

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

Trump, Xi present united front despite differences

BEIJING — President Donald Trump sought to present a united front with Chinese President Xi Jinping following two days of meetings today, despite lingering differences over trade and North Korea.

On trade, Trump criticized the “very one-sided and unfair” trade relationship between the U.S. and China but stopped short of castigating Xi by saying he doesn’t blame the country for having taken advantage of the U.S.

Trump said China “must immediately address the unfair trade practices that drive” what he said is a “shockingly” large trade deficit, along with barriers to market access, forced technology transfers and intellectual property theft. “But I don’t blame China,” he said. “After all, who can blame a country for being able to take advantage of another country for the benefit of its citizens?”

To applause, Trump said: “I give China great credit.” His Secretary of State Rex Tillerson offered a blunter assessment of China’s trade surplus with the United States, which in October widened by 12.2 percent from a year earlier, to \$26.6 billion. The total surplus with the United States for the first 10 months of the year was \$223 billion.

Trump cooperates with Chinese effort to control image

BEIJING — President Donald Trump was a cooperative partner for Beijing’s sweeping efforts to control the message of his heavily choreographed visit to China.

Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, took no questions at an event today billed as a news briefing, a reduction of already minimal press interaction during previous visits by American leaders.

During a 2014 visit by then President Barack Obama, Xi took a symbolic single question from a reporter for a Chinese state newspaper. He brushed off an American reporter’s question about whether Beijing might ease restrictions on journalist visas, saying vaguely that media outlets had to obey China’s laws.

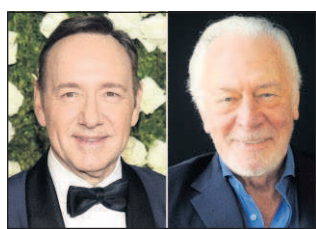
Trump, who has called the media the “enemy of the American people,” also took no questions during an event at which Chinese companies signed contracts to buy American jetliners, soybeans and other goods.

Trump’s visit comes at a time when he faces uncomfortable questions at home about Russia and possible gun controls following deadly mass shootings.

Christopher Plummer to replace Kevin Spacey in Getty film

LOS ANGELES — In a wholly unprecedented move, Kevin Spacey is being cut from Ridley Scott’s finished film “All the Money in the World” and replaced by Christopher Plummer just over one month before it’s supposed to hit theaters.

People close to the production who were not authorized to speak publicly said Wednesday that Plummer is commencing reshoots immediately in the role of J. Paul Getty. All of Spacey’s scenes will be reshot, they said. Co-stars Mark Wahlberg and Michelle Williams are expected to participate.



AP Photo Kevin Spacey and Christopher Plummer.

Scott, who is known to be an efficient director, is intending to keep the film’s Dec. 22 release date.

The director’s publicist Simon Halls confirmed the switch late Wednesday.

The film was originally set to have its world premiere at the AFI Fest in Los Angeles on Nov. 16 but was pulled earlier this week amid the sexual harassment reports surrounding Spacey, who has also been fired from “House of Cards” and dropped by his talent agency and publicist.

IS militants evacuate last stronghold in Syria to government

BEIRUT — A Syrian war monitor says Islamic State militants have withdrawn from their last stronghold following a government offensive.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says government forces and allied troops, including Iraqi fighters, are combing Boukamal, a strategic town on the border with Iraq, today after IS militants withdrew.

Syrian pro-government media say Syrian troops had clashed with remnants of IS militants in the town after they entered it late Wednesday. Today they declared the town totally free of the militants.

The fall of Boukamal means remaining IS militants are holed up in small towns and villages along the border with Iraq and in the Syrian desert.

UN, aid groups warn of ‘starvation and death’ in Yemen

SANAA, Yemen — The United Nations and more than 20 aid groups said today that the Saudi-led coalition’s tightening of a blockade on war-torn Yemen could bring millions of people closer to “starvation and death.”

The U.N.’s humanitarian chief warned a day earlier that unless the coalition lifts its blockade, Yemen will face “the largest famine the world has seen for many decades, with millions of victims.”

The coalition closed all ports and halted aid shipments after Yemen’s Houthi rebels fired a ballistic missile over the weekend that was intercepted near Riyadh. Saudi Arabia blamed the strike on Iran, which supports the Houthis but has denied arming them.

About two-thirds of Yemen’s population relies on imported supplies, said the aid groups, which include CARE, Save the Children and Islamic Relief. Over 20 million people need humanitarian assistance, including 7 million facing “famine-like” conditions, they said. Food supplies are expected to run out within six weeks while vaccines will last only a month.

They urged an “immediate opening” of all air and seaports.

Garth Brooks wins entertainer of the year at CMA Awards

Garth Brooks continued his winning streak as entertainer of the year at the 2017 Country Music Association Awards, beating out Luke Bryan and Keith Urban.

Brooks, who has won the top prize six times, also beat Chris Stapleton and Eric Church on Wednesday at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee.

