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Trump's U.N. envoy Nikki Haley quits, denies 2020 ambitions



U.S. President Trump meets with U.N. Ambassador Haley in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Nikki Haley announced on Tuesday she is resigning as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, but the rising Republican star immediately denied she was preparing to challenge President Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election. Sitting beside Trump in the Oval Office, Haley said her 18-month stint at the United Nations had been "an honor of a lifetime" and said she would stay on until the end of the year.

A former governor of South Carolina who is the daughter of Indian immigrants, Haley is the highest profile woman in Trump's Cabinet and is often seen as a possible presidential candidate. But she said in her resignation letter to Trump she would "surely not be a candidate for any office in 2020" and would support his re-election bid.

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She told reporters in the Oval Office on Tuesday: "No, I am not running for 2020."
Haley said she did not have any future plans set and did not give a reason for quitting but Trump said she had told him some six months ago that she was thinking of leaving by the end the year "to take a little time off."
Haley's fast rise from a Southern state's legislature to the world stage suggests the 46-year-old may have greater political ambition. Describing her U.N. tenure as "fantastic" and "incredible," Trump was effusive in his praise for Haley. He accepted her resignation and said he would name her successor within two or three weeks.
Haley has been the face of Trump's "America First" policy at the United Nations, steering the U.S. withdrawal from several U.N. programs and ardently defending his hard-line policies

against Iran and North Korea over their nuclear programs. But Haley has also sometimes distanced herself from Trump. **HIGH PRAISE FROM TRUMP**
"She has done an incredible job. She is a fantastic person, very importantly, but she also is somebody that gets it," Trump said on Tuesday. "She's done a fantastic job and we've done a fantastic job together."
Haley's name has come up as possible Republican running mate in the last two presidential elections and she could also become a U.S. senator if fellow South Carolina Republican Lindsey Graham takes up a job in the Trump administration as if often speculated.
Trump suggested the two of them jointly announce Haley's departure in the Oval Office, an administration official said, noting that Haley was the only outgoing senior member of Trump's administration to be feted in this way.
U.S. President Donald Trump talks with U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley in the Oval Office of the White House after it was reported the president had accepted the Haley's resignation. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst
Returning the favor, Haley praised Trump and his family for their support.

Singer Taylor Swift helps boost voter registrations after endorsement

(Reuters) - Pop music luminary Taylor Swift's decision to wade into electoral politics for the first time on Sunday has driven a spike in online voter registration, particularly among young people, according to the website Vote.org. The nonprofit site, which helps people register online, reported 240,000 new registrations since Swift posted a message on Instagram endorsing two Democratic candidates in her home state of Tennessee and urging people to register. By comparison, the site recorded 57,000 new registrations in all of August and 190,000 last month. About 102,000 of the registrations since Sunday were among voters between 18 and 29 years old, an increase that the site said was likely prompted by Swift's post. Swift's enormous reach - she has 112 million Instagram followers and 84 million Twitter followers - underscores the way that celebrities can leverage their online presence by sending messages instantaneously to their millions of fans. The registration deadline is Tuesday in Tennessee and more than a dozen other states. Polls show the U.S. Senate contest between Democrat Phil Bredesen and Republican Marsha Blackburn, a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, is virtually tied in a state that Trump won by 16 points in 2016.

Swift, who has largely eschewed politics even as she has become one of pop music's biggest global superstars, told her followers she could not support Blackburn due to the congresswoman's record on women's issues and gay rights. "In the past I've been reluctant to publicly voice my political opinions, but due to several events in my life and in the world in the past two years, I feel very differently about that now," wrote Swift, who is careful to control her public image. In addition to Bredesen, Swift endorsed Democratic U.S. Representative Jim Cooper for re-election in a Tennessee congressional race. Vote.org acknowledged it was not possible to measure the direct impact of Swift's impact. But one thing is clear, we're seeing a massive surge in the 18-24 and 25-29 voters," the site said in a statement. Swift's previous unwillingness to weigh in on political matters led some members of the alt-right movement to claim her as one of their own, a phenomenon that her representatives have rejected. Many celebrities identify as liberals, and Democrat Hillary Clinton enjoyed broad support from actors, musicians and other popular figures in 2016. The most notable celebrity to support Trump may be the rapper Kanye West, who was expected to visit the



White House on Thursday. West and Swift famously engaged in a years-long feud after West interrupted Swift's acceptance speech at the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards to question why she had won.

Trump, who has endorsed Blackburn, said on Monday that Swift "doesn't know anything about" Blackburn, when he was asked at the White House about the pop star's post.

