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Oregon Sen. Merkley won't seek 2020 presidential nomination

SALEM — U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon has decided not to enter the increasingly crowded race for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination after months of consideration.

The large field of Democratic contenders for the White House was not a major factor in his decision, nor was an Oregon law that prevents him from being on the ballot for more than one elected office in any given year, Merkley said.

He decided he would be more effective running for his third term in the Senate than being a candidate for the presidency, he said.

He aims to fight anti-democracy moves including voter suppression, gerrymandering and dark money, he said. He also wants to focus on helping families by improving health care, education and access to living-wage jobs and on stemming climate change.

In just the past few days, former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and current Washington Gov. Jay Inslee launched their presidential bids, and Hillary Clinton and former Attorney General Eric Holder said they're not running.

House panel opens sweeping probe of President Trump, his associates

WASHINGTON — Democrats launched a sweeping new probe of President Donald Trump, an aggressive investigation that threatens to shadow the president through the 2020 election season with potentially damaging inquiries into his White House, campaign and family businesses.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler said Monday his panel was beginning the probe into possible obstruction of justice, corruption and abuse of power and is sending document requests to 81 people linked to the president and his associates.

The broad investigation could be setting the stage for an impeachment effort, although Democratic leaders have pledged to investigate all avenues and review special counsel Robert Mueller's upcoming report before trying any drastic action.

Trump denounced the probe today, tweeting that Nadler and other Democrats "have gone stone cold CRAZY. 81 letter sent to innocent people to harass them. They won't get ANYTHING done for our Country!"

Separate congressional probes are already swirling around the president, including an effort announced Monday by three other House Democratic chairmen to obtain information about private conversations between him and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Oregon joins states in suing over US abortion rule

SAN FRANCISCO — Oregon and 20 other Democratic-led states announced they were challenging the Trump administration's effort to set up obstacles for women seeking abortions, including barring taxpayer-funded family planning clinics from referring patients to abortion providers.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said Monday that the state filed its own federal lawsuit in San Francisco that aims to block a new family planning rule from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department. Opponents of the rule say it would shift millions of dollars from Planned Parenthood to faith-based family planning organizations.

Twenty states and Washington, D.C., said they would sue separately today. The states are Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Washington's Democratic attorney general also previ-



AP Photo/David Goldman

Carol Dean, right, cries as she sifts through the debris of the home she shared with her husband, David Wayne Dean, who died when a tornado destroyed the house in Beaugard, Ala.

23 dead and dozens are still missing in tornado-blasted Alabama community

BEAUREGARD, Ala. — Rescue crews using dogs and drones searched for victims amid splintered lumber and twisted metal Monday after the deadliest U.S. tornado in nearly six years ripped through a rural Alabama community. At least 23 people were killed, some of them children.

Dozens were missing in Lee County nearly a day after the twister struck, according to the sheriff, who said that crews had combed the hardest-hit areas but that other places had yet to be searched.

The winds Sunday afternoon obliterated numerous homes, leaving huge, jumbled piles of wood and household belongings. Some homes were reduced to concrete slabs. Debris was scattered across the countryside, with shredded metal hanging from the pine trees.

Volunteers used chain saws to clear paths for emergency workers. Neighbors and friends helped one another find some of their belongings in the ruins.

The National Weather Service said one and possibly two tornadoes struck the area, with a powerful EF-4 twister with winds estimated at 170 mph blamed for most of the destruction. It carved a path nearly a mile wide and 24 miles long.

ously said the state would challenge the rule.

The new rule also prohibits federally funded family planning clinics from being housed in the same place as abortion providers. Planned Parenthood and other groups representing the clinics say the physical separation of facilities would be costly and all but impossible to fulfill.

\$1.5 billion Mega Millions jackpot claimed in South Carolina

Lottery officials announced Monday that a South Carolina resident had stepped forward to claim the \$1.5 billion Mega Millions jackpot from last October — the largest jackpot payout to a single winner in U.S. history — but elected to remain anonymous.

The person submitting the claim for what was the second-largest lottery in U.S. history has chosen the cash option, a one-time payment of nearly \$878,000,000.

