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House panel opens investigation of ex-Trump aide Porter

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers on Capitol Hill want to know how former presidential aide Rob Porter was allowed to work at the White House under an interim security clearance — despite allegations of spousal abuse.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, sent letters to the FBI and White House today as his panel opened an investigation into the matter. Porter, the president's staff secretary, resigned last week after his two ex-wives came forward with allegations of abuse.

House Speaker Paul Ryan was asked today about how the White House has handled the Porter allegations, and whether President Donald Trump needs to publicly condemn domestic violence.

"Clearly, we all should be condemning domestic violence," Ryan told reporters. "And if a person who commits domestic violence gets in the government, then there's a breakdown in the system. There's a breakdown in the vetting system and that breakdown needs to be addressed."

Ryan's comments and word of the House probe come a day after the FBI contradicted the White House over the Porter accusations. The FBI said it gave the Trump administration information on multiple occasions last year about Porter and that the investigation wrapped up in January.

That account by FBI Director Christopher Wray challenged the White House assertion that Porter's background "investigation was ongoing" and officials first learned the extent of accusations against him only last week, just before he abruptly resigned.

The weeklong fallout from the allegations against Porter has thrown the West Wing into chaos not seen since the earliest months of the administration and has sparked new rounds of recriminations inside the White House.

Romney to launch Senate campaign Thursday

SALT LAKE CITY — Former GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney will announce Thursday that he's running for the Utah Senate seat held by retiring Orrin Hatch, three people with direct knowledge of the plan confirmed today.

The former Republican presidential candidate will release an online video Thursday announcing he's running for the seat. His first public appearance as a Senate candidate will be Friday night at a county Republican party dinner in Provo.

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor and one of the most famous Mormons, is expected to easily win the Senate seat in Utah, which is heavily Mormon.

The 70-year-old Republican moved to Utah after losing the 2012 presidential election and is very popular in the state. He helped turn around the scandal-plagued 2002 Winter Olympics and has earned broad respect.

In addition to his instant name recogni-



South Korea's Lee Jingyu (29), of the combined Koreans team, falls as she passes the puck against Haruna Yoneyama (10), of Japan.

AP Photo/Matt Slocum

Rivalry between Koreans, Japan transcends sports

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — As South Korea's national soccer coach prepared to play Japan in a 1954 World Cup qualifier, President Syngman Rhee, who'd been liberated, with the rest of Korea, from Japan's brutal colonial rule in 1945, had some advice should the Koreans lose: "Don't think about coming back alive," he supposedly told the coach. "Just throw yourself into the Genkai Sea."

There are sports rivalries, and then there's Korea vs. Japan — an often toxic mix of violent history and politics, with a (un)healthy dose of cultural chauvinism and envy mixed in.

The fierce grudges over historical persecution and a thousand perceived national and cultural slights cannot be untwined from the sports for many Koreans. These swirling emotions were front and center today as a combined team of North and South Koreans played regional power Japan in women's hockey.

Both had yet to win a game these Olympics. Both desperately wanted that win to come against their rival. But Japan pulled it out in the end, defeating the joint Korean team 4-1.

The two Koreas share much, not least language and culture, but they've also been divided for seven decades and are still in a technical state of war. Just weeks ago, there were real fears of military conflict here. More than any temporary cooperation on the hockey ice, then, it may be their shared hatred of Japan — and the near universal perception that Tokyo has never fully apologized for or acknowledged its colonial evils — that joins them most forcefully.

The last time the Koreas were unified, in fact, was during Japanese rule from 1910 to 1945. The end of World War II saw the division of the peninsula into a U.S.-backed south and Soviet-backed north.

tion, Romney has a deep network of fundraisers and his own personal wealth to help carry him.

During the 2016 presidential election, Romney gave a scathing speech in which he called Trump "a phony" who is "playing the American public for suckers" and a man who was unfit to be president.

He softened his stance after Trump won the presidency and put himself forward as a candidate for secretary of state. But he resumed his criticism last year, calling out the president for blaming "both sides" following a

deadly white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Trump, in turn, had criticized Romney for his failed presidential bids in 2008 and 2012.

Israeli leader vows to carry on despite corruption charges

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to carry on today

after police recommended indicting him on corruption charges, angrily dismissing the allegations and the critics calling on him to step down.

With his coalition partners dutifully lining up behind him, the longtime leader readied himself for a prolonged battle over his political legitimacy as the attorney general considers whether to ultimately press charges.