Carrie Underwood broke down while singing during the “In Memoriam” section after photos of the 58 people who died at a country music festival in Las Vegas were shown. Little Big Town’s Kimberly Schlapman quoted Maya Angelou when the foursome won vocal group of the year, while bandmate Karen Fairchild told the audience, “Kindness is an attractive quality.”

“Tonight should be about harmony, about what we can do together to change things,” Fairchild said.

The show opened with a performance by Church, Urban, Darius Rucker and Lady Antebellum honoring the victims of the recent mass shootings, as well as the tens of thousands of people affected by hurricanes in recent months.

Urban earned a rousing applause when he debuted a song called “Female,” which he said was inspired by the dozens of allegations of sexual assault and harassment against Harvey Weinstein.

Pawn shops: New situation for city

Continued from Page 1A

shops outright.

If such a move were proposed, councilors need to figure out what specifically they are trying to address, Jones said.

“I just think that you look at cities that have pawn shops, you look at downtowns with pawn shops, and it’s not what I consider the unique character of Astoria,” Price countered.

Councilor Tom Brownson agreed, saying a pawn shop “doesn’t fit” what the council wants the city to look like in the future.

Price and LaMear said they are most concerned about the sale of firearms from pawn shops, given the slew of mass shootings across the country. Price said a pawn shop could also place an extra burden on police if it became a market for stolen goods.

Pawn shops are a new situation for Astoria. There are no special requirements when it comes to opening such a business in the city beyond a minimal extra fee to operate. City planning staff processed the pawn shop coming to Com-

mercial Street as a retail sales establishment.

Deputy Police Chief Eric Halverson said police have been talking with the pawn shop’s owners, who also operate a shop in Longview, Washington. When there had been concerns about stolen items at that shop, the owners had cooperated with police.

“Whether pawn shops create crime, I really couldn’t say,” he said.

Pawn shops in Oregon are regulated by the state. By law, the shops have to keep a record for every transaction and deliver copies of the records to local police.

At City Manager Brett Estes’ request, the Astoria Police Department will collect data about how other cities have addressed pawn shops moving into town. Estes will consult with City Attorney Blair Henningsgaard as well and have more information for the City Council in December. Anything the council decides is unlikely to impact the current pawn shop, but could affect businesses trying to move here in the future.

During the discussion Wednesday, Nemlowill asked about strip clubs and other businesses councilors probably wouldn’t want to see more of in Astoria.

“We haven’t even scratched the surface,” she said.

Nemlowill said banning pawn shops “may be something we need to talk about, but I think we’re focusing on that because there’s a particular proposal.”

Jones understands Price and LaMear’s concerns, he said, but pointed out that firearms are already available for sale elsewhere, notably at Fred Meyer in Warrenton.

Councilors must define what they mean by the “unique character” of Astoria before they can move forward and push for new policies or code changes, Jones said.

Jail: ‘It’s going to be a tough sell’

Continued from Page 1A

Since the September work session, commissioners asked architects to draw alternative designs that would close the price gap between those two proposals. Following the Wednesday session, commissioners appeared to favor two of the five new proposals, while the “best case” one is no longer as likely to materialize. The \$12 million option that simply involves a renovation of the facility — without the structure in the middle — is no longer being considered, County Manager Cameron Moore said.

One of the favored new plans would cost \$18 million and house 148 inmates. The other, which the sheriff’s office called the “best compromise,” would entail a \$24 million cost and 188 beds.

“I think the best compromise looks really good,” Scott Lee, the board’s chairman, said. “In my mind, it satisfies the needs of keeping down operational costs and gives us the most beds.”

The proposals were the outcome of a \$51,000 study by DLR Group that examined relocating the overcrowded 60-bed jail from Astoria to Warrenton. The private firm provided similar services prior to the sheriff’s office relocation to Warrenton — near the proposed new jail site — last year.

The county began thinking about a relocation in the months leading up to the youth facility’s closure because of state budget cuts in October.

The jail on Duane Street across from the county courthouse is 37 years old. Inmates are often released early due to overcrowding.

The number of inmates housed at the jail has expanded and shrunk several times due to economic swings. Sheriff Bergin, District Attorney Josh Marguis and several other law enforcement officials have expressed a desire for a larger jail, but two bond measures in the last two decades have been rejected by voters.

Commissioners and

county staff will discuss in the near future whether they want another work session. They may also come to a consensus on one of the proposals and hold a public hearing at an upcoming meeting.

At some point, the county would need to acquire the property, which the Oregon Youth Authority has offered at no cost.

“Just because it’s not going to be at any cost to us, I think it’s wise for us to consent to a plan for how we’re going to use it,” Moore said.

Commissioners Lianne Thompson and Sarah Nebeker stressed that the impact on taxpayers should be a priority. Lee and Moore suggested the county aim for the November 2018 election if a potential jail plan were to go before voters.

Officials, including state Sen. Betsy Johnson and Bergin, have asked to have full support from commissioners to avoid the pitfalls of previous bond measures.

