

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Trump flouts world's warnings, to name Jerusalem a 'capital'

WASHINGTON — Defying dire, worldwide warnings, President Donald Trump prepared today to declare Jerusalem as Israel's capital, a move upending decades of U.S. policy and carrying unclear consequences for Mideast peace efforts.

Although officials said Trump would again delay action on his oft-repeated campaign promise to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital risks infuriating the Muslim world, and potentially sparking protests that could fray American alliances in the world's most volatile region.

Trump administration officials cast the president's impending announcement as a simple acknowledgement of the "historical and current reality" of Jerusalem, which Israel effectively controls but whose status has been contested for centuries. But any presidential pronouncement, even couched as Trump's personal opinion, breaks from Washington's painstakingly maintained position of neutrality, which has held that the city's ultimate fate must be determined through Israeli-Palestinian negotiation.

Ahead of Trump's White House speech, Arab and Muslim leaders spoke about the potential for violence. In Gaza, hundreds of Palestinian protesters burned American and Israeli flags. They also waved Palestinian flags and banners proclaiming Jerusalem as their "eternal capital," language that Israelis similarly use.

Even America's closest allies in Europe questioned the wisdom of Trump's radical departure from past U.S. positions. Trump faced a deadline this week on whether to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, not on stating his view or his nation's on whether Jerusalem should be considered the Israeli capital.

Temporary OK for travel ban puts focus on hearing today

SEATTLE — The U.S. Supreme Court's decision allowing President Donald Trump's third travel ban to take effect — at least for now — has intensified the attention on a legal showdown this afternoon before three judges in Seattle who have previously been cool to the administration's efforts.

Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judges Ronald Gould, Richard Paez and Michael Hawkins are scheduled to hear arguments in Hawaii's challenge to the ban, which restricts travel to the United States by residents of six mostly Muslim countries and has been reviled by critics as discriminatory.

The same panel unanimously ruled against Trump's second travel ban, saying the president had not made a showing that allowing travelers from the listed nations would harm American interests.

While courts in Hawaii and Maryland had partially blocked the third ban, the Supreme Court on Monday stepped in and lifted those orders pending the outcome of legal challenges in



AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean
Palestinians burn a poster of President Donald Trump during a protest Tuesday in Bethlehem, West Bank.

the 9th as well as the Richmond, Virginia-based 4th Circuit, which is scheduled to hear arguments Friday. The justices urged those courts to rule swiftly, but offered no rationale for letting the full ban take effect in the meantime.

Many legal experts saw it as sign of the high court's thinking, one that's likely to color the arguments this week.

New blaze erupts in tony Bel-Air area of Los Angeles

VENTURA, Calif. — A dangerous new wildfire erupted in the tony Bel-Air area of Los Angeles early today as firefighters battled three other destructive blazes across Southern California.

Flames exploded before dawn on the steep slopes of the east side of Sepulveda Pass, which carries heavily traveled Interstate 405 through the Santa Monica Mountains where ridge tops are covered with expensive homes. At least two could be seen burning.

Hundreds of firefighters battled flames on the ground as aircraft dropped water and retardant near neighborhoods on the east side of the pass. Commuter traffic snarled in the pass and beyond.

Hundreds of homes burned in the area during the famous Bel-Air Fire of 1961. The Getty Center art complex, on the west side of the pass, employs extensive fire protection methods. Its website says it was closed to protect its collection from smoke.

Elsewhere, use of firefighting aircraft has been constrained by the same winds that have spread the fires.

The planes and helicopters essential to taming wildfires have been mostly grounded because it's too dangerous to fly them in the strong wind. Tuesday saw gusts of over 50 mph.

Commanders hoped to have them back in the air today to battle flames that spurred evacuation orders for nearly 200,000 people, destroyed nearly 200 homes and remained mostly out of control.

Democratic female lawmakers call for Franken to step down

WASHINGTON — Sen. Al Franken's support among his fellow Democrats is cratering as a

host of female Democratic senators today called upon him to resign.

Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., Patty Murray, D-Wash., Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, Kamala Harris, D-Calif., and Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., all called on Franken to step down.

The demands came in rapid succession after Franken vehemently denied a new sexual misconduct accusation that came from a former Democratic congressional aide that he tried to forcibly kiss her after a taping of his radio show in 2006.

The Minnesota Democrat said in a statement that the allegation, reported by Politico, was "categorically not true."

The woman, who was not identified by name, said Franken pursued her after her boss had left and she was collecting her belongings. She said she ducked to avoid his lips, and that Franken told her: "It's my right as an entertainer."

