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Ending showdown with Pelosi, Trump postpones State of Union

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he is postponing his State of the Union address until the partial government shutdown ends, yielding after a week-long showdown with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Following a high-stakes game of dare and double-dare, Trump conceded Wednesday night that “no venue that can compete with the history, tradition and importance of the House Chamber.” He said he was not looking for an alternate option after Pelosi served notice earlier in the day that he wouldn’t be allowed to deliver the address to a joint session of Congress next week.

Pelosi had taken the step after Trump said he planned to show up in spite of Democratic objections to the speech taking place with large swaths of the government shut down.

Denied that grand venue, Trump promised to come up with some sort of alternative event. The White House scrambled to find a site matching the gravitas of the traditional address from the rostrum of the House to lawmakers from both parties, Supreme Court justices, invited guests and a television audience of millions.

“As the Shutdown was going on, Nancy Pelosi asked me to give the State of the Union Address. I agreed,” Trump tweeted shortly after 11 p.m. EST. “She then changed her mind because of the Shutdown, suggesting a later date. This is her prerogative — I will do the Address when the Shutdown is over.”

AP-NORC poll: 6 in 10 Americans blame Trump for shutdown

WASHINGTON — A strong majority of Americans blame President Donald Trump for the record-long government shutdown and reject his primary rationale for a border wall, according to a new poll that shows the turmoil in Washington is dragging his approval rating to its lowest level in more than a year.

Overall, 34 percent of Americans approve of Trump’s job performance in a survey conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. That’s down from 42 percent a month earlier and nears the lowest mark of his two-year presidency. The president’s approval among Republicans remains close to 80 percent, but his standing with independents is among its lowest points of his time in office.

“Trump is responsible for this,” said poll respondent Lloyd Rabalais, a federal contractor from Slidell, Louisiana, who’s not affiliated with either political party.

The 47-year-old has been furloughed for more than a month. He said he’d need to start drawing on his retirement savings next week to pay his bills if the shutdown continues.

“I do support a wall, but not the way he’s handling it,” Rabalais added. “Trump guaranteed everybody that Mexico would pay for the wall. Now he’s holding American workers like me hostage.”

Venezuela’s Guaido leaps from back-bench to center stage

CARACAS, Venezuela — The rise of Juan Guaido from back-bench obscurity to the U.S.-backed, self-declared interim president of Venezuela in just three weeks has



AP Photo/Fernando Llano
An anti-government protester covers her face with a Venezuelan flag, and uses toothpaste around her eyes to help lessen the effect of tear gas, during clashes with security forces after a rally demanding the resignation of President Nicolas Maduro.

Maduro faces off with US over Venezuela rival’s power claim

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelans headed into uncharted political waters today, with the young leader of a newly united and combative opposition claiming to hold the presidency and socialist President Nicolas Maduro digging in for a fight with the Trump administration.

Violence flared again Wednesday during big anti-government demonstrations across Venezuela, and at least seven protesters were reported killed in the escalating confrontation with Maduro, who has been increasingly accused of undemocratic behavior by the United States and many other nations in the region.

Juan Guaido, the new leader of the opposition-controlled National Assembly, turned up the heat by declaring himself interim president before a mass of demonstrators in Caracas. He said it is the only way to end the Maduro “dictatorship” in Venezuela, which has seen millions flee in recent years to escape sky-high inflation and food shortages.

“We know that this will have consequences,” Guaido shouted to the cheering crowd, then slipped away to an unknown location amid speculation that he would soon be arrested.

In a united and seemingly coordinated front, the U.S., Canada and some Latin American and European countries announced that they supported Guaido’s claim to the presidency.

been meteoric — and by his own recognition risky.

Few Venezuelans had even heard of the fresh-faced, 35-year-old lawmaker when he was plucked from anonymity and named as president of the opposition-controlled National Assembly in early January. The move set up a high-stakes standoff with President Nicolas Maduro, who is increasingly seen as a dictator both at home and abroad.

Instead of backing down, Guaido stunned Venezuelans on Wednesday by declaring himself interim president before cheering supporters in Venezuela’s capital, buoyed by massive anti-government protests. And support from President Donald Trump, Canada and numerous Latin American countries, along with the Organization of American States, immediately rolled in.

But even as he was symbolically sworn in, he foretold of dangers, telling supporters: “We know that this will have consequences.” Moments later he slipped away to an unknown location amid speculation he would soon be arrested. Last week, Venezuela’s feared SEBIN intelligence police pulled Guaido from his vehicle as he headed to a town hall meeting and briefly detained him. And the rival constitutional assembly controlled by Maduro’s allies threatened Guaido and others with an investigation for treason.

French minister announces Ghosn resignation from Renault

DAVOS, Switzerland — France’s finance minister says that Carlos Ghosn, who is fight-

ing breach of trust and other charges in Japan, has resigned as head of Renault.

Ghosn has been detained for more than two months in Japan.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said at the World Economic Forum in Davos today that Ghosn formally handed in his resignation to Renault’s temporary leadership on Wednesday evening.

