

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Oregon official: Statehouse leaders allowed harassment

SALEM — Oregon's labor commissioner on Wednesday accused political leaders in the Legislature and officials in the state Capitol of permitting "a generally hostile environment based upon sex."

The complaint is among the latest in the #MeToo wave of sexual misconduct allegations against men in power to hit Oregon's Legislature and many other statehouses nationwide. It started with an expose last year of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein.

In his complaint, Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian said Senate President Peter Courtney, House Speaker Tina Kotek and others failed to act quickly on complaints that then-Sen. Jeff Kruse was sexually harassing women. Kruse resigned in February after an investigation.

Avakian said that as early as March 2016, the legislative leaders "knew or should have known of Senator Kruse's conduct and the broader sexually hostile environment in the Capitol, but did not take immediate and appropriate action to correct his conduct or otherwise protect individuals from the hostile environment."

Avakian, Courtney and Kotek are all Democrats.

In response, Courtney and Kotek said in a joint statement: "We welcome additional scrutiny and a thorough investigation related to the Commissioner's Complaint."

Oregon Public Broadcasting earlier reported on Avakian's complaint, which he sent to the civil rights division of the Bureau of Labor and Industries that he heads.

Avakian blamed Courtney and Kotek for allowing Kruse's office to employ two student interns, in late 2016 and early 2017, after complaints had already been made about the senator's behavior by two female senators. Courtney and Kotek are co-chairs of a committee that controls Capitol facilities and performs administrative functions, including personnel.

Financial fruit: Apple becomes first trillion-dollar company

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple has become the world's first publicly traded company to be valued at \$1 trillion.

The milestone marks the triumph of stylish technology that has redefined what we expect from gadgets ever since two mavericks named Steve started the company 42 years ago.

The peak reached today seemed unimaginable in 1997 when Apple teetered on the edge of bankruptcy, with its stock trading for less than \$1.

To survive, Apple brought back its once-exiled co-founder, Steve Jobs, as interim CEO and turned to its archrival Microsoft for a \$150 million cash infusion to help pay its bills.

Jobs eventually introduced popular products such as the iPod and iPhone that subsequently drove Apple's rise. The stock has been surging this week as anticipation mounts for the next generation of iPhone, expected to be released in September.



AP Photo/Noah Berger

A firefighter runs while trying to save a home as a wildfire tears through Lakeport, Calif.

More than 1,000 homes torched in California wildfires

UPPER LAKE, Calif. — A massive wildfire in Northern California has torched more than 1,000 homes in and around the city of Redding, authorities said Wednesday as some evacuees were allowed to return home and new blazes exploded in what has become an endless summer of flame in the Golden State.

"Whatever resources are needed, we're putting them there," Gov. Jerry Brown said at a news conference. "We're being surprised. Every year is teaching the fire authorities new lessons. We're in uncharted territory."

Just a month into the budget year, the state has already spent more than one-quarter of its annual fire budget, at least \$125 million, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman Mike Mohler said.

Cal Fire said another 488 buildings, including barns and warehouses, have also been destroyed by the fire, which is now the sixth most destructive in California history.

The 121,000-acre Redding-area blaze, which started July 23, forced 38,000 people from their homes and killed six. It has scorched 189 square miles and is 35 percent contained.

At least three new fires erupted Wednesday in the Sierra Nevada region, including a blaze in Placer County that had consumed 1 1/2 square miles of land.

North of San Francisco, a fire threatened homes in an old ranching and farming area near Covelo. About 60 homes were ordered evacuated as the blaze erupted late Tuesday and winds whipped flames through brush, grass, oak, pine and fir near the Mendocino National Forest, officials said.

National Park Service officials said the scenic Yosemite Valley and other areas will be closed at least through Sunday due to heavy smoke from the so-called Ferguson Fire. The closure began July 25.

released in September.

Apple shares rose 2.7 percent to an all-time high of \$207.05 around midday. They're up 22 percent so far this year.

Jobs' vision, showmanship and sense of style propelled Apple's comeback. But it might not have happened if he hadn't evolved into a more mature leader after his exit from the company in 1985. His ignominious departure came after losing a power struggle with John Sculley, a former Pepsico executive who he recruited to become Apple's CEO in 1983 — seven years after he and his geeky friend Steve Wozniak teamed up to start the company with the administrative help of Ronald Wayne.

Jobs remained mercurial when he returned to Apple, but he had also become more thoughtful and adept at spotting talent that would help him create a revolutionary innovation factory. One of his biggest coups came in 1998 when he lured a soft-spoken Southerner, Tim Cook, away from Compaq Computer at a time when Apple's survival remained in doubt.

