

WORLD IN BRIEF

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As California legalizes pot, laws collide at US checkpoints

PINE VALLEY, Calif. — California legalizes marijuana for recreational use Monday, but that won't stop federal agents from seizing the drug — even in tiny amounts — on busy freeways and backcountry highways.

Marijuana possession still will be prohibited at eight Border Patrol checkpoints in California, a reminder that state and federal laws collide when it comes to pot. The U.S. government classifies marijuana as a controlled substance, like heroin and LSD.

The checkpoints, located up to 100 miles from Mexico, are considered a final line of defense against immigrants who elude agents at the border. They also have been a trap for U.S. citizens carrying drugs, even tiny bags of marijuana.

About 40 percent of pot seizures at Border Patrol checkpoints from fiscal years 2013 to 2016 were an ounce or less from U.S. citizens, according to a Government Accountability Office report last month. California's new law allows anyone 21 and over to carry up to an ounce.

The Border Patrol operates 34 permanent checkpoints along the Mexican border and an additional 103 "tactical" stops, typically cones and signs that appear for brief periods.

Ronald Vitiello, acting deputy commissioner of parent agency Customs and Border Protection, called drug seizures an "ancillary effect" of enforcing immigration laws. Motorists typically are released after being photographed and fingerprinted. They generally aren't charged with a crime because prosecutors consider them low priority.

The clash between state and federal marijuana laws played out on a smaller scale near the Canadian border in Washington after that state legalized marijuana in 2014. California is a far busier route for illegal crossings with many more agents.



Greg Wohlford/Erie Times-News

Rochelle Carlotti, 28, shovels steps near her home after a record snowfall on Tuesday in Erie, Pa.

Days of shoveling snow, bitter cold ahead for northern US

ERIE, Pa. — Freezing temperatures and below-zero wind chills socked much of the northern United States today, and the snow-hardened city of Erie, Pennsylvania, dug out from a record snowfall.

A storm brought 34 inches of snow on Christmas Day to Erie, an all-time daily snowfall record for the Great Lakes city, and 26.5 more inches on Tuesday. More than 62 inches have fallen on the city since Dec. 23, with an additional 2 to 4 inches predicted today as residents dug out in frigid temperatures.

Meanwhile, forecasters warned of hypothermia and frostbite from widespread bitter cold. Wind chill advisories or warnings were in effect for much of northern New England, the northern plains and Great Lakes states, including all of North Dakota and Iowa.

The National Weather Service warned of wind chills between minus 15 and 30 degrees below zero in parts of northern and central Illinois and said the temperature in Maine will remain below freezing for more than 10 days.

Snow plows descended on the Erie area and Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf sent 21 National Guard troops driving Humvees and other high-clearance vehicles to help with emergency response and transport essential emergency services and hospital employees.

Weather also was being blamed for a Kansas accident that killed four people after the pickup truck they were in fell off a bridge on Interstate 70 on Tuesday.

In New York communities near Lake Ontario's eastern end, including Redfield and Boylston, road crews were trying to plow 5 feet of snow that has fallen since Christmas Day. Other towns in western New York east of Lake Erie also received heavy snow.

Israel minister plans Trump train station at Western Wall

JERUSALEM — Israel's transportation minister is pushing ahead with a plan to dig a railway tunnel under Jerusalem's Old City, passing near sites holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims — and ending at the Western Wall with a station named after President Donald Trump.

Yisrael Katz's plan, currently in the initial stages, involves constructing two underground stations and excavating over two miles of tunnel beneath downtown Jerusalem and under the politically sensitive Old City. The project would extend Jerusalem's soon-to-open high-speed rail line from Tel Aviv to the Western Wall, the holiest site where Jews can pray.

The route will run close to — but not directly under — the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where tradition holds that Jesus was crucified and buried, and a contested holy site known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the

Noble Sanctuary. Previous excavations by Israel near the holy site — the spiritual epicenter of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict — have sparked violent Palestinian protests.

Because of those sensitivities, the proposal will likely meet with heavy resistance from the Palestinians, neighboring Arab countries and the international community.

Katz, a senior Cabinet official who also serves as Israel's intelligence minister, is a close ally of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and is seen by many as his likely eventual successor as head of the Likud party.

Transportation Ministry spokesman Avner Ovadia said today the project is estimated to cost more than \$700 million and, if approved, would take four years to complete.

