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GOP leaders: Bill to build wall will cost up to \$15 billion

PHILADELPHIA — Congress will move legislation this year providing up to \$15 billion to build a wall along the Mexican boundary, Republican leaders said today. But they would not say how they would prevent the massive project from adding to federal deficits.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters at a GOP strategy retreat that they were planning legislation providing \$12 billion to \$15 billion for constructing the wall, one of President Donald Trump's chief goals. Ryan said the goal is to complete that and other major bills in 2017, but the leaders offered no details on how the wall would be paid for, saying they would wait until the Trump administration proposes legislation.

Trump has repeatedly said Mexico will pay for the wall, but Mexican leaders oppose it and have said they won't finance it.

Congress will pay for "the construction of the physical barrier on the border," Ryan said.

"We intend to address the wall issue ourselves," said McConnell.

Pressed on whether construction would increase federal deficits, Ryan said Republicans are fiscal conservatives. He said strengthening the economy and replacing President Barack Obama's health care system were two of the best ways to bolster the government's budget.

"If we're going to be spending on things like infrastructure, we're going to find the fiscal space to pay for that" in a budget Congress plans to write this spring, Ryan said.

For most Americans, Dow 20,000 carries little benefit

WASHINGTON — While Wall Street celebrates yet another stock market record — surpassing 20,000 on the Dow Jones industrial average — many Americans have little reason to cheer.

Despite the spread of 401(k) retirement plans, the wealthiest 10 percent of households own roughly 80 percent of stock market wealth. The Dow's 23 percent surge over the past year has benefited mostly investors who were already well-off.

The rising concentration of wealth at the top is one reason why the economy's significant gains since the Great Recession ended 7½ years ago haven't been felt by many Americans. Though the Dow more than doubled in President Barack Obama's two terms, pay growth was stagnant, especially for people without higher education or high-tech skills. Discontent and anxiety about the economy's direction helped fuel President Donald Trump's election victory.

Now, a major challenge for Trump is to help extend the economy's gains beyond wealthier households and those in thriving large metro areas to struggling regions and many rural areas.

Research by Edward Wolff, an economist at New York University, found that the wealthiest 10 percent of households owned 81.4 percent of stock market wealth as of 2013, the most recent year for which figures are available. The middle 60 percent of U.S. households owned just 7.7 percent. Those figures include stocks held in individual retirement plans and 401(k)s as well as in mutual funds.

Trump's immigration actions mark sharp shift in US policy

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's wide-ranging executive actions tightening border security—and the prospect of additional measures restricting refugee flows — mark a sharp shift away from Washington's elusive efforts to forge comprehensive immigration legislation.

"We do not need new laws," Trump said Wednesday during remarks at the Department of Homeland Security. "We will work within the existing system and framework."

The centerpiece of the measures Trump signed was an order to jump-start construction of his promised U.S.-Mexico border



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The display at Nasdaq Tower in New York's Times Square shows that the Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 20,000-point mark for the first time, Wednesday.

He also ordered cuts in federal grants for immigrant-protecting "sanctuary cities" and a boost in the number of border patrol agents and immigration officers, pending congressional funding.

Sometime this week, Trump is expected to pause the flow of all refugees to the U.S. and indefinitely bar those fleeing war-torn Syria. The president's upcoming order is also expected to suspend issuing visas for people from several predominantly Muslim countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — for at least 30 days, according to a draft executive order obtained by The Associated Press.

The actions, less than a week into Trump's presidency, would fulfill pledges that animated his candidacy and represent a dramatic redirection of U.S. immigration policy. They were cheered by Republicans allies in Congress, condemned by immigration advocates and triggered new tension with the Mexican government.

Congressional Republicans prepare to hear from Trump

PHILADELPHIA — Congressional Republicans eager to deliver are about to find out whether Donald Trump can stay focused on their goals in his first appearance before them as president.

Trump will speak today to House and Senate GOP lawmakers at their annual policy retreat. Despite a rocky start to his administration — Trump has veered off course to make false claims about voter fraud and his inaugural crowd size — many lawmakers remain optimistic at the prospect of the work they can do together. They hope to see a Trump focused on unity and results, not one veering off-course into conspiracy theories or re-litigating the election or the inauguration.

Ahead of Trump's appearance, House Speaker Paul Ryan sketched out an ambitious agenda to lawmakers including sending Trump a health care repeal bill by March and a rewrite of the tax code by summer's end. Also in the first 200 days Congress will confront paying for Trump's newly announced border wall, which Ryan confirmed could cost \$8 billion to \$14 billion, and will work on an infrastructure bill that Trump requested be added to the already packed agenda.

