

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Conservatives praise the end of bathroom rule for transgender kids

WASHINGTON — Conservatives are praising the Trump administration's rollback of public school bathroom requirements for transgender students, saying the move corrects a legal overreach by the Obama administration that is best left for states to decide. Transgender rights advocates, meanwhile, are vowing to overcome a major setback.

"We're not discouraged. And we're going to keep fighting like we have been and keep fighting for the right thing," said Gavin Grimm, a transgender teen who sued his Virginia high school over its bathroom access policy and whose case is set to be heard by the Supreme Court next month.

The Justice and Education departments said Wednesday that public schools no longer need to abide by the Obama-era directive instructing them to allow transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms of their chosen gender. That guidance, issued in May, led to a spate of lawsuits over how it should be applied, according to a letter from the departments being sent to schools nationwide.

The agencies said they withdrew the guidance to "in order to further and more completely consider the legal issues involved."

Anti-bullying safeguards for students will not be affected by the change, according to the letter. But advocates of protections for transgender teens said the overall rollback sends "a message that something is wrong with them, which is harmful," said Nancy Haque, co-executive director of Basic Rights Oregon.

US, Mexico at odds over deportation as top officials meet

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's mounting unease and resentment over President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown are looming over a gathering of U.S. and Mexican leaders that the U.S. had hoped would project a strong future for relations between neighbors.

There is no shortage of tension points as U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly meet today with top Mexican officials. After all, it's Kelly who's tasked with executing Trump's plan to target millions for possible deportation, and Tillerson who must explain it to the rest of the world.

As the pair arrived in Mexico City, the two countries seemed much farther apart than their close geographical proximity would suggest.

"I think Secretary Tillerson and Secretary Kelly are going to have a great discussion down there," said White House press secretary Sean Spicer. He called the relationship "phenomenal."

But while Spicer said the officials would "talk through the implementation of the executive order," Mexico made clear it intended to do nothing of the sort.

NYC lowers cost estimate for presidential protection

NEW YORK — New York City has lowered its cost estimate for guarding President Donald Trump, his family and their Manhattan residence.

Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill has written to New York's congressional delegation to seek reimbursement.

He says it cost about \$24 million to guard the Trumps and Trump Tower during the 2½ months between Election Day and Inauguration Day.

The original estimate was \$35 million.

When the president is not in New York City, the department estimates that it costs \$127,000 to \$146,000 a day to protect the first lady and their son.

If Trump is in New York City, the police department puts the estimate at \$308,000 a day.

The New York Times notes that Trump has not yet returned to the city since his inauguration.



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Activists and protesters with the National Center for Transgender Equality rally in front of the White House on Wednesday in Washington, after the Department of Education and the Justice Department announce plans to overturn the school guidance on protecting transgender students.

Teen suicide attempts fell as same-sex marriage became legal

CHICAGO — Teen suicide attempts in the U.S. declined after same-sex marriage became legal and the biggest impact was among gay, lesbian and bisexual kids, a study found.

The research found declines in states that passed laws allowing gays to marry before the Supreme Court made it legal nationwide. The results don't prove there's a connection, but researchers said policymakers should be aware of the measures' potential benefits for youth mental health.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for all U.S. teens. Suicidal behavior is much more common among gay, lesbian and bisexual kids and adults; about 29 percent of these teens in the study reported attempting suicide, compared with just 6 percent of straight teens.

Laws that have the greatest impact on gay adults may make gay kids feel "more hopeful for the future," said lead author Julia Raifman, a researcher at Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The measures also could create more tolerance and less bullying, making these teens feel less stigmatized. Those effects could also benefit straight teens but more research is needed to determine how the laws might influence teen behavior, Raifman said.

Iraqi police forces enter Mosul airport, seize runway

BAGHDAD — Iraqi federal police pushed their way into the perimeter of Mosul International Airport today, taking control of the runway amid fierce exchanges of fire with Islamic State militants hunkered down in several airport buildings, police officials said.

The advance came as part of a major assault that started five days earlier to drive the Islamic State group from the western half of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city.

Two police official told The Associated Press that after police forces pushed onto the airport grounds and seized the runway, they came under heavy fire from inside the buildings at the site, including the main airport building.