The police announcement that Netanyahu's acceptance of nearly \$300,000 in gifts from two billionaires amounted to bribery sent shockwaves through the Israeli political system and delivered a humiliating blow to Netanyahu after years of allegations and investigations. But it did not appear to immediately threaten his lengthy rule as reaction largely fell along partisan lines. Nearly all of Netanyahu's Cabinet ministers issued statements of support and his coalition partners all signaled they would stick by him, for now.

Though he is not legally compelled to resign, several opposition figures called on Netanyahu to do so to avoid corrupting the office further.

Under similar circumstances a decade ago Netanyahu, then the opposition leader, urged then-Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to resign after police recommended he be indicted, saying a leader "sunk up to his neck in interrogations" could not govern properly. Olmert eventually stepped down and was convicted and imprisoned.

White apologizes for comments on sexual misconduct lawsuit

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Shaun White has apologized after dismissing the sexual misconduct allegations made against him in a 2016 lawsuit as "gossip" shortly after winning his third Olympic gold medal in the men's halfpipe today.

White has been the world's dominant snowboarder for more than a decade, winning gold medals in 2006, 2010 and again this year, completing a comeback after finishing fourth in 2014.

As White was competing, many on social media resurfaced the details from the lawsuit by a former drummer in White's rock band, Bad Things. Lena Zawaideh said White sexually harassed her and refused to pay her wages after he fired her. The lawsuit was settled in May for an undisclosed amount.

White was asked during a news conference if the allegations might tarnish his reputation.

"I'm here to talk about the Olympics, not gossip and stuff," he said. "I don't think so."

White later said on NBC's Today Show he used "a poor choice of words to describe such a sensitive subject."

"I'm just truly sorry," he said. "I was so overwhelmed with just wanting to talk about how amazing today was and share my experience."

In the lawsuit, Zawaideh said White repeatedly sexually harassed her, forced her to watch pornography and told her how to get her hair cut.

The lawsuit included screengrabs of text messages allegedly sent by White asking about the haircut and suggesting she wear a provocative outfit.

