

NHL adds Seattle as league’s 32nd team

Play expected to begin in 2021

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SEA ISLAND, Ga. — The National Hockey League is expanding to Seattle.

The NHL Board of Governors unanimously approved adding Seattle as the league’s 32nd franchise on Tuesday, with play set to begin in 2021 to allow enough time for arena renovations.

The as-yet unnamed franchise will be the Emerald City’s first major winter sports team since the NBA’s SuperSonics left town in 2008.

“Today is an exciting and historic day for our league as we expand to one of North America’s most innovative, beautiful and fastest-growing cities,” NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. “And we are thrilled that Seattle, a city with a proud hockey history that includes being the home for the first American team



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Tavern workers sport hockey-themed caps at a gathering today in Seattle ahead of the announcement.

ever to win the Stanley Cup, is finally joining the NHL.”

The announcement came a few moments after Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan let the news slip at a watch party in Seattle, prompting cheers: “I got a call from a mole in the

room and it was a unanimous vote. We’re getting hockey.”

The decision was widely expected after the Seattle Hockey Partners group impressed the board’s executive committee in October with a plan that had all

the ingredients the NHL was looking for. Strong ownership led by billionaire David Bonderman and producer Jerry Bruckheimer, a downtown arena in a sports-crazed city and a season-ticket drive that drummed up 10,000 orders

in 12 minutes all cleared the way for the NHL to add another team less than three years after approving a franchise in Las Vegas.

The owners will pay a \$650 million expansion fee, up from the \$500 million the Vegas Golden Knights paid to join the league. The NHL will also realign its two divisions in the West for the 2021-22 season: Seattle will play the Pacific, home to its closest geographic rivals like Vancouver, Calgary and San Jose, and the Arizona Coyotes will move to the Central Division.

The remarkable debut by Vegas in 2017, which included a run to the Stanley Cup Final, gave the league more confidence about moving forward so quickly.

Seattle will benefit from the same expansion draft rules Vegas had. Its front office is expected to be led by Dave Tippett, a former coach who would lead the search for the club’s first general manager and staff. Tippett signed on to the project because of a connection to president and

CEO Tod Leiweke, a major force in delivering an NHL team to Seattle.

Leiweke got his start in hockey with the Minnesota Wild. He also worked in Vancouver and most recently helped build Tampa Bay into a powerhouse in the Eastern Conference. Leiweke left the Lightning in 2015 to become the COO of the NFL and didn’t have any interest in leaving the league office until the project in Seattle began to gain traction.

Leiweke’s job will be to capitalize on a market whose demographics have changed significantly since he left the NFL’s Seahawks in 2010 after being largely responsible for the team hiring coach Pete Carroll. Seattle is the largest market in the country without a winter pro sports franchise and has seen an influx of wealth in recent years. Even when he was running the Seahawks, Leiweke believed Seattle was ripe for the NHL and the response to the season-ticket drive only strengthened that belief.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

US to suspend nuclear pact, alleges Russia cheating

BRUSSELS — The United States will suspend its obligations under a landmark nuclear treaty in 60 days in response to Russia’s alleged violation of the pact, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said today.

Pompeo announced the decision after NATO allies meeting in Brussels supported Washington’s contention that Russia violated the terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

“We either bury our head in the sand or we take common-sense action,” he said.

Accusing Russia of “cheating at its arms control obligations,” Pompeo said a six-month notice period for leaving the treaty would start in 60 days.

President Donald Trump previously threatened to withdraw from the treaty signed by Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Washington alleges Russia’s new SSC8 missile system contravenes the Cold War-era treaty, which bans all land-based cruise missiles with a range between 300 and 3,410 miles.

Pompeo said Washington “would welcome a Russian change of heart” but that he has seen no indication Moscow is likely to comply.

Earlier today, foreign ministers from other NATO member countries said in a statement that they “strongly support the finding of the United States that Russia is in material breach of its obligations” under the arms pact.

They called on Russia “to return urgently to full and verifiable compliance. It is now up to Russia to preserve the INF Treaty.”

