

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Trump moves to vastly expand offshore drilling, including Pacific

WASHINGTON — Sources say the Trump administration is moving to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic oceans, including opening up federal waters off the coast of California for the first time in more than three decades.

The new five-year drilling plan could also open new areas of oil and gas exploration off the East Coast in places from Georgia to Maine, where drilling has been blocked for decades.

The Interior Department is set to announce the plan today. Two sources described the plan on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it before its release.

It's the most expansive offshore drilling proposal in decades and comes in response to President Donald Trump's executive order in April encouraging more drilling rights in federal waters.

New book leaves Trump 'furious,' 'disgusted' with Bannon

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump launched a scathing attack on former top adviser Steve Bannon, responding to a new book that portrays Trump as an undisciplined man-child who didn't actually want to win the White House and quotes Bannon as calling his son's contact with a Russian lawyer "treasonous."

Hitting back via formal White House statement rather than a more typical Twitter volley, Trump insisted Bannon had little to do with his victorious campaign and "has nothing to do with me or my Presidency."

"When he was fired, he not only lost his job, he lost his mind," Trump said Wednesday.

It was a blistering attack against the man who helped deliver the presidency to Trump, spurred by an unflattering new book by writer Michael Wolff that paints Trump as a leader who doesn't understand the weight of the presidency and spends his evenings eating cheeseburgers in bed, watching television and talking on the phone to old friends.

Late Wednesday, Trump attorney Charles Harder sent Bannon a letter saying the former Trump aide violated confidentiality agreements by speaking with Wolff. The letter demanded Bannon "cease and desist" any further disclosure of confidential information. Bannon did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Harder today sent cease-and-desist letters to Wolff and publisher Henry Holt and Co. Neither immediately responded to requests for comment.

Trump has a history of threatening to sue when he doesn't like something but rarely acts on those threats.

White House aides were blindsided when early excerpts from "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" were published online by New York magazine and other media outlets ahead of the Jan. 9 publication date.

Divided Democrats face liberal backlash on immigration

WASHINGTON — With a new deadline fast approaching, Democrats in Congress are struggling to adopt a unified strategy to protect hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation.

Their inaction has enraged liberal activists across the country, who have shifted their



These sketches provided by Ira Dube of U.S. Army 27th Infantry Division soldiers were among more than a dozen done by his father, Stan Dube, during World War II.

Faces of war: Who are the men in soldier's WWII sketches?

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Before the Army's 27th Infantry Division was decimated in a bloody World War II battle, Stan Dube sketched portraits of his fellow soldiers. The 17 drawings were forgotten after the war and stashed in an attic for decades before being found a year ago by his son.

Now, Ira Dube is on a mission to identify the men in his late father's 75-year-old artwork. So far he has definitively identified two of the soldiers, both New Yorkers who served in the 27th Division's 105th Infantry Regiment, which suffered heavy casualties in the Battle of Saipan in the Pacific. One was killed on Saipan; the other died in the 1970s.

Because the 27th was a former New York National Guard unit, Dube believes most or all of the other 15 men also were New Yorkers. He recently donated the original sketches to the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center in hopes its artifacts and records could be used to help identify more of the soldiers. It's not known whether any of the men depicted in the artwork are still alive.

"These people need to be remembered," said Ira Dube, 61, a retired Navy veteran living in Woodland Park, Colorado. "I look at these sketches and I see a hero."

Dube found the signed sketches in the attic of his sister's home in Mississippi early last year while they were going through their father's belongings.

anger in recent days from Republicans who control Congress to Democrats seeking to balance their commitment to a progressive priority with their desire to avoid an explosive government shutdown heading into the 2018 midterm elections.

Liberal groups with millions of members, like MoveOn, are threatening primary election challenges later this year against Democrats who don't fight hard enough for so-called "Dreamers." Meanwhile, the liberal organization CREDO is pledging to block campaign cash from uncooperative Democrats, and the pro-immigration United We Dream is preparing a new wave of camera-friendly protests at the Capitol and outside congressional Democrats' offices nationwide.

"The unity and trust between the grassroots and elected Democrats is rapidly eroding. It could turn ugly if this goes on any further," said Ben Wikler, MoveOn's Washington director.

At issue is President Donald Trump's decision to rescind an Obama-era executive order that created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which gave protected status to about 800,000 immigrants in the United States illegally. Popularly known as "Dreamers," many were brought here as infants or children and have known no other country except the U.S.

Virginia Republican's name drawn from bowl, giving him win

RICHMOND, Va. — By luck of the draw, incumbent Republican David Yancey won a Virginia state House of Delegates race so close that its outcome was determined today when an elections official pulled his name out of a ceramic bowl.

The drawing of lots happened after the race between Yancey and Democratic challenger Shelley Simonds ended in tie. The win allows Republicans to maintain a slim majority in the House, though a final tally is still uncertain because Simonds could ask for another recount. Adding another wrinkle: Another close legislative race is in doubt because it's locked in a court battle.

The drawing drew quite a crowd to the Virginia elections board meeting. Most of the people packed into the room were Simonds' supporters. Yancey did not attend but did have a representative there.

The name of each candidate was printed on a piece of paper and placed into separate film canisters. The canisters were put into a cobalt-blue-and-white ceramic bowl made by a local artist, stirred around and Yancey's name was chosen first.

It's been nearly 50 years since a legislative seat

was settled by drawing lots in Virginia. In 1971, Republican William H. Moss Sr. appeared to lose the election for a seat in northern Virginia. But after a recount ended in a tie, Moss was declared the winner after a blindfolded state elections official pulled his name out of a large decorative cup, according to news reports at the time.

The race between Yancey, a three-term incumbent, and Simonds has bounced back and forth since the November election, when Virginia Democrats — fueled by voter anger directed at Republican President Donald Trump — wiped out a 66-34 advantage held by Republicans in the House. The election has been widely seen as a potential harbinger of the 2018 midterm congressional elections.

18 killed, about 260 injured in South Africa train crash

JOHANNESBURG — A passenger train carrying people home after the holidays slammed into a truck in rural South Africa today, killing at least 18 people and injuring about 260 others, authorities said.

Officials said the truck driver allegedly tried to cross the tracks just ahead of the oncoming train, part of which burst into flames after the collision, trapping some passengers in carriages. Those who were able to escape with their luggage hurriedly dragged bags from the smoking wreck to a nearby road.

"The truck driver was taking chances. He thought that he was going to pass through," Transport Minister Joe Maswanganyi told journalists. "Little did he know that the train was going to hit him. That has cost a lot of lives."

Some of the dead were badly burned, said Mthuzeli Swartz, acting CEO of the state-owned passenger rail agency.

The train with 429 passengers aboard had been traveling from Port Elizabeth to the country's commercial hub, Johannesburg.

Video showed part of the Shosholoz Meyl train in flames after the collision that occurred between the communities of Hennenman and Kroonstad in Free State province. The crash derailed half a dozen carriages, and power lines were damaged. A large vehicle was upside down beside a train carriage that appeared to have partly crushed another, smaller vehicle.

The truck driver emerged unscathed and the train driver and his assistant suffered minor injuries, Swartz said.

3 cars on Amtrak train with 311 passengers derail, none hurt

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Three cars on an Amtrak train carrying more than 300 passengers on a route from Miami to New York derailed in snow-covered Savannah after a fierce winter storm, but no injuries were reported.

Amtrak spokesman Jason Abrams said Silver Meteor train 98 was backing slowly into the Savannah station about 10 p.m. Wednesday — hours after the storm clobbered the Southeast coast — when two sleeper cars and a baggage car derailed.

"All three cars — a baggage car and two sleeper cars — are fully upright," Abrams said early today.

He said there were 311 passengers on board, in addition to crew, but he had no reports of anyone hurt.

Abrams' statement said the main train was to continue its journey north though some of the sleeping car passengers had to be put aboard a different train.

He didn't say what caused the derailment, and the statement also gave no immediate indication whether the storm that coated Savannah with a rare snowfall on Wednesday was a factor.

