working for the school district as a lunch aide at Long Beach Elementary, according to the Long Beach Police Department investigation report. In November 2016, she transferred to fill a vacant position at Hilltop, the district’s fifth-through eighth-grade campus. In a police statement, former intervention specialist Sean Bresnahan said Ford’s primary duties were supervising lunch, recess and transitional periods during the day.

Superintendent Jenny Risner did not respond to email and phone requests for comment.

Junk food, lollipops

Initially, staff members thought Ford’s friendly interactions with students were an appropriate attempt to build relationships. However, after Christmas break, she began acting more like a student than a staff member. Teachers told administrators Ford was shirking her duties and finding opportunities to spend time with students outside of her assignment areas, even pulling them out of class without permission on a few occasions.

By the end of January, Bresnahan said, “It was very clear that Brittini was having boundary issues with students.” Several teachers told him Ford made trips off-campus to buy fast food and junk food for a small group of mostly male students, and sometimes interrupted lessons to pass out treats.

Staff members thought Ford seemed to be taking a particular interest in the alleged victim and his best friend. Earlier this year, she became an increasingly disruptive presence while “helping” one teacher in her classroom. The teacher said Ford often sat next to the two boys, loudly whispering with them during lessons. She complained to former Hilltop Principal Darin Adams in March, after Ford allegedly “spent the class on her phone, her feet up on the table and a lollipop in her mouth.” Staff also said they had witnessed Ford acting in a “flirtatious” manner with the two boys.

Grooming

In early March, Bresnahan learned Ford had been spending “significant amounts of time” with the boys at her home on the Coast Guard base. A week later, she took the boys on an unauthorized trip to Warrenton in her personal vehicle during school hours. She was fired. Adams and Bresnahan began the

internal investigation, and subsequently informed the police.

“It was rather clear (the victim) was being groomed by Brittini,” Officer Don Tardiff wrote in his report.

At first, Tardiff said, the alleged victim mowed Ford’s lawn for pocket change, with his mother’s permission. However, in early spring, he and his friend began spending more time at her home, often playing video games and going on fast-food runs.

During at least one of these visits Ford allowed them to look at nude pictures of herself that she stored on her phone, according to the boys. She also allegedly allowed the victim to view a video of her dancing in the nude.

Disappearing messages, clothing

A turning point came when Ford allegedly urged the victim to download the Snapchat app on his phone. Snapchat is a message and picture-sharing tool that has a distinct advantage for teens who are trying to keep their social lives private — messages and pictures sent via the app disappear permanently after a short time. An unintended consequence is that adult predators use the app to communicate with minors, knowing their messages are unlikely to become evidence.

One night, shortly before she was fired, Ford allegedly texted the victim a message saying, “I’m bored,” and then proceeded to send him a photo of herself in panties, followed by three more selfies in increasing states of undress. The boy said she also requested photos of him, and offered to perform oral sex on him. He told investigators that he cut off contact with her after that.

Through her attorney, Nicole Dalton, Ford invoked her Fifth Amendment rights, and did not grant police an interview.

Dalton did not respond to a request for comment.

Due in part to the fleeting nature of Snapchat communications, investigators were not able to secure photo or text evidence. However, prosecutor Mark McClain said the friend witnessed, or was aware of, each of these interactions. In interviews, the friend’s statements corroborated those of the victim and other parties. If the case goes to trial, he may be called as a witness.

Prosecutors requested but were not granted a warrant for Ford’s arrest. Instead, she was issued a summons to appear in Pacific County Superior Court on Oct. 20.

THURSDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										OCTOBER 12		
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)	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Pressing the Flesh" (N)		Murder "It's for the Greater Good" (N)		KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Pressing the Flesh" (N)		Murder "It's for the Greater Good" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Great News (N)	Chi.Fire "An Even Biggest Surprise" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) (5:25) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Carolina Panthers (L)				(15) KOIN Local 6 "Special Edition"					Extra	Ent. Tonight	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) (5:25) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Carolina Panthers (L)				(15) KIRO 7 Game Day (L)		KIRO 7 News (N)		Steve Raible's Scouting Report (L)		KIRO 5 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Great News (N)	Chi.Fire "An Even Biggest Surprise" (N)		KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Lost and Found" (SP) (N)		Arrow "Fallout" (SP) (N)		News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) BareFeet NYC (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide (N)	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer M.	The Animal Within" (35) Masterpiece	Sherlock, Series III: His Last Vow"			
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "The Demon's Head" (N)		The Orville "Krill" (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	
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "The Demon's Head" (N)		The Orville "Krill" (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) (5:00) MLB Baseball National League Division Series (L)				MLB Game		Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan		
22	KZJQ	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Football Georgia Tech at Miami (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) H.S. Football (L)				NBA Season Preview Special		Baseball Tonight	The Fantasy Show	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	E:60		The Fantasy Show	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	*** Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (09) Anna Farris, Bill Hader.		Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	
34	FAM	(34) Movie	*** Despicable Me (10, Ani) Voices of Jason Segel, Russell Brand, Steve Carell.	*** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (71, Family) Peter Ostrum, Jack Albertson, Gene Wilder.						Peter Ostrum, Jack Albertson, Gene Wilder.		The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Hangover Part II		(55) Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (13) Steve Carell, Will Ferrell.				(15) FXM Presents	Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (13) Steve Carell, Will Ferrell.				(50) FXM Presents	
36	LIFE	(36) Am. Beauty Star "A Quick Tip Tutorial"		Project Runway "The Ultimate Faceoff"	Runway (N)	(50) P.Runway (N)		Project Runway "A Little' Avant Garde" (N)		Am. Beauty Star "Pop-Up Beauty" (N)	Project Runway			
38	ROOT	(38) AMA Supercross - Oakland, Calif.						Fantasy Football Hour (N)		H.S. Football O'Dea vs. Eastside Catholic				
39	F51	(39) (5:00) UFC UFC 210						Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		NASCAR Race Hub				
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** Fast Five (2011, Action) Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson, Vin Diesel.						
44	COM	(44) (1:15) Tosh.0	(5:0) Tosh.0 "Redneck Rappers"			Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Nathan for You (N) South Park		The Daily Show	The Opposition	
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "Xiphos Sword"		Forged in Fire "The Kampilan"		(55) Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper	Weapons of Japan" (N)			Ice Rd. Truckers "A Bridge Too Far" (N)	(05) Ice Rd. Truckers "A Bridge Too Far"			
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Cranked"		First 48 "Bad Romance/ Out of Control"		The First 48 "Bad Tempered/ The Bully"	The First 48 "A Murder in Mobile"			The First 48 "The Other Wife" (N)	(05) The First 48			
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Joe's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Susan's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Chad's Story"			My 600-lb Life "Brittanni's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Joe's Story"			
48	DISC	(48) Gold Rush: Face Off (N)		Gold Rush: Face Off (N)		Gold Rush: Face Off (N)				Gold Rush: Face Off (N)	Gold Rush "Miracle on the Mountain"			
49	NGEO	(49) Life Below Zero "Head Above Water"		Life Below Zero "Against the Tide"		Life Below Zero "The Slow Grind"	Life Below Zero "Midnight Sun"			Life Below Zero "Higher Ground"	Life Below Zero "Midnight Sun"			
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Diamond in the Rough"		Bones		*** Get Hard (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Alison Brie, Will Ferrell.		*** Why Did I Get Married? (07) Sharon Leal, Janet Jackson, Tyler Perry.						
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** The Book of Eli (09) Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, Denzel Washington.				*** Independence Day (1996, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith.							Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer	
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "College Challenge"		Chopped "Tailgate Fate"	Chopped "Tailgate Party"			Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	
54	HGTV	(54) Island Hunters	Island Hunters	Island Hunters	Island Hunters	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	FlipFlop ATL (N)	FlipFlop Atlanta	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) *** Men in Black 3 (12) Will Smith.		*** Jurassic World (2015, Adventure) Bryce Dallas Howard, Vincent D'Onofrio, Chris Pratt.				Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things	Better Things	Men in Black 3		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Story		Tucker Carlson Tonight		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Super Rich (N)	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	
62	BRVM	(62) Flipping Out "The End is Nigh"		Flipping Out "Oh My, Versailles"		Flipping Out "The Gema Dilemma"	Flipping Out (N)			Real Estate Wars "Showdown" (N)		Flipping Out		
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Tom Thumb (58) Russ Tamblyn.		*** The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm (62) Karlheinz Böhm, Laurence Harvey.				*** 7 Faces of Dr. Lao (64, Fant) Barbara Eden, Arthur O'Connell, Tony Randall.					Movie	
65	SYFY	(65) Movie	*** Underworld (2003, Fantasy) Scott Speedman, Shane Brolly, Kate Beckinsale.			Van Helsing "In Redemption" (N)		G. Wars "The Ghost in the Machine" (N)		Blade (1998, Action) Wesley Snipes.				
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" "BRP-CANAM" (N)	Steve Lanvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor		SF Machinery	Small Town		Time Life Library	