

WORLD IN BRIEF

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'Day Without Immigrants' protests being held across US

PHILADELPHIA — Immigrants across the country are expected to stay home from school and work today to show how critical they are to the U.S. economy and way of life.

"A Day Without Immigrants" actions are planned in cities including Philadelphia, Washington, Boston, Houston, Chicago and New York. The protest gained momentum on social media and by word of mouth.

It comes in response to President Donald Trump, whose administration has pledged to increase the deportation of immigrants living in the country illegally. Trump campaigned on building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, and blamed high unemployment on immigration. As president, he's called for a ban on people from seven Muslim-majority countries from coming into the U.S.

Organizers expect thousands of people to participate or show solidarity with workers.

Problem nominations are hard to avoid, history shows

WASHINGTON — It was pretty much inevitable. Every recent president has had a doomed Cabinet nomination or two, and President Donald Trump is no exception.

On Wednesday, Trump's choice for labor secretary, fast food CEO Andrew Puzder, withdrew his name after Republicans expressed concern over his failure to pay taxes promptly on a former housekeeper who wasn't authorized to work in the U.S. Democrats also had complained about Puzder's business record and remarks about women and workers at his company, which owns Hardee's and Carl's Jr.

Puzder was Trump's first Cabinet-level nominee to withdraw. The president also ousted his first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, after just weeks on the job because Flynn wasn't truthful about his contacts with Russian officials during the transition.

Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and both Bush presidents all had to come up with new names after nominees for their Cabinets ran into trouble.

Military seeks \$21M to clean lead-contaminated armories

PORTLAND — The Oregon Military Department is seeking \$21.6 million from the federal government to clean up toxic armories around the state.

The Oregonian reported Wednesday that the money would go toward cleaning armories in Portland, Ashland, Backer City, Bend, Coos Bay, Eugene, McMinnville, Ontario, Pendleton and Salem.

The state's request to the National Guard Bureau comes after an 18-month investigation by The Oregonian that revealed widespread lead dust problems in armories nationwide.

The 2016 investigation showed that state military leaders tried to cover up how long they knew about the problem and downplay its severity. The Oregon military has recently increased disclosure about its toxic armories.

In December, the National Guard Bureau, which oversees state units, said it would pay for armory cleanups, the first time it has made such a commitment.

Washington court rules against florist in gay wedding case

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Washington Supreme Court has unanimously ruled that a florist who refused to provide services for a same-sex wedding broke the state's antidiscrimination law.

Baronelle Stutzman, a florist in Richland, Washington, had been fined by a lower court for denying service to a gay couple in 2013. Stutzman said she was exercising her First Amendment rights, and her lawyers immediately said they would ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn today's decision.

She had previously sold the couple flowers and knew they were



AP Photo/Steven Senne

Tsugumi Joiner, associate director of the Davis Museum at Wellesley College, walks past the shroud-covered painting, "Friends in a Storm Approaching," left, by Scottish-born artist James McDougal Hart, today, at the museum in Wellesley, Mass. To protest President Donald Trump's recent travel ban, artworks by immigrants, or artworks given to the museum by immigrants, will be covered or de-installed through Tuesday to call attention to contributions that immigrants have made to culture.

gay. However, Stutzman told them that she couldn't provide flowers for their wedding because same-sex marriage was incompatible with her Christian beliefs.

Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson and the couple sued her, saying she broke state anti-discrimination and consumer protection laws, and the lower court agreed. The state's nine high court justices upheld that verdict.

Texas splits with other states, defends Trump travel ban

SAN FRANCISCO — Texas is splitting with other states and defending President Donald Trump's ban on travelers from seven predominantly Muslim nations.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed documents with the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday asking the court to reconsider its decision not to immediately reinstate the ban. Paxton says the ban is a legal exercise of presidential authority.

A three-judge panel last Thursday refused to block a lower court decision that suspended the ban. The panel rejected the Trump administration's claim of presidential authority and concluded that the order was unlikely to survive the legal challenge mounted by the states of Washington and Minnesota.

The 9th Circuit will decide whether to have a larger panel of judges reconsider that decision.

House GOP batting around options for revamping health law

WASHINGTON — With the Republican drive to craft a new health care plan sputtering, House GOP leaders are offering options to rank-and-file lawmakers for replacing President Barack Obama's health care law with a conservative approach dominated by tax breaks and a transition away from today's Medicaid program.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and other House leaders planned to discuss details of their plans with lawmakers today and gauge their receptiveness. The briefing was coming hours before a weeklong recess sends Congress home to energized voters — mostly Democrats — who have recently crammed town hall meetings to complain noisily about GOP efforts to repeal Obama's statute. Lawmakers are eager to have something to show constituents.

"This is complicated work. We're not going to rush it," said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, one of the panels helping craft the legislation.