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TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING				A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										MARCH 5
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) News (N)	News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Bachelor "The Women Tell All" Colton faces the women he rejected. (N)	The Bachelor "The Women Tell All" Colton faces the women he rejected. (N)	The Bachelor "The Women Tell All" Colton faces the women he rejected. (N)	The Bachelor "The Women Tell All" Colton faces the women he rejected. (N)	The Rookie "Manhunt" (N)	News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Voice "The Blind Auditions Part Four" (N)	This Is Us "The Graduates" (N)	New Amsterdam "Croaklahoma" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show				
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Bears and Cubs" (N)	FBI "Invisible" (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Survivor" (N)	News (N)	(:35) Colbert			
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Bears and Cubs" (N)	FBI "Invisible" (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Survivor" (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	(:35) Colbert				
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Bears and Cubs" (N)	FBI "Invisible" (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Survivor" (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	(:35) Colbert				
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)	Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Flash "The Blind Auditions Part Four" (N)	This Is Us "The Graduates" (N)	New Amsterdam "Croaklahoma" (N)	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half			
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Flash "King Shark vs. Gorilla Grodd" (N)	Roswell New Mex. "I Saw the Sign" (N)	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half			
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Finding Your Roots "The Impression"	Dunkirk "Retreat"	Dunkirk "Evacuation"	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV				
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef Celebrity Culinary skills of celebrity competitors are tested.	8pm Prime News (N)	9pm Prime News (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	Big Bang Theory Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game			
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef Celebrity Culinary skills of celebrity competitors are tested.	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	Big Bang Theory MiracleWork (N)	Conan (N)	The Simpsons	Miracle Workers			
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef Celebrity Culinary skills of celebrity competitors are tested.	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	The Simpsons	Miracle Workers			
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half			
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) NCAA Basketball (L)	NCAA Basketball (L)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball (L)	NCAA Basketball (L)	NCAA Basketball Nevada (Reno) at Air Force (L)	Ariel Helwani's MMA Show (N)	NCAA Basketball Nevada (Reno) at Air Force (L)	Ariel Helwani's MMA Show (N)	Ariel Helwani's MMA Show (N)	Ariel Helwani's MMA Show (N)	Now or Never (N)	UFC Archival	UFC Archival		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	K.C. Undercover	Andi Mack		
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	K.C. Undercover	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Raven's Home	Gravity Falls	K.C. Undercover	Andi Mack		
34	FAM	(34) **** Toy Story (1995, Animated)	Voices of Tim Allen, Don Rickles, Tom Hanks.	Good Trouble	"Willful Blindness" (N)	Good Trouble	"Willful Blindness" (N)	*** Home Alone (1990, Comedy)	Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Macaulay Culkin.	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (4:40) After Earth (c35) ★ After Earth (2013, Adventure)	Jaden Smith, David Denman, Will Smith.	Money Monster (2016, Drama)	George Clooney, Jack O'Connell, Julia Roberts.	Money Monster (2016, Drama)	George Clooney, Jack O'Connell, Julia Roberts.	(c25) Money Monster (16, Dra)	George Clooney, Julia Roberts.	Married (N) / (:10) Married	Married (N) / (:10) Married	Married (N) / (:10) Married		
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "I Saw What I Saw"	Married "The Past and The Furious"	Love Unlocked (N)	Married at (N)	Married "D Day Comes Early" (N)	Live Wedding "Tiffany and Jesse" (N)	Married (N) / (:10) Married	Married (N) / (:10) Married	Married (N) / (:10) Married	Married (N) / (:10) Married	Married (N) / (:10) Married		
38	ROOT	(38) NCAA Basketball Utah State at Colorado State (L)	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 3A Championship		
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) Soccer SheBelieves Cup (L)	PBA Bowling Jonesboro Open	TMZ Sports (N)	Soccer SheBelieves Cup	Soccer SheBelieves Cup	Soccer SheBelieves Cup	Soccer SheBelieves Cup	Soccer SheBelieves Cup	Soccer SheBelieves Cup	Soccer SheBelieves Cup	Soccer SheBelieves Cup		
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	**** John Wick (2014, Action)	Adriane Palicki, Bridget Moynahan, Keanu Reeves.	**** John Wick: Chapter 2 (17) Common, Keanu Reeves.	**** John Wick: Chapter 2 (17) Common, Keanu Reeves.	**** John Wick: Chapter 2 (17) Common, Keanu Reeves.	**** John Wick: Chapter 2 (17) Common, Keanu Reeves.	**** John Wick: Chapter 2 (17) Common, Keanu Reeves.		
44	COM	(44) Parks and Rec	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office		