Russia’s new SSC8 missile system is of major concern to NATO allies. The U.S. has shared intelligence evidence that the ground-fired cruise missile could give Moscow the ability to launch a nuclear strike in Europe with little or no notice.

White House hails China trade truce as skeptics raise doubts

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is celebrating the 90-day truce it reached in its trade war with China as a significant breakthrough despite scant details, a hazy timetable and widespread skepticism that Beijing will yield to U.S. demands anytime soon.

“This is just an enormous, enormous event,” Larry Kudlow, President Donald Trump’s top economic adviser, said Monday of the cease-fire that Trump and President Xi Jinping reached over the weekend on the sidelines of an international economic summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina. “This one covers so much ground in some detail, we’ve never seen this before.”

Yet investors appeared to sour on the deal today, sending the Dow Jones industrial average plummeting 565 points, or 2.1 percent, in midday trading. Concerns over future economic growth also helped drive the decline.

And many economists raised doubts that very much could be achieved within three months.

“The actual amount of concrete progress made at this meeting appears to have been quite limited,” Alec Phillips and other economists at Goldman Sachs wrote in a research note.

Trump today renewed his threats to impose tariffs on Chinese goods if a broader trade deal isn’t reached over the next three months.

During the talks in Buenos Aires, Trump agreed to delay a scheduled escalation in U.S. tariffs on many Chinese goods, from 10 percent to 25 percent, that had been set to take effect Jan. 1. Instead, the two sides are to negotiate over U.S. complaints about China’s trade practices, notably that it has used predatory tactics to try to achieve supremacy in technology. These practices, according to the administration and outside analysts, include stealing intellectual property and forcing companies to turn over technology to gain access to China’s market.

In return for the postponement in the higher U.S. tariffs, China agreed to step up its purchases of U.S. farm, energy and industrial goods, the White House said.

Most economists noted that the two countries remain far apart on the biggest areas of disagreement, which include Beijing’s subsidies for strategic Chinese industries, in addition to forced technology transfers and intellectual property theft.

Climate talks shift to nitty-gritty details of Paris accord

KATOWICE, Poland — Negotiators at the U.N. climate talks got down to the nitty-gritty task today of finalizing the rules for the Paris accord, a landmark agreement by countries three years ago to curb global warming.

The 2015 accord set a goal of keeping average global temperature increases well below 3.6 Fahrenheit by the end of the century. Scientists say the deal’s most ambitious goal — limiting the rise to 2.7 degrees — is still feasible, but increasingly challenging.

The two-week meeting brings together diplomats from almost 200 countries, often with differing agendas. Some, such as the small Pacific islands, are pressing for urgent and drastic action, especially from developed countries, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Others, such as the European Union, agree on the need to cut emissions but want to ensure all countries contribute a fair share.

The U.S. is also taking part, despite announcing last year that it’s pulling out of the Paris accord.

Decisions on crunch issues, which may include financial aid for poor countries, are expected to be left to ministers when they gather at the domed conference venue in the southern Polish city of Katowice next week.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who issued a dramatic appeal to governments Monday to confront the threat of unchecked climate change, said he hopes the event in Poland will serve as a stepping stone for a meeting of leaders he is convening on the sidelines of next year’s General Assembly.

Guterres said he hopes to have progress by then on efforts to mobilize \$100 billion to help

developing nations reduce their emissions and adapt to climate change.

Sex offender Epstein settles suit, averting victim testimony

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A last-minute settlement was reached today in a long-running Florida lawsuit involving a politically connected financier accused of sexually abusing dozens of teenage girls, clearing the way for the victims’ lawyers to try to unravel a once-secret agreement that prevented federal criminal prosecution of the financier.

The non-prosecution agreement protecting Jeffrey Epstein was negotiated a decade ago by prosecutors in the South Florida U.S. attorney’s office, which was then run by current Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta. It is the subject of a separate federal lawsuit in Florida filed by victims who say the deal trampled their rights to be heard.

“That injustice needs to be addressed and will be addressed,” said attorney Jack Scarola, who represents fellow lawyer Bradley Edwards in the lawsuit settled today. “There is no justification for the broad scope of immunity that was granted.”

