

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

Trump defends CIA nominee, says she is 'tough on terror'

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump today defended Gina Haspel, his nominee to head the Central Intelligence Agency, dismissing debate over her involvement in a harsh interrogation program and arguing Democrats want her out because she "is too tough on terror."

Haspel offered to withdraw her nomination, two senior administration officials said Sunday, amid concerns that a debate over a harsh interrogation program would tarnish her reputation and that of the CIA.

White House aides on Friday sought out additional details about Haspel's involvement in the CIA's now-defunct program of detaining and brutally interrogating terror suspects after 9/11 as they prepared her for Wednesday's confirmation hearing. This is when she offered to withdraw, the officials said.

They said Haspel, who is the acting director of the CIA, was reassured that her nomination was still on track and will not withdraw. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

Haspel, who would be the first woman to lead the CIA, is the first career operations officer to be nominated to lead the agency in decades. She served almost entirely undercover and much of her record is classified. Democrats say she should be disqualified because she was the chief of base at a covert detention site in Thailand where two terrorism suspects were subjected to waterboarding, a technique that simulates drowning.

She has told lawmakers in recent weeks that she would stand firm against any effort to restart the brutal detention and interrogation program. She is expected to reiterate that publicly this week.

State election systems still waiting for security checkups

With the midterm congressional primaries about to go into full swing, the Department of Homeland Security is playing catch-up in helping to ensure that state election systems are secure against cyber tampering by the Russians or others bent on mischief.

The department said it has completed on-site risk assessments of election systems in just nine of 17 states that have formally requested them so far. It has pledged to do so by November for every state that asks.

The security reviews are designed to identify any weaknesses that could be exploited by hackers; such examinations are routinely conducted in the private sector. They are just one tool, although an important one, in ensuring a computer network has a robust defense.

Homeland Security officials attribute the backlog to increased demand for such reviews since the 2016 presidential election and say they are devoting more money and shifting resources to reduce wait times. The reviews typically take two weeks each.

Among those still waiting for Homeland Security to conduct a risk assessment is Indiana, one of four states with primaries on Tuesday. Its ballot includes several hotly contested races, including a Republican primary for U.S. Senate.

The concerns aren't just theoretical. The nation's intelligence chiefs warned earlier this year that Russia remains interested in disrupting U.S. elections after a multipronged effort to interfere in 2016. That included attempts to hack into the election systems of 21 states.

There is no indication Russian hackers succeeded in manipulating any votes, but U.S. security agencies say they did manage to breach



U.S. Geological Survey

A new fissure erupts Saturday in Leilani Estates in Pahoa, Hawaii.

Kilauea volcano claims more than two dozen homes in Hawaii

PAHOA, Hawaii — Hawaii's Kilauea volcano has destroyed 26 homes since it began spewing lava hundreds of feet into the air last week, and residents who evacuated don't know how long they might be displaced.

The decimated homes were in the Leilani Estates subdivision, where molten rock, toxic gas and steam have been bursting through openings in the ground created by the volcano. Another four unspecified structures were covered by lava, officials said in revised figures issued Sunday.

Some of the more than 1,700 people who evacuated were allowed to briefly return to gather medicine, pets, and other necessities. They will be able to do so each day as long as authorities believe it is safe.

Amber Makuakane Kane, 37, a teacher and single mother of two, said her three-bedroom house in Leilani Estates was across from a fissure that opened Friday. At the time, "there was some steam rising from all parts of the yard, but everything looked fine," Makuakane said.

On Saturday, she received alerts from her security system that motion sensors throughout the house had been triggered. She later confirmed that lava had covered her property.

Makuakane grew up in the area and lived in her house for nine years. Her parents live in the same subdivision.

"The volcano and the lava — it's always been a part of my life," she said. "It's devastating ... but I've come to terms with it."

the voter rolls in Illinois. That state and Texas are the only two to hold statewide primaries so far this year, and neither reported any intrusions into their election systems.

Secret witness testifies against US pastor in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey — A witness testifying anonymously against a U.S. pastor accused of spying and terror-related charges in Turkey claimed today that the American helped Kurdish militants and aimed to create a Christian Kurdish state, the country's state-run news agency reported.

Pastor Andrew Craig Brunson forcefully rejected the claim in the second session of his trial, insisting that he never permitted "politics to enter the church," the Anadolu Agency reported.

The 50-year-old evangelical pastor from Black Mountain, North Carolina, faces up 35 years in prison in Turkey on charges of "committing crimes on behalf of terror groups without being a member" and "espionage."

He denies any wrongdoing.

Brunson was arrested in the aftermath of a 2016 coup attempt in Turkey for alleged links to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, as well as a network led by U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen, who is blamed by Turkey for the political unrest. Gulen denies any knowledge of the failed coup.

The case has strained ties between Turkey and the United States. President Donald Trump tweeted in Brunson's defense last month, saying: "Pastor Andrew Brunson, a fine gentleman and Christian leader in the United States, is on trial and being persecuted in Turkey for no reason."