Obama to Prince Harry: Leaders must use care on social media

LONDON — Former President Barack Obama told Prince Harry in an interview broad-

cast today that people in leadership roles must be careful in their use of social media and warned against spending too much time immersed in the internet at the expense of the world outside.

Obama did not, however, directly mention his successor, President Donald Trump, who has made the use of Twitter a centerpiece of his presidency.

"All of us in leadership have to find ways to recreate a common space on the internet," he said. "One of the dangers of the internet is people can have entirely different realities. They can be just cocooned in information that reinforces their current biases."

He spoke with Harry in the prince's capacity as guest editor of the BBC Radio 4 news program. Both men said the interview, recorded in Canada in September, was Obama's first since leaving the presidency in January.

Obama said he felt serene the day he left the White House at the end of his second four-year term despite the vast amount of work that remained unfinished. He said it was "hugely liberating" to be able to set his own

agenda in the morning to have the time to talk with his wife, Michelle, now that he is no longer president.

"I miss the work itself because it was fascinating," Obama said of his eight years in the Oval Office, citing his health care reforms as one of his proudest achievements.

Singer files sex assault complaint against former Trump aide

WASHINGTON — A singer and potential congressional candidate says she has filed a sexual assault complaint against President Donald Trump's former campaign manager for hitting her twice on her buttocks during a Washington gathering in November.

Joy Villa, a Trump backer who wore a "Make America Great Again" dress at the Grammys this year, said Tuesday she plans to meet with detectives in Washington next week about the complaint against Corey Lewandowski.

In a phone interview from Tampa, Florida, Villa said she was initially reluctant to come forward because she was worried about any backlash. But she said she called Washington's Metropolitan Police Department on Christmas Eve after a friend who witnessed the incident spoke about it publicly, and other friends urged her to come forward.

"I didn't know him at all," Villa said about Lewandowski. "I only knew him by reputation. He broke my trust."

She said she saw him at a gathering at the Trump International Hotel on the day after Thanksgiving, and said Lewandowski struck her "extremely hard" even after she told him to stop. She said she felt it was "disgusting and shocking and demeaning."

Ex-trooper charged in Michigan had other Taser misconduct

DETROIT — Michigan State Police tried but failed to suspend a trooper for his use of a stun gun months before he fired a Taser at a teenager who crashed an all-terrain vehicle and died, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.

Mark Bessner is charged with murder in the death of Damon Grimes, but it wasn't his only incident involving a Taser. Details are in personnel documents released to the AP through a public records request.

State police wanted to suspend Bessner for 10 days for firing his Taser twice at a handcuffed man who was running away in 2016. But an arbitrator said there was no "just cause" for discipline.

In 2014, Bessner fired his Taser at a suspect who was handcuffed. He agreed to a five-day suspension, records show, but four days were eventually dropped. It apparently was his first case of misconduct.

Bessner, 43, now faces serious legal trouble. He was charged last week with second-degree murder in the August death of Damon Grimes of Detroit, who was joyriding on an all-terrain vehicle when the trooper fired his stun gun. The 15-year-old crashed and died.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 27	
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	Speechless	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Match Game		KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Match Game		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	The Wall "Prince and Chris" (N)		Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love ("16) Jennifer Nettles.				KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Carol Burnett 50th	Carol Burnett reminisces about her favorite sketches.	SEAL Team "The Spinning Wheel"				KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Carol Burnett 50th	Carol Burnett reminisces about her favorite sketches.	SEAL Team "The Spinning Wheel"				KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Wall "Prince and Chris" (N)		Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love ("16) Jennifer Nettles.				KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	EA Madden NFL 18 Challenge (N)		Penn & Teller: Fool Us		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		Nova "Day the Dinosaurs Died" (N)		City in the Sky "Arrival"		The Sultan and the Saint	
12	KPTV	(12) (5:30) NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Arizona vs. Purdue Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)		Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)		Family Guy	American Dad!	News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KCPQ	(13) (5:30) NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Arizona vs. Purdue Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)		Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Q13 News at 10 (N)	Q13 News (N)
22	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	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) NCAA Football Texas Bowl Texas vs. Missouri Site: NRG Stadium -- Houston, Texas (L)							SportsCenter Scott Van Pelt presents the day in sports. (N)			SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Central Florida at Southern Methodist University (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	Fantasy Awards	NCAA Football Independence Bowl Southern Miss vs Florida State			
31	NICK	(31) The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Thundermans "Thunder in Paradise"		Full House	Full House	Full House 1/2	Full House 2/2	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls (3:5) Gravity Falls		Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls		Bizaardvark	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) Movie	*** Matilda (1996, Family) Danny DeVito, Rhea Perlman, Mara Wilson.			*** 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) *** Interstellar (2014, Sci-Fi) Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain, Matthew McConaughey.				(3:5) *** Interstellar (2014, Sci-Fi) Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain, Matthew McConaughey.							
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy		Little Women: Atlanta "Rumor Has It"		LW Atlanta (N)	(5:0) LW Atlanta (N)	LW Atlanta "Big Little News" (N)		Terra's BigHouse "Pipe Dreams" (N)		LittleW. (N) / (10) LittleW.	
38	ROOT	(38) NCAA Basketball Air Force vs. New Mexico (L)				Rodeo Chase Hawks Rough Stock		Press Pass (N)	H.S. Football WIAA 3A Championship Final O'Dea vs. Rainier Beach				
39	FS1	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball Xavier at Marquette (L)			Fox College Hoops	UFC Tonight (N)		TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself	UFC Tonight		100,000 Cameras	
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** Training Day (2001, Thriller) Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn, Denzel Washington.				The Departed ('06)	
44	COM	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park		South Park	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers		(5:05) American Pickers		(5:05) American Pickers	
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Ozzy and Jack "Illin' and Chillin'" (N)		Storage Wars	(3:5) Storage Wars
47	TLC	(47) (5:00) My 600-lb Life "Lupe's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Steven and Justin's Story Part 1" / 1/2				My 600-lb Life "Steven and Justin's Story Part 2" / 2/2				600-lb "Steven and Justin's Story Part 1"	
48	DISC	(48) Homestead "Ozark Mountain Misery"		Homestead Rescue "Septic Bees" (N)		To Be Announced		Rescue "Storm Shelter Showdown" (N)		To Be Announced		Homestead "Storm Shelter Showdown"	
49	NGEO	(49) New Wave Warriors (N)		Locked Up Abroad "Highway to Hell"		Locked Up Abroad "Ecuador"		Locked up "The Juggler Smuggler"		Locked up "Black Palace of Horrors"		New Wave Warriors	
50	TNT	(50) *** Red (2010, Action) Mary-Louise Parker, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.				Librarians "And the Bleeding Crown" (N)		Librarians "And the Graves of Time" (N)		Librarians "And the Bleeding Crown"		The Librarians "And the Graves of Time"	
51	AMC	(51) (1:10) Badlands "Palm of the Iron Fox"		(1:10) Into the Badlands		(1:10) Badlands "Leopard Stalks in Snow"		(1:10) Into the Badlands		(1:15) Into the Badlands		(1:15) Into the Badlands	
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Ace"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Twenty-Five Acts"		Law & Order: SVU "Daydream Believer"		Law & Order: SVU "Parent's Nightmare"		*** Fifty Shades of Grey ('15, Drama) Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle, Dakota Johnson.		Iron Chef America	
53	FOOD	(53) Iron Chef "Zakarian vs. Symon"		Iron Chef America "Final"		Iron Chef Show. "Battle Deep Sea Duel"		Iron Chef "Battle Meaty Matchup" (N)		Iron Chef: Behind the Battle (N)		Iron Chef America	
54	HGTV	(54) Buying/Sell "Get Us Out of the City"		Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Bros. "Changing Direction" (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property "Searching for Glitz and Glam"	
56	FX	(56) *** The Wolverine (2013, Action) Will Yun Lee, Tao Okamoto, Hugh Jackman.						*** X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014, Adventure) Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman.					
57	CNN	(57) CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Newsroom	
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)	Job Interview (N)	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Job Interview	The Job Interview	Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Wives NJ "A Retreat to Remember"		Wives NJ "Walking on Broken Glass"		Housewives NJ "When Chairs Fly"		Housewives NJ "Meltdown in Milan"		Housewives/NewJersey "Fauxpology"		WatchWhat	Beverly Hills
64	TCM	(64) Movie	(4:45) **** The Front ('76, Com/Dra) Zero Mostel, Michael Murphy, Woody Allen.			**** The Angel Levine (1970, Drama) Harry Belafonte, Eli Wallach, Zero Mostel.				*** The Great Bank Robbery ('69) Kim Novak, Zero Mostel.			
65	SYFY	(65) (5:30) *** G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra				*** Thor (2011, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Natalie Portman, Chris Hemsworth.				Happy! (N)		(5:0) *** G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra	
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch (N)	Cowboy (N)	WesternSport	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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