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Houston high schools that send the most students to Ivy League colleges in the state

By Rebecca Hennes

Several Houston-area students from all walks of life made the jump from public high schools to Ivy League college campuses. A new report helps explain how the schools they went to match up against other schools across the nation. The local high schools included on PolarisList's report of top high schools cover a wide range of the Houston area; from the west side in Katy, to the north side in the Woodlands to Pearland down south. The report ranks public and private high schools nationwide by tracking how many students enrolled in three top Ivy League schools, Harvard University, Princeton University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from 2015-2017. The report considered class size, student to teacher ratios, the percentage of students who qualified

for free and reduced lunch and the total number of students from that high school enrolled in the three ivy league schools. Some schools have the same Texas rank because they had the same number of students in Ivy League schools.

Several Houston area schools are easy winners, like the DeBakey High School for Health Professions and The High School for Visual and Performing Arts, both located near Midtown and the Texas Medical Center. But a few suburban schools might come as surprise to some. Dulles High School in Sugar Land and Foster High School in Richmond both made the list, at #36 and #7 in the state for best public schools in Texas, respectively.



Mapping all the Mattress Firm stores

The proliferation of Mattress Firm stores has come to an end now that the company has filed for bankruptcy protection and announced the first of what will be hundreds of store closings. In Houston, the company has 18 stores on the chopping block, among its vast portfolio of at least 138 locations in the greater metro area. Many of the stores set to close are within walking distance of sister stores. There are four near Texas 249 and Cypress Creek Parkway. In Pearland, there are three along Broadway near Texas 288. Another three are clustered at the intersection of the Gulf Freeway and Bay Area Boulevard. A spokeswoman said the Houston-based retailer will announce additional store closings over the next 45 to 60 days. Hinch said, "He very likely, along with (Brad) Peacock and Joe Smith and Devenski, could find their way onto a future roster if we're able to beat the Indians."

As for position players, the Astros opted to keep the speedy Myles Straw as a late-inning pinch runner instead of third catcher Max Stassi.

The Astros play the Cleveland Indians in the ALDS, beginning with Game 1 at 1:05 p.m. Friday at Minute Maid Park. Game 2 is at 3:37 p.m. Saturday.



Advertisement for the 2018 Houston Travel Shopping Guide. It features a collage of local attractions like Moody Gardens, Discovery Green Park, and the Houston Premium Outlets. A central graphic shows the guide cover with the text '2018 休斯頓旅遊購物指南 HOUSTON TRAVEL SHOPPING GUIDE VOLUME 5'. A large red banner at the bottom says '請至本報社 免費取閱' (Please come to our newspaper office for free pickup). To the right, another large red banner says '已經' (Already).

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U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke greets a young supporter following a campaign rally at Texas Southern University in Houston



Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis speaks with the media before an enhanced honor cordon arrival of Greek Minister of Defense Panagiotis Kammenos at the Pentagon in Washington



Ray Callahan pumps gasoline in advance of Hurricane Michael in Gulf Breeze



A red flag, warning of dangerous conditions, is seen on a pier in advance of Hurricane Michael in Pensacola



FILE PHOTO: A logo of Exxon Mobil is displayed on a monitor above the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shortly after the opening bell in New York



FILE PHOTO: A man shows Argentine pesos outside a bank in Buenos Aires' financial district



A human rights activist holds picture of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi during a protest outside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul

Fifty-Six Houston Work-Related Deaths Reported Since January 2017

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

There were 56 workplace deaths in the greater Houston area between Jan. 1, 2017, and Sept. 24, 2018, according to data from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration...

Of the 56 total Houston cases, a citation was not issued in 32 of them. One of the local deaths is that of Jill Renick, who drowned in the elevator of the basement at the Omni Houston Hotel during Hurricane Harvey.

A lawsuit was filed in June in Dallas County District Court over Renick's death against Omni and several related entities along with Connecticut-based Otis Elevator Co.

HOUSTON-AREA DEATHS OF EMPLOYEES WHO DIED ON THE JOB SINCE JANUARY 2017

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Construction worker heads to work at the crack of dawn in Houston. Construction-related industries had a large number of deaths in the Houston area from Jan. 1, 2017 to Sept. 24, 2018, including in the roofing and landscaping service industries.

Table with columns: Date, City, State, Description, Inspection Number, Federal, Citation. Lists specific incidents like 'Worker died in fall from bucket lift' and 'Worker fatally crushed between bulldozer and storage container.'

Another Houston-area death that occurred this year was that of a worker at Genan Inc.'s Houston tire recycling plant who was pulled into a shredder and killed.

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For a complete list of Houston-area work-related deaths, go here: https://www.bizjournals.com/houston/news/2018/10/05/see-a-list-of-all-the-56houston-work-related.html?ana=e_hstn_bn_newsalert

Source: Occupational Safety and Health Administration from Jan. 1, 2017, through Sept. 24, 2018.

