

Miguel Diaz-Canel, 57, selected as next president of Cuba

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HAVANA — The Cuban government on Wednesday selected 57-year-old First Vice President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez as the sole candidate to succeed President Raul Castro in a transition aimed at ensuring that the country’s single-party system outlasts the aging revolutionaries who created it.

The certain approval of Diaz-Canel by members of the unflinchingly unanimous National Assembly will install someone from outside the Castro family in the country’s highest government office for the first time in nearly six decades.

The 86-year-old Castro will remain head of the Communist Party, designated by the constitution as “the superior guiding force of society and the state.” As a result, Castro will remain the most powerful person in Cuba for the time being. His departure from the presidency is nonetheless a symbolically charged moment for a country accustomed to 60 years of absolute rule first by revolutionary leader Fidel Castro and, for the last decade, his younger brother.

Facing biological reality but still active and apparently healthy, Raul Castro is stepping down as president in an effort to guarantee that new leaders can maintain the government’s grip on power in the face of economic stagnation, an aging population and increasing disenchantment among younger generations.

“I like sticking with the ideas of President Fidel Castro because he did a lot for the people of Cuba, but we



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A car drives by a billboard that reads in Spanish “It was, is and will be done,” with a picture of Cuba’s President Raul Castro on the outskirts of Havana.

need rejuvenation, above all in the economy,” said Melissa Mederos, a 21-year-old schoolteacher. “Diaz-Canel needs to work hard on the economy, because people need to live a little better.”

Most Cubans know their first vice president as an uncharismatic figure who until recently maintained a public profile so low it was virtually nonexistent. That image changed slightly this year as state media placed an increasing spotlight on Diaz-Canel’s public appearances, including remarks to the press last month that included his promise to make Cuba’s government more responsive to its people.

“We’re building a relationship between the government and the people here,” he said then after casting a ballot for members of the National Assembly. “The lives of those who will be elected have to be focused on relating to the people, listening to the people, investigating their problems and encouraging debate.”

Diaz-Canel gained prominence in central Villa Clara province as the top

Communist Party official, a post equivalent to governor. There, people described him as a hard-working, modest-living technocrat dedicated to improving public services. He became higher education minister in 2009 before moving into the vice presidency.

In a video of a Communist Party meeting that inexplicably leaked to the public last year, Diaz-Canel expressed a series of orthodox positions that included somberly pledging to shutter some independent media and labeling some European embassies as outposts of foreign subversion.

But he has also defended academics and bloggers who became targets of hardliners, leading some to describe him a potential advocate for greater openness in a system intolerant of virtually any criticism or dissent. International observers and Cubans alike will be scrutinizing every move he makes after he officially takes office on Thursday.

Ex-Playboy model settles lawsuit over alleged Trump affair

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
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LOS ANGELES — A former Playboy model who said she had a 10-month affair with President Donald Trump settled her lawsuit Wednesday with a supermarket tabloid over an agreement that prohibited her from discussing the relationship publicly.

Karen McDougal’s settlement with the company that owns the National Enquirer “restores to me the rights to my life story and frees me from this contract that I was misled into signing nearly two years ago,” she said in a statement Wednesday.

In August 2016, the tabloid’s parent company, American Media Inc., paid McDougal \$150,000 for the rights to her story about the alleged relationship, but the story never ran.

Last month, McDougal filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles asking to invalidate the contract, which she said she was misled into signing. The suit alleged that the



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This July 2017 file photo shows the cover of an issue of the National Enquirer featuring President Donald

company didn’t publish the story because AMI’s owner, David Pecker, is “close personal friends” with Trump. It also charged that Trump’s attorney, Michael Cohen, had inappropriately intervened and was secretly involved in discussions with AMI executives about the agreement.

Federal agents raided Cohen’s office and residence last week seeking any information on payments made

in 2016 to McDougal and porn actress Stormy Daniels, according to people familiar with the investigation but not authorized to discuss it publicly. Daniels has said she had a sexual encounter with Trump in 2006. The search warrants also sought bank records, records on Cohen’s dealings in the taxi industry and his communications with the Trump campaign, the people said.

Trump says he’ll sanction Russia as soon as they deserve it

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that nobody has been tougher on Russia than him and that he’ll hit Moscow with new sanctions “as soon as they very much deserve it.”

He also said building a good relationship with Russia is a “good, not bad” thing.

Trump commented a day after an internal White House quarrel over the timing of potential new punishment for Russia exploded into public view. He blamed the news media

for spreading a narrative that he said portrays him as being afraid to stand up to Russia.

“There’s been nobody tougher on Russia than President Donald Trump,” the president said, citing increased U.S. military spending among his examples. “With the media, no matter what I did, it’s never tough enough, because that’s their narrative. But Russia will tell you, there’s been nobody tougher than Donald Trump.”

Trump mentioned the joint U.S., French and British military operation last weekend that struck several sites in Syria to punish the

Russian-backed government of President Bashar Assad for an apparent chemical attack that killed civilians. Trump said the strike was “absolute precision.”

Trump had largely avoided criticizing Russia, leaving the harsh rhetoric and sanctions announcements to others in the administration. But he began to criticize Russia on Twitter after the apparent chemical attack this month that spawned images of Syrian adults gasping for air and being hosed off.

Still, Trump said he would prefer good relations with Russia and other nations.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

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FOX	(11) KFFX KPTV	11 Paid Program	Paternity Court	Divorce Court	Paid Program	Judge Mathis		The People's Court		Two and a Half Mom		Last Man St.	Last Man St.	Modern Family	Modern Family	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Gotham (N)		Showtime-Apollo "Week 8" (N)		First at Ten (N)	:35 Dateline	:35 Mike & Molly	
CBS	(19) KEPR KOIN	2 12 O' News (N)	Wendy Williams			Paid Nature		People's Court		Judy Judy	Judy Judy	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Inside Edition	The Big Bang	The Simpsons	The Big Bang (N)	Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Patrol" (N)	News (N)	:35 Colbert	
NBC	(25) KNDU KGW	6 TMZ	B & B	The Talk (N)		The Doctors	Dr. Phil			KOIN 6 News (N)	News	News	News	News	News	Extra ET	Jeopardy!	BBang Sheldon	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio	Will & Grace	Pieces	S.W.A.T. (N)	News	:35 Colbert
ABC	(42) KVEW KATU	4 News	Paid	Days of Our Lives		The Wendy Williams Show	Daily Mail TV	Daily Mail TV		Ellen Macaulay Culkin, Bazzi (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Family Feud	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio	Will & Grace	Championships (N)	Chi.Fire "Where I Want to Be" (N)	News (N)	:35 Tonight	
PBS	(31) KTNW (59) OPB	13 Nova "Decoding the Weather Machine"	Painting / Travel	Real Food	A Chef's Life	Travel Det.	Esmond de Tech.	Pinka-Peter	Nature Cat	Ready Jet Go!	Wild Kratts	Odd Squad	Arthur	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Magic Moments: The Best of '50s Pop Music		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Mids-omer M	:45 Midsomer Murders	:35 Masterpiece Classic "Wolf Hall"	:35 Film School		
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A&E	52	M. Clark: First 48	"Casey Anthony"			M. Clark: First 48	"Chandra Levy"			Grace vs. Abrams		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First 48 (N)		M. Clark: First 48	"Robert Blake" (N)	:05 Grace (N)			
AMC	60	Movie	Grudge Match ('13, Act)			Sylvester Stallone.		***** The Last Stand					***** Escape Plan ('13, Act)		Sylvester Stallone.		***** Twister ('96, Act)	Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.	:35 ***** The Rock						
ANPL	24	The Vet Life	My Cat From Hell			Pit Bull Parolees		Pit Bull Parolees		Lone Star Law		North Woods Law	NWL: N.Hamp.		NW Law "Lies and Lizards" (N)		Lone Star Law (N)		Mighty River		Lone Star Law				
CMT	43	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Last Man		Last Man	Last Man			***** Tammy ('14, Com)	Melissa McCarthy.		***** Tammy ('14, Com)	Melissa McCarthy.		Broken Skull Ch.		Pickler & Ben					
CNBC	72	Closing Bell				Fast Money		Mad Money		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Leno Garage (N)		Staten Island		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage		Paid Program	
CNN	68	CNN Newsroom	The Lead			The Situation		The Situation		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight			
DISC	51	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid			Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Hangry"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "23 Days"	
DISN	26	Mickey's Puppy	Vamp	Elena		Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie		StuckM. StuckM.		Bizaard. Bizaard.	Jessie	Jessie		Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gravity	Gravity	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	StuckM. StuckM.	Bizaard. Bizaard.		
ESPN	33	NBA: The Jump (L)	SportsN	Highly?		Horn (N) Interrupt		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter Special (N)	Rookie	Rookie	MatchUp	SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	J & J (N) OLines	Talk (L)			NFL Live (N)		Horn (N) Interrupt		NFL Live		TheDraft	TheDraft	Boxing	Golden Boy (L)					Nación ESPN (N)		J & J	SportsCenter Special (N)		
FNC	66	Shepard Smith	Your World			The Five		Special Report		The Story		Tucker Carlson	Hannity		Ingraham Angle		Fox News			Tucker Carlson	Hannity	Ingraham Angle			
FOOD	61	Cake "Space Jam"	Pioneer	Pioneer		BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	
