

# Trump Foundation reaches deal to dissolve amid lawsuit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's charitable foundation reached a deal this week to go out of business, even as Trump continues to fight allegations he misused its assets to resolve business disputes and boost his run for the White House.

New York's attorney general and lawyers for the Trump Foundation agreed on a court-supervised process for shutting down the charity and distributing about \$1.7 million in remaining funds to other nonprofit groups.

The agreement resolved one part of the legal drama surrounding Trump, whose campaign, transition, inauguration and real estate empire are all under investigation.

Attorney General Barbara Underwood's lawsuit alleging Trump and his family illegally operated the foundation as an extension of his businesses and his presidential campaign will continue.

The lawsuit, filed last

spring, seeks \$2.8 million in restitution and a 10-year ban on Trump and his three eldest children — Donald Jr., Eric and Ivanka — from running any charities in New York.

In a statement, Underwood cited "a shocking pattern of illegality involving the Trump Foundation — including unlawful coordination with the Trump presidential campaign, repeated and willful self-dealing, and much more."

The foundation operated as "little more than a checkbook to serve Mr. Trump's business and political interests," she said.

Trump lashed out today at New York Democrats over their efforts to shut down the foundation, tweeting it has "done great work and given away lots of money."

He tweeted that Underwood "does little else but rant, rave & politic against me." He called former state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman a "sleazebag," and he complained



Barbara Underwood



AP Photo/Patrick Semansky

Donald Trump stages a check presentation from his foundation to support Siouxsland Soldiers during a 2016 campaign event in Sioux City, Iowa.

that the state's attorney general-elect, Letitia James, "openly campaigned on a GET TRUMP agenda."

Trump also criticized New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who wasn't involved in the lawsuit but praised it. "Will never be treated fairly by these people," he said, "a total double standard of justice."

Lawyers for the foundation have said any infractions were minor.

Trump pledged to dissolve the three-decade-old

foundation and donate its funds to charity after his 2016 election, but that was only after it found itself under investigation in New York state. The attorney general's office said it would have been "unacceptable" to let the foundation fold without close supervision from a judge.

Trump Foundation lawyer Alan Futterfas said the nonprofit has distributed approximately \$19 million over the past decade, including \$8.25 million of

the president's own money, to hundreds of charitable organizations.

The agreement was reached after a New York judge last month rejected arguments from the foundation's lawyers that the lawsuit was politically motivated and should be thrown out.

Once the judge approves the deal to dissolve the charity, the two sides will have 30 days to provide her with a list of nonprofit organizations that should get the remaining funds. Each charity will get the same amount, and the attorney general's office will have the right to reject ones it deems unfit to receive funds.

In her lawsuit, Underwood alleged that Trump used the foundation to help bolster his campaign by giving out big grants of other's people money to veteran organizations during the run-up to the Iowa caucuses, the first presidential nominating contest of 2016.

Trump was also accused of directing that \$100,000 in foundation money be used to settle legal claims over an

80-foot flagpole he had built at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, instead of paying the expense out of his own pocket.

In addition, the foundation paid \$158,000 to resolve a lawsuit over a prize for a hole-in-one contest at a Trump-owned golf course; \$10,000 to buy a 6-foot (1.8-meter) portrait of Trump at a charity auction; and \$5,000 for ads promoting Trump's hotels in the programs for charitable events.

Underwood sued the Trump Foundation after taking over for fellow Democrat Eric Schneiderman, who resigned in May amid allegations he abused women. Schneiderman started investigating the foundation in 2016 and ordered it to stop fundraising in New York after The Washington Post reported that some of its spending personally benefited the presidential candidate.

Underwood has referred her office's findings to the IRS and the Federal Election Commission. Those agencies have not commented on the matter.

## WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

### Official: US to withdraw all American troops in Syria

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration will withdraw all of the approximately 2,000 American troops in Syria, according to a U.S. official, as the White House declared victory Wednesday in the mission to defeat Islamic State militants there.

Planning for the pullout has begun and troops will begin leaving as soon as possible. President Donald Trump said American forces no longer were needed in a country torn apart by long-running civil war.

Trump has said since he was a presidential candidate that he wanted to bring back troops from the Middle East. But officials have said in recent weeks that pockets of IS militants remain. U.S. policy has been that American forces would stay in place until the extremists were eradicated.

In addition, Pentagon and other officials have said that U.S. troops were countering Iran-backed militants in Syria, which was an expansion of the U.S. mission.

Reports of an abrupt withdrawal drew quick criticism from Congress. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said a full and rapid removal of troops would be a "grave error with broader implications" beyond the fight against IS.

### Sweeping criminal justice bill passed by Senate

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a sweeping criminal justice bill Tuesday that addresses concerns that the nation's war on drugs had led to the imprisonment of too many Americans for non-violent crimes without adequately preparing them for their return to society.

Senate passage of the bill by a vote of 87-12 culminates years of negotiations and gives President Donald Trump a signature policy victory, with the outcome hailed by scores of conservative and liberal advocacy groups. The House is expected to pass the bill this week, sending it to the president's desk for his signature.