"I'm just so excited we finally have a chance to do this because we have the House and the Senate and a president who is with us," Ryan said Wednesday in an interview on MSNBC, discussing plans to overhaul the tax code, eliminating loopholes and lowering corporate rates to 20 percent or even the 15 percent sought by Trump.

"If you can clean up the cesspool of the tax code and give us a pro-growth tax code, that is how you grow the economy, that is how you take power and money out of Washington and give it back to the people," he said.

Ex-foster kids: Abuse was routine in dismembered teen's home

Before her torturous death, Grace Packer grew up in a hotbed of emotional, physical and sexual abuse, according to three children fostered by the adoptive mother who now stands charged, along with her boyfriend, of killing and dismembering the 14-year-old girl as part of a barbaric rape-murder fantasy.

Police say Sara Packer, a former county adoptions supervisor, watched as her boyfriend, Jacob Sullivan, beat and raped Grace, who was then bound, gagged and left to die in a sweltering attic. Returning the next day and finding Grace still alive, Sullivan strangled her, court documents say. They stored her body in cat litter for months, then hacked it up and dumped it in a remote area where hunters found it in October, police said.

In separate interviews with The Associated Press, the now-grown former foster daughters, all of whom lived with Sara Packer several years before Grace's rape and murder, said Sara abused her adopted daughter and clearly favored Grace's biological brother, who was also adopted.

"Her favorite child, and you could see it plain as day, had always been Gracie's brother," said Jade Tenezaca, now 27. "She was more demanding on Gracie to be normal. But Gracie is not normal. Gracie had a learning disability."

Tenezaca recounted an episode that, in hindsight, seems chilling. Sara was watching the TV crime drama "CSI" once and casually mentioned that if she ever killed someone, she'd dismember the body and burn the pieces to ash, Tenezaca said.

Is Ivanka Trump Jewish? In Israel, she has a trump card

PETAH TIKVA, Israel — Is Ivanka Trump really Jewish?

Last summer, Israel's religious authorities issued a ruling that raised doubts about her conversion to Judaism. But after her father was elected president, they have changed their tune, raising eyebrows among activists who have long lobbied the rabbinical establishment to be more tolerant toward converts.

President Donald Trump's daughter converted to Judaism under a prominent Orthodox rabbi in Manhattan before her 2009 marriage to Jared Kushner, an observant Jew.

In its ruling last July, an Israeli government religious court rejected the legitimacy of another conversion by the same rabbi. Although it didn't directly affect Ivanka Trump, it raised questions as to whether Israel's powerful religious establishment would recognize her as being Jewish.

But in early December, just weeks after Trump's election victory, Israel's chief rabbis said they would work to change the rules for recognizing conversions performed abroad — and they singled out Ivanka Trump.

Farm to table: A bit tricky in winter, but in high demand

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Demand driven by the farm-to-table movement knows no seasons, so farmers in colder areas of the country increasingly use greenhouses and similar structures to meet wintertime demand for local produce.

While crusty snow and ice covers the ground in January in Vermont, spinach leaves sprout in rows of unfrozen soil inside a high tunnel — a large enclosure covered by plastic film that is warmed by the sun and protected from the wind.

"I can never keep up with the spinach demand," said Joe Buley, owner of Screamin' Ridge Farm in Montpelier, who planted the spinach in November and will sell it in about two weeks.

This time of year, when vegetables are trucked in from California and Mexico, some consumers clamor for fresh local produce.

"I'm definitely interested in supporting local agriculture, and I definitely like eating greens in the winter," said Serena Matt of Marshfield, Vermont, who paid Bear Roots Farm in South Barre, Vermont, ahead to get biweekly bundles of produce that in the winter typically include greens like spinach or baby kale.

