

Nielsen out at Homeland Security as Trump focuses on border

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WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen has resigned amid President Donald Trump's growing frustration and bitterness over the number of Central American families crossing the southern border.

Trump announced on Sunday in a tweet that U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan will take over as acting head of the department. McAleenan is a longtime border

official who is well-respected by many members of Congress and within the administration. The decision to name a top immigration officer to the post reflects Trump's priority for the sprawling department founded to combat terrorism following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I have determined that it is the right time for me to step aside," Nielsen wrote in her resignation letter. "I hope that the next secretary will have the support of Congress and the courts in fixing the laws which have impeded our ability to fully secure America's bor-

ders and which have contributed to discord in our nation's discourse."

Though Trump aides were eyeing a staff shake-up at the Department of Homeland Security and had already withdrawn the nomination for another key immigration post, the development Sunday was unexpected.

Still, it was unclear how McAleenan would immediately assume the role. The agency's undersecretary of management, Claire Grady, is technically next in line for the job.

Nielsen traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border on Friday

with Trump to participate in a roundtable with border officers and local law enforcement. There she echoed Trump's comments on the situation at the border, though she ducked out of the room while Trump spoke. As they toured a section of newly rebuilt barriers, Nielsen was at Trump's side, introducing him to local officials. She returned to Washington afterward as Trump continued on a fundraising trip to California and Nevada.

Nielsen had grown increasingly frustrated by what she saw as a lack of support from other departments and increased meddling by

Trump aides on difficult immigration issues, sources said. She went into the White House on Sunday to meet with Trump not knowing whether she'd be fired or would resign. She ended up resigning, though she was not forced to do so.

Nielsen, who says she's staying on until Wednesday, is the latest person felled in the Trump administration's unprecedented churn of top staff and Cabinet officials, brought about by the president's mercurial management style, insistence on blind loyalty and rash policy announcements.



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Oregon guard Sabrina Ionescu drives to the basket as Baylor forward Lauren Cox defends.

Brown, Cox lead Baylor over Oregon in 72-67 win

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TAMPA, Fla. — Kalani Brown scored 22 points and Lauren Cox added 21 as Baylor held off Final Four newcomer Oregon 72-67 Friday night to reach the women's championship game for the first time since 2012.

The Lady Bears (36-1) won their 28th straight game, exerting themselves defensively down the stretch. Chloe Jackson delivered a tie-breaking layup with 39 seconds left and Brown and Cox finished out the victory with free throws for the overall top-seeded team.

Baylor went on to win the national title 82-81 over Notre Dame on Sunday.

All-American Sabrina Ionescu led Oregon (33-5) with 18 points, but didn't score in the fourth quarter. She missed a layup that would have given her team the lead in the final minute and the Ducks misfired on 11 of their last 12 shots.

Baylor coach Kim Mulkey gave Ionescu a hug and talked to her for a few moments in the postgame handshake line. Ionescu shot 6 for 24.

After Jackson's layup, Cox made two free throws and Brown finished with a foul shot in the closing seconds.

The opening semifinal at sold-out Amalie Arena was billed as "old-school" vs. "new school" — a matchup of contrasting styles, with Baylor hoping to exploit a size advantage inside with an imposing frontcourt of the 6-foot-7 Brown and 6-4 Cox and Oregon looking to test the Lady Bears' ability to defend the

Ionescu decides to stay at Oregon for senior season

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Oregon guard Sabrina Ionescu is returning for her senior season.

The Ducks star bylined a story on The Players Tribune titled "Unfinished Business" on Saturday night, minutes after the deadline for her to declare for the WNBA draft expired. She was eligible to enter the draft following her junior season because she will turn 22 this year. The WNBA draft is Wednesday.

3-point line.

Ionescu shrugged off a scoreless first quarter in which she attempted just two shots. She gave Oregon a 34-33 halftime lead after making a long 3 while being bumped to the ground by Baylor's DiDi Richards.

Ionescu sat on the floor and stared at Richards, who she thought had fouled her on a shot she missed moments before, before climbing to her feet to make a free throw to finish a four-point play to put Oregon up at the break.

Oregon was in the Final Four for the first time, finally breaking through under coach Kelly Graves after losing in the Elite Eight the past two years.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

US pulls forces from Libya as fighting approaches capital

BENGHAZI, Libya — The United States has temporarily withdrawn some of its forces from Libya due to "security conditions on the ground," a top military official said Sunday as a Libyan commander's forces advanced toward the capital of Tripoli and clashed with rival militias.

A small contingent of American troops has been in Libya in recent years, helping local forces combat Islamic State and al-Qaida militants, as well as protecting diplomatic facilities.

Marine Corps Gen. Thomas Waldhauser, the head of U.S. Africa Command, did not provide details on the number of U.S. troops that have been withdrawn or how many remain in the country.