Walden said by the end of March, his committee would start writing its part of the measure voiding much of Obama's law and substituting GOP programs. That's the most recent of several self-imposed deadlines that President Donald Trump and GOP

leaders have set, but until now failed to meet, for reconfiguring the nation's health care system.

With Senate Republicans straining to coalesce around plans, new Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price met privately with GOP senators Wednesday, but participants said no specifics were discussed. Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., said lawmakers and the White House are trying to decide who should release a plan to replace Obama's law first — the White House or Congress.

Two women, one man arrested in North Korean's death in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysian authorities today announced the second and third arrests in the death of the North Korean leader's half brother, whose apparent assassination this week unleashed tales of spectacular intrigue: a pair of women assailants, a broad-daylight killing and a dictator-sibling out for blood.

But investigators were still piecing together details of the case, which hinges in part on speculation that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un dispatched a hit squad to kill his estranged half brother, who loved gambling and casinos and lived abroad for years, knowing he was a hunted man.

The three suspects — two women and a man — were picked up separately Wednesday and early today. The women were identified using closed-circuit TV footage from Kuala Lumpur International Airport, where Kim Jong Nam, who was 45 or 46, suddenly fell ill Monday morning.

He died on the way to the hospital, after telling medical workers at the airport that he had been sprayed with a chemical, said two senior Malaysian government officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive diplomatic issues involved.

Multiple South Korean media reports, citing unidentified sources, said two women believed to be North Korean agents killed him with some kind of poison before fleeing in a taxi.

China carfentanil ban changes the game for opioid epidemic

SHANGHAI — China is adding the deadly elephant tranquilizer carfentanil and three related synthetic opioids to its list of controlled substances effective March 1, China's National Narcotics Control Commission said today.

The move closes a major loophole in the global regulation of a substance so lethal it has been used as a chemical weapon and described as a terrorist threat.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration called China's action a potential "game-changer" that is likely to reduce supply of key chemicals driving a surge of overdoses and deaths among unsuspecting drug users in North America. After China controlled 116 synthetic drugs in October 2015, seizures in the United States of compounds on that list plunged.

"It's a substantial step in the fight against opioids here in the United States," said Russell Baer, a DEA special agent in Washington. "We're persuaded it will have a definite impact."

China has emerged as an important source country for opioids like carfentanil, which burst into public view last summer when it appeared in the North American drug supply. Dealers cut fentanyl into heroin and other drugs to boost profit margins.

Pro-government tribal leader among dead in US raid in Yemen

CAIRO — The main figure killed in last month's U.S. raid in Yemen targeting al-Qaida was a tribal leader who was allied to the country's U.S.- and Saudi-backed president and had been enlisted to fight Yemen's Shiite rebels, according to military officials, tribal figures and relatives.

The government connections of tribal chief Sheikh Abdel-Raouf al-Dhahab raise further questions over the planning of a raid that turned into a heavy firefight with casualties on both sides.

One U.S. Navy Seal was killed, six American soldiers were wounded and a military aircraft suffered a hard landing and had to be destroyed in the assault, which took place days after President Donald Trump's inauguration.