The Trump administration later warned Turkey that it is considering punitive "consequences" if the NATO ally does not throw out the charges or acquit Brunson.

Report: Millions of tweets spread anti-Semitic messages

Millions of anti-Semitic messages on Twitter have spread negative stereotypes and con-

spiracy theories about Jews across the social media platform, according to a report today by the Anti-Defamation League.

ADL national director and CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said the data showed many used Twitter as a "megaphone to harass and intimidate Jews."

An earlier report from the Jewish civil rights group said anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. last year had reached the highest tally it has counted in more than two decades. That increase appeared to be fueled by emboldened far-right extremists as well as the "divisive state of our national discourse," Greenblatt said in February.

In the new report, the group estimated that about 3 million Twitter users posted or re-posted at least 4.2 million anti-Semitic tweets in English over a 12-month period ending Jan. 28. The finding is based on a reviewed sample of 55,000 tweets and had a 3 percent margin of error, the report said.

Twitter says it has made more than 30 changes to its platform, policies and operations in the past 16 months to protect its users from abuse and hateful images.

"We are an open platform and hold a mirror up to human behaviors, both the good and the bad," the company said in a statement. "Everyone has a part to play in building a more compassionate and empathetic society, including Twitter."

Jennifer Grygiel, an assistant professor of communications at Syracuse University, said the ADL's findings reinforce the need for Twitter and other platforms to hire more "human content moderators" to weed out hateful activity. It's not enough to rely on artificial intelligence or users to do that job, Grygiel added.

"The tech is not good enough because humans are really smart, and they will learn how to maneuver around the machines," Grygiel said. "It's getting better, but it's not there yet."

Russia's Putin sworn in for 4th term; vows economic reforms

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin took the oath of office today for his fourth term as Russian president, promising to pursue an economic agenda that would boost living standards across the country.

In a ceremony in an ornate Kremlin hall in Moscow, Putin, 65, said improving Russia's economy following a recession partly linked to international sanctions would be a primary goal of his next six-year term.

Although Putin has restored Russia's prominence on the world stage through military actions — including intervening in Syria's war to help President Bashar Assad — he has been criticized for inadequate efforts to diversify Russia's economy away from its dependence on oil and gas exports or develop the country's manufacturing sector.

Russia's economy was hit hard by low world oil prices and sanctions connected to Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and military involvement in the separatist uprising in eastern Ukraine, with the ruble losing half its value between 2014 and 2016.

The country recorded an anemic improvement in 2017, with gross domestic product rising 1.5 percent and the ruble recovering some of its value. But the ruble dropped about 8 percent again last month in the wake of new U.S. sanctions.

Putin has effectively been the leader of Russia for all of the 21st century. He stepped down from the presidency in 2008 because of term limits, but was named prime minister and continued to steer the country until he returned as president in 2012.

He became acting president on New Year's Eve 1999 following the surprise resignation of Boris Yeltsin and was elected to his first four-year term in 2000.