“It’s going to be a tough sell any way you look at it,” Lee said.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										NOVEMBER 9	
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 (N)		Murder "Nobody Roots for Goliath" (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal (N)		Murder "Nobody Roots for Goliath" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) (5:20) NFL Football Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals Site: University of Phoenix Stadium (L)		Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Cuchillo" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Cuchillo" (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Cuchillo" (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) (5:20) NFL Football Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals Site: University of Phoenix Stadium (L)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Inside Edition	Dateline NBC			KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Super. "Advanced Thanatology" (N)	Arrow "Deathstroke Returns" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) Mickela Mallozi	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Art Beat (N)	Oregon Guide (N)	Midsomer M. (50) Midsomer "Picture of Innocence" (35) Masterpiece Mystery!	Sherlock: The Final Problem				
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "Stop Hitting Yourself" (N)	The Orville "Cupid's Dagger" (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	Gotham "Stop Hitting Yourself" (N)	The Orville "Cupid's Dagger" (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)	Talkin' Huskies (N)				
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan "Live from the Apollo in NYC"			
28	KZJO	(28) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29	ESPN	(29) (4:30) NCAA Football North Carolina at Pittsburgh (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:30) 30 for 30 "Nature Boy"		FIFA Soccer International Friendly United States vs. Canada Women's (L)		Nación ESPN (N)		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	SportsCenter	E:60			
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Sponge (N)	Henry Danger	** Alvin and the Chipmunks '07 David Cross, Cameron Richardson, Jason Lee.	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Struck in Middle	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) *** Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Arsenio Hall, James Earl Jones, Eddie Murphy.		*** Grease (1978, Musical) Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing, John Travolta.									
35	FMC	(35) (4:45) *** X-Men: First Class (11) James McAvoy.		*** X-Men: First Class (2011, Action) Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, James McAvoy.				(10) FXM Presents	★ After Earth (2013, Adventure) Jaden Smith, Will Smith.				
36	LIFE	(36) American "Legends in Their Own Minds"		Project Runway "Warrrior Fashion"	Runway (N)	(50) P.Runway (N)	Project Runway "Finale" Pt. 1 of 2 (N)						
38	ROOT	(38) Poker Heartland Tour		Poker Night (N)	WPT Poker Bounty Scramble	Mark Few	Champions Tennis Legends Pt. 2 of 2 (N)						
39	F51	(39) (5:00) UFC UFC Fight Night		UFC Main Event	UFC Sound Waves	Speak for Yourself	TMZ Sports (N)	*** I, Robot (2004, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Alan Tudyk, Will Smith.	*** Nathan for You "Finding Frances" (SF) (N)				
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Tosh.0	Tosh.0						
44	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(5:50) South Park "Red Man's Greed"	(2:5) South Park									
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	To Be Announced	Drilling Down "The Journey So Far"	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper (N)								
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Desperate Moves"		The First 48 "The Ties That Bind"	The First 48 "Bloodline"								
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Doug's Story"	Sneaking food is 660-lb Doug's last remaining vice.	My 600-lb Life "Randy's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Milla's Story"						
48	DISC	(48) Fast N' Loud "All About the Bad Bass"		To Be Announced	MythBusters	To Be Announced							
49	NGEO	(49) Life Below Zero "Sue Aikens"		Running Wild "Julianne Hough"	Running Wild "Ben Stiller"	Running Wild "Marshawn Lynch"	Running Wild "Ed Helms"						
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Cleveland vs Houston (L)		NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)		Inside the NBA							
51	AMC	(51) (4:00) *** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (01) Elijah Wood.		*** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002, Fantasy) Voices of Ian McKellan, Viggo Mortensen, Elijah Wood.									
52	USA	(52) Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows (N)	Cromarties (P) (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family		
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Chopped "Midnight Snack Attack"	Chopped "Basket Buzz"	Chopped "Pie Jinks" (N)	Chopped "Pie Jinks" (N)	Beat Play (N)	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Vintage Flip (N)	Vintage Flip		
55	FX	(55) (5:30) Ride Along (2014, Action/Comedy) Kevin Hart, Ice Cube.		** Ted 2 (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Jessica Barth, Seth MacFarlane.				Better Things (N)	(345) Better Things "White Rock"	Ted 2 (15, Comedy)			
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle				
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle									
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Super Rich (N)	The Job Interview	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich		
63	BRV	(63) Million Dollar "The French Connection"		Top Chef Jr. "Chef's Best Friend" (N)	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles (N)	Real Estate Wars "Bombshells" (N)					
64	TAMC	(64) (5:00) *** Anna and the King of Siam (46) Irene Dunne.		*** Kismet (1944, Fantasy) Ronald Colman, James Craig, Marlene Dietrich.		*** Little Shop of Horrors (60) Jack Nicholson.							
65	SYFY	(65) (5:30) *** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007, Adventure) Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Johnny Depp.		Van Helsing "Veritas Vincit" (N)		Ghost Wars (N)							
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural "America Century Invest 7" (N)	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		