45	HIST	(45) The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island		
46	A&E	(46) Hoarders "Becky/Clare"	Hoarders "Peggy and Ed and Connie"	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)	Hoarders "Andy and Becky" Andy and Becky live among 250 tons of hoard. (SP)		
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes to the Dress "Bionic Bride"	My Big Fat Fabulous Life	My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)	My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)	I Am Jazz "Enemy in the Family" (N)	Dr. Pimple Popper "This Is Zit"	Dr. Pimple Popper "This Is Zit"	Dr. Pimple Popper "This Is Zit"	Dr. Pimple Popper "This Is Zit"	Dr. Pimple Popper "This Is Zit"	Dr. Pimple Popper "This Is Zit"		
48	DISC	(48) Garage Rehab "Quick Stop Auto Repair"	Garage Rehab "Low Life Industries"	Garage Rehab "Zurba Industries" (N)	Garage "American Garage Part 1" (N)	American Chopper "SPLAT!" (N)	Chopper "Web Bike: Special Edition"	Chopper "Web Bike: Special Edition"	Chopper "Web Bike: Special Edition"	Chopper "Web Bike: Special Edition"	Chopper "Web Bike: Special Edition"	Chopper "Web Bike: Special Edition"		
49	NGEO	(49) Story God "Why Does Evil Exist?"	Story God "The Beginning and the End"	The Story of God "Prophecy" (N)	Story God "Search for the Devil" (N)	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA		
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Toronto Raptors (L)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors Site: Oracle Arena -- Oakland, Calif. (L)	**** The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action)	Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	**** The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action)	Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	**** The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action)	Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	**** The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action)	Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.	**** The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action)		
51	AMC	(51) (4:55) *** Die Hard (1988, Action)	Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia, Bruce Willis.	WWE Super Smackdown	Chopped	WWE Super Smackdown	Chopped	WWE Super Smackdown	Chopped	WWE Super Smackdown	Chopped	WWE Super Smackdown		
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Strain"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Raw"	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped		
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped		
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer "A Classic, Traditional Beauty"	Fixer Upper "Rock Star Renovation"	Rehab "To Sell or Not to Sell"	Rehab "Roof-raising Race for Space" (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)		
56	FX	(56) ** The Secret Life of Pets (16, Animated)	Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart, Louis C.K.	Sing (2016, Animated)	Voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane, Matthew McConaughey.	Sing (2016, Animated)	Voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane, Matthew McConaughey.	Sing (2016, Animated)	Voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane, Matthew McConaughey.	Sing (2016, Animated)	Voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane, Matthew McConaughey.	Sing (2016, Animated)		
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time	Cuomo Prime Time		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Hannity		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	The Profit "Feat Socks"	The Profit "Ellison Eyewear"	The Profit "The Soup Market"	The Profit "Feat Socks"	The Profit "Feat Socks"	The Profit "Feat Socks"	The Profit "Feat Socks"	The Profit "Feat Socks"	The Profit "Feat Socks"	The Profit "Feat Socks"		
63	BRV	(63) Beverly Hills "Lucy Lucy Apple Juicy"	Beverly Hills "Eat Your Heart Out"	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills (N)	Mexican Dynasties "A Star Is Torn" (N)	Watch What (N)	Beverly Hills	Watch What (N)	Beverly Hills	Watch What (N)	Beverly Hills		
64	TCM	(64) Movie	*** Design For Living (33) Gary Cooper, Fredric March.	(c15) **** Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde ('32) Miriam Hopkins, Fredric March.	**** Smilin' Through (41) Brian Aherne, Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald.	**** Smilin' Through (41) Brian Aherne, Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald.	**** Smilin' Through (41) Brian Aherne, Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald.	**** Smilin' Through (41) Brian Aherne, Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald.	**** Smilin' Through (41) Brian Aherne, Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald.	**** Smilin' Through (41) Brian Aherne, Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald.	**** Smilin' Through (41) Brian Aherne, Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald.	**** Smilin' Through (41) Brian Aherne, Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald.		
65	SYFY	(65) (4:55) Sleepy Hollow ('99) Johnny Depp.	** The Mechanic ('11, Action) Ben Foster, A. Edward Sutherland, Jason Statham.	London Has Fallen (2016, Action) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.	(:10) Futurama	(:40) Futurama	(:10) Futurama	(:40) Futurama	(:10) Futurama	(:40) Futurama	(:10) Futurama	(:40) Futurama		
162	RFD	(162) Cattleman	FFA Today	Chris Cox	Ken McNabb	Best of America	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattleman to Cattleman	FFA Today	Product Showcase	Product Showcase		

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