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TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING												MAY 7	
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)	Dancing With the Stars (N)				The Crossing "LKA" (N)		KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3 KOMO	4	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)				The Crossing "LKA" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5 KING	5	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice "Live Top 10 Performances" (N)				RunningWild "Joseph Gordon-Levitt" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
6 KOIN	6	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can (SF) (N)	Man Plan (N)	Super Donuts (N)	Big Bang Theory	Elementary (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert
7 KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can (SF) (N)	Man Plan (N)	Super Donuts (N)	Big Bang Theory	Elementary (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert
8 KGW	8	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "Live Top 10 Performances" (N)				RunningWild "Joseph Gordon-Levitt" (N)		KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
9 KRCW	3	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supergirl "Trinity" (N)		iZombie (N)		News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10 KOPB	10	This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antique "Green Bay (Hour Three)" (N)	Oregon Experience "Rajneeshpuram"			Independent Lens "No Man's Land" (N)		The Visionaries (N)	
12 KPTV	12	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lucifer "Quintessential Deckerstar" (N)	The Resident "Run, Doctor, Run" (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
14 KCPQ	14	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lucifer "Quintessential Deckerstar" (N)	The Resident "Run, Doctor, Run" (N)			Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20 TBS	20	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy			American Dad! (N)	Final Space (N)	Conan (N)	
25 KZJL	25	Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29 ESPN2	29	(5:00) MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at St. Louis Cardinals (L)		E:60		NFL Live		Around the Horn	Interruption	First Take	The hottest topics in sports are debated.		
31 NICK	31	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Paradise Run	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends
32 DISN	32	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Bunk'd	DuckTales	Gravity Falls	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
34 FAM	34	(5:50) *** Just Go With It (2011, Comedy)		Jennifer Aniston, Brooklyn Decker, Adam Sandler.		★★ Grown Ups (2010, Comedy)	Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.					The 700 Club	
35 FMC	35	(5:00) 300: Rise of an Empire	(5:50) *** 300: Rise of an Empire (14) Sullivan Stapleton.	(5:50) FXM Presents		Unfinished Business (15, Com)	Dave Franco, Vince Vaughn.	(5:50) FXM Presents		Unfinished Business (15) Vince Vaughn.			
38 LIFE	38	The First 48 "Lured In/ Disaster"	The First 48 "Last Fare"	Misfort. "Fatal Pickup/ Bad Neighbor"		Misfortune "Hot Ride/ Debt Collector"		48 Deadly Misfortune "Night Out"		Misfortune "Blood Money/ Fifteen"			
39 ROOT	39	Undefiable Joe Buck "Bob Baffert"	Mariners Access	Hot Rod Chronicling	The life of the great Rod Hundley.			UFC UFC 210 Site: KeyBank Center					
39 F51	39	(5:00) UFC UFC 216		MLB Whiparound (L)		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	Friends	Friends	It Was Him "A Double-Life" (N)		Cops (N)	Cops	Cops	Cops
44 COM	44	(15) The Office	(50) The Office	(25) The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Daily Show	The Opposition
45 HIST	45	A. Pickers "Another Brick in the Wall"	American Pickers "Queen of Fortune"	American Pickers "Ready to Roar"	American Pickers "Ready to Race" (N)	(05) Pawn Stars (N)	(35) Pawn Stars (N)	(05) Pawn Stars (N)	(35) Pawn Stars (N)	(05) Pawn Stars (N)	(35) Pawn Stars (N)	(05) Pawn Stars (N)	(35) Pawn Stars (N)
46 A&E	46	OzzyandJack'sDetour "Spicy In-Laws"	OzzyandJack "Pearls of Wisdom"	OzzyandJack "Mission to Mars"		OzzyandJack "Illin' and Chillin'"		OzzyandJack'sDetour "Blizzard of Oz"		OzzyandJack "Aloha, Osbournes"			
47 TLC	47	Trading Spaces "DC: Quebec Place"	Long Lost Family	Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family "You Think They Are Blood"		Long Lost Family "She Never Came Back"		Long Lost Family	
48 DISC	48	Fast N' Loud "Trouble in the Galaxie"	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud "The Bass is Back" (N)		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		American Chopper "Welcome Home"		Fast N' Loud	
49 NGE0	49	Japan Eth Sk "The Mountain Island" (N)	One Strange Rock "Genesis"	One Strange Rock "Survival"		One Strange Rock "Escape"		One Strange Rock "Terraform" (N)		One Strange Rock "Terraform" (N)		One Strange Rock "Terraform"	
50 TNT	50	(5:00) NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				Inside the NBA		Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball Playoffs	
51 AMC	51	★★★ Jaws (1975, Horror) Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Shaw, Roy Scheider.				The Terror "Terror Camp Clear" (N)		(05) The Terror "Terror Camp Clear"		(05) The Terror "Terror Camp Clear"		(05) The Terror "Terror Camp Clear"	
52 USA	52	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWF Monday Night Raw		Best Baker in America "Chocolate"		Best Baker in America "Glorious Cake" (SP) (N)		Cake Masters	Dallas Cakes (N)
53 FOOD	53	Best Baker in America "Cafe Classics"	Best Baker in America "Modern Classics"	Best Baker in America "Modern Classics"		Love It/List It "Not Enough Bedrooms"	Love It/List It "A Sentimental Situation" (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
54 HGTV	54	Love It or List It "Laundry Overload"	Love It/List It "Too Close for Comfort"	★★★ Star Trek Into Darkness (2013, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Chris Pine.									
55 FX	55	(5:30) *** Everest (2015, Adventure) Jason Clarke, Keira Knightley, Jake Gyllenhaal.											
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		Jay Leno's Garage "The Motor City"		Jay Leno's Garage "Movie Cars"		Jay Leno's Garage "Over the Top"		Jay Leno's Garage "Closed Roads"		Paid Program	
63 BVM	63	Vanderpump R. "Reunion Part 3" 3/3	Vanderpump Rules "Lost Cause"	Vanderpump R. "Welcome to TomTom"		VanderpumpR "Reunion Part 1" 1/3 (N)		Vanderpump R. "Reunion Part 1" 1/3		Watch What (N)		VanderpumpR 1/3	
64 TRAC	64	(5:00) The Winslow Boy (48) Neil North.		★★★ Inn of the Sixth Happiness (1958, Drama) Curt Jurgens, Robert Donat, Ingrid Bergman.						(15) ★★★ Sabotage Agent (43) Anthony Eustring, Valerie Hobson, Robert Donat.			
65 SYFY	65	★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007, Adventure) Jon Voight, Ed Harris, Nicolas Cage.		★★ The Last Witch Hunter (2015, Action) Rose Leslie, Elijah Wood, Vin Diesel.		(45) Backtrack (2015, Mystery) Sam Neill, Adrien Brody.							
162 RFD	162	Rancher (N)	Red Steagall (N)	Horse Master	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Live" "LubriSyn"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	