Cook's hiring may have been one of the best things Jobs did for Apple. In addition, that is, to shepherding a decade-long succession of iconic products that transformed Apple from a technological boutique to a cultural phenomenon and moneymaking machine.

Trump team wants to roll back Obama-era mileage standards

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is proposing to roll back Obama-era mileage standards that were designed to make cars more fuel efficient and reduce pollution.

The administration also filed notice today that it wants to revoke the authority of California and other states to set their own, stricter mileage standards — independent of federal ones.

The proposal would freeze an effort by the

Obama administration intended to promote auto fuel efficiency and curb tailpipe emissions of climate-changing pollutants. Those rules were to take effect after 2020.

The Environmental Protection Agency said in a statement that relaxing mileage standards in the years ahead would give "the American people greater access to safer, more affordable vehicles that are cleaner for the environment."

The EPA and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the administration supports freezing the mileage standards after 2020, but would seek public comment now on that proposal and a range of others, including leaving the tighter, Obama administration fuel standards in place.

Fred Krupp, president of the Environmental Defense Fund, called the proposed rule "a massive pileup of bad ideas" that would increase pollution and raise fuel costs for consumers.

He said in a statement that the organization would challenge the administration's action "in the court of public opinion and the court of law."

California and 16 other states sued in the administration over the fuel efficiency standards in May, anticipating the new regulation.

Russia: UN peacekeepers back on Golan Heights-Syria frontier

MOSCOW — U.N. peacekeepers returned today to patrol the frontier between Syria and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, years after an escalation in fighting and abduction of U.N. troops had prompted them to withdraw, Russia's Defense Ministry announced.

For the first time, Russian forces joined the peacekeepers — a sign of Russia's deepening involvement as a mediator between Israel and Syria.

Israel for its part acknowledged a return to normalcy along the frontier, which had become particularly volatile in recent months amid a Syrian government offensive to retake territories along the border.

Col. Gen. Sergei Rudskoy of the Russian General Staff told reporters at a press conference in Moscow that Russian military police accompanied the U.N. peacekeepers in the mission. The peacekeeping mission was halted in 2014 amid the violence in Syrian's civil war over security concerns.

Syria has seen spells of fighting between rebels, government forces, and Islamic State militants along the Golan Heights since the civil war erupted in 2011.

Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said today the situation on the Syrian side of the boundary had returned to its pre-2011 state after Syrian government forces, supported by Russia's military, regained control of the region.

