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Amid harsh criticism, Trump tries a tougher tone on Russia

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump spent a second day managing the political fallout from his widely criticized meeting with Russia's Vladimir Putin, shifting stances and mopping up what the White House said were misstatements.

His toughness with the longtime American foe in question, Trump said Wednesday he told the Russian president face-to-face during Monday's summit to stay out of America's elections "and that's the way it's going to be."

That rhetoric marked a turnabout from Trump's first, upbeat description of his sit-down with Putin. Still, Trump backtracked on whether Russia is currently targeting U.S. elections. When asked the question Wednesday, he answered "no," a reply that put him sharply at odds with recent public warnings from his own intelligence chief.

Hours later, the White House stepped in to say Trump's answer wasn't what it appeared.

The zigzagging laid bare the White House's search for a path out of trouble that has dogged the administration's discussions of Russia from the start, but spiraled after Trump's trip to Helsinki. After days of criticism from both Democrats and Republicans, Trump — a politician who celebrates his brash political incorrectness — has appeared more sensitive than usual to outside opprobrium.

After rescue, Thai soccer boys pray for fortune at temple

CHIANG RAI, Thailand — The Thai soccer boys and their coach began their first day back home with their families since they were rescued from a flooded cave with a trip to a Buddhist temple to pray for protection from misfortunes.

The 11 boys and the coach knelt and pressed their hands in prayer to the tune of chanting monks. They were joined by relatives and friends at the Wat Pra That Doi Wao temple, overlooking Myanmar on Thailand's northern border.

The remaining member of the Wild Boars soccer team — Adul Sargon — is not a Buddhist and did not attend the ceremony, meant to extend one's life and protect it from dangers.



AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais
Interpreter Marina Gross, left, takes notes when President Donald Trump talks to Russian President Vladimir Putin at the beginning of their one-on-one-meeting at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki, Finland, on Monday.

US intelligence chief is tough on Russia, at odds with Trump

ASPEN, Colo. — National Intelligence Director Dan Coats' drumbeat of criticism against Russia is clashing loudly with President Donald Trump's pro-Kremlin remarks, leaving the soft-spoken spy chief in an uncomfortable — and perhaps perilous — place in the administration.

Trump's remarks after Wednesday's Cabinet meeting, where he appeared to deny the long-time U.S. foe was still targeting American elections, are just the latest in a growing list of statements that conflict with Coats'. His job is to share the work of the 17 intelligence agencies he oversees with the president.

Coats is a former Republican lawmaker. He was banned from traveling to Russia in 2014 for calling out its annexation of Crimea, and he has continued to raise the alarm on Russia since his appointment by Trump as intelligence chief in March 2017.

That's left Coats in a tight spot. Trump has been determined to forge closer ties with Russian President Vladimir Putin, culminating in this week's extraordinary summit in Helsinki. The disconnect with Coats was laid bare after Trump sparked outrage back home by giving credence to Russia's denial of interference in the 2016 U.S. election as he stood alongside Putin.

Back in Washington, Coats was quick to issue a statement Monday to rebut that position. He restated the U.S. intelligence assessment about Russian meddling and "their ongoing, pervasive efforts to undermine our democracy."

The team has already said they would ordain as Buddhist novices to honor a former Thai navy SEAL diver who died in the cave while making preparations for their rescue.

On Wednesday evening, the boys and

coach faced the media for the first time since their ordeal, describing their surprise at seeing two British divers rising from muddy waters in the recesses of the cave. It would be another week before they were pulled out of the Tham Luang cave.

Israeli parliament passes contentious Jewish nation bill

JERUSALEM — Israel's parliament approved a controversial piece of legislation that defines the country as the nation-state of the Jewish people but which critics warn sidelines minorities.

The government says the bill, passed in the early morning hours, will merely enshrine into law Israel's existing character. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called its passage a "historic moment in the history of Zionism and the history of the state of Israel."

"Israel is the nation state of the Jewish people, which honors the individual rights of all its citizens," he said. "I repeat this is our state. The Jewish state."

"Lately, there are people who are trying to destabilize this and therefore destabilize the foundations of our existence and our rights," he added. "So today we have made a law in stone. This is our country. This is our language. This is our anthem and this is our flag. Long live the state of Israel."