FREE	32	Reba	Reba	Reba	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	***** Alice in Wonderland	Johnny Depp.	Siren (N)					***** Dirty Dancing	Patrick Swayze.	The 700 Club			
FX	65	***** Selma	Mother	Mother		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	***** Kingsman: The Secret Service	Taron Egerton.		***** Jurassic World ('15, Adv)	Chris Pratt.		***** Jurassic World ('15, Adv)	Chris Pratt.				Atlanta (N)		Atlanta		Atlanta	
GOLF	88	Pregame	PGA Golf	Texas Open Site: TPC San Antonio (L)		LPGA Golf	L.A. Open Site: Wilshire Country Club (L)			Golf C.		PGA Golf	Texas Open Site: TPC San Antonio							PGA Golf	Texas Open				
GSN	76	Million?	Million?	The Chase		Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	CashCb	CashCb	Feud	Feud	Reaction	Reaction	Baggage	
HALL	87	Home and Family				Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	
HGTV	62	Fixer Upper	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipATL	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipVega	FlipVega	H.Hunt	
HIST	50	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Swamp People		Swamp People		SwampPeople (N)	:05 Truck (N)	:05 Forged In Fire			
LIFE	29	Grey's "Save Me"	Grey's Anatomy			Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Heaven Is for Real	Greg Kinnear.		Biography		Little Women: LA		
NICK	27	Thomas	PAW	Machines	PAW	PAW	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	H.Danger	H.Danger	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Keep It	***** Shaun the Sheep: The Movie		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
ROOT	37	Pregame	MLB Baseball	Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners (L)		Pstgame		The Dan Patrick Show (N)								Pregame	MLB Baseball	Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners		Pstgame		Poker			
SPIKE	42	***** The Blind Side	Sandra Bullock.	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	2 1/2Men	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	TBA		***** Bad Teacher		
SYFY	67	***** Batman Begins ('05, Act)	Christian Bale.			***** Jurassic Park III	Sam Neill.			***** The Lost World: Jurassic Park		Jeff Goldblum.		***** National Treasure ('04, Adv)	Nicolas Cage.							The Expanse "IFF"			
TBS	59	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Am.Dad	Am.Dad	Joker's	Am.Dad	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Conan	
TCM	56	***** Having a Wild... Offgrass	:45 ***** A Hard Day's Night	Greenw.	***** Hold On!					***** Great Expectations						:15 ***** Far From the Madding Crowd	Julie Christie.			:15 ***** A Room With a View					
TLC	49	Trading Spaces	Trading Spaces			My 600-lb Life "Schenee's Story"		L.I. Medium		L.I. Medium		Trading Spaces		My 600-lb Life		My 600-lb Life		Bettie Jo and Susan"		Skin Tight (N)		My 600-lb Life			
TNT	57	Supernatural	Supernatural			Bones		Bones		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)		Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball Playoffs		Braxton Values		Braxton Values			
UNI	21	Notic.	Hoy	Hoy		Como dice dicho	Simplemente			El gordo y la flaca	Primer impacto	P. Luche	Notic.	Rosa Guadalupe		El Rico y Lázaro		Papa a Toda		Por Amar Sin Ley	Impacto	Noticie.			
USA	58	Chicago	SVU "Name"		SVU "Closet"	SVU "Trade"		SVU "Swing"		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Was/Cib. (L)				SVU "Retro"		SVU "Wildlife"		SVU "Persona"		Chrisley	SVU "PTSD"				
WE	118	Law:Cl "The Gift"	Law & Order: C.I.			Law:Cl "Pravda"	Law:Cl "Stray"	Braxton Values		Braxton Values		Braxton Values		Braxton Values		Hustle & Soul (N)		Braxton Values		Hustle & Soul		Braxton Values		Braxton Values	
WG		In Heat of Night	In Heat of Night			Cops	Cops	Cops		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Messenger		Rules	Rules	Rules
HBO	518	:55 ***** King Arthur: Legend of the S...			:05 ***** The Italian Job			***** Paterno	Riley Keough.	:45 ***** Yes Man	Jim Carrey.		News	Elvis Presley 1/2 cont'd next	:50 Elvis Presley Pt. 2 of 2					HereNow					
HBO2	520	:15 ***** Final Destination			***** Ferrell	:45 ***** Get Out	Daniel Kaluuya.	***** The Hours	Nicole Kidman.	:25 ***** The Beguiled		***** Last Wk	Silicon	VICE	***** Fight	***** Alien: Covenant									
HBO3	521	Movie	:45 The Zen Diaries			:40 The Zen Diaries	Garry Shandling.			:10 ***** Man on the Moon		:10 ***** My Cousin Rachel	Sam Claflin.												
MAX	549	:05 ***** I Heart Huckabees			:55 ***** Get Smart		:45 ***** Taking Woodstock			:45 ***** Erin Brockovich	Julia Roberts.		***** Firewall	Harrison Ford.	:45 ***** Taken										
SHOW	578	***** Mission to ...			:45 ***** A Dog's Purpose		:45 ***** Before I Fall	Zoey Deutch.	***** Queen of the Desert	Nicole Kidman.	TheCirc.	:15 ***** Homeland		:15 All-Star Comedy	Jam										
STARZ	621	Movie	Ash/evil	***** The Comedian	Robert De Niro.	Ash/evil	***** Silverman			***** The Pursuit of Happyness	Ash/evil	***** The Pursuit of Happyness		Howards End		Howards End		Howards End		Howards End		Ash/evil	Movie		
STZENC	644	***** The General"	:15 ***** Baseball	Trey Parker.		***** Beverly Hills Cop II		:45 ***** Some Kind of Won...		:20 ***** Ali ('01, Bio)	Mario Van Peebles, Will Smith.														

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT & FRIDAY MORNING

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FOX	(11) KFFX	11	:05 Anger M.	:35 The Game	:05 CR TV Featuring a selection of products and services.							CR TV		AgDay	The Game	Good Day				Paid Program	Into the Wild	Steve!	Crime Watch Daily (N)			
	KPTV	3	TMZ Live!		Celebrity Page	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	King of Queens	Paid Program	Paid Program	This Minute	News (N)	Good Day Oregon at 5 a.m. (N)		Good Day Oregon at 6 a.m. (N)		Good Day Oregon (N)			MORE Good Day Oregon (N)		The 700 Club		The Rachael Ray Show		
CBS	(19) KEPR	2	The Late Show	:35 James Corden Busy Phillips	:35 Paid Program	:05 CBS Overnight News					Morning News	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	CBS This Morning (N)				Harry Susan Kelech Watson		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		
	KOIN	19	The Late Show	:35 James Corden Busy Phillips	:35 KOIN 6 News	:10 CBS Overnight News					Morning News	News (N)	KOIN 6 News at 5 a.m. (N)		KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m. (N)		CBS This Morning (N)			Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		
NBC	(25) KNDU	6	Tonight Show	:35 Late Night With Seth Meyers	:35 Last Call	:05 Today Show		Early Today	Early Today	Early Today	Early Today	Wake Up Northwest (N)				Today Show (N)				Megyn Kelly Today (N)		Today Jeremy Parsons, Siri Daly		Millio-naire? Hot Bench		
	KGW	8	Tonight Show	:35 Late Night With Seth Meyers	:35 Last Call	:05 Steve!		Early Today	Early Today	Early Today	Early Today	News (N)	KGW News at Sunrise (N)		KGW News at Sunrise (N)		Today Show (N)			Megyn Kelly Today (N)		Today Jeremy Parsons, Siri Daly		Daily Blast (N) Daily Blast		
ABC	(42) KVEW	4	:05 Nightl.	:35 This Minute	:05 ABC World News Now Featuring the morning's top stories and breaking news from around the world.						America Morning	Morn-n-gnw (N)	Morning 5:30 (N)	Morn-n-gnw (N)	Morn-n-gnw (N)	Good Morning America (N)				Live Anthony Mackie		The View		Paid Program	This Minute	
	KATU	5	Jimmy Kimmel	:35 Nightl.	:05 Harry Kevin O'Leary	:05 ABC World News Now					America Morning	News (N)	KATU News This Morning (N)				Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live Anthony Mackie	
PBS	(31) KTNW		Doc Martin "Don't Let Go"		This Old House Hour		The Tunnel		Nature "My Bionic Pet"		Nova "Decoding the Weather Machine"				Esmon-de Tech.	Happy Yoga	Ready Jet Go!	Cat in the Hat	Sesame Street	Super WHY!	Dinosa-ur Train	Peg + Cat	Daniel Tiger	Splash & Bubbles	Curious George	Sit and Be Fit
	(59) OPB	13	:05 PBS NewsHour		Nova "Decoding the Weather Machine"					POV "Bill Nye: Science Guy"			Aging Matters	Nightly Business	World News	Yoga in Practice	Wild Kratts	Nature Cat	Curious George	Pinka-Peter	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Splash & Bubbles	Sesame Street	Super WHY!	Dinosa-ur Train