Lieberman said Israel will have "no cause to intervene or operate in Syrian territory" if Damascus respects a 1974 disengagement agreement between the two sides — and as long as Syria doesn't become a staging ground for Iranian forces to attack Israel or transfer arms to Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Still, in related violence, Israel's military said today that its aircraft fired on "several armed terror operatives in the southern Syrian Golan Heights" overnight and that troops were on high alert.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												AUGUST 2	
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 Gong Show (N)		Match Game		Take Two "About Last Night" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Gong Show (N)		Match Game		Take Two "About Last Night" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) (5:00) NFL Football Hall of Fame Game Chicago Bears vs. Baltimore Ravens (L)		Evening News	Local Lens	Evening News		Incredible Dog Challenge		Dateline		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Brother (N)		S.W.A.T. "K-Town"		News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Brother (N)		S.W.A.T. "K-Town"		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		Trial & Error	Trial & Error	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Good Intentions"		Black Lightning		News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Travelscope	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Opera Art Beat	Outdoor Idaho	Midsomer M.	(5:0) Midsomer M.	Blood Wedding"	(3:5) DCI Banks "To Burn in Every Drop of Blood"		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Four: Battle for Stardom "The Finale" A winner is crowned. (SF) (N)		10 O'Clock News (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
13	KCPQ	(13) Seahawks Training	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four: Battle for Stardom "The Finale" A winner is crowned. (SF) (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G.	The Joker's Wild	Conan	
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) Basketball The Tournament (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		First Take The hottest topics in sports are debated.			
30	ESPN2	(30) (4:00) CFL Football Ottawa vs Toronto (L)		WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx at Los Angeles Sparks (L)		Nación ESPN (N)							
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	★ Legally Blonde '01, Com) Luke Wilson, Matthew Davis, Reese Witherspoon.		Friends	(3:5) Friends		
32	DISN	(32) StuckM./ Raven's.	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bug Juice (N)	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	BigCity/ BigCity	Big City Greens	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle
34	FAM	(34) ★★★★★ The Lion King '94)	Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jonathan Taylor Thomas.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) ★★★★★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Drama) Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Leonardo DiCaprio.	
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "Be Still, My Soul"		Grey's Anatomy "What's Inside"		★ ★ Hitch (2005, Comedy) Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Will Smith.						(0:5) Seven Year Switch	
38	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)		Post-game		MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Seattle Mariners		Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		Speak for Yourself	
39	FS1	(39) (5:30) Soccer Tournament of Nations (L)		MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		Amer. Woman (N)	★ ★ Meet the Parents '00, Com) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller.		
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	The Office	Detroiters (N)	The Daily Show (N)	The Office
44	COM	(44) (1:15) The Office	(5:0) The Office "Back From Vacation"	(2:5) The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Mountain Men "Nowhere to Run"		Mountain Men "Time and Tide"		Mountain Men "Labor Pains" (N)		(0:5) Alone "Slayer II" (N)		(0:5) Blood "Where the Redfern's Grow"	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48		Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol (N)	Live PD: Patrol (N)	PD Cam (N)	[Respond.	(0:5) Live PD: Patrol	(3:5) Live PD
47	TLC	(47) (5:00) 90 Day Fiancé		My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story"		My 600-lb Life: SuperSized "Milla and Charity" (N)		Dr. Pimple "A Lipoma Jackpot" (N)		Dr. Pimple "A Lipoma Jackpot" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Milla and Charity"	
48	DISC	(48) Naked and Afraid "Loaded for Bear"		Naked and Afraid "Swamp Queen"		Naked "Hurricane Aftermath" (N)		To Be Announced		Dr. Pimple "A Lipoma Jackpot" (N)		Hard to Kill "Test Pilot"	
49	NGEO	(49) Wild Chile "Land Before Time" (N)		Wild Chile "Ends of the Earth"		Atlantis Rising "Secrets Decoded"		Secrets of Area 51		DrainOcean "Malaysia Airlines 370"		Atlantis Rising "Secrets Decoded"	
50	TNT	(50) NCIS: New Orleans "Sister City"		NCIS: New Orleans "Undocumented"		★ ★ ★ Cinderella (2015, Family) Helena Bonham Carter, Cate Blanchett, Lily James.		(1:5) ★ ★ ★ Maleficent '14, Adventure) Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Angelina Jolie.		(0:5) ★ ★ Men in Black II '02, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Lara Flynn Boyle, Will Smith.		Shooter "Swing Vote" (N)	The Sinner "Part I"
51	AMC	(51) (5:25) ★ ★ ★ The Goonies (1985, Adventure) Corey Feldman, Josh Brolin, Sean Astin.		★ ★ ★ Men in Black (1997, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio, Will Smith.		Queen South "Reina de Espadas" (N)		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Imprisoned Lives"		Law&Order: SVU "American Tragedy"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Terrorized"		Queen South "Reina de Espadas" (N)		Shooter "Swing Vote" (N)		The Sinner "Part I"	
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Food Truck Fight"		Chopped "Food Truck Kitchen"		Food Truck Race "Shrimp and Glitz" (N)		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) (4:00) ★ ★ ★ The Revenant '15) Leonardo DiCaprio.		★ ★ ★ Guardians of the Galaxy (2014, Adventure) Zoe Saldana, Lee Pace, Chris Pratt.		Snowfall "Prometheus Rising" (N)		Cuomo Prime Time		Snowfall "Prometheus Rising" (N)		Cuomo Prime Time	
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	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage "Rolling Sculpture" (N)		Jay Leno's Garage "Made in America" (N)		Jay Leno's Garage "Rolling Sculpture" (N)		Jay Leno's Garage "Rolling Sculpture" (N)		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Shaws of Sunset		Shaws of Sunset "Reunion Part 1" 1/2		Shaws of Sunset "Reunion Part 2" 2/2		Shaws of Sunset (SP) (N)		Shaws of Sunset		Watch What (N)	Shaws of Sunset
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Love Crazy '41) William Powell.		★ ★ ★ I Love You Again '40, Comedy) Myrna Loy, Frank McHugh, William Powell.		★ ★ ★ Double Wedding '37) Myrna Loy, William Powell.		(4:5) ★ ★ ★ ★ The Thin Man '34) William Powell, Myrna Loy.		Chappelle (2015, Action) Sharlto Copley.		Time Life Library	
65	SYFY	(65) (3:20) Skyfall '12) ★ ★ Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance '11) Ciaran Hinds, Idris Elba, Nicolas Cage.		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Thin Man '34) William Powell, Myrna Loy.		Chappelle (2015, Action) Sharlto Copley.		Time Life Library					
66	RF	(66) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" "Kawasaki Live"		Steve Lantvit		Rural Eve. News	Grown	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library

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