Israel's 1948 declaration of independence defined its nature as a Jewish and democratic state, a delicate balance the country has grappled to maintain for 70 years.

LGBT advocates fear Kavanaugh's votes on gay-rights issues

WASHINGTON — Gay-rights supporters who thronged the Supreme Court plaza after justices declared same-sex marriage a constitutional right expect to have little to celebrate if Brett Kavanaugh replaces Justice Anthony Kennedy, the author of all the court's major gay-rights rulings.

None of Kavanaugh's roughly 300 opinions as an appellate judge deals directly with LGBT issues, but his approach to judging leads some scholars and activists to believe he is unlikely to echo Kennedy's votes.

Still, they said Kavanaugh might be reluctant to overrule the landmark 2015 same-sex marriage decision, even if he might have voted against it in the first instance.

While LGBT advocates sound alarms about Kavanaugh, opponents of same-sex marriage are applauding his nomination, though not necessarily focusing on its potential impact on gay rights.

The Family Research Council, a major Christian conservative advocacy group, lauded Kavanaugh's rulings on religious freedom and "long and praiseworthy history of judging as an originalist," a term that means interpreting the Constitution as it was understood when written.

Warrenton: School district hopes to have location selected by August

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district east of the Skipanon River and out of the tsunami inundation zone. A district facilities committee has also recommended a 2022 bond to build a high school on the mas-

ter campus, and a 2032 bond to move the elementary school.

The school district looked for plots of land between 50 and 70 acres outside of the tsunami inundation zone and wetlands. The choices have been narrowed to three sites near

Dolphin Avenue, the North Coast Business Park and along U.S. Highway 101 Business near Trails End Recovery.

The property near Dolphin Avenue, a mix of high-density residential and industrial land owned by Warrenton Fiber,

is the most conducive site for a campus, Jeffery said. The school district hopes to have a location selected before the bond text is due to the county in August.

"Without this, it would be challenging to move forward

on a bond," Jeffery said. "The property is the cornerstone of what we're doing."

Warrenton's search for a master campus comes as the Seaside School District prepares to build a new \$100 million K-12 campus, financed by

a 2016 bond, in the hills east of the city on land donated by Weyerhaeuser. The Astoria School Board will decide Monday whether to go out for a bond to modernize and improve security at the school district's five campuses.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN

TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings

THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach												JULY 19	
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 of Fortune	The Gong Show (N)		Match Game (N)		Take Two "Death Becomes Him" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Gong Show (N)		Match Game (N)		Take Two "Death Becomes Him" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Ellen's Game of Games		TrialError (SP) (N)	Trial & Error (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "In Loco Parentis"		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Big Bang Theory Young Sheldon		Big Brother (N)		S.W.A.T. "Blindspots"		News (N)	(3:5) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Big Bang Theory Young Sheldon		Big Brother (N)		S.W.A.T. "Blindspots"		KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Ellen's Game of Games		TrialError (SP) (N)	Trial & Error (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "In Loco Parentis"		KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "The Bad Place"		Lightning "The Book of Little Black Lies"		News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Travelscope	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Outdoor Idaho	And Then There Were None		(5:5) Then None	(5:5) And Then There Were None				
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Four "Week Six" Four super-talented		competitive singers battle it out.		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 2/2	The Game 1/2		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four "Week Six" Four super-talented		competitive singers battle it out.		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Without Borders (N)	The Simpsons		
22	KZJL	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom		Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball St.L./Chi.C. (L)		X Games Minneapolis 2018 (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		ESPN Awards Celebrates major sports achievements. (N)					
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) WNBA Basketball Was./Dal. (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Nación ESPN (N)							
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	*** Happy Feet (2006, Animated) Elijah Wood, Hugh Jackman, Robin Williams.				(3:5) Friends			
32	DISN	(32) QUIZney/BigCity	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Big City Greens	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Bunk'd		
34	FAM	(34) *** Mulan (1998, Animated) Eddie Murphy, BD Wong, Ming-Na Wen.		Cloak & Dagger	"Ghost Stories" (N)	Cloak & Dagger	"Ghost Stories" (N)	Cloak & Dagger	"Ghost Stories" (N)	Cloak & Dagger	"Ghost Stories" (N)	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) William & Kate ("11, Romance) Camilla Luddington, Ben Cross, Nico Evers-Swindell.		Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance		(18) Parisa Fitz-Henley, Murray Fraser.		(5:05) 20/20 "American Royal" (N)		(5:05) Harry and Meghan					
38	ROOT	(38) (5:30) Race of Lives	Race of Lives	Double Play	WCC All-Access	In Depth		Hot Rod Chronicling the life of the great Rod Hundley.					Poker Heartland Tour		
39	FS1	(39) (4:30) UFC UFC 218		UFC Tonight (N)		Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				NASCAR Race Hub		
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Amer. Woman (N)	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Lip Sync Battle	Movie		
44	COM	(44) (4:15) The Office	(5:0) The Office "The Chump"	(2:5) The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Detroiters	The Daily Show	The Opposition		
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	"Concrete Jungle"	Mountain "Stand Your Ground" (N)		Mountain Men: Fully Loaded (N)		Mountain "Nowhere to Run" (SP) (N)		(5:05) Alone "Of Mice and Men" (N)		(5:05) Mountain "Stand Your Ground"			
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Trap House"		Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	PD Cam (P) (N)	PD Cam (P) (N)	(5:05) Live PD: Patrol	(3:5) Live PD		
47	TLC	(47) Gypsy Wedd		My 600-lb Life "Nikki's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Lupe and Brittani" Brittani and Bill discuss growing their family. (N)		Pimple "The World's Largest Lump" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Lupe and Brittani"					
48	DISC	(48) Naked and Afraid "Forbidden Fruit"		Naked and Afraid "Fan Dragon"		Naked "King of the Mountain"		To Be Announced		American Chopper		Naked "Thieves in the Night"			
49	NGEO	(49) Wild China "Beyond the Great Wall"		Wild China "Heart of the Dragon"		China's Megatomb Revealed	Uncover the macabre, history-changing secrets.	Drain "Mysteries of the China Seas"		Perpetual Planet	Perpetual Planet				
50	TNT	(50) NCIS: New Orleans "More Now"		NCIS: New Orleans "The List"		*** Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.		*** Contraband ("12, Action) Giovanni Ribisi, Mark Wahlberg.							
51	AMC	(51) (4:55) The Great Outdoors Dan Aykroyd.		*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama) Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio.		Shooter "A Call to Arms" (N)		(5:05) ** The Karate Kid Part II ('86, Act)	Pat Morita, Eddie Smith, Ralph Macchio.	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Beef"					
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Conned"		Law&Order: SVU "Melancholy Pursuit"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Conversion"		Queen of the South "El Juicio" (N)		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Midnight Snack Attack"		Chopped "A Frog Leg Up"		Chopped "Room for 'shrooms"		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Music City Fix (N)	House Hunters		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Snowfall "Sightlines" (SP) (N)		Snowfall "Sightlines"			
56	FX	(56) (4:00) The Equalizer Denzel Washington.		*** Straight Outta Compton (2015, True Story) Corey Hawkins, Jason Mitchell.		O'Shea Jackson Jr..		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon					
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle			
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage "Supercars"		Leno Garage "The Car My Father Drove"		Paid Program			
61	CNBC	(61) Savannah "Communication Breakdown"		Southern Charm "Game Changer"		Southern Charm "Ho, Ho, Ho"		South/ Charm "Reunion Part One" (N)		Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce (N)		Watch What (N)	Southern Charm		
63	BRV	(63) (5:00) Bullitt ('68, Cri) Steve McQueen.		*** The Sand Pebbles (1966, War) Richard Attenborough, Richard Crenna, Steve McQueen.		*** The Cincinnati Kid ('65) Steve McQueen.		*** The Cincinnati Kid ('65) Steve McQueen.							
64	TCM	(64) (4:25) Rush Hour	** Rush Hour 3 (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Roman Polanski, Chris Tucker.	** Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008, Adventure) Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Ron Perlman.		(5:05) A Nightmare on Elm Street									
65	SYFY	(65) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America 'Live' (N)		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library			

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