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Trump calls on Sessions to end Mueller's Russia probe

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump called today for Attorney General Jeff Sessions to put an end to special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe, a day after Trump's former campaign chairman went on trial.

Taking to Twitter to complain about the ongoing Russia investigation, Trump said Sessions "should stop this Rigged Witch Hunt right now, before it continues to stain our country any further."

The relationship between Sessions and the president has been strained for more than a year, since the attorney general recused himself from investigations relating to the 2016 election because of Sessions' role on the Trump campaign. Mueller's team is accountable to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

Tuesday marked the first day of Paul Manafort's trial on charges of tax evasion and bank fraud brought by Mueller's team, charges that stemmed from Manafort's consulting work for Ukraine, for which he allegedly received millions he did not report to the U.S. government.

Seeking to distance himself from his ex-campaign chairman, Trump said, "He worked for me for a very short time."

Manafort's involvement in the Trump campaign spanned six months, and he led efforts to secure the GOP nomination for Trump in 2016.

Trump said the charges against Manafort "have nothing to do with Collusion." Potential coordination between Russian government agents and the Trump campaign is still a matter of investigation by Mueller's team, which is also investigating potential obstruction of justice by the president. Trump called claims of collusion "a Hoax."

Cheaper short-term health plans have coverage gaps

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration today cleared the way for insurers to sell short-term health plans as a bargain alternative to pricey Obama-law policies for people struggling with high premiums.

But the new policies don't have to cover existing medical conditions and they offer limited benefits. That may not translate to broad consumer appeal among people who need an individual policy.

"For many who've got pre-existing conditions or who have other health worries, the Obamacare plans might be right for them," Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said. "We're just providing more options."

Officials say the plans can now last up to 12 months and be renewed for up to 36 months. But there's no federal guarantee of renewability. Plans will carry a disclaimer that they don't meet the Affordable Care Act's requirements and safeguards.

Unable to repeal much of the Obama-era law, Trump's administration has tried to undercut how it's supposed to work and to create options for people who don't qualify for ACA subsidies based on their income.



Dana Verkouteren

This courtroom sketch depicts Paul Manafort, fourth from right, standing with his lawyers during jury selection Tuesday.

Judge in Manafort trial: Don't use word 'oligarchs'

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The judge in Paul Manafort's trial told prosecutors today not to use the word "oligarch" to describe wealthy Ukrainians who paid millions to the former Trump campaign chairman.

Manafort is accused of orchestrating a multimillion-dollar conspiracy to evade U.S. tax and banking laws. His defense attorneys say he isn't to blame because he left the details of his finances to others.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III told attorneys for special counsel Robert Mueller that the term "oligarchs" has a pejorative meaning and using it is not relevant to the fraud and tax charges against Manafort.

The proceedings could last weeks. Prosecutor Uzo Asonye told the jury during his opening statement Tuesday that Manafort considered himself above the law as he funneled tens of millions of dollars through offshore accounts. That "secret income" was used to pay for personal expenses such as a \$21,000 watch, a \$15,000 jacket made of ostrich and more than \$6 million worth of real estate paid for in cash, Asonye said.

"A man in this courtroom believed the law did not apply to him — not tax law, not banking law," Asonye said as he sketched out the evidence gathered by special counsel Robert Mueller's team in Manafort's bank fraud and tax evasion trial.

Manafort's trial is the first arising from Mueller's investigation into potential ties between Donald Trump's presidential campaign and Russia. It opened with extraordinary anticipation amid unresolved questions about whether Trump associates coordinated with the Kremlin to tip the election in the president's favor.

But it was clear from the outset that the case would not address that question: Prosecutors did not once reference Manafort's work for the Trump campaign nor mention Mueller's broader and ongoing investigation into Russian election interference. Mueller was not present in the courtroom.

The other 31 people charged by Mueller so far have either pleaded guilty or are Russians seen as unlikely to enter an American courtroom. Three Russian companies have also been charged.

Officials are hoping short-term plans will fit the bill. Next year, there will be no tax penalty for someone who opts for short-term coverage versus a comprehensive plan, so more people might consider the option. More short-term plans will be available starting this fall.

But critics say the plans are "junk insurance" that could lead to unwelcome surprises if a policyholder gets sick, and will entice healthy people away from the law's markets, raising premiums for those left. Under the Obama administration, such plans were limited to three months' duration. Some states do not permit them.

A major insurer group quickly expressed disapproval.

"The broader availability and longer duration of slimmed-down policies that do not pro-

vide comprehensive coverage has the potential to harm consumers, both by making comprehensive coverage more expensive and by leaving some consumers unaware of the risks of these policies," said Justine Handelman of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, whose members are a mainstay of ACA coverage.

Presumed American remains from Korea War are on their way home

PYEONGTAEK, South Korea — Decades after the end of the Korean War in 1953, the remains of dozens of presumed U.S. war dead

were on their way today to Hawaii for analysis and identification. The U.S. military believes the bones are those of U.S. servicemen and potentially servicemen from other United Nations member countries who fought alongside the U.S. on behalf of South Korea during the war.