The board of French carmaker Renault SA is expected to name Jean-Dominique Senard of Michelin as chairman, and Renault executive Thierry Bollore as CEO.

Ghosn denies Japanese accusations that he under-reported income as chairman of Nissan and falsifying financial reports.

Venezuela crisis looms over pope’s Central America visit

PANAMA CITY — Pope Francis has arrived in Panama amid a political crisis in nearby Venezuela, a migration standoff over the proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall and tens of thousands of wildly excited young Central Americans welcoming him.

As Francis opens his first full day today, all eyes will be on whether he refers to the upheaval in Venezuela when he addresses Panama’s president and later the region’s bishops.

Francis rounds out the day with his evening welcome to tens of thousands of young Catholics gathered for World Youth Day, the church’s big youth rally.

His visit is taking place against the backdrop of a new migrant caravan heading to the U.S.-Mexico border. The plight of migrants, as well as that of indigenous peoples, are

particularly close to Francis’ heart and are expected to feature into his remarks while in Panama.

As he flew from Rome on Wednesday, another issue closely watched by the Vatican erupted, with the president of Venezuela’s opposition-controlled National Assembly declaring himself interim president and a number of regional countries including the United States recognizing him.

Chefs and truck drivers beware: AI is coming for your jobs

Robots aren’t replacing everyone, but a quarter of U.S. jobs will be severely disrupted as artificial intelligence accelerates the automation of existing work, according to a new Brookings Institution report.

The report, published today, says roughly 36 million Americans hold jobs with “high exposure” to automation — meaning at least 70 percent of their tasks could soon be performed by machines using current technology. Among those most likely to be affected are cooks, waiters and others in food services; short-haul truck drivers; and clerical office workers.

“That population is going to need to upskill, reskill or change jobs fast,” said Mark Muro, a senior fellow at Brookings and lead author of the report.

Muro said the timeline for the changes could be “a few years or it could be two decades.” But it’s likely that automation will happen more swiftly during the next economic downturn. Businesses are typically eager to implement cost-cutting technology as they lay off workers.

Some economic studies have found similar shifts toward automating production happened in the early part of previous recessions — and may have contributed to the “jobless recovery” that followed the 2008 financial crisis.

Uncharted waters: Scientists to explore Indian Ocean depths

BREMEVERHAVEN, Germany — Scientists prepared today to embark on an unprecedented, years-long mission to explore the Indian Ocean and document changes taking place beneath the waves that could affect billions of people in the surrounding region over the coming decades.

The ambitious expedition will delve into one of the last major unexplored frontiers on the planet, a vast body of water that’s already feeling the effects of global warming. Understanding the Indian Ocean’s ecosystem is important not just for the species that live in it, but also for an estimated 2.5 billion people at home in the region — from East Africa, the Arabian peninsula, South and Southeast Asia.

The Nekton Mission, supported by over 40 organizations, will conduct further dives in other parts of the Indian Ocean over three years. The research will contribute to a summit on the state of the Indian Ocean planned for late 2021.

The Ocean Zephyr is preparing to leave Bremerhaven, Germany, on the first leg of trip. Researchers will spend seven weeks surveying underwater life, map the sea floor and drop sensors to depths of up to 2,000 meters in the seas around the Seychelles.

Little is known about the watery world below depths of 30 meters, which scientists from Britain and the Seychelles will be exploring with two crewed submarines and a remotely operated submersible in March and April.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN



TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										JANUARY 24	
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)	Grey's Anatomy "Help, I'm Alive" (N)		Little Things "The Day Before..." (N)		With Murder "Don't Go Dark on Me" (N)	News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Help, I'm Alive" (N)		Little Things "The Day Before..." (N)		With Murder "Don't Go Dark on Me" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Titan Games "Trials Four" (N)		Brooklyn 99 (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Revenge"	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Bang Theory	Fam (N)	S.W.A.T. "Fire and Smoke"	News (N)	(35) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Bang Theory	Fam (N)	S.W.A.T. "Fire and Smoke"	KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Titan Games "Trials Four" (N)		Brooklyn 99 (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Revenge"	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Damaged Goods" (N)		Legacies (N)		News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Family Travel	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(45) Midsomer "Not in My Back Yard"	(35) Masterpiece Mystery!	Wallander: The Troubled Man		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "Ruin" (N)		The Orville (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		9pm Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Ruin" (N)		The Orville (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Drop the Mic (N)	Joker's Wild (N)	Conan (N)	Brooklyn 99
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	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) NFL Football Pro Bowl Skills Showdown		Winter X Games Aspen 2019 (L)				SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Washington at Oregon (L)				NCAA Basketball St. Mary's College at BYU (L)				Winter X Games Aspen 2019			
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	★★ The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie ('04) Tom Kenny.			Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	By the Ton "The Kings: Cold Feet"	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) ★★★ Finding Nemo ('03) Voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks.		Siren "The Arrival" (SP) (N)		★★★ Brave ('12, Ani) Voices of Billy Connolly, Emma Thompson, Kelly Macdonald.		★★★ Evil Dead (2013, Horror) Shiloh Fernandez, Jane Levy.		(50) FXM Presents			
35	FMC	(35) (4:35) Kingsman: The Secret Service (2015, Action) Colin Firth, Samuel L. Jackson, Taron Egerton.		(55) FXM Presents		★★★ Evil Dead (2013, Horror) Shiloh Fernandez, Jane Levy.		(50) FXM Presents					
36	LIFE	(36) Bring It! "The Ultimate Captain's Battle"		Bring It! "Clash of the Titans"		Bring It! "A Dollhouse Abandoned" (N)		(05) The Rap Game (N)		DaBrat (N)	Bring It! (N)		
38	ROOT	(38) Champions Tennis Classics 2018 Champions Classic				NCAA Basketball Gonzaga at Santa Clara (L)				Poker Heartland Tour	NCAA Basketball Gonzaga vs S. Clara		
39	FS1	(39) NCAA Basketball Arizona at USC (L)				NCAA Basketball Arizona State at UCLA (L)				Fox College Hoops/PBC Press Conf.	NCAA Sports (N)	NCAA Basketball	
43	SPIKE	(43) ★★★ Pretty Woman (1990, Romance) Julia Roberts, Jason Alexander, Richard Gere.						Lip Sync Battle (N)	★★ Legally Blonde ('01, Com) Luke Wilson, Matthew Davis, Reese Witherspoon.		Movie		
44	COM	(44) (15) The Office (1:50) The Office "Frame Toby"		(25) The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office 1/2	The Office 2/2	Broad City (SP) (N)	Other Two (P) (N)	The Daily Show (N)	(35) Broad City
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers "On the Road Again"		American Pickers "Hyder's Hideaway"		American Pickers "Texas Treasures"		A. Pickers "Hungry Hungry Pickers" (N)	(05) Amer. Pickers "Bubba Gump Picks"	(05) Amer. Pickers "Picking Henry Ford"			
46	A&E	(46) The First 48		First 48 "Deadly Secrets and True Lies"		The First 48 "A Bad Run-In/ Inferno"		HomicideAtlanta "The Jealous Kind" (N)	60 Days "Y'all Thought I Was Nice" (N)	(05) The First 48			
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes to the Dress		By the Ton "The Kings: Cold Feet"		Dr. Pimple Popper "The Last Unicorn"		Pimple "Sisters Lumpty Lump" (N)	My 600-lb Life: Superized "Justin's Story" (N)				
48	DISC	(48) Building Off the Grid: Cob Cottage		Building Off the Grid: Yurts So Good		State Troop. "Meth Dealer Manhunt"		Building Off the Grid (N)	Building Off the Grid: Desert Domes	Off Grid Yellowstone			
49	NGEO	(49) Wild Colombia		The Himalayas		State Troop. "Operation Moose Decoy"		Life Below Zero "Threatening Tides" (N)	Life Below Zero "Threatening Tides" (N)	Off Grid Yellowstone			
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Golden State vs Washington (L)		NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center (L)				Inside the NBA (L)		NBA Basketball G.S./Was.			
51	AMC	(51) (5:55) ★★★ I Am Legend (2007, Sci-Fi) Alice Braga, April Grace, Will Smith.		★★★ Cast Away (2000, Drama) Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy, Tom Hanks.				Mill.Listing "Rumble in the 90210" (N)	Backyard Envy "To Bee or Not to Bee"	Watch What (N)	Million Dollar List		
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Twisted Sister"		NCIS "Jack Knife"		NCIS "Mother's Day"		NCIS "Double Identity"		NCIS "Jurisdiction"	NCIS "Guilty Pleasure"		
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Chopped "Epic Eats"		Chopped "Weird Twist"		Chopped "Deadly Catch"		Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play
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/Flop Nashville	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) ★★ Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising ('16) Rose Byrne, Seth Rogan.		★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 (2015, Comedy) Rebel Wilson, Elizabeth Banks, Anna Kendrick.				★★★ 22 Jump Street ('14) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum.					
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		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) (5:30) Million Listing "The Good Fight"		Listing "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"		Top Chef (N)		Mill.Listing "Rumble in the 90210" (N)	Backyard Envy "To Bee or Not to Bee"	Watch What (N)	Million Dollar List		
64	TCM	(64) Movie (4:45) Goliath and the Rebel Slave ('63) Ombretta Colli, Gordon Scott.				★ Terror of Rome Against the Son of Hercules ('64) Marilu Tolo, Mark Forest.				Hercules Against the Mongols ('63) Jose Greci, Mark Forest.			
65	SYFY	(65) (4:00) Ghost Rider		★★ Limitless (2011, Mystery) Anna Friel, Bradley Cooper.		★★ Ant-Man (2015, Action) Michael Douglas, Evangeline Lilly, Paul Rudd.				Deadly Class "Noise, Noise, Noise"			
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" (P) (N)		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	