The bill gives judges more discretion when sentencing some drug offenders and boosts prisoner rehabilitation efforts. It also reduces the life sentence for some drug offenders with three convictions, or "three strikes," to 25 years. Another provision would allow about 2,600 federal prisoners sentenced for crack cocaine offenses before August 2010 the opportunity to petition for a reduced penalty.

"America is the greatest Country in the world and my job is to fight for ALL citizens, even those who have made mistakes," Trump tweeted moments after the vote.

The vote also thrilled Democrats. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., said the nation's pris-

ons are full of Americans who are struggling with mental illness and addiction, and who are overwhelmingly poor. He said the nation's criminal justice system "feeds on certain communities and not on others," and said the bill represents a step toward "healing" for those communities.

### Senate to vote on funding bill, easing shutdown threat

WASHINGTON — The Senate is preparing to vote today on a short-term measure to fund the government through Feb. 8, a move that eases the risk of a shutdown and comes only after President Donald Trump backed off his demand for border wall funds.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced the quick turn of events, saying it was a "simple" bill but will show that Republicans, who have majority control of Congress, will finish the year by governing rather than prolonging a potential crisis.

He also lashed out at Democrats, who are taking control of the House in January, for failing to give Trump any of the \$5 billion the president wanted for the wall along the U.S. southern border with Mexico.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Democrats would support the measure. Democrats oppose Trump's border demands because the wall is "inefficient" and because Trump promised on the campaign trail that

Mexico would pay for the wall, which Mexico has refused to do, he added.

Congress kicked into motion on a funding bill once the White House shifted its rhetoric Tuesday after days of impasse that threatened to force a partial government shutdown. Without a resolution, more than 800,000 government workers could be furloughed or sent to work without pay beginning at midnight Friday, disrupting government operations days before Christmas.

### US reviews report of imports from forced labor in China camp

BEIJING — The U.S. government said Tuesday that it is reviewing reports of forced labor at a Chinese internment camp where ethnic minorities are sewing clothes that have been shipped to the U.S. market.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement that reporting by The Associated Press and other media "for the first time appears to link the internment camps identified in Western China to the importation of goods produced by forced labor by a U.S. company."