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and the commander of U.S. forces in Asia, Adm. Phil Davidson, were expected to speak at a ceremony marking the arrival of the remains on U.S. soil and the beginning of a long process to identify the bones.

North Korea handed over the remains last week. A U.S. military plane made a rare trip into North Korea to retrieve the 55 cases.

About 7,700 U.S. soldiers are listed as missing from the 1950-53 Korean War and about 5,300 of the remains are believed to still be in North Korea.

The agency identifies remains of servicemen killed in past conflicts. It typically uses bones, teeth and DNA to identify remains along with any items that may have been found with remains like uniforms, dog tags and wedding rings. But North Korea only provided one dog tag with the 55 boxes it handed over last week.

Before the remains were put on military planes bound for Hawaii, hundreds of U.S. and South Korean troops gathered at a hanger at the Osan base in South Korea for the repatriation ceremony, which included a silent tribute, a rifle salute and the playing of the U.S. and South Korean national anthems and dirges in front of the U.N. flag-covered metal cases containing the remains.

"For the warrior, this is a cherished duty, a commitment made to one another before going into battle, and passed on from one generation of warriors to the next," Vincent Brooks, chief of the U.S. military in South Korea, said in a speech.

A U.S. defense official said Tuesday that it probably will take months if not years to fully determine individual identities from the remains.

Survivor says Mexico plane hit burst of hail before crash

DURANGO, Mexico — A U.S. passenger aboard a flight that crashed on takeoff in northern Mexico said today that a strong burst of wind and hail hit the Aeromexico jetliner, apparently knocking it back to ground, where there were only moments to evacuate before it burned.

Alberto Herrera, 35, of Chicago, described the terrifying moments when the plane briefly became airborne Tuesday before smacking belly-down onto a field beyond the edge of the runway.

"You start gaining speed and as soon as you start taking off all of the sudden the plane starts struggling and it's getting hit with hail," said Herrera, who was visiting the city of Durango for the baptism of his cousin's baby.

"The higher up we went into the storm the heavier the hail got and more wind got to us," he recounted from his hotel room. "Then all of a sudden the plane starts rocking and it starts seriously, seriously moving around and then hitting the ground."

The fire around the wings eliminated the possibility of using wing exits, so Herrera said he moved toward a back exit and started helping other people leave the craft. Many walked to the end of the runway to wait for emergency vehicles.

All 99 passengers and four crewmembers made it off the plane, but the pilot was severely injured.