Large employers are required to report injuries and workplace deaths to assist OSHA in determining how to allocate compliance assistance and enforcement resources to prevent injuries.



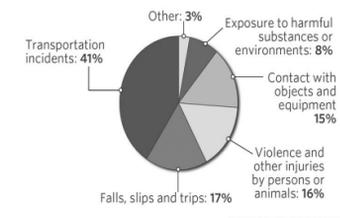
Construction worker being treated after work-related injury.

The most recent Houston workplace death was in March and involved a worker who died in a fall from a collapsed load at the Port of Houston, according to OSHA.

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Highway. Meanwhile, the landscaping, roofing and highway construction industries reported more worker deaths across the country than any other industry over the past 21 months, according to OSHA.

How employees die at work



Overall, 77 workers in landscaping services died on the job, the most among any sector tracked, between Jan. 1, 2017 and Sept. 24, 2018. Some of the Houston-area landscaping services deaths include workers falling from trees, according to OSHA.

Some of the most historically dangerous jobs — those related to mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction — have seen steady declines in worker fatalities since 2007. A decade ago, those sectors combined had a rate of about 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers...

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TOKYO — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he had "productive talks" with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Pyongyang on Sunday...

Pompeo and Kim met for about two hours and then had a 90-minute lunch together. South Korea later said the two men agreed to a second Kim-Trump summit "at the earliest possible date."

"It's good to see you again," Pompeo told Kim as the two men shook hands for the cameras before lunch. The secretary of state then put his hand on Kim's shoulder, and the pair smiled.

"Well, I am really pleased for this opportunity. After having a nice meeting, we can enjoy a meal together," Kim said.

As the pair sat for lunch, Kim said, "It's a very nice day that promises a good future for both countries."

Pompeo said he had a "great visit" and a "very successful morning," adding that Trump sent his regards. Both men spoke through interpreters.

The secretary of state's previous trip to North Korea, in July, did not go so well. He came away from it saying the two sides had made progress, only for North Korea to denounce him for making "gangster-like" demands...

Pompeo then planned to return in late August, only for Trump to cancel the trip at the last minute as it became apparent that the two sides remained far apart on their approach to the negotiations.



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo meets with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Pompeo, Kim Jong Un Agree To Hold 2nd Summit With Trump As Soon As Possible

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo visits the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo on Oct. 6 before heading to Pyongyang.

But a summit of the leaders of North and South Korea last month has helped to rekindle the peace process, as has the apparent desire of both Kim and Trump to meet again.

An official accompanying the delegation who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the trip had gone "better than the last time" but added that it is going to be a "long haul," according to a pool report from the lone U.S. journalist who accompanied Pompeo to Pyongyang.

Later Sunday, Pompeo flew to Seoul, where he met with South Korean President Moon Jae-in. He said in Seoul that he had had "a good, productive conversation" with Kim.

"As President Trump said, there are many steps along the way, and we took one of them today," Pompeo said. "It was another step forward. So this is, I think, a good outcome for all of us."

process." During his private meeting with Moon, Pompeo said he and Kim had agreed to arrange the second U.S.-North Korea summit "at the earliest possible date," according to a statement issued by Moon's chief press secretary, Yoon Young-chan.

"Secretary Pompeo said there had been discussions on denuclearization measures to be taken by North Korea and monitoring by the U.S. government, as well as on corresponding measures to be taken by the United States," Yoon said. Yoon said the two sides would form "working-level negotiating teams" to discuss the specific date and location for the summit, as well as North Korea's denuclearization process.



Second summit between President

make this brighter future for the North Korean people."

Pompeo met with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo on Saturday, and the two men "agreed that pressure must continue until the DPRK [Democratic People's Republic of Korea] denuclearizes," Nauert said.



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe meet at Abe's office in Tokyo on Oct. 6 before Pompeo's trip to Pyongyang.

That is not how Pyongyang sees things, nor is it the approach being advocated for by Seoul.

After the summit between the leaders of the two Koreas last month, Kim said he was prepared to permanently dismantle his country's main nuclear site at Yongbyon, but only if the United States took "corresponding steps" to build trust.

North Korea has been asking for the United States to declare the 1950-1953 Korean War formally over, as a way to end hostile relations between the two countries. The war concluded with an armistice but no peace treaty.

In the past few days, North Korea has also renewed its demands for sanctions to be eased.

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho told the U.N. General Assembly late last month that "coercive" sanctions were lethal to trust-building between the two nations and that without trust, "there is no way we will unilaterally disarm ourselves first."

Pompeo was to visit Beijing on Monday as he concludes his four-nation visit to the region. (Courtesy https://www.washingtonpost.com)

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