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Despite denial, Pope got abuse victim's letter

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis received a victim's letter in 2015 that graphically detailed how a priest sexually abused him and how other Chilean clergy ignored it, contradicting the pope's recent insistence that no victims had come forward to denounce the cover-up, the letter's author and members of Francis' own sex-abuse commission said.

The fact that Francis received the eight-page letter, obtained by the Associated Press, challenges his insistence that he has "zero tolerance" for sex abuse and cover-ups. It also calls into question his stated empathy with abuse survivors, compounding the most serious crisis of his five-year papacy.

The scandal exploded last month when Francis' trip to South America was marred by protests over his vigorous defense of Bishop Juan Barros, who is accused by victims of covering up the abuse by the Rev. Fernando Karadima. During the trip, Francis callously dismissed accusations against Barros as "slander," seemingly unaware that victims had placed him at the scene of Karadima's crimes.

On the plane home, confronted by a reporter, the pope said: "You, in all good will, tell me that there are victims, but I haven't seen any, because they haven't come forward."

But members of the pope's Commission for the Protection of Minors say that in April 2015, they sent a delegation to Rome specifically to hand-deliver a letter to the pope about Barros. The letter from Juan Carlos Cruz detailed the abuse, kissing and fondling he says he suffered at Karadima's hands, which he said Barros and others witnessed and ignored.

Trump lashes out at Schiff over Russia probe memo

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump traded insults with the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee today, a day after Democrats and Republicans said Trump was wrong to assert that a GOP-produced classified memo on FBI surveillance powers cleared him in the Russia investigation.

Trump's attack on California Rep. Adam Schiff came before a planned meeting of the House intelligence panel today, where the committee is expected to consider whether to release a Democratic rebuttal memo. Democrats are seeking to push back on the Republican document, which questions the FBI methods used to apply for a surveillance warrant on a onetime Trump campaign associate.

On Twitter, Trump called Schiff "one of the biggest liars and leakers in Washington," adding that he "must be stopped."

Schiff quickly shot back: "Instead of tweeting false smears, the American people would appreciate it if you turned off the TV and helped solve the funding crisis, protected Dreamers or ... really anything else."

Trump also praised Committee Chairman Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., on Twitter, calling him a man of tremendous courage and grit, may someday be recognized as a Great American Hero for what he has exposed and what he has had to endure!

The committee did not release the Democratic memo last week, with one Republican member saying revisions were needed so the memo would not endanger national security. Key Democrats are seeking to put out the document, including the Senate's Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer of New York, who urged Trump to back the public release and said that refusing to do so would show the president's intent to undermine the Russia investigation.

Schiff has branded the GOP memo "a political hit job" and has questioned whether Nunes

had coordinated with the White House in drafting the document seized on by the president to vent his grievances against the nation's premier law enforcement agencies.

Former sports doctor sentenced to another 40 to 125 years

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — The former sports doctor whose serial sexual abuse of girls and young women upended the gymnastics world was sentenced today to a third prison term of 40 to 125 years for molesting young athletes at an elite Michigan training center.

Larry Nassar listened to dozens of victims for two days last week and was almost attacked by a man whose three daughters said they were abused. His final sentence comes after he pleaded guilty to molesting young athletes with ungloved hands when they sought treatment for injuries at Twisters, a gymnastics club that was run by a 2012 U.S. Olympic coach.

Nassar's conduct "robbed these girls and women of one of the most truly important human qualities: trust," Judge Janice Cunningham said.

The sentence is largely symbolic because the 54-year-old is already assured of spending the rest of his life in prison. Before serving either of his two state sentences, he must first serve 60 years in federal prison for child pornography crimes.

In all, more than 260 women and girls have reported being molested by Nassar, who worked for Michigan State and USA Gymnastics, the sport's governing body, which also trains Olympians.

Some of the cases date back to the 1990s. The judge said the abuse "spans the country and the world."

US starts Iraq drawdown after declaration of victory over IS

AL-ASAD AIRBASE, Iraq — American troops have started to draw down from Iraq following Baghdad's declaration of victory over the Islamic State group last year, according to Western contractors at a U.S.-led coalition base in Iraq.

