

Trump tells NATO leaders to pay up

President says U.S. paying too much, asks allies to boost military spending

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US President Donald Trump, right, reacts as he sits next to Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May, centre and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as they participate in a working dinner meeting, during the NATO summit of heads of state and government, at the NATO headquarters, in Brussels on Thursday.

BRUSSELS — Surrounded by stone-faced allies, President Donald Trump rebuked fellow NATO members Thursday for failing to meet the military alliance's financial benchmarks, asserting that leaves it weaker and shortchanges "the people and taxpayers of the United States."

Trump, who has often complained back home about other nations' NATO support, lectured the other leaders in person this time, declaring, "Many of these nations owe massive amounts of money from past years."

The president's assertion immediately put NATO under new strain and did nothing to quiet questions about his complicated relationship with an alliance he has previously panned as "obsolete." Notably, he also did not offer an explicit public endorsement of NATO's "all for one, one for all" collective defense principle, though White House officials said his mere presence at the meeting signaled his commitment.

Fellow NATO leaders occasionally exchanged awkward looks with each other during the president's lecture, which occurred at an event commemorating the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. When Trump tried to lighten the mood with a joke about NATO's gleaming new home base — "I never asked

once what the new NATO Headquarters cost?" — there was no laughter from his counterparts.

NATO officials had expected Trump to raise the payments issue during Thursday's meeting, even preparing Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg for the prospect that the president could try to pull off a stunt like handing out invoices. But one European official said NATO members were still taken aback by the aggressive tone of his speech.

As a presidential candidate, Trump railed against NATO's financial burden-sharing, suggesting the U.S. might only come to the defense of countries that meet the alliance's guidelines — for committing 2 percent of their gross domestic product

to military spending. A White House official said the president wanted to deliver the same direct message in front of NATO allies.

Trump's public scolding was all the more remarkable given the fact that he has actually backed away from some of his most provocative comments on foreign policy issues since taking office. He's retracted his vow to label China a currency manipulator and has lavished praise on Chinese President Xi Jinping. During a visit to Saudi Arabia this week, he called Islam one of the world's great religions after declaring during the campaign that "Islam hates us."

But few issues appear to have as much staying power with Trump as the uneven financial contributions of NATO members. Last year, only five of the 28 countries

met the 2 percent goal: the U.S., Greece, Britain, Estonia and Poland.

During a private dinner Thursday night, the 28 members, plus soon-to-join Montenegro, renewed an old pledge to move toward the 2 percent by 2024 — a move the White House touted as a sign of Trump's influence.

Some of the allies — particularly Eastern European nations deeply worried about Russian aggression — were hopeful that Trump would state a firm commitment to NATO's Article 5 mutual defense agreement, which underpins the entire alliance. Instead, he highlighted NATO's decision to invoke the article for the only time after 9/11 and said the U.S. would "never forsake the friends that stood by our side."

BRIEFLY

Governors seek federal salmon disaster aid

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and California Gov. Jerry Brown are seeking a federal disaster declaration to help salmon fishermen enduring a second bad year in a row.

A record-low number of fall-run Chinook salmon returning to the Klamath River has led to fisheries restrictions, including the cancellation of the season along a large stretch of coastal southern Oregon and Northern California.

In letter dated Wednesday, the governors asked Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross for an expedited declaration of a catastrophic regional fishery disaster, a move necessary for fishing businesses to request federal assistance.

The letter asserts that Oregon's commercial ocean salmon fisheries are projected to earn 63 percent less revenue than what they averaged from 2012-16. California fisheries are expected to make 72 percent less.

FBI probes Kushner-Russia meetings

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is willing to cooperate with federal investigators looking into ties between Russia and the Trump campaign, his attorney said Thursday.

The statement from attorney Jamie Gorelick was issued amid reports that the FBI was investigating meetings Kushner had in December with Russian officials.

