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Trump vilifies caravan, says he'll cut Central American aid

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says the U.S. will begin cutting aid to three Central American countries he accused of failing to stop thousands of migrants heading for the U.S. border. But across his administration there was no indication of any action.

For hours on Monday, White House officials were unable to provide an explanation for the president's threats, which reflected both his apparent frustration with the migrant caravan and his determination to transform it into Republican election gains. Federal agencies said they'd received no guidance on the president's declaration, issued as he attempts to make illegal immigration a focus of next month's mid-term elections.

If Trump should follow through with his threat to end or greatly reduce U.S. aid, that could worsen the poverty and violence that are a root cause of the migration he has been railing against, critics said.

Trump tweeted, "Sadly, it looks like Mexico's Police and Military are unable to stop the Caravan heading to the Southern Border of the United States." He added without evidence that "criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in."

"I have alerted Border Patrol and Military that this is a National Emergency," he wrote. "Must change laws!"

Associated Press journalists traveling with the caravan for more than a week have spoken with Hondurans, Guatemalans and Salvadorans but have not met any of the "Middle Easterners" that Trump claimed had "mixed in" with the Central American migrants. It was clear, though, that more migrants were continuing to join the caravan.

Trump's tweets marked the latest escalation of his efforts to thrust immigration politics into the national conversation in the closing weeks of the congressional elections. He and his senior aides have long believed the issue — which was a centerpiece of his winning presidential campaign — is key to revving up his base and motivating GOP voters to turn out in November.

"Blame the Democrats," he wrote. "Remember the midterms."

At a campaign rally in Houston on Monday night, he falsely accused Democrats of "encouraging millions of illegal aliens to break our laws, violate our borders and overwhelm our nation."

It is Congress, not the president, that appropriates aid money. The White House would have to notify Congress if it wanted to cut or reallocate aid, which could delay or complicate the process.

Kremlin calls treaty exit without new deal offer 'dangerous'

MOSCOW — The Kremlin said today that President Donald Trump took "a dangerous position" by deciding to abandon an existing nuclear weapons treaty with Russia without offering anything to replace it.



AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite
President Barack Obama presents the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom to Sandra Day O'Connor.

O'Connor announces likely Alzheimer's diagnosis

WASHINGTON — Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman on the Supreme Court, announced today that she has the beginning stages of dementia, "probably Alzheimer's disease."

The 88-year-old said in a public letter that her diagnosis was made some time ago and that as her condition has progressed she is "no longer able to participate in public life."

"While the final chapter of my life with dementia may be trying, nothing has diminished my gratitude and deep appreciation for the countless blessings in my life," she wrote. She added: "As a young cowgirl from the Arizona desert, I never could have imagined that one day I would become the first woman justice on the U.S. Supreme Court."

Her son, Jay O'Connor, said his mother had begun to have challenges with her short-term memory. He also said hip issues have meant she now primarily uses a wheelchair and stays close to her home in Phoenix. She last spoke in public more than two years ago.

O'Connor was a state court judge before being nominated to the Supreme Court in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, who fulfilled a campaign promise by nominating a woman to the Supreme Court. O'Connor had graduated third in her class from Stanford Law School and was the first woman to lead the Arizona state senate. She was 51 when she was unanimously confirmed to the high court.

On the Supreme Court, her votes were key in cases about abortion, affirmative action and campaign finance as well as the Bush v. Gore decision effectively settling the 2000 election in George W. Bush's favor.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman acknowledged the 1987 arms control deal had "weak spots." But Dmitry Peskov warned Washington against withdrawing from the agreement without proposing improvements or a substitute treaty.

"Right now, we don't have any prospects whatsoever for a new deal," Peskov said. "It's important to figure out if it's possible or not."

Trump on Monday restated his threat to pull out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty because of alleged Russia violations. He said the United States would start developing the type of ground-launched nuclear cruise and ballistic missiles the treaty banned until "people come to their senses" and then "we'll all stop."

In Moscow, Peskov said that sacrificing the landmark pact for a hypothetical better deal was "a dangerous position."

The treaty was signed by U.S. President

Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, prohibiting the U.S. and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying ground-launched nuclear cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 300 to 3,400 miles.

China was not a party to the original agreement, and Trump said Monday it should be included in the treaty.

U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton is scheduled to meet with Putin in Moscow today. Bolton struck a conciliatory note in his talks with senior Russian officials earlier in the day.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu lauded Bolton for making a two-day visit and said that "even small steps will benefit our relations and help restore trust" between the two countries.

He also said that Russia and the U.S. should build up their cooperation in Syria that helped to prevent major incidents in the sky or on the ground.