Dozens of American soldiers have been transported from Iraq to Afghanistan on daily flights over the past week, along with weapons and equipment, the contractors said.

Two Iraqi officials confirmed to The Associated Press that the U.S.-led coalition and the Iraqi government have reached an agreement to draw down troops in Iraq for the first time since the war against IS was launched over three years ago.

The Iraqi officials said the process has not officially begun.

However, an AP reporter at the Al-Asad base in western Iraq saw troop movements reflecting the contractors' account of a drawdown. The contractors and the Iraqi officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations and declined to reveal the exact size of the drawdown.

Ram truck Super Bowl ad using MLK speech draws backlash

NEW YORK — A Ram truck ad that used a speech by Martin Luther King, Jr., is drawing a backlash.

The ad shows people doing service-oriented tasks set against audio of King's speech, which urges people to be "great" by serving the greater good rather than being successful. It was supposed to highlight the volunteer program Ram Nation.

But it was criticized by viewers and ad experts alike for forging too tenuous a connection with the civil rights hero.



In this image from video, train cars are smashed and derailed Sunday near Cayce, S.C.

GPS-based system could have prevented latest deadly train crash

CAYCE, S.C. — Federal investigators spent a second day today at the site of a deadly train crash in South Carolina, where an Amtrak train was mistakenly sent off a main track and down a side spur — and into a parked freight train. The ensuing crash early Sunday killed two people and injured more than 100 passengers.

The investigation headed by the National Transportation Safety Board could take years, but federal investigators are already focusing on one critical factor: that a switch, set manually, may have caused the passenger train to barrel down the wrong track.

Moreover, authorities say the crash could have been prevented with a GPS-based system called "positive train control," which knows the location of all trains and the positions of all switches in an area and is designed to prevent two trains from traveling on the same track at the same time.

Regulators have demanded the implementation of positive train control for decades, and the technology is now in place in the Northeast, but railroads that operate tracks used by Amtrak elsewhere in the U.S. have won repeated extensions from the government. The deadline for installing such equipment is now the end of 2018.

On Wednesday, a chartered Amtrak train carrying Republican members of Congress to a retreat slammed into a garbage truck at a crossing where locals said the safety arms were down even when no trains approached. That accident in rural Virginia killed one person in the truck and injured six others.

And on Dec. 18, an Amtrak train ran off the rails along a curve during its inaugural run near Tacoma, Washington, killing three people and injuring dozens. It was going nearly 80 mph, more than twice the speed limit.