Footage circulating online showed two apparent U.S. Navy transport craft maneuvering off a beach in Janzour, east of Tripoli, sending up plumes of spray as American forces were ferried from the shore.

US declares Iran's guard force a 'terrorist organization'

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced today that the U.S. is designating Iran's Revolutionary Guard a "foreign terrorist organization," in an effort to increase pressure on the country that could have significant diplomatic implications in the Middle East.

It is the first time that the U.S. has designated a part of another government as a terrorist organization.

The designation imposes sanctions that include freezes on assets the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps may have in U.S. jurisdictions and a ban on Americans doing business with it. Iran has threatened to retaliate for the decision.

The IRGC is a paramilitary organization formed in the wake of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution to defend its clerically overseen government. The force answers only to Iran's supreme leader, operates independently of the regular military and has vast economic interests across the country.

Uganda police say kidnapped US woman and driver are freed

KAMPALA, Uganda — Ugandan police said on Sunday they had rescued an American woman and her driver who had been kidnapped by gunmen in a national park.

The two "are in good health" and "in the safe hands" of security officials, police said in a Twitter update.

Although authorities provided no details about how the rescue operation was carried out, a government spokesman said on Twitter that the kidnapers had taken their victims to Congo, where the two were rescued by the security forces.

Ugandan security teams had been hunting down gunmen who had demanded a \$500,000 ransom after kidnapping the American — Kim Endicott of Costa Mesa, California — and her Ugandan guide in a national park popular with tourists. They were ambushed on April 2 in Queen Elizabeth National Park, a protected area near the porous border with Congo.

Rhino poacher killed by elephant and eaten by lions

JOHANNESBURG — A rhinoceros poacher in a South Africa wildlife preserve was stomped to death by an elephant and eaten by lions, authorities said.

Rangers at Kruger National Park found his skull and trousers.

The man and two others were hunting for rhinos illegally last week when the elephant surprised them and trampled him, park spokesman Isaac Phaahla said. The two companions dragged his body to a spot near a road and told the man's family what happened.

South Africa, which has about 80% of the world's remaining rhinos, has seen aggressive poaching of the animals in recent years. Last year 769 rhinos were killed illegally, down from more than 1,000 annually since 2013, according to Save the Rhino.

Netanyahu vows to annex West Bank settlements if re-elected

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged Saturday to annex Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank if re-elected, a dramatic policy shift apparently aimed at rallying his nationalist base in the final stretch of the tight race.

Netanyahu has promoted Jewish settlement expansion in his four terms as prime minister, but until now refrained from presenting a detailed vision for the West Bank, seen by the Palestinians as the heartland of a future state.

An Israeli annexation of large parts of the West Bank is bound to snuff out any last flicker of hope for an Israeli-Palestinian deal on the terms of a Palestinian state on lands Israel captured in 1967.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN



SCHEDULE

Evening listings
MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING												APRIL 8	
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 of Fortune	American Idol "All-Star Duets" (N)				The Fix "Scandal" (N)		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	American Idol "All-Star Duets" (N)				The Fix "Scandal" (N)		KOMO4News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice "The Battles Part Three" (N)				The Enemy Within "Decoded" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
5	KOIN	(7) NCAA Basketball Division I Championship Site: U.S. Bank Stadium -- Minneapolis, Minn. (L)				Big Bang Theory	KOIN 6 News Special Edition (N)			Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	KOIN News/ 11 (N)	(35) Colbert
6	KIRO	(7) NCAA Basketball Division I Championship Site: U.S. Bank Stadium -- Minneapolis, Minn. (L)				Game Day (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)		eSports: The Grind	Big Bang Theory	KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KGW	(7) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Battles Part Three" (N)				The Enemy Within "Decoded" (N)		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	LegendsTomorrow "The Getaway" (N)	Arrow "Emerald Archer"			News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
9	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N)	An Oregon Experience "Hanford"			Antiques Rd. "Des Moines (Hour Two)"		Independent Lens	"The Providers" (N)
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Resident "Trial and Error"	9-1-1 "Dosed"			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
11	KPDx	(12) 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
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident "Trial and Error"	9-1-1 "Dosed"			Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
13	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy			American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan	Seinfeld
14	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family			Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
15	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball N.Y. Y./Hou. (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Swimming & Diving Division I Tournament Site: Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center -- Austin, Texas						MLB Baseball		Countdown To (N)	Unlocking Victory	Now or Never (N)	To Be Announced
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	To Be Announced				Friends	Friends
18	DISN	(32) (5:20) A Cinderella Story: If the Shoe ...		Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Sydney Max
19	FAM	(34) (5:00) *** Real Steel (2011, Sci-Fi) Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo, Hugh Jackman.		Shadowhunters "Heavenly Fire" (N)		*** WALL-E (2008, Animated) Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, Ben Burt.		*** FXM Presents (1:25) *** Eddie the Eagle (16) Hugh Jackman, Christopher Walken, Taron Egerton. (35) FXM Presents				The 700 Club	
20	FMC	(35) Movie (150) *** The Other Woman (2014, Comedy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Leslie Mann, Cameron Diaz.		Escaping Polygamy "Father's Wrath" (N)		Moments "My Cousin, My Lover" (N)		(05) Polygamy "Mommy Dearest" (N)	(05) Escaping Polygamy "The Insider"				
21	LIFE	(36) Escaping Polygamy		Escaping Polygamy		Post-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Kansas City Royals Site: Kauffman Stadium -- Kansas City, Mo.						Post-game
22	ROOT	(38) (5:00) MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Kansas City Royals (L)											
23	FS1	(39) PBC Face to Face	Inside PBC Boxing (N)	PBC Face to Face		MLB Whiparound (L)	TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			Cops	Cops
24	COM	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
25	COKE	(44) Parks and Rec	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Daily Show (N)	Jim Jefferies Show
26	HIST	(45) Jesus: His Life "Part Two: The First Miracles/ Caiaphas: The Raising of Lazarus"		Jesus: His Life "Part 3: Judas: The Betrayal/ Pilate: The Trial" (N)						Knightfall "Faith" (N)		Knightfall "Faith" (N)	
27	A&E	(46) PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	(05) PD Cam	(35) PD Cam
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes to the Dress		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Destinee's Story"				My 600-lb Life "Octavia's Story" Bedbound Octavia seeks help from Dr. Now.			
29	DISC	(48) Street Outlaws "Grudge Wars"		Street Outlaws: Full "Us and Them" (N)		Street Outlaws: Full "Money" (N)	Street Outlaws (N)	Diesel Brothers "Soar Like a Diesel" (N)	Diesel Brothers "Epic Fail of the Year"				
30	NGEO	(49) Kingdom/ Oceans "Giants of the Deep"		Kingdom of the Oceans "Fire and Ice"		Hostile Planet (N)	Hostile Planet "Oceans" (N)	Galapagos: Atlantis (N)	Hostile Planet "Oceans"				
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) *** Gladiator (2000, Epic) Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.		The Legend of Tarzan (2016, Action) Margot Robbie, Samuel L. Jackson, Alexander Skarsgård.		*** Gladiator (2000, Epic) Joaquin Phoenix, Russell Crowe.							
32	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** The Last Witch Hunter (15, Action) Rose Leslie, Elijah Wood, Vin Diesel.		*** The Hangover Part III (13, Com) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.		Into the Badlands (N)				Badlands "Cobra Fang, Panther Claw"			
33	USA	(52) Chicago P.D. "Anthem"		Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood"		WWE Monday Night Raw				WWE Hall of Fame (N)			
34	FOOD	(53) Spring Baking "Memorial Day Madness"		Spring Baking "Wedding Season"		Baking "Spring Dream Teams" (N)	Baking "Southern Spring Bakeover" (N)	To Be Announced		To Be Announced			
35	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It "Pool House Problems"		Love It/List It "Not Enough Bedrooms"		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters
36	FX	(56) (5:00) *** Furious 7 (2015, Action) Paul Walker, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel.		*** X-Men: Apocalypse (2016, Action) Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy, Jennifer Lawrence.		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Cuomo Prime Time		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	X-Men: Apocalypse Jennifer Lawrence.
37	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon									
38	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night Hard news and analysis of the most compelling stories.		Hannity		Fox News @ Night			
39	CNBC	(61) Amer. Greed "The Playboy of Indiana"		American Greed "Wild West Rip-Off"		Greed "Kevin Cohen: Baby Broker Scam"	American Greed: Scam	Amer. Greed "Financial Guru Gone Bad"		Paid Program		Paid Program	Paid Program
40	BRAV	(63) Vanderpump R. "Trouble in Lala-Land"		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules "Fomo in Mexico"	Vanderpump Rules (N)	Summer House "Swimming Uphill" (N)		Watch What (N)		Vanderpump Rules	
41	TCM	(64) Movie (1:45) *** The Mad	Miss Manton (38) Barbara Stanwyck.			(15) *** The Lady Vanishes (38) Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave.	The Penguin Pool Murder			(15) Nancy Drew: Detective			
42	SYFY	(65) *** Push (2009, Thriller) Dakota Fanning, Djimon Hounsou, Chris Evans.		*** Ender's Game (2013, Sci-Fi) Abigail Breslin, Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield.						Futurama Pt. 1 of 4		Futurama Pt. 2 of 4	
43	RFID	(62) American Rancher	Red Steagall	Steve Lantvit	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America 'Live'		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	