"Mr. Kushner previously volunteered to share with

Congress what he knows about these meetings. He will do the same if he is contacted in connection with any other inquiry," the statement said.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the House oversight committee asked the FBI to turn over more documents about former Director James Comey's interactions with the White House and Justice Department, including materials dating back nearly four years to the Obama administration.

The FBI and the oversight committee — as well as several other congressional panels — are looking into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election and possible connections between Russia and the Trump campaign. Trump fired Comey May 9 amid questions about the FBI's investigation, which is now being overseen by special counsel Robert Mueller, a former FBI director.

GOP senators say tough report complicates bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican senators conceded Thursday that a scathing analysis of the House GOP health care bill had complicated their effort to dismantle President Barack Obama's health care law.

"It makes everything harder and more difficult," Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., said of a Congressional Budget Office analysis projecting that the House bill would cause 23 million Americans to lose coverage by 2026 and create prohibitively expensive costs for many others.

"There's blinking yellow lights throughout the whole thing," Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., said of the report by lawmakers' nonpartisan fiscal experts.

Tribes bash proposed Trump budget cuts to Native Americans

PORTLAND (AP) — Dozens of Native American tribes in six Western states expressed outrage Thursday at President Trump's proposed budget cuts to American Indian programs, saying they would erase significant progress on child welfare and climate change and gut social services and education on reservations across the U.S.

Members from tribes in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho and Alaska called on Congress to restore funding to tribes during budget negotiations. The cuts ignore the treaty responsibilities to federally recognized tribes, they said, and put a stranglehold on programs that have been chronically underfunded.

"This is the single largest

attack on Indian Country that we've experienced in recent history. There is no doubt that the president has made a statement toward Indian Country," said Mel Sheldon, a councilman with the Tulalip Tribes in Washington state. "It is not a good statement."

The proposed budget would slash \$64 million in federal Native American

funding for education, \$21 million for law enforcement and safety, \$27 million for natural resources management programs run by tribes plus \$23 million from human services, which includes the Indian Child Welfare Act, said Carina Miller, a councilwoman with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, in Oregon.

Corrections

The May 25 article "Classroom in the workplace" did not contextualize the \$390,745 grant the Pendleton School District used to launch the School to Careers program. Only 10 percent of the grant was used for School to Careers. The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Pleasant and warmer	Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny and very warm	Sunny and very warm	Very warm with some sun

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
76° 49° 82° 54° 88° 56° 90° 57° 91° 57°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
82° 48° 88° 52° 93° 55° 96° 57° 97° 61°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	59°	43°
Normals	73°	49°
Records	98° (1928)	30° (1918)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
Month to date 0.93"
Normal month to date 1.06"
Year to date 9.14"
Last year to date 5.54"
Normal year to date 6.17"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	68°	44°
Normals	75°	49°
Records	99° (1928)	33° (1964)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.43"
Normal month to date 0.90"
Year to date 6.31"
Last year to date 4.23"
Normal year to date 4.89"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:32 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:24 a.m.
Moonset today	9:40 p.m.