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THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING													FEBRUARY 5	
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 Bachelor (N)				The Good Doctor "She" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelor (N)				The Good Doctor "She" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Wall "Kirk and Brooke" (N)		Better Late "Morocco: Part 2" 2/2 (N)		The Best of the U.S. (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show	
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait (N) Man Plan (N)		Super Donuts (N) 9JKL (SF) (N)		Scorpion "Nerd, Wind and Fire" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:35) Colbert	
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait (N) Man Plan (N)		Super Donuts (N) 9JKL (SF) (N)		Scorpion "Nerd, Wind and Fire" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:35) Colbert	
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Wall "Kirk and Brooke" (N)		Better Late "Morocco: Part 2" 2/2 (N)		The Best of the U.S. (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show	
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supergirl "Both Sides Now" (N)		Whose Line Is It? "Whose Line Is It?"		News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
9	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antique "New Orleans (Hour Two)" (N)		Ore. Experience	Ore. Experience	Antiques Rd. "Jacksonville (Hour One)"		Independent Lens	Winnie (N)	
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lucifer "My Brother's Keeper" (N)		The Resident "Identity Crisis" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
11	KPDx	(2) 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	Lucifer "My Brother's Keeper" (N)		The Resident "Identity Crisis" (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons	
13	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan (N)		
14	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	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 West Virginia at Oklahoma (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
16	ESPN2	(30) 30 for 30 "The Two Bills"		30 for 30 Shorts		College Basketball	NFL Live A weekday NFL news and information show.			Jalen & Jacoby	eSports "Madden: Club Championship" Day 3			
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
18	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Full House	Full House	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	
19	FAM	(34) *** The DUFF (2015, Comedy) Robbie Amell, Bella Thorne, Mae Whitman.		*** The Bounty Hunter (2010, Action) Gerard Butler, Joel Garland, Jennifer Aniston.									The 700 Club	
20	FMC	(35) (5:00) *** Trainwreck (15, Com) Bill Hader, Amy Schumer. (3:35) *** Trainwreck (2015, Comedy) Bill Hader, Colin Quinn, Amy Schumer.								(10) FXM Presents	*** The Watch (2012, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller.			
21	LIFE	(36) The Gabby Douglas Story (2014, Biography) Regina King, Imani Hakim, Brian Tee.		The Simone Biles Story: Courage to Soar (2018, True Story)						To Be Announced		Biography Presents "Simone Biles"		
22	ROOT	(38) (4:30) DFL Soccer	Mark Few (N)	Mariners Mondays "Seattle Sluggers" (N)						UFCA UFC 200				
23	FS1	(39) NCAA Basketball Oklahoma vs. Baylor (L)				Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				NASCAR Race Hub	
24	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Cops	Cops	Cops (N)	Cops	Cops	Cops	
25	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)	
26	HIST	(45) American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(05) Pawn Stars	(3:35) Pawn Stars	(05) Pawn Stars	(3:35) Pawn Stars	
27	A&E	(46) Killer "Tattle Tale Terror/ Army Brat"		Kids Who Kill Explores personal stories of young murderers.				Silk Road: Drugs, D. A thrilling crime story for the digital age. (P) (N)				(05) Kids Who Kill		
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress "Coco is Not Impressed"		NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	
29	DISC	(48) Street Outlaws "Rules Change"		Street Outlaws: Full Throttle		Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws: Memphis (N)		Street Outlaws		
30	NGEO	(49) Alaska Fish "Last Captain Standing"		Inside North Korea: The Kim Dynasty		Chain of Command		Command "Part 5: Generations"		Inside Combat Rescue "Into the Fire"		Command "Part 5: Generations"		
31	TNT	(50) The Alienist "Silver Smile" (N)		The Alienist "Silver Smile"		Law & Order "Age of Innocence"		Law & Order "Lifeline"		NCIS:NO "Careful What You Wish For"		NCIS: New O. "Le Carnaval de la Mort"		
32	AMC	(51) (5:00) A Few Good Men (Adult)				*** The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.								
33	USA	(52) Modern Family 1/2	Modern Family 2/2	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(05) Modern Fam	(3:35) Modern Fam	
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped Junior "Champions: Part 4"		Chopped "Champions: Grand Finale"		Kids Baking "Doughnuts Go Nuts"		Kids Baking "Unicornucopia" (N)		Ridic Cakes (N)	Ridiculous Cakes	Cake Wars "Charlie Brown's All-Stars"		
35	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It		Love It or List It "Laundry Overload"		House Hunters (N) House Hunters		Home Town (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
36	FX	(56) (5:00) *** X-Men: First Class ('11) Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy.		*** X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014, Adventure) Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman.								X-Men: First Class ('11) James McAvoy.		
37	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		
38	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		The Profit "Fighting for Farrell's" (N)		The Profit "Showdown at Standard Burger"		The Profit		The Profit "Fighting for Farrell's"		Paid Program		
40	BRAV	(63) Vanderpump Rules "Dethroned"		Vanderpump "It's Not About the Pasta"		Vanderpump Rules "Best Mates"		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Summer House (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Vanderpump Rules	
41	TCM	(64) Movie	(4:45) The Times of Harvey Milk ('84) Harvey Milk, Harvey Fierstein.			*** Woodstock (1970, Documentary) Richie Havens, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez.								
42	SYFY	(65) ** Underworld: Evolution ('06) Scott Speedman, Tony Curran, Kate Beckinsale.		Futurama		Futurama		Futurama		Futurama		Futurama	Futurama	
43	RFD	(162) American Rancher	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Live"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase		