

WORLD AGENDA

JANUARY 2019

1 Jan 3, U.S.: **Nancy Pelosi**, the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives, from 2007-11, is attempting to secure the job for a non-consecutive term when the new U.S. Congress convenes – to lead the challenge to President Trump's political and legislative agendas

2 Jan 7, UK: Parliament returns from its Christmas break, and Prime Minister **Theresa May** has promised a vote on the Brexit deal the following week. Her options appear meagre if, as expected, it fails to pass

3 Jan 1, Brazil: **Jair Bolsonaro** is sworn in as president for a four-year term that will take the country to the right after a long spell on the left. A lack of foreign leaders at the ceremony in Brasilia can be pinned on the inconvenient date – New Year – and a distaste for his views

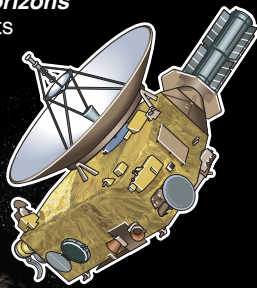
4 Jan 14-27, Australia: The Australian Open sees **Serena Williams** aiming for a record eighth trophy in Melbourne and a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title overall

5 Jan 22-27, Panama: **Pope Francis** has invited young people from around the globe to attend **World Youth Day**, but he can't count on the usual rapturous crowds. The paedophile priests scandal appears to be taking a toll on both his popularity and on the Catholic Church

6 Jan 22-25, Switzerland: The **World Economic Forum** will draw the rich and powerful to Davos to discuss key issues on the global agenda



7 Jan 1, Space: NASA's **New Horizons** probe reaches the closest point in its nine-day flyby of the icy Kuiper Belt object **MU69** and its moonlet. At 6.5bn km from Earth, it is the farthest exploration in the history of humankind



Artist's impression of MU69

8 Jan 6, U.S.: The Golden Globes show Hollywood taking a stab at inclusion. **Crazy Rich Asians**, **Black Panther**, **BlacKkKlansman** and **Bohemian Rhapsody** are all in the running for Best Picture-Drama, winning points for diversity. But they must beat **A Star is Born**, which is favourite for the award