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings
THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												JANUARY 26	
A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach													
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Survival of the Fittest" (SP) (N)		With Murder "We're Bad People" (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Survival of the Fittest" (SP) (N)		With Murder "We're Bad People" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	HealthLink	Superstore	Superstore	Chicago Med "Soul Care"		The Blacklist		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	The Great Indoors	Mom	Life in Pieces	Pure Genius "Lift Me Up" (SF) (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	The Great Indoors	Mom	Life in Pieces	Pure Genius "Lift Me Up" (SF) (N)		KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Superstore	Superstore	Chicago Med "Soul Care"		The Blacklist		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supernatural "First Blood" (N)		Riverdale (N)		KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
10	KOPB	(10) Born to Explore	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer M.	"Death in Chorus"	(35) Vera	"The Moth Catcher"	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Hell's Kitchen "Tequila Shots?" (N)		My Kitchen Rules (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "Tequila Shots?" (N)		My Kitchen Rules (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Basketball Vir. T/UNC (L)		Winter X Games Aspen 2017 (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Indiana at Michigan (L)				SportsCenter		College Basketball	Jalen & Jacoby	30 for 30 "I Hate Christian Laettner"		Jalen & Jacoby	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Paradise Run (N)	The Thundermans	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (12) Robert Capron, Zachary Gordon.		Full House	Full House	Nashville "Love Hurts" (N)			
32	DISN	(32) Girl Meets World	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Good Luck Charlie	Stuck in Middle	Good Luck Charlie	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) ★★ Save the Last Dance ('00) Sean Patrick Thomas, Julia Stiles.		★★ Love and Basketball (2000, Romance) Omar Epps, Alfre Woodard, Sanaa Lathan.								The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) After Earth	(55) ★★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011, Sci-Fi) Andy Serkis, Freida Pinto, James Franco.	(05) FXM Presents	★★★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes ('11) Andy Serkis, James Franco.	(40) FXM Presents							
36	LIFE	(36) Runway "En Garde Avante Garde"	Runway "Step It Up From Day to Night"	Project Rway "Light Up the Runway" (N)	Runway "Firefighting Clients" (N)	To Be Announced		Project Runway "Firefighting Clients"					
38	ROOT	(38) NCAA Basketball San Diego at Gonzaga (L)		NCAA Basketball Portland at Pepperdine (L)		NCAA Basketball San Francisco vs. St. Mary's							In Depth (N)
39	F51	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball Oregon State vs. Colorado (L)		NCAA Basketball Oregon vs. Utah (L)									
43	SPIKE	(43) ★★ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.				Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Caraoke (N)	That Awkward (N)	Movie	
44	COM	(44) (20) Futurama	(55) Futurama "Goodfellas"	(25) Futurama	Daniel Tosh: Completely Serious	Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain							The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Alone "Hungry Beasts"	Alone (N)							(05) The Selection "March of Tears" (N)
46	A&E	(46) The First 48	The First 48 "Killer Contact"	The First 48 "Deadly Favor/Just Kids"	First 48 "Deadly Lies/Stay Down" (N)	Extreme Weight Loss "Jayce"		Nightwatch "Brotherhood" (N)	(05) First 48 "The Fighter/Final Ride"	(05) My 600-lb Life "Kirsten's Story"			
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Ashley's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Charity's Story"	My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Kirsten's Story" (N)		Extreme Weight Loss "Jayce"		Nightwatch "Brotherhood" (N)	(05) First 48 "The Fighter/Final Ride"	(05) My 600-lb Life "Kirsten's Story"			
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners "Smoke Mountain Gin"	Moonshiners "Green Dragon"	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	The Wheel "Abandoned"		Diesel Brothers	Naked and Afraid "Man vs. Amazon"				
49	NGEO	(49) Super Squirrel	The Rise of Black Wolf	Killer Shrew		Ultimate Wheel Badger		The Secret Life of Mr. Fox	American Beaver				
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Dallas vs Oklahoma (L)		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)		Inside the NBA							NBA Basketball Dallas vs Oklahoma
51	AMC	(51) (4:30) ★★ Gladiator (2000, Epic) Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.		★★★ Con Air (1997, Action) John Cusack, John Malkovich, Nicolas Cage.									★★★ The Dark Knight ('08) Heath Ledger, Christian Bale.
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Branded"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Trophy"	Law&Order: SVU "Agent Provocateur"	Law&Order: SVU "A Misunderstanding"	Colony "Sublimation" (N)		Colony "Sublimation" (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Sports Stars"	Chopped "Hero Chefs"	Chopped "Wild Times"	Chopped "Celebrating Veterans"	Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
55	FX	(55) (5:30) ★★ The Other Woman ('14) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Cameron Diaz.		Grown Ups 2 (2013, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.		Baskets (N)		Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	Grown Ups 2 ('13)	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor			
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Super Rich (N)	Lives-Super Rich		TrumpBillionPres	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich
63	BRVA	(63) (5:30) ★★ Ocean's Eleven ('01, Cri) Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, George Clooney.		To Be Announced		Top Chef "For the Kids" (N)		Beverly "Boys, Blades and Bag of Pills"		WatchWhat (N)		Vanderpump Rules	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Magnificent Obsession	★★★ All That Heaven Allows ('55) Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson.	Lucy Gallant (1955, Drama) Charlton Heston, Claire Trevor, Jane Wyman.						Miracle in the Rain ('56) Jane Wyman.			
65	SYFY	(65) (4:35) Tremors 4: The Legend Begins	★★★ Resident Evil: Apocalypse ('04) Sienna Guillory, Oded Fehr, Milla Jovovich.	★★★ Resident Evil: Retribution ('12) Sienna Guillory, Milla Jovovich.						Resident Evil: Afterlife Milla Jovovich.			
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Tarter Farm and Ranch"	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News		Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town		Time Life Library

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