Epstein, 65, pleaded guilty in 2008 to two state charges after reaching the non-prosecution deal with Acosta’s office while under investigation for sexually abusing dozens of teenage girls. He served 13 months in jail, was required to reach financial settlements with many of the victims and registered as a convicted sex offender.

But Epstein could have faced a possible life sentence if federal prosecutors had pursued a draft 57-page indictment that was never filed. Now, Scarola and Edwards say that possibility still exists, and the victims — some of whom were only 13 or 14 when they were molested — may yet get their day in federal court amid a national #metoo movement that seeks to hold sexual harassers and abusers to account.

“They’re willing to talk. They want to share their stories,” Edwards said.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE													
Evening listings TUESDAY													
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A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach													
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 "The Ride Along" (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
5 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 "The Ride Along" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
6 KING	5	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice "Live Top 10 Eliminations" (N)	Sat. Night Live "Christmas" Classic Christmas-related sketches are featured. (N)	Sat. Night Live "Christmas" Classic Christmas-related sketches are featured. (N)	Sat. Night Live "Christmas" Classic Christmas-related sketches are featured. (N)	Sat. Night Live "Christmas" Classic Christmas-related sketches are featured. (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
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6 KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Tailing Angle" (N)	FBI "Compromised" (N)	NCIS: New O. "Risk Assessment" (N)	NCIS: New O. "Risk Assessment" (N)	NCIS: New O. "Risk Assessment" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
8 KGW	5	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "Live Top 10 Eliminations" (N)	Sat. Night Live "Christmas" Classic Christmas-related sketches are featured. (N)	Sat. Night Live "Christmas" Classic Christmas-related sketches are featured. (N)	Sat. Night Live "Christmas" Classic Christmas-related sketches are featured. (N)	Sat. Night Live "Christmas" Classic Christmas-related sketches are featured. (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
9 KRCW	3	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "What's Past is Prologue" (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)		Rick Steves' The Hol Rick explores Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Bethlehem.		Ken Burns: The Civil War America's most destructive, and defining, conflict.					
12 KPTV	12	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Gifted "gaMe changer" (N)	Lethal Weapon "Bad Santas" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)					
13 KPDV	13	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Lethal Weapon "Bad Santas" (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game		
13 KCPQ	13	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Gifted "gaMe changer" (N)	Lethal Weapon "Bad Santas" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons		
20 TBS	20	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Guest (N)	Conan "Conan Without Borders: Israel"			
28 KZJO	22	Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29 ESPN	29	NCAA Basketball Jimmy V Classic Florida vs. West Virginia Site: Madison Square Garden (L)				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)					
30 ESPN2	30	30 for 30 "Survive and Advance"				SportsCenter (N)	College Football	Around the Horn	Interruption	First Take The hottest topics in sports are debated.			
31 NICK	31	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	(3:5) Friends
32 DISN	32	Coop & Cami	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home 1/2	Raven's Home 2/2	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home
34 FAM	34	Movie	(5:0) *** The Santa Clause (1994, Comedy) Judge Reinhold, Wendy Crewson, Tim Allen.			(5:5) *** The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (07) Martin Short, Tim Allen.						The 700 Club	
35 FMC	35	Movie	(5:30) *** The Santa Clause (1994, Comedy) Judge Reinhold, Wendy Crewson, Tim Allen.			(5:5) *** Rocky Balboa (06) Burt Young, Sylvester Stallone.							