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SCHEDULE

Evening listings WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING												FEBRUARY 14	
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 (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Match Game (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) (5:00) Olympics Figure Skating Pairs Free Final, Alpine Skiing (M) Super G Final, Skeleton (M), Speed Skating (W) 1000m Final (L)		(0:05) Olympics Snowboarding (M) Cross Final, Skeleton (M) (L)				(0:05) Olympics Snowboarding (M) Cross Final, Skeleton (M) (L)				KING 5 News	(0:05) PyeongChang 2018
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race		KIRO News (N)	(3:35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) (5:00) Olympics Figure Skating Pairs Free Final, Alpine Skiing (M) Super G Final, Skeleton (M), Speed Skating (W) 1000m Final (L)		(0:05) Olympics Snowboarding (M) Cross Final, Skeleton (M) (L)				(0:05) Olympics Snowboarding (M) Cross Final, Skeleton (M) (L)				KGW News (N)	(0:05) PyeongChang 2018
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Just for Laughs: Relationships (N)	Valentine's Movies (N)	News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Nature "Animals With Cameras" (N)	Nova "Great Escape at Dunkirk" (N)	Impossible B "Europe in the Desert" (N)	Skyscraper "Building the Future"	News (N)	Page Six TV			
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	The X-Files "My Struggle III"	9-1-1 "Worst Day Ever"	10 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game			
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			
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X-Files "My Struggle III"	9-1-1 "Worst Day Ever"	Q13 News at 10 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan		
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	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
22	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	
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NBA Basketball L.A. Clippers vs Boston (L)		NBA Basketball	Golden State Warriors at Portland Trail Blazers	Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	Boxing Classics 2017 Top Rank	NBA Basketball L.A. Clippers vs Boston			
29	ESPN2	(29) NCAA Basketball Kentucky at Auburn (L)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
31	NICK	(31) Sponge (N)	Henry Danger	Hunter Street (N)	SpongeBob	★★★★ The LEGO Movie ("14) Voices of Will Ferrell, Elizabeth Banks, Chris Pratt.	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends			
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Descendants 2 (2017, Fantasy) Cameron Boyce, Sofia Carson, Dove Cameron.	Descendants 2 (2017, Fantasy) Cameron Boyce, Sofia Carson, Dove Cameron.	(0:05) Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle		
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) ★★ Valentine's Day (2010, Comedy) Julia Roberts, Jamie Foxx, Kathy Bates.	Grown-ish (N)	AloneTogether (N)	★★★★ The Lion King ('94) Matthew Broderick, Jonathan Taylor Thomas.	(1:10) About Last Night (2014, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Regina Hall, Michael Ealy.	(0:05) Endless Love ('14) Alex Pettyfer.	LW Atlanta "Another Bad Romance"	Champions Tennis '17 Helpful Cup				
35	FMC	(35) Movie	The Longest Ride (2015, Romance) Scott Eastwood, Alan Alda, Britt Robertson.	★★★★ The Holiday (2006, Romance) Kate Winslet, Jack Black, Cameron Diaz.									
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "I Saw What I Saw"	Grey's Anatomy "Give Peace a Chance"	★★★ The Holiday (2006, Romance) Kate Winslet, Jack Black, Cameron Diaz.									
38	ROOT	(38) In Depth (N)	Mark Few	NCAA Basketball Air Force at UNLV (L)									
39	FS1	(39) NCAA Basketball Seton Hall at Xavier (L)		Fox College Hoops	Inside the Big East	TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	NASCAR Race Hub					
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:30) ★★ Forrest Gump (1994, Comedy/Drama) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.											
44	COM	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Corporate (N)	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition		
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	★★★ Apollo 13 (1995, Docu-Drama) Bill Paxton, Kevin Bacon, Tom Hanks.				(0:05) Amer. Pickers "Frank's Birthday"	(3:35) Storage Wars		
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	RoosterButch "To the Outer Realm" (N)	Garage Rehab: Revisited (N)	Fast N' Loud (N) / (0:05) OutlawsMemphis	Abroad "Gaddafi's American Prisoner"		
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Karina's Story" 1/2	(0:05) My 600-lb Life "Karina's Story" 2/2	My 600-lb Life "James B.'s Story" (N)						(3:10) My 600-lb Life "James B.'s Story"			
48	DISC	(48) OutlawsMemphis "Accidents Happen"	OutlawsMemphis "Cali Clash" JJ gets a call asking the guys to race in Vegas. (N)	Street Outlaws: Memphis (N)	Locked Up Abroad (N)	Locked Up Abroad (N)	Locked Up Abroad (N)	Locked Up Abroad (N)	Locked Up Abroad (N)	Locked Up Abroad (N)	Locked Up Abroad (N)		
49	NGEO	(49) Abroad "Double Crossed in the Desert"	Locked Up "Mexican Border Bust"	★★★★ Transformers (2007, Action) Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf.									
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Stargazer in a Puddle"	Bones	★★★★ Titanic (1997, Drama) Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio. Two social opposites meet and fall in love while on Titanic's maiden voyage.									
51	AMC	(51) ★★ Titanic (1997, Drama) Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio. Two social opposites meet and fall in love while on Titanic's maiden voyage.											
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Inconceivable"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Confession"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Wildlife"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Zebras"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "P.C."	Chrisley Knows [2018]Olympics						
53	FOOD	(53) Game "Redemption Tournament: Part 3"	Game "Redemption Tournament: Part 4"	Game "Redemption Tournament: Finale"	Guy's Game "No-Stop Showdown" (N)	Guy's Game "One Shop Showdown"	Guy's Game "Grocery Grudge Match"						
54	HGTV	(54) Property "Unexpected Dream Home"	Property "Collaboration and Teamwork"	Property Brothers "A Different Dream"	Property Brothers (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property "Century Home Showstopper"					
56	FX	(56) (5:00) Lucy ("14, Act) Scarlett Johansson.	★★★ Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation (2015, Action) Simon Pegg, Jeremy Renner, Tom Cruise.										
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360						
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle						
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics Ice Hockey (M) Finland vs. Germany (L)	Housewives Atl. "Tea Is of the Essence"	Housewives Atl. "Peaches Be Trippin'"	Success "Spinning Out of Control" (N)	Beverly Hills "That Was Weird"	WatchWhat (N)	Housewives Atl.				
63	BRAV	(63) (5:00) The Break Up ('06) Vince Vaughn.	(1:15) ★★ Little Women (1933, Drama) Joan Bennett, Paul Lukas, Katharine Hepburn.	★★★★ Doctor Zhivago (1965, Epic) Julie Christie, Tom Courtenay, Omar Sharif.									
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Gigi (1958, Musical) Leslie Caron.	★★ Jeepers Creepers 2 (2003, Horror) Jonathan Breck, Nicki Aycox, Ray Wise.	The Magicians "Do You Like Teeth?" (N)	Channel Zero "Father Time" (N)	Jeepers Creepers 2 ('03, Hor) Ray Wise.							
65	SYFY	(65) (4:30) Push (2009, Thriller) Chris Evans.	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Road/American	Equestrian Nation	Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	Road/American	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase

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