Franken, in his statement, said the idea he would claim such conduct as a right as an entertainer was "preposterous."

But the tide quickly turned against Franken today. Fellow Democrats had previously been cautious and respected Franken's right to cooperate with an ethics probe. But the steady stream of allegations has female Democrats fed up.

Putin will allow Russians to compete at Pyeongchang Olympics

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin won't boycott the Pyeongchang Olympics.

Putin said today his government will allow Russians to compete as neutral athletes at the upcoming games in South Korea.

The International Olympic Committee has banned the Russian team from the games as punishment for doping violations at the 2014 Sochi Olympics. The IOC, however, plans to invite individual Russians to compete under the Olympic flag.

"Without any doubt we will not declare any kind of blockade," Putin said in televised remarks after launching his re-election campaign at an automobile factory. "We will not block our Olympians from taking part, if any of them wish to take part as individuals."

"They have been preparing for these competitions for their whole careers, and for them it's

very important."

A Russian boycott would have been the biggest at any Olympics since the Soviet Union and its allies missed the 1984 Los Angeles Games. That itself was in response to the U.S.-led boycott of the Moscow Olympics four years earlier.

Putin also said Russia still did not accept accusations that it ran a state-backed doping system around the Sochi Olympics. He called the IOC ruling "politically motivated" and unfair "collective punishment."

West Coast crisis leads to rise in US homeless population

LOS ANGELES — The nation's homeless population increased this year for the first time since 2010, driven by a surge in the number of people living on the streets in Los Angeles and other West Coast cities.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released its annual Point in Time count today, a report that showed nearly 554,000 homeless people across the country during local tallies conducted in January. That figure is up nearly 1 percent from 2016.

Of that total, 193,000 people had no access to nightly shelter and instead were staying in vehicles, tents, the streets and other places considered uninhabitable. The unsheltered figure is up by more than 9 percent compared to two years ago.

Increases are higher in several West Coast cities, where the explosion in homelessness has prompted at least 10 city and county governments to declare states of emergency since 2015.

City officials, homeless advocates and those living on the streets point to a main culprit: the region's booming economy.

House conservatives show openness to bill averting shutdown

WASHINGTON — Hard-right House conservatives signaled an openness today to backing a short-term spending bill this week, raising the odds that Congress will pass the measure and prevent a partial government shutdown on Saturday.

"We've got to get across the finish line on tax reform," Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., leader of the House Freedom Caucus, told reporters after the group met privately early today. "Any distraction from that is a problem." Asked if a federal shutdown would be a problem, he said, "Of course."

Top Republicans plan to push legislation through Congress this week financing federal agencies through Dec. 22, a period that would allow time for both parties to bargain over long-term budget decisions and other issues. Government closures would begin at midnight Friday night unless lawmakers approve more money.

The roughly 30-member caucus has been trying to win promises of tight budget curbs and other concessions from leaders in exchange for backing the short-term bill. Without support from many of them, Republicans would need votes from Democrats to push the temporary spending measure through the House, and Democrats have not said what they will do.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING												A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach		DECEMBER 6	
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)	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated Surv. "Three-Letter Day" (N)	KATU News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated Surv. "Three-Letter Day" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel			
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	A Very Pentatonix Christmas		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Intent" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Monster" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show			
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor		SEAL Team "Rolling Dark" (N)	Criminal Minds "False Flag" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:35) Colbert			
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor		SEAL Team "Rolling Dark" (N)	Criminal Minds "False Flag" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:35) Colbert			
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	A Very Pentatonix Christmas		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Intent" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Monster" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show			
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family 1/2	Modern Family 2/2	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Riverdale		Dynasty "The Best Things in Life" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half			
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Revealed		Oregon Revealed 2	"An Oregon Field Guide Special 2"		Age Reversed				
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "Cupid Painted Blind" (N)		Star "A House Divided" (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 2/2	Modern Family 1/2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Cupid Painted Blind" (N)		Star "A House Divided" (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	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)	Conan (N)				
22	KZJL	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family 1/2	Modern Family 2/2	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half			
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NBA Basketball	Golden State vs Charlotte (L)	NBA Basketball	Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center (L)			SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)				
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball	Washington vs. Kansas (L)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)				
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Tiny Christmas (2017, Children)	Riele Downs, Lizzy Greene.		Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	NBA Basketball Min./L.A. C.			
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Friends			
34	FAM	(34) Movie	(4:45) *** The Polar Express '04	Voices of Leslie Zemeckis, Tom Hanks.	(5:00) *** Elf (2003, Comedy)	James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.						Friends			
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) *** This Is 40 (2012, Comedy)	Leslie Mann, Paul Rudd.	(4:45) *** This Is 40 (2012, Comedy)	Leslie Mann, Megan Fox, Paul Rudd.							Friends			
36	LIFE	(36) Little W. "Can You Hear Me Now?"		Little W. Dallas "Indecent Proposal"		Little Women Dallas "Girls Trip"		Little W. Dallas "Reunion" Season two of "Little Women: Dallas" wraps up. (5F) (N)	UEFA Soccer Champions League		LW Atlanta "A Little Thankful"				
39	ROOT	(39) H.S. Football WIAA 4A Championship						Press Pass (N)	In Depth (N)	UEFA Soccer Champions League					
39	FS1	(39) NCAA Basketball	Central Connecticut State at DePaul (L)			UFC Tonight		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		Speak for Yourself				
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Friends	*** The Matrix (1999, Sci-Fi)	Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.						
44	COM	(44) (5:50) South Park "Put It Down"		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Broad City (N)	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)			
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "Viking Edition"		Vikings "The Departed"	The Vikings continue to threaten England. Pt. 1 of 2			Vikings "Homeland" (N)	Knigh "You'd Know What to Do" (P) (N)	(5:05) Knight "You'd Know What to Do"					
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	OzzyandJack "Spicy In-Laws" (N)		(5:05) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour				
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Nicole's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Nicole's Story"				My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story" Tanisha is desperate to survive for her kids.			My 600-lb Life "Nicole's Story"				
48	DISC	(48) Homestead "The Bears and the Bees"		Homestead "When Cows Attack"		Homestead Rescue "The Hill of Death"		Homestead "Methane Meltdown" (N)	Bush People "A Browntown Christmas"		Homestead "Methane Meltdown"				
49	NGEO	(49) Sea of Hope		Kingdom of the Apes "Clash of Kings"		KingdomApes "Brother Against Brother"		Heroes in the Mist "Gorilla Girl" (N)	Locked Up Abroad "Uganda"		Locked Up Abroad "Cuzco"				
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) *** The Bourne Ultimatum (2007, Action)	David Strathairn, Matt Damon.	*** The Dark Knight Rises (2012, Action)	Christian Bale, Tom Hardy, Anne Hathaway.							Movie			
51	AMC	(51) (4:00) *** The Godfather (1972, Drama)	Al Pacino, James Caan, Marlon Brando.	*** The Godfather II (1974, Drama)	Robert De Niro, Robert Duvall, Al Pacino.										
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Folly"		** The Lone Ranger (2013, Action)	Armie Hammer, William Fichtner, Johnny Depp.			Mr. Robot "eps3.8 stage3.torrent" (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Inconceivable"						
53	FOOD	(53) Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef "Battle Fuffed and Savory"		Iron Chef "Italian Holiday Battle" (N)	Iron Chef: Behind "Battle Eggnog" (N)		Iron Chef America "Holiday Battle"				
54	HGTV	(54) Property Brothers "Miles Apart"		Property Brothers		Property Bros. "Hunting for the One"		Property Brothers at (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers				
56	FX	(56) Home (2015, Animated)	Voices of Rihanna, Steve Martin, Jim Parsons.	** Minions (2015, Animated)	Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton, Sandra Bullock.			** Minions (2015, Animated)	Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton, Sandra Bullock.						
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		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity		The Ingraham Angle				
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Job Interview (N)	The Job Interview	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	The Job Interview	The Job Interview	Paid Program				
63	BRAV	(63) Vanderpump Rules "Masquerade"		Wives NJ "A Retreat to Remember"		Wives NJ "Walking on Broken Glass"		Housewives NJ "When Chairs Fly"	Housewives NJ "When Chairs Fly"		WatchWhat (N)	Housewives NJ			
64	TCM	(64) *** The Right Stuff (1983, Biography)	Scott Glenn, Ed Harris, Sam Shepard.					*** Charlots of Fire (1981, Sport)	Ian Charleson, Nigel Hovers, Ben Cross.	(4:45) Alan Ladd Jr.					
65	SYFY	(65) Jeepers Creepers 3 (2017, Horror)	Meg Foster, Jonathan Breck.			(5:05) *** John Wick (14) Adrienne Palicki, Bridget Moynahan, Keanu Reeves.		Happy! (N)	(5:00) *** John Wick (14) Adrienne Palicki, Keanu Reeves.						
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch (N)	Cowboy (N)	WesternSport (N)	Equestrian (N)	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase			

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