36 LIFE	36	Jingle Belle (2018, Romance) Cornelius Smith Jr., Loretta Devine, Tatyana Ali.				First Sight "Change for the Better"		Married 1st "Change for the Better" (N)	(05) First Sight "Routine Maintenance"			(05) HoneyimIsland "Family Matters" (N)	
39 ROOT	38	Rodeo Chase Hawks Rough Stock	Champions Tennis	Champions Classic QQQ Series		DFL Soccer FSV Mainz at Fortuna Düsseldorf						Press Pass	In Depth
39 FS1	39	(5:30) NCAA Basketball UT at El Paso vs Marquette (L)		NFL Films		Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)	UFC Knockouts	UFC "231: Holloway vs. Ortega"		NCAA Basketball N.H./Set. Hall	
43 SPIKE	43	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master (N)		The Mummy Returns Brendan Fraser.	
44 COM	44	(1:15) The Office 2/2	(5:0) The Office "Back From Vacation"		(2:5) The Office	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	The Daily Show (N) The Office	
45 HIST	45	(5:30) Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island "Gold Rush"	Curse of Oak Island	"Depth Perception"	Behind the Dig (N)		Oak Island "A Legacy Revealed" (N)	(05) Brothers in Arms (N)	(05) Oak Island "A Legacy Revealed"		(05) Oak Island "A Legacy Revealed"	
46 A&E	46	First 48 "Rearview Killer/ Point Blank"	L. Remini "The Rise of David Miscavige"		Remini: Scientology	"Star Witness"		Remini: Scientology "Spies Like Us"	The Devil Next Door (N)	(05) DevilNxtDoor "Get the Devils Out"		(05) DevilNxtDoor "Get the Devils Out"	
47 TLC	47	Four Weddings "...and Dracula's Castle"	7 Little Johnstons	"Fish Balls"		7 Johnstons "A Tale of Two Rivers"	The Little Couple Little people Bill and Jen adjust to married life.					7 Little Johnstons "Fish Balls"	
48 DISC	48	Rat Rods "Iron Man and the Mullet"	Rat Rods "The Real Iron Man Revealed"			Vegas Rat Rods "Big Bad Bus" (N)	Vegas Rat Rods "Bussin' Out" (N)		Garage Rehab	To Be Announced			
49 NGOE	49	Port Protection "The Odyssey"	Life Below Zero "Trial by Fire"			Life Below Zero "Need to Feed" (N)	Life-0 "Window of Opportunity" (N)		Live Free "Wisdom of the Wild" (N)			Life Below Zero "Need to Feed"	
50 TNT	50	(5:45) *** Act of Valor (2012, Action) Roselyn Sanchez, Nestor Serrana, Alex Veadov.				*** Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Pena, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.							
51 AMC	51	(5:30) *** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (71) Gene Wilder.				*** The Polar Express (04) Voices of Leslie Zemeckis, Eddie Deezen, Tom Hanks.							
52 USA	52	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown				Real Country "Country Loving" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family
53 FOOD	53	Chopped "\$50,000 Tournament: Part 4"	Chopped			Chopped "Holiday Reality Check"		Chopped "Holly Jolly Grandmas" (N)		Chopped "Holiday Cooking"		Chopped "Celebrity Holiday Bash"	
54 HGTV	54	Fixer Upper "All-American Farmhouse"	Fixer Upper "Chip and Jo's Breakfast Joint"			Fixer Upper		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
58 FX	57	*** What Happens in Vegas (08) Ashton Kutcher, Keri Corrdy, Cameron Diaz.				*** Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell.				*** Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell.			
57 CNN	56	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	Profit "An Inside Look: Stein Meats" (N)		The Profit (N)		Profit "Showdown at Standard Burger"		The Profit "An Inside Look: Stein Meats" (N)		The Profit		Paid Program	Paid Program
63 BRAV	63	Below Deck "New Kids on the Dock"		B.Deck "Flesh Wounds are not Five Star"		Below Deck "Insult to Injury"		Below Deck (N)		Unanchored "D*ck of the Day" (N)		Watch What (N)	Below Deck
64 TCM	64	(5:00) Norma Rae (79, True) Sally Field.		(1:15) Boys Town (1938, Drama) Spencer Tracy, Henry Hull, Mickey Rooney.				*** Sister Kenny (46, True Story) Dean Jagger, Alexander Knox, Rosalind Russell.		(1:15) Blossoms in the Dust			
65 SYFY	65	(4:30) Ant-Man (2015, Action) Paul Rudd.		*** Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007, Adventure) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.				Nightflyers (N)		(5:5) *** The Last Witch Hunter (15) Rose Leslie, Vin Diesel.			
162 RFD	162	(5:30) Cattlemen (N)	LandLeader TV	Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox Pt. 1 of 2	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen		LandLeader TV	Product Showcase	