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TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach											JANUARY 4	
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 Middle	Amer. Housewife	Truth and Lies "Waco" The deadly raid on the Branch Davidian compound. (N)		KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle	Amer. Housewife	Truth and Lies "Waco" The deadly raid on the Branch Davidian compound. (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Great News (N)	Chicago Fire "A Man's Legacy" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Blindspots" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
6	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. "Blindspots" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert	
7	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)	Chicago Fire "A Man's Legacy" (N)		KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "The Bad Place"		Arrow "Thanksgiving"		News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
9	KOPB	(10) Mickela Mallozi	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat "Darkroom to Digital"	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer M.	Midsomer Life"	(35) Masterpiece M	Mystery! "Sherlock: A Study in Pink"			
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
11	KPDx	(5) 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	
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four "Week One" Four competitive singers battle it out. (P) (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons	
13	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Conan		
14	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	
15	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball (L)		NCAA Basketball (L)		College Basketball	ESPN Films	To Be Announced		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	E:60 "Ten Years" Pt. 2 of 2	Jalen & Jacoby		
16	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	To Be Announced						Nashville		
17	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Jessie	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	
18	FAM	(34) ** Miss Congeniality (2000, Comedy)	Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt, Sandra Bullock.	** Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous '05 Regina King, Enrique Murciano, Sandra Bullock.		** Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous '05 Regina King, Enrique Murciano, Sandra Bullock.		** True Story (2015, Mystery) Jonah Hill, James Franco.	(55) FXM Presents	True Story '15, Mystery) James Franco.		The 700 Club		
19	FMC	(35) (5:00) Let's Be Cops '14 Jake Johnson.	(55) *** Let's Be Cops '14 Jake Johnson.	(55) *** Let's Be Cops '14 Jake Johnson.		(55) FXM Presents	** True Story (2015, Mystery) Jonah Hill, James Franco.	(55) FXM Presents	True Story '15, Mystery) James Franco.		(05) Intervention "Chapter 1"			
20	LIFE	(36) Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway "Finale Part One" 1/2	Project Runway	(50) Rewind (N)	Runway "Rookies vs. Vets" (SP) (N)	Runway (N) / (15) Married (N)		(05) Project Runway "Rookies vs. Vets"		NCAA Basketball BYU at San Francisco		
21	ROOT	(38) Undeniable Joe Buck "Bob Baffert" (N)	NCAA Basketball San Diego at Portland (L)	NCAA Basketball UCLA at Stanford (L)		NCAA Basketball	NCAA Basketball Santa Clara at Loyola Marymount					NCAA Basketball Golden State vs Houston		
22	FS1	(39) (5:00) NCAA Basketball (L)		NCAA Basketball UCLA at Stanford (L)		Fox College Hoops	TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.						
23	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Pena, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.						
24	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)	
25	HIST	(45) American Pickers "The Big Bet"	American Pickers "The Joy of Sax"	A. Pickers "The Greatest Pick on Earth"	A. Pickers "The Greatest Pick on Earth"	American Pickers (N)	American Pickers (N)	A. Pickers "Another Brick in the Wall"		American Pickers "Raze the Roof"		American Pickers "Raze the Roof"		
26	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Deadly Premonition"	The First 48 "Monster"	The First 48 "Cruel Summer" (N)		60 Days In "Shank Anxiety" The participants are in real danger. (N)				(05) Intervention "Chapter 1"				
27	TLC	(47) Four Weddings "... and a Porta Potty"	My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"	My 600-lb Life: Superized "Steven & Justin Assanti"	My 600-lb Life: Superized "Steven & Justin Assanti"	Killing Fields "Day of Reckoning"	Killing Fields "A Body in the Field"	Interrogation Room "Rival Affections"	Interrogation Room "Rival Affections"	Killing Fields "A Body in the Field"		Killing Fields "A Body in the Field"		
28	DISC	(48) Moonshiners "Pass the Juice"	Moonshiners "Stash and Grab"	Life Below Zero "The Crash"	Life Below Zero "The Crash"	Life Below Zero "Hounds of the Arctic" (N)	Life Below Zero "New Territory" (N)	Running Wild "Courtney Cox"	Running Wild "Courtney Cox"	Life Below Zero "New Territory"		Life Below Zero "New Territory"		
29	NGEO	(49) Life Below Zero "Bent and Broken"	Life Below Zero "The Crash"	NBA Basketball Golden State vs Houston (L)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center (L)	Inside the NBA				NBA Basketball Golden State vs Houston				
30	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Golden State vs Houston (L)		NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center (L)		Inside the NBA				NBA Basketball Golden State vs Houston				
31	AMC	(51) (5:00) ** Enemy of the State '98, Action) Gene Hackman, Jon Voight, Will Smith.	** Demolition Man (1993, Sci-Fi) Wesley Snipes, Sandra Bullock, Sylvester Stallone.	** Under Siege '92, Act) Tommy Lee Jones, Steven Seagal.										
32	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Home Invasions"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hunting Ground"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Girls Disappeared"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "American Disgrace"	Demnation "The Goodness of Men" (N)	Demnation "The Goodness of Men" (N)	Law & Order: SVU "Holden's Manifesto"	Law & Order: SVU "Holden's Manifesto"	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	
33	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Chopped "Light Makes Right"	Chopped "Healthy Rivalry"	Chopped "Clean Eatin'"		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	
34	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip-Ft. Worth (N)	Flip-Flop ft. Worth	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
35	FX	(56) (5:30) *** Men in Black 3 (12, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brodin, Will Smith.	*** Iron Man 2 (2010, Action) Don Cheadle, Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..	*** Iron Man 2 (2010, Action) Don Cheadle, Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..						*** Iron Man 2 '10, Action) Don Cheadle, Robert Downey Jr..				
36	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
37	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	Hannity		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		
38	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "The Next Generation"	Jay Leno's Garage "Hand Made"	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "In Harms Way" (N)	
39	BRV	(63) Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles	Million Listing "Who's Your Daddy?"	Mill. Listing "It Wasn't in My Budget!"	Million Dollar List "Mile High Club" (N)	Top Chef "This is Not Glamping" (N)	WatchWhat	Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		
40	TRM	(64) (5:00) Love Affair (45) *** All This and Heaven Too (1940, Drama) Charles Boyer, Barbara O'Neill, Bette Davis.											(45) Conquest	
41	SYFY	(65) (4:30) Ghost Rider '07 Nicolas Cage.	*** Men in Black (1997, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio, Will Smith.	Van Helsing "Black Days" (SF) (N)	Ghost Wars "...My Soul to Keep" (SF) (N)	Superstition "Green-on-Blue" (N)								
42	RFD	(62) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America 'Live'	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library			