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Evening listings
THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												FEBRUARY 16	
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 A. "It Only Gets Much Worse" (N)	Scandal "The Belt" (N)	Get Away With Murder "It's War" (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's A. "It Only Gets Much Worse" (N)	Scandal "The Belt" (N)	Get Away With Murder "It's War" (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (N)	Powerless (N)	Chicago Med "Cold Front" (N)	The Blacklist "The Architect" (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Trigger Time" (N)	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Trigger Time" (N)	KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	Powerless (N)	Chicago Med "Cold Front" (N)	The Blacklist "The Architect" (N)	KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show		
8	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supernatural (N)	Rivdale (N)	Chicago Med "Cold Front" (N)	The Blacklist "The Architect" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
9	KOPB	(10) Born to Explore	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer M.	The Animal Within	(35) DCI Banks	A Piece of My Heart	
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Chef "Quest for an Apron, Pt. 2" (N)	Kitchen "Leah Remini Gets Artsy" (N)	10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls		
11	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		
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Quest for an Apron, Pt. 2" (N)	Kitchen "Leah Remini Gets Artsy" (N)	Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons		
13	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan			
14	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 Pt. 1 of 2	Friends	
15	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball	Utah at Oregon (L)			SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball	Memphis at Connecticut (L)			NFL Live	30 for 30 "This Was the NFL"			College Basketball	30 for 30 "Requiem for the Big East"		
17	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Ride	Game Shakers	★ ★ Cheaper by the Dozen (2003, Comedy)	Bonnie Hunt, Hilary Duff, Steve Martin.	Nashville	"Stand Beside Me"		
18	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	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
19	FAM	(34) (4:30) Zookeeper	★ ★ Free Willy (1993, Family)	Lori Petty, Michael Madsen, Jason James Richter.				★ ★ Tooth Fairy (10) Ashley Judd, Seth MacFarlane, Dwayne	The Rock Johnson.	The 700 Club			
20	FMC	(35) (5:00) Immortals (11, Act)	Henry Cavill.	(10) ★ ★ 300: Rise of an Empire (14) Eva Green, Sullivan Stapleton.				(05) FXM Presents	★ ★ Immortals (2011, Action)	Mickey Rourke, John Hurt, Henry Cavill.	(40) FXM Presents		
21	LIFE	(36) Project Runway	"Firefighting Clients"	Runway "High End Italian Fashion"		Project Runway "Race to the Finale" (N)	Project Runway: Junior "Finale, Part 1" 1/2 (N)	Project Runway: Junior "Finale, Part 1" 1/2 (N)		Project Runway: Junior "Finale, Part 1" 1/2			
22	ROO	(38) NCAA Basketball	San Francisco at Gonzaga (L)			NCAA Basketball	Western Washington vs. Central Washington (L)	NCAA Basketball	Loyola Marymount at St. Mary's				
23	F51	(39) NCAA Basketball	Arizona vs. Washington State (L)			NCAA Basketball	Arizona State at Washington (L)			Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed	
24	SPIKE	(43) (4:00) The Town (10, Act)	Ben Affleck.	★ ★ Shooter (2007, Action)	Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.			Lip Sync Battle	Caraoke (N)	The Town (2010, Action)	Ben Affleck.	The Daily Show (N) atmidnight (N)	
25	COM	(44) (2:00) Futurama	(55) Futurama "Fear of a Bot Planet"	(25) Futurama		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0				
26	HIST	(45) Swamp People	"Home Stretch"	Swamp People "End of the Line"		Swamp People (N)	Swamp People "The Hunt Begins / Fresh Blood" (N)			(05) Detroit Steel "All In the Family"			
27	A&E	(46) The First 48		The First 48		60 Days In "Best of Clark County" (N)	Night. "EMTs Bare All, Part One" (N)	Nightwatch "Family Ties" (N)		(05) The First 48 "Mother of Two"			
28	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life	"Marla's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Chad's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Diana's Story" Once thin and active, Diana is now 620lbs. (N)	Extreme Weight Loss "Brandi"			(05) My 600-lb Life "Diana's Story"			
29	DISC	(48) Diesel Bros.	"Abominable SnowRam"	Diesel Brothers "Busting at the SEMA"		Diesel Brothers "Feed the Beast-Mode"	Diesel Brothers: Trucked Out (N)	To Be Announced		Street Outlaws "Go Back to Tulsa!"			
30	NGEO	(49) Alaska Salmon Shark		Blitzkrieg Sharks		Shark Alley	Sharkkatraz	Mega Hammerhead		Shark Battleground: The Red Triangle			
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls (L)	Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls Site: United Center -- Chicago, Ill.			Bones "The Stargazer in a Puddle"			
32	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★ ★ ★ True Grit (2010, Adventure)	Matt Damon, Hailee Steinfeld, Jeff Bridges.	★ ★ ★ The Departed (2006, Thriller)	Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio.					Goodfellas (90)			
33	USA	(52) Law&Order: SVU	"Pornstar's Requiem"	Law&Order: SVU "Padre Sandunguero"		Law&Order: SVU "Decaying Morality"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Institutional Fall"	Colony "Fallout" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Strange Beauty"			
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped	"Amazing Amateurs"	Chopped "Ambitious Amateurs"		Chopped "Amateurs Redemption"	Chopped "Amateurs' Brawl"	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
35	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
36	FX	(56) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Guardians of the Galaxy	(14) Chris Pratt.	★ ★ ★ 22 Jump Street	(2014, Action/Comedy)	Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Channing Tatum.		Baskets (N)	Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	22 Jump Street	
37	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		Comedy "The Funnier Sex" (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	History of Comedy "The Funnier Sex"		Anderson Cooper 360			
38	FNC	(58) Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity		The First 100 Days			
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Super Rich (N)	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Paid Program	Paid Program
40	BRVA	(63) Atlanta	"Thelma and Louise Take Flint"	Housewives Atlanta "Into the Woods"	Atlanta "If These Woods Could Talk"	Top Chef (N)		Beverly Hills "Backed Into a Corner"	WatchWhat (N)	Housewives Atl.			
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Man Who Knew Too Much	(15) ★ ★ ★ The Man Who Shot Liberty	Valance ('62, Western)	John Wayne, Vera Miles, James Stewart.	★ ★ ★ McCabe and Mrs. Miller (1971, Western)	Julie Christie, Rene Auberjonois, Warren Beatty.			Tracers (15, Act)			
42	SYFY	(65) Movie	★ ★ ★ Red (2010, Action)	Mary-Louise Parker, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.		★ ★ Red 2 (2013, Action)	Helen Mirren, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.						
43	RFN	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live"		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	

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