The AP tracked shipments from a factory in a camp in China's far western Xinjiang region to Badger Sportswear in North Carolina. The company ships clothing to universities, colleges and schools around the United States.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING													A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach		DECEMBER 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 Fortune (N)	Olaf's Frozen	Shrek the Halls	Modern Family	Single Parents	The Goldbergs	Amer. Housewife	News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Olaf's Frozen	Shrek the Halls	Modern Family	Single Parents	The Goldbergs	Amer. Housewife	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	LEGO Jurassic W.	LEGO Jurassic W.	GmeNight "Ho Ho Holiday Game Night"		Pentatonix: Not So Silent Night	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show				
5	KOIN	(7) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor: David vs. Goliath (SF) (N)		Survivor "Reunion Show" (N)		Survivor "Reunion Show" (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert				
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor: David vs. Goliath (SF) (N)		Survivor "Reunion Show" (N)		Survivor "Reunion Show" (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert				
7	KGW	(9) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	LEGO Jurassic W.	LEGO Jurassic W.	GmeNight "Ho Ho Holiday Game Night"		Pentatonix: Not So Silent Night	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show				
8	KRCV	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer	Penn&Teller "Let's Hear It for the Kids"	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half					
9	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Mystery Monkeys of Shangri-La"	Nova "Ghosts of Stonehenge"	Ancient Invisibles "Cairo"		City in the Sky "Airborne"						
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "Pride"	Star "A Family Affair"	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV					
11	KPDV	(12) 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					
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Pride"	Star "A Family Affair"	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons					
13	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Full Frontal	(35) Real Steel				
14	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half					
15	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Football	Frisco Bowl San Diego State vs. Ohio University Site: Toyota Stadium Texas (L)	SportsCenter (N)	NFL Live	SportsCenter Scott Van Pelt presents the day in sports. (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)						
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball	UCLA at Cincinnati (L)	SportsCenter (N)	NFL Live	SportsCenter Scott Van Pelt presents the day in sports. (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)						
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	iCarly	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
18	KPDV	(32) Bizaardvark	Coop & Cami	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home 3/3	Raven's Home	Coop & Cami	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home			
19	FAM	(34) (5:05) The Santa Clause	(94) Tim Allen.	(10) *** The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause	(07) Martin Short, Tim Allen.	(15) **** The Incredibles (2004, Animated)	Voices of Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, Craig T. Nelson.	(10) FXM Presents	Non-Stop (2014, Thriller)	Julianne Moore, Michelle Dockery, Liam Neeson.	(14) FXM Presents					
20	FMC	(35) Movie	(5:0) *** Independence Day: Resurgence	(16, Action)	Maika Monroe, Jeff Goldblum, Liam Hemsworth.	(10) FXM Presents	Non-Stop (2014, Thriller)	Julianne Moore, Michelle Dockery, Liam Neeson.	(14) FXM Presents							
21	LIFE	(36) The Flight Before Christmas	(15) Ryan McPartlin, Mayim Bialik.	A Christmas in Tennessee	(18) Andrew Walker, Rachel Boston.	(05) Poinsettias for Christmas	(18) Marcus Rosner, Bethany Joy Lenz.									
22	ROOT	(38) Snow Motion	WCC All-Access	NCAA Basketball	UT-Arlington at Gonzaga	Press Pass (N)	In Depth (N)	FIA Auto Racing Ad Diriyah E-Prix	NCAA Basketball	Presbyterian at Butler						
23	FS1	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball	Connecticut vs. Oklahoma (L)	Inside PBC Boxing (N)		PBC Countdown	TMZ Sports (N)	NFL Turning Point	Inside PBC Boxing							
24	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	*** Forrest Gump	(1994, Comedy/Drama)	Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.				*** Forrest Gump	(94, Com/Dra)	Sally Field, Tom Hanks.				
25	KOMI	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	The Office 2/2			
26	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire	"The Katzbalger"	Forged in Fire	"The Scottish Claymore"	Vikings "A New God"	Vikings "The Lost Moment" (N)	Forged in Fire	"Ring Hilted Sword" (N)	Forged in Fire	"The Glave Guisarme"					
27	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(05) Storage Wars	(35) Storage Wars				
28	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life	"Tara's Story"	My 600-lb Life	"Susan's Story"	Dr. Pimple Popper	"The 12 Pops of Christmas"	Crazy Obsession	Family by the Ton	"The Big Reveal"	My 600-lb Life	"James' Story"				
29	DISC	(48) (5:00) Border Live	"December 5, 2018"	Border Live		Border Live	Border Live	Border Live	Bill Weir tracks action at the U.S.-Mexico border. (N)	To Be Announced						
30	NGEO	(49) Alaska Troopers	"Too Drunk to Drive"	State Troop.	"Grizzly-pendence Day"	Trooper "Hammered on the Holiday"	State Troop.	"Moonshine Mayhem" (N)	Alaska State Troopers "Ice Patrol"	Trooper "Hammered on the Holiday"						
31	TNT	(50) *** Law Abiding Citizen	(09, Cri) Gerard Butler, Colm Meaney, Jamie Foxx.	London Has Fallen (2016, Action)	Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.	*** Olympus Has Fallen	(13) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.									
32	AMC	(51) (5:00) Jingle All the Way	*** National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation	(89) Chevy Chase.	(15) *** National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation	(89) Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid, Chevy Chase.	Gremlins	(84)								
33	USA	(52) (5:30) Law&O: SVU	Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Pretend"	** Ant-Man (2015, Action)	Michael Douglas, Evangeline Lilly, Paul Rudd.				WWE 2018 Year End (N)	BoJack (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family			
34	FOOD	(53) Guy's Game	"Triple G Redemption"	Guy's Grocery Games	"Spiciest!"	Guy's Game "Food Network Star Duos"	Guy's Game "S12 Meal Showdown" (N)	Guy's Game "Holly, Jolly Meals"	Guy's Game "Holly, Jolly Meals"	Guy's Game "DDD Holiday Showdown"						
35	HGTV	(54) Property Bros.	"Structural Opportunity"	Property Bros.	"Designing Memories"	Property Brothers "Wide Open Dreams"	Property Bros. "Family Fun House" (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property "Floored by the Renovation"						
36	FX	(56) (5:30) *** 21 Jump Street	(2012, Action)	Channing Tatum, Ice Cube, Jonah Hill.	*** 22 Jump Street	(2014, Action/Comedy)	Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Channing Tatum.			*** 22 Jump Street	(14) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum.					
37	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						
38	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity		The Ingraham Angle						
39	CNBC	(61) Deal No Deal	"Beard or No Beard" (N)	Deal No Deal	"Happy Howie Days" (N)	Deal or No Deal	"Beard or No Beard"	Deal or No Deal	"Happy Howie Days"	Deal or No Deal	"Happy Howie Days"	Paid Program	Paid Program			
40	BRAV	(63) Housewives NJ	"Reunion Part Three"	Housewives NJ	"Turkish Delights"	Wives NJ	"Last Fling Before the Ring"	Housewives NJ	"Brunch Gone Bad" (N)	Housewives NJ	"Brunch Gone Bad"	Watch What (N)	Housewives Atl.			
41	TCM	(64) Movie	(45) *** Oliver Twist	(1948, Adventure)	Alec Guinness, Kay Walsh, Robert Newton.	*** All Mine to Give	(57, Drama)	Cameron Mitchell, Rex Thompson, Glynis Johns.		Lili (1952, Musical)	Leslie Caron.					
42	SYFY	(65) Movie	(35) *** I Am Number Four	(2011, Action)	Timothy Olyphant, Dianna Agron, Alex Pettyfer.	*** Limitless	(2011, Mystery)	Anna Friel, Bradley Cooper.		The Cabin in the Woods						
43	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch (N)	Cowboy Moments	W. Rodeo (N)	Equestrian Nat.	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	WesternSport	Cash Cowboys	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase				

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