Bomb found at philanthropist Soros' suburban home

BEDFORD, N.Y. — A bomb was found in a mailbox at the suburban New York compound of George Soros, the liberal billionaire philanthropist who has been the target of right-wing conspiracy theorists, authorities said today.

Federal investigators were reviewing surveillance video to determine whether the package had been sent through the mail or delivered some other way, officials said, adding it was also not clear if the parcel was addressed to Soros.

A security officer at the compound about 50 miles north of Manhattan became suspicious of the package Monday afternoon and placed it in a wooded area before alerting the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, authorities said. Agents came out and safely detonated the device, which contained explosive powder.

The device resembled a pipe bomb and was inside a package placed in a mailbox outside the gates of the compound. It was opened in a secure location just inside the gates, nowhere near Soros' quarters.

The Bedford Police Department said the FBI's terrorism task force was investigating.

Soros, who made his fortune in hedge funds, frequently donates to liberal causes. Recently, conservative critics have accused him without evidence of secretly financing the caravan of Central American migrants making their way toward the U.S.

Soros, who is Jewish, has also been the target of anti-Semitic smears. Some have falsely accused him of being a Nazi collaborator during World War II, when he was a child in Hungary.

Activists frequently post on social media the addresses of his homes, sometimes along with threats.

Fierce Hurricane Willa closes in on Mexican resort area

MAZATLAN, Mexico — Hurricane Willa roared into a cluster of Mexican islands holding a prison colony and headed for a collision this afternoon with a stretch of the country's Pacific coast, its 125 mph winds and high waves threatening high-rise resorts, surfing beaches and fishing villages.

Willa briefly reached Category 5 strength on Monday, then weakened to a Category 3. But the U.S. National Hurricane Center warned that it was still likely to bring life-threatening storm surge, wind and rain to parts of western Mexico.

The storm battered the Islas Marias, about 60 miles off the mainland, this morning. It was expected to blow ashore in the evening south of Mazatlan, a tourist resort of about 500,000 people with many U.S. and Canadian expatriates.

As Willa closed in, the beach in Mazatlan almost disappeared, with waves slamming against the coastal boulevard, black clouds looming overhead.

A few surfers took advantage of the high waves even as workers boarded up windows on hotels, shops and homes.