First Full Last New
June 1 June 9 June 17 June 23

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today; pleasant. Clear tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today with a shower in places; warmer across the north.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Sunshine and patchy clouds today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Cascades: Sunshine and warmer today; pleasant in central parts. Clear tonight.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today; cooler. Increasing clouds at the coast tonight; clear elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	71	51	s	71	51	s
Baker City	68	36	pc	76	38	s
Bend	73	43	s	80	47	s
Brookings	60	48	pc	59	48	pc
Burns	68	36	pc	75	42	s
Enterprise	65	38	t	74	42	s
Eugene	81	48	s	84	50	s
Heppner	74	46	s	81	49	s
Hermiston	82	48	s	88	52	s
John Day	70	43	pc	79	48	s
Klamath Falls	74	40	s	80	42	s
La Grande	71	43	pc	78	46	s
Meacham	68	40	sh	77	44	s
Medford	87	54	s	93	56	s
Newport	63	48	s	61	49	s
North Bend	66	50	pc	62	51	s
Ontario	75	49	pc	82	49	s
Pasco	83	49	s	88	51	s
Pendleton	76	49	s	82	54	s
Portland	83	57	s	89	58	s
Redmond	77	40	s	84	43	s
Salem	83	52	s	87	53	s
Spokane	73	51	s	79	55	s
Ukiah	68	39	s	77	43	s
Vancouver	82	54	s	87	56	s
Walla Walla	78	55	s	85	59	s
Yakima	84	51	s	89	53	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	87	60	s	95	65	s
Hong Kong	81	76	c	84	76	s
Jerusalem	75	57	s	84	63	s
London	79	61	s	79	57	t
Mexico City	82	55	pc	81	58	pc
Moscow	66	46	c	60	39	pc
Paris	81	62	s	87	66	pc
Rome	78	58	s	78	58	s
Seoul	75	55	s	76	57	s
Sydney	67	56	s	69	55	s
Tokyo	71	66	r	79	66	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	NNW 3-6	SE 3-6
Pendleton	NNW 4-8	ENE 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

2 4 7 7 4 2

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Wet weather will extend from New England to the northern Plains today. Storms will erupt from the middle Mississippi Valley to the central Rockies and in South Florida. Most other areas will be dry.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 106° in Childress, Texas Low 25° in West Yellowstone, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	85	52	s	84	55	s
Atlanta	84	65	s	88	71	pc
Atlantic City	73	59	sh	69	58	pc
Baltimore	75	56	pc	76	58	pc
Billings	65	45	c	72	50	pc
Birmingham	86	66	s	87	73	c
Boston	70	48	pc	78	53	s
Charlotte, SC	59	52	r	61	52	pc
Chicago, IL	84	65	s	92	71	pc
Chicago, WV	77	61	pc	78	65	t
Charlotte	72	55	t	75	57	pc
Cleveland	69	57	sh	75	59	c
Dallas	98	79	pc	93	74	c
Denver	70	47	t	59	41	t
Detroit	72	58	c	76	59	pc
El Paso	95	68	s	93	65	s
Fairbanks	54	32	c	58	34	pc
Fargo	75	47	pc	75	48	pc
Honolulu	83	70	sh	83	70	sh
Houston	91	77	pc	95	78	pc
Indianapolis	78	64	pc	80	65	t
Jacksonville	88	60	s	93	66	s
Kansas City	81	62	c	79	58	t
Las Vegas	89	68	s	90	71	s
Little Rock	87	73	pc	88	73	c
Los Angeles	68	56	sh	69	56	pc
Louisville	84	69	pc	82	69	t
Memphis	85	74	pc	85	75	c
Miami	89	78	t	93	78	t
Millwaukee	64	51	t	69	55	pc
Minneapolis	75	55	c	72	55	c
Nashville	86	70	pc	83	70	c
New Orleans	87	74	s	90	75	pc
New York City	74	59	pc	72	57	pc
Oklahoma City	89	67	pc	94	63	pc
Omaha	82	57	pc	74	53	r
Philadelphia	75	58	pc	75	59	pc
Phoenix	93	70	s	96	73	s
Portland, ME	56	48	r	62	47	c
Providence	64	53	sh	67	52	pc
St. Louis	81	62	s	90	68	pc
Rapid City	68	45	pc	69	47	pc
Reno	75	51	s	80	51	s
Sacramento	74	50	pc	80	51	s
San Antonio	86	68	t	87	68	t
Salt Lake City	69	48	pc	70	51	s
San Diego	70	61	sh	69	60	pc
San Francisco	66	52	pc	66	52	pc
Seattle	78	56	s	82	58	s
Tucson	93	61	s	95	63	s
Washington, DC	77	61	pc	78	64	t
Wichita	85	65	c	82	59	t