

Trump pardons Bannon, dozens of others

President did not pardon himself

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump pardoned former chief strategist Steve Bannon in the final hours of his White House term as part of a flurry of clemency action that benefited more than 140 people, including rap performers, ex-members of Congress and other allies of him and his family.

The last-minute clemency, announced after midnight on Wednesday, follows separate waves of pardons over the past month for Trump associates convicted in the FBI's Russia investigation as well as for the father of his son-in-law.

Taken together, the actions underscore the president's willingness, all the way through his four years in the White House, to flex his constitutional powers in ways that defy convention and explicitly

aid his friends and supporters.

Trump did not pardon himself, despite speculation that he would, in the face of potential federal investigations. He had previously asserted that he had the authority to do so. He also did not pardon his children or his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani.

The final list was full of more conventional candidates whose cases had been championed by criminal justice activists. One man who has spent nearly 24 years in prison on drug and weapons charges but had shown exemplary behavior behind bars had his sentence commuted. So did a former U.S. Marine sentenced in 2000 in connection with a cocaine conviction.

Even so, the names of prominent Trump allies nonetheless stood out.

One pardon recipients was Elliott Brody, a prominent Republican fundraiser who pleaded guilty last fall in a scheme to lobby the Trump administration to drop an investigation into the looting of a Malaysian wealth fund. Another was Ken Kurson, a friend of Trump son-



Alex Brandon/AP Photo
President Donald Trump gestures as he boards Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House on Wednesday en route to his Mar-a-Lago Florida Resort.

in-law Jared Kushner who was charged last October with cyberstalking during a heated divorce.

Bannon's pardon was especially notable given that the prosecution was still in its early stages and any trial was months away. Whereas pardon recipients are conventionally thought of as defendants who have faced justice, often by having served at least some prison time, the pardon nullifies the prosecution and effectively eliminates any prospect

for punishment.

Bannon was charged in August with duping thousands of donors who believed their money would be used to fulfill Trump's chief campaign promise to build a wall along the southern border. Instead, he allegedly diverted over a million dollars, paying a salary to one campaign official and personal expenses for himself. His co-defendants were not pardoned.

"Steve Bannon is getting a pardon from Trump after

defrauding Trump's own supporters into paying for a wall that Trump promised Mexico would pay for," U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said on Twitter. "And if that all sounds crazy, that's because it is. Thank God we have only 12 more hours of this den of thieves."

Other presidents have issued controversial pardons before leaving the White House. But perhaps no other commander in chief has so enjoyed using the clemency authority to benefit not only friends and acquaintances but also celebrity defendants and those championed by allies.

Wednesday's list includes its share of high-profile defendants.

Among them were rappers Lil Wayne and Kodak Black, both convicted in Florida on weapons charges. Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter, has frequently expressed support for Trump and recently met with the president on criminal justice issues. Kodak Black, also known as Bill K. Kapri, had his sentence commuted. Others on the list included

Death Row Records co-founder Michael Harris and New York art dealer and collector Hillel Nahmad.

Pardoned were former U.S. Rep. Rick Renzi, an Arizona Republican who was sentenced to three years for corruption, money laundering and other charges, and former U.S. Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, of California, who was convicted of accepting bribes from defense contractors. Cunningham, who was released from prison in 2013, received a conditional pardon.

Trump commuted the prison sentence of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who has served about seven years behind bars for a racketeering and bribery scheme.

Trump had already pardoned a slew of longtime associates and supporters, including his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort; Charles Kushner, the father of his son-in-law; his longtime friend and adviser Roger Stone; and his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn.

OBITUARIES

Barbara A. Dunn Surfside, Washington

Sept. 14, 1934 — Jan. 7, 2021

Barbara A. Dunn passed away at home on Jan. 7, 2021, of pancreatic cancer. She was surrounded by family and friends; she was 86 years young.

Mom was born to Cleatus Marshall and Ann Barbara Nichols on Sept. 14, 1934, in Holdenville, Oklahoma. She was the first born of three children with her brother, Joe Daniel Nichols, and sister, Betty Lorene. They all preceded her in death.

Mom was born during the Depression, and after moving many times, the family finally settled in Warrenton in 1941.

She married Dewey Dunn in 1951, and they had three sons, Dewey Allen, Daniel Joe (married to Diane) and Kevin Lynn (married to Trisha), who have a son, Kevin James. Her children and grandson survive her.

Mom and Dad were divorced in 1966, and she began working for Avon. She started as "The Avon Lady," and excelled in a career that went on for 28 years, until she retired in 1994. She felt truly blessed to have a job that she loved.

Mom did lots of volunteer work. She was very active in New Hope Community Church and she volunteered at Our House and served on the board of directors. She was an active member in the American Business Women's Association.

Mom traveled the world with her family and many of her friends, including China, Africa, Europe, Turkey and many more far off places.

Mom was a bridge player, and spent years on the board of District 20 for Duplicate Bridge; she had achieved the rank of Life Master.

She began painting while living in Vancouver, Washington. She started out painting scenes and flowers, but bright, bold and whimsical seemed to be her calling.

In 2006, Mom decided to be closer to home, and moved to Surfside. She got to spend time with her grandson, Kevin. And of course, volunteering.