Schools were closed and the streets nearly empty.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING												OCTOBER 23	
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 Conners (N)	Kids-Alright (N)	Black-ish (N)	Splitting Up (N)	The Rookie "Crash Course" (N)		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Conners (N)	Kids-Alright (N)	Black-ish (N)	Splitting Up (N)	The Rookie "Crash Course" (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 "The Battles, Part 4" (N)	This Is Us "Toby" (N)			New Amsterdam "Cavitation" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Fragments" (N)	FBI (N)			NCIS: New Orleans "In the Blood" (N)		News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Fragments" (N)	FBI (N)			NCIS: New Orleans "In the Blood" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Battles, Part 4" (N)	This Is Us "Toby" (N)			New Amsterdam "Cavitation" (N)		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "The Death of Vibe" (N)	Black Lightning (N)			News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)		PBS NewsHour (N)	Great American R "Grand Finale" (N)	Native A "From Caves to Cosmos" (N)			Frontline "The Pension Gamble" (N)		Art in 21st "San Francisco Bay Area"	
12	KPTV	(12) (5:00) MLB Baseball World Series (L)				To Be Announced	To Be Announced			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)			Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) (5:00) MLB Baseball World Series (L)				Q13 News (N)	Q13 News (N)			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			The Guest Book	(25) The Guest	The Guest Book	(25) The Guest
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family			Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) Basketball: A Love Story (N)				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NCAA Football Troy University at South Alabama (L)				NFL Live	Around the Horn			Interruption		E:60	Basketball: A Love Story (N)
31	NICK	(31) Sponge (N)	The Loud House	The Loud House	The BureauOf (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home			Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Raven's Home 1/2
34	FAM	(34) (1:10) ** The Witches of Eastwick (1987, Comedy) Cher, Susan Sarandon, Jack Nicholson.				(5:00) *** The Addams Family (1991, Comedy) Raul Julia, Christopher Lloyd, Anjelica Huston.							The 700 Club
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Identity Thief Jason Bateman.				(15) ** Identity Thief (2013, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Amanda Peet, Jason Bateman.				+++ Joy (2015, Comedy/Drama) Bradley Cooper, Robert De Niro, Jennifer Lawrence.		(5:00) FXM Presents	
36	LIFE	(36) Married/ First Sight "Down to the Wire"		Married "Last Chance for Romance"		Married "All Roads Lead to This"		Married at First Sight "I Still Do?" (N)		(05) FirSight "Love at First Sight" (P) (N)		(05) HoneyIsland "Love at First Sight"	
38	ROOT	(38) (5:30) Champions Tennis Legends				ARCA Auto Racing Kansas 150				NCAA Football Montana State vs. Weber State			Skip and Shannon: Undisputed
39	FS1	(39) (4:30) UFCFN115	UFC Flashback	NFL Films (N)	Inside Slant (N)	To Be Announced	To Be Announced			Walk-off Stories			Child's Play '88, Hor) Catherine Hicks.
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			Ink Master "Tipping the Scales" (N)			The Daily Show "The Office"
44	COM	(44) (1:15) The Office	(5:00) The Office		(25) The Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0			Tosh.0	Tosh.0		(05) Counting "Mo' Parts Mo' Problems"
45	HIST	(45) A. Pickers "Like Father, Like Daughter"		American Pickers "Tick Tock Pick"		American Pickers "Museum Man"		American Pickers "Most Wanted" (N)		(05) Counting Cars (N)			(05) The First 48
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Snapshot"		The First 48 "1000 Cuts/ Draw"		The First 48: Scene of the Crime "Blood Alley/ Bad Deal" (N)				The First 48: Killer Break (N)			(05) The First 48
47	TLC	(47) Sextuplets "Milestones and Meltdowns"		The Little Couple "Yellow Eggs!" (N)		The Little Couple "Time to Leave!" (N)				Sweet Home Sextuplets (N)			The Little Couple "Yellow Eggs!" (N)
48	DISC	(48) Vegas Rat Rods "Joker's Wild"		Rat Rods "Gassed Up Bootleggers"		Vegas Rat Rods "One Big Gas Car" (N)		Vegas Rat Rods "Tricks No Treats" (N)		Trans Am "Backfire" Scott might be on the hook for \$100K. (N)			Running Wild "Scott Eastwood" (N)
49	NGEO	(49) Mountain Money "The Root Stops Here"		Life Below Zero "Home Again"		Life Below Zero "The Great Unknown" (N)		Life Below Zero "The Great Unknown" (N)		+++ Iron Man (2008, Action) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Robert Downey Jr.			+++ Real Steel (2011, Sci-Fi) Evangeline Lilly, Hugh Jackman.
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) *** Horrible Bosses 2 ("14, Com) Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Jason Bateman.				Curse of Chucky (2013, Horror) Fiona Dourif, Brad Dourif, Chantal Quesnelle.				(05) Cult of Chucky (2017, Horror) Brad Dourif, Fiona Dourif, Jennifer Tilly.			Law & Order: S.V.U. "No Surrender"
51	AMC	(51) ** Final Destination 3 ("06) Ryan Merriman, Kris Lemche, Mary Elizabeth Winstead.				WWE Super Smackdown				The Purge "The Giving Time is Here" (N)			Chopped "Better Duck Next Time"
52	USA	(52) Modern Family Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown				Chopped "Think Small!"			Chopped "Better Duck Next Time"
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Dread and Breakfast"		Chopped "Brunch Boxes"		Chopped "Brunch Battle"		Chopped (N)		Chopped "Think Small!"			Chopped "Better Duck Next Time"
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper "All-American Farmhouse"		Desert Flippers (N) Desert Flippers		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters
55	FX	(55) (5:30) **** 10 Cloverfield Lane ("16) John Goodman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead.				*** Don't Breathe (2016, Horror) Dylan Minnette, Daniel Zovatto, Jane Levy.				Mayans M.C. "Rata/ Ch'o" (N)			Mayans M.C. "Rata/ Ch'o"
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		Beyond the Tank		Beyond the Tank		Shark Tank		Beyond the Tank			Paid Program
63	BRV	(63) Below Deck		Below Deck "Foam, Party of One"		Below Deck "I'm Also a Boat Captain!"		Below Deck "B'tch in Charge" (N)		Wlcm to Waverly "Battleground" (N)			Watch What (N) Below Deck
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Separate Tables Deborah Kerr.		*** The Story on Page One ("59) Anthony Franciosa, Gig Young, Rita Hayworth.		(15) *** The Happy Thieves ("62) Rita Hayworth, Joseph Wiseman, Rex Harrison.				*** Insidious: Chapter 2 (2013, Horror) Rose Byrne, Patrick Wilson.			The Bastard ("68, Cr) Rita Hayworth.
65	SYFY	(65) Movie	(45) *** Insidious (2010, Horror) Rose Byrne, Ty Simpkins, Patrick Wilson.										Futurama
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattleman (N) LandLeader TV		Horsemanship "Austin Tour Part 4"		Chris Cox		Rural Eve. News		Ag PhD		Cattlemen to Cattlemen	Product Showcase

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