TV SCHEDULE THE DAILY ASTORIAN

Evening listings WEDNESDAY

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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!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Shark Tank		KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Shark Tank		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 Special (N)	KING 5 News	Evening	World of Dance "The Duels 2" (N)				Reverie "The Key" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		TKO: Total Knock Out (N)		SEAL Team "No Man's Land"		News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		TKO: Total Knock Out (N)		SEAL Team "No Man's Land"		KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	World of Dance "The Duels 2" (N)				Reverie "The Key" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Burden Truth "The Ties That Bind" (N)		The Originals (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)		The Outback (N)		Mexico "Forests of the Maya" (P) (N)		The Ganges "The Himalayas"		Natural Wonders	Living Wonders
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef "The Kids Are Alright" (N)		To Hell & Back "Brownstone Bistro"		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
13	KCPQ	(13) Seahawks Training	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "The Kids Are Alright" (N)		To Hell & Back "Brownstone Bistro"		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
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	Full Frontal (N)		Conan	
29	KZJO	(29) 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) 4:30 MLS Soccer All-Star Game (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) 5:30 Boxing	Boxing Classics		Mike Tyson's Hits	"Volume 2"	NFL Live			First Take	The hottest topics in sports are debated.		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	★★ Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde	(03) Reese Witherspoon.	Friends		(3:5) Friends	
32	DISN	(32) StuckM./Raven's	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Buy Juice (N)	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	BigCity/BigCity	Big City Greens	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle
34	FAM	(34) 5:30 ★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02)	Candice Bergen, Reese Witherspoon.	Alone (SP) (N)	Alone Together (N)	★★★ The Lion King ('94)	Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jonathan Taylor Thomas.	★★★ The Lion King ('94)	Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jonathan Taylor Thomas.	The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) 5:00 Hitman: Agent 47	Rupert Friend.	(5:5) Hitman: Agent 47 ('15)	Hannah Ware, Rupert Friend.	(5:0) FXM Presents	★★ Babylon A.D. (2008, Action)	Michelle Yeoh, Vin Diesel.	(4:5) FXM Presents	Babylon A.D. (2008, Action)	Vin Diesel.		
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy	"Jukebox Hero"	Grey's A. "None of Your Business"	Grey's A. "It Only Gets Much Worse"	Grey's A. "Back Where You Belong" (N)	(05) Psychic (N)	(3:5) Psychic (N)	(05) Married "Trouble in Paradise"				
39	ROOT	(39) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Seattle	Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash.			Post-game	In Depth (N)	UFC 25 Greatest Fights "13-16"			
39	FS1	(39) UFC UFC Fight Night 93		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) Mom	Mom	★★ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action)	Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.			Yellowstone "The Remembering" (N)	Rambo (2008, Action)	Sylvester Stallone.			
44	COM	(44) 6:15 South Park	(5:0) SouthPk "Cherokee Hair Tampons" (25) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park 1/3	South Park 2/3	South Park 3/3	The Daily Show (N) The Office			
45	HIST	(45) A. Pickers "One Giant Pick for Mankind"	Pickers "The Great Pumpkin Showdown"	Navy SEALs: America's Secret Warriors	"Fallen Heroes" Combat Rescue" (N)	SIX "Danger Close"		SIX "Danger Close"		SIX "Danger Close"			
46	A&E	(46) OzzzyandJack "Pearls of Wisdom"	OzzzyandJack'sDetour "Blizzard of Oz"	OzzzyandJack "Grand Ole Osbourne"	OzzzyandJack'sDetour "Lizard of Oz" (N)	Wahlburgers (N)		Wahlburgers (N)		(05) Dr. Pimple "A Lipoma Jackpot" (N)	(05) My 600-lb Life "Milla and Charity"	(05) My 600-lb Life "Milla and Charity"	
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Sean and Dottie" 1/2	My 600-lb Life "Sean and Dottie" 2/2	My 600-lb Life "Milla and Charity" (N)	To Be Announced								
48	DISC	(48) Misfit Garage "Minor Fire"	Misfit Garage "Orange You Glad"	Misfit Garage: Fired Up "Pound Town"	Misfit Garage: "Cocaine White Gold"	Drugs, Inc. "Borderland Bust" (N)	Drugs, Inc. "Hollywood High"			Garage Rehab: Revisited (N)	Misfit Garage "Barter Bucket"	Misfit Garage "Barter Bucket"	
49	NGEO	(49) Lockdown "Jail Bonds"	Lockdown "End of the Line"	Drugs, Inc. "Cocaine White Gold"	Drugs, Inc. "Cocaine White Gold"								
50	TNT	(50) NCIS: New Orleans "Darkest Hour"	NCIS: New Orleans "Billy and the Kid"	★★★ Blended (2014, Comedy)	Drew Barrymore, Bella Thorne, Adam Sandler.					★★★ The Five-Year Engagement ('12)	Jason Segel.		
51	AMC	(51) 4:55 ★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94)	Morgan Freeman, Tim Robbins.	★★★ The Goonies (1985, Adventure)	Corey Feldman, Josh Brolin, Sean Astin.					(3:5) ★★ The Great Outdoors ('88)	John Candy, Dan Aykroyd.		
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Scope"	NCIS "Homefront"	NCIS "Burden of Proof"	Suits "Promises, Promises" (N)	The Sinner "Part 1" (SP) (N)				Law & Order: S.V.U. "Poisoned Motive"			
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Game "Family Style: Kids' Choice"	NCIS "Homefront"	Guy's Game "Family Style: Sibling Rivalry"	Guy's Game "Heavyweight Teams" (N)	Guy's Game "Sandwich Showdown"				Guy's Game "Carnival Games"			
54	HGTV	(54) Buying "Making Room for Grandma"	Buying & Selling "Million Dollar Listing"	Property Brothers "Mad About Plaid"	Buying "Historic Heritage Home" (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)			Flipping Virgins (N)			
56	FX	(56) 5:30 ★★ Thor: The Dark World ('13)	Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman.	★★★ The Revenant (2015, Drama)	Tom Hardy, Domhnall Gleeson, Leonardo DiCaprio.								
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Cuomo Prime Time				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity				The Ingraham Angle			
61	NCBC	(61) Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Paid Program				Paid Program			
63	BRV	(63) The Real Housewives	The Real Housewives "Wigging Out"	Wives "Guess Who's Arguing at Dinner?"	Real Housewives "Ship Happens" (N)	The Real Housewives "Ship Happens"				Watch What (N)	Real Housewives		
64	TCM	(64) 5:00 The Man With the Golden Arm	(1:5) ★★ Some Came Running (1958, Drama)	Dean Martin, Shirley MacLaine, Frank Sinatra.	(4:5) ★★ Suddenly! ('54)	Sterling Hayden, Frank Sinatra.				(1:5) From Here to Eternity			
65	SYFY	(65) 5:05 ★★ Tomorrowland ('15, Adv)	George Clooney, Judy Greer, Britt Robertson.	★★★ Skyfall (2012, Action)	Helen McCrory, Ralph Fiennes, Daniel Craig.	Face Off				Face Off			
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	W. Rodeo (N)	Equestrian Nation	Team Roping 1/2	Rural Eve. News	ReMastered	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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