The officials would not provide more details but said heavy exchanges were underway. They said troops from the U.S.-led coalition were with the advancing forces, though they didn't specify the nationalities of the foreign forces. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

Private broadcaster Lebanon-based Al-Mayadeen aired live footage from the Mosul airport perimeter, showing a military helicopter buzzing overhead and firing at IS positions as gunfire rattled.

Stray bullet bounces off Oregon woman's head

BEND — Police say a Central Oregon woman suffered a small bump when a stray bullet crashed into her home and bounced off her head.

The Redmond Police Department says the woman watching television Monday when the shot was fired. The bullet went through a wall of her neighbor's home and a fence before entering the woman's home. It went through a picture frame and had slowed significantly by the time it hit her.

Redmond police Lt. Curtis Chambers told The Bulletin newspaper it was like having a small rock thrown at you. She said the incident was being overblown and declined further comment.

The victim's neighbor was charged with unlawful use of a weapon, criminal mischief and reckless endangerment. Police say he wasn't shooting at anyone.

UN hosts 'Geneva IV' talks: Sequel or new script for Syria?

GENEVA — Yet another sequel to chronically-fruitless Syria peace talks, or an entirely new script?

After months of Syria bloodshed, stalled humanitarian aid deliveries and stop-and-start diplomacy, U.N. Syria envoy Staffan de Mistura is reconvening talks between government and opposition delegations today, in the latest bid to end the country's catastrophic six-year war that has killed hundreds of thousands of people and displaced millions more.

Hopes are not exactly high for "Geneva IV," the fourth round of U.N.-mediated intra-Syrian talks since early last year.

Battlefield gains by President Bashar Assad's forces against Western-backed rebels, a new diplomatic push led by Turkey and Russia, and uncertainty about the Trump administration's strategy on Syria — have raised questions about prospects for the latest attempt to silence Syria's guns and return the country to peace.

Here's a look at some of the most fundamental questions:

Conservatives learn dealing with Trump can be complicated

WASHINGTON — For the past eight years, thousands of conservative activists have descended on Washington each spring with dreams of putting a Republican in the White House.

This year, they're learning reality can be complicated.

With Donald Trump's presidential victory, the future of the conservative movement has become entwined with an unconventional New York businessman better known for his deal-making than any ideological principles.

It's an uneasy marriage of political convenience at best. Some conservatives worry whether they can trust their new president to follow decades of orthodoxy on issues like international affairs, small government, abortion and opposition to expanded legal protections for LGBT Americans — and what it means for their movement if he doesn't.

"Donald Trump may have come to the Republican Party in an unconventional and circuitous route, but the fact is that we now need him to succeed lest the larger conservative project fails," said evangelical leader Ralph Reed, who mobilized his organization to campaign for Trump during the campaign. "Our success is inextricably tied to his success."

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THURSDAY EVENING													FEBRUARY 23	
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. "Back Where You Belong" (N)	How to Get Away With Murder (N)	Get Away With Murder "Wes" (SF) (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel				
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's A. "Back Where You Belong" (N)	How to Get Away With Murder (N)	Get Away With Murder "Wes" (SF) (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel				
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (N)	Powerless (N)	The Blacklist "The Apothecary" (N)	BlacklistRedemp. "Leland Bray" (P) (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 "Code of Honor" (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 "Code of Honor" (N)	KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert		
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	Powerless (N)	The Blacklist "The Apothecary" (N)	BlacklistRedemp. "Leland Bray" (P) (N)	KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show			
8	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supernatural "Family Feud" (N)	Riverdale (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother			
9	KOPB	(10) Born to Explore	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(45) Midsomer Murders "King's Crystal" (35) DCI Banks "Bad Boy"					
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef "Just Like Gordon" (N)	Kitchen "LA Rams Tackle the Final 3" (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	MasterChef "Just Like Gordon" (N)	Kitchen "LA Rams Tackle the Final 3" (N)	Q13 News at 10	Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	The Simpsons			
13	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan				
14	KZJL	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
15	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball (L)				NFL Live	NFL Live	30 for 30 "This Magic Moment"				NFL Live		
17	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Ride	Game Shakers	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Sun Records "706 Union" (N)	Nashville "If