Mom began helping at the animal shelter and later, looked forward to helping each week at the food bank and the visitor center in Long Beach, Washington. She also became a member of Peninsula Baptist Church.

Mom acquired three cats after moving to Surfside, "Leo," "Truman" and "Lola." They kept her company while painting and relaxing at home.

She liked doing yard work, and was proud of the fact that she still mowed her own yard.

When Mom passed away, she only had Lola, and she would be so happy to know that Lola has a new home, and is loved.

There were many friends in our mom's life, and to name a few would leave out so many. However, in the last few years, Mom's friend, Becky Silvey, did so much to help Mom with doctor visits, trips to Astoria, church and anything that would come up. We cannot thank her enough.

We hope to have a celebration of life when circumstances will allow for a gathering.

There is an online guest book at Penttila's Chapel by the Sea at penttilschapel.com. Please sign it and leave a favorite memory of Mom.

We wish to thank everyone who had the pleasure of knowing our mother and being a part of her incredible journey.



Barbara Dunn

Joyce (Carol) Mansfield Rivers Astoria

Aug. 30, 1935 — Dec. 6, 2020

Joyce (Carol) Mansfield Rivers, 85, beloved mother, died peacefully at her Astoria home on Dec. 6, 2020, after a lengthy illness.

Joyce was born in 1935 in Fairbanks, Alaska, and also lived in Juneau when her father, Ralph Rivers, served as territorial attorney general.

She later lived in Sacramento, California, where she graduated from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law in 1977, one of only three women in her class.

After receiving her law degree, she returned to Alaska, where she lived in Anchorage and worked for the attorney general's office, and then for many years as in-house counsel for Alascom.

After retiring from Alascom, she attended the University of Iowa, where she received her master's in law degree in international

environmental law. Joyce was a passionate participant and supporter of many political causes, including women's rights and the environment.

Joyce belonged to the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Astoria.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Eugenie Rivers, of Bellevue, Washington; and her son, Ralph Mansfield, of Astoria.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Kae; her father, Ralph Rivers, who was also Alaska's first congressman; her mother, Carol Rivers; and

her brother, Julian Rivers, of Anchorage, Alaska.

Joyce's ashes will be interred next to her father's grave at Claquato Cemetery in Chelalis, Washington, on Feb. 6 at 11 a.m.

All our love goes with you on this next step of your journey, Mom.



Joyce Rivers

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
47 37 A couple of showers	47 31 Partly sunny; chilly	45 39 Periods of sun	45 36 A p.m. shower possible	44 33 A bit of rain	46 32 Some sun	47 37 Clouds, rain possible

ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 53/31
Normal high/low 50/38
Record high 66 in 2005
Record low 16 in 1935

Precipitation

Tuesday to date 0.00"
Month to date 12.76"
Normal month to date 6.56"
Year to date 12.76"
Normal year to date 6.56"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: First quarter moon (1:02 p.m. PST).

SUN AND MOON

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

Sunrise today 7:50 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:05 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:00 p.m.
Moonset today 1:20 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 20	Jan 28	Feb 4	Feb 11

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:57 a.m.	7.7	12:24 a.m.	2.7
8:02 p.m.	5.5	2:05 p.m.	2.2

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:38 a.m.	7.5	1:27 p.m.	2.4
7:40 p.m.	5.3	none	

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:47 a.m.	7.9	12:03 a.m.	2.9
7:50 p.m.	5.6	1:43 p.m.	2.3

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:52 a.m.	8.1	12:08 a.m.	2.8
7:57 p.m.	5.9	1:49 p.m.	2.3

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:34 a.m.	8.0	1:25 a.m.	2.3
8:39 p.m.	5.8	3:06 p.m.	1.9

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:56 a.m.	7.9	12:59 p.m.	2.6
7:01 p.m.	5.6	none	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	54/47/r	53/34/r
Boston	35/29/pc	42/25/pc
Chicago	38/18/s	24/11/pc
Dallas	65/51/r	61/50/pc
Denver	47/24/s	47/25/pc
Honolulu	80/72/sh	81/72/t
Houston	73/65/sh	74/57/r
Los Angeles	70/51/s	62/49/pc
Miami	77/61/pc	80/60/pc
New York City	41/33/pc	42/27/pc
Phoenix	67/54/r	68/54/pc
San Francisco	58/49/pc	56/44/sh
Wash., DC	51/34/pc	46/29/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	46/38	44/35	Wenatchee	37/28	36/25
Tacoma	44/35	44/35	Moses Lake	40/28	36/29
Aberdeen	46/38	45/36	Yakima	39/31	36/30
Olympia	45/36	45/37	Kennewick	39/30	36/30
Longview	45/37	43/36	Walla Walla	36/30	40/34
Astoria	47/37	43/36	Hermiston	37/30	35/30
Portland	49/36	46/37	Pendleton	38/29	38/29
Corvallis	48/38	48/39	La Grande	39/29	40/34
Eugene	51/39	48/39	John Day	42/28	40/30
Bend	45/27	42/28	Burns	41/25	40/25
Medford	51/37	46/27	Ontario	40/30	40/25
Klamath Falls	46/27	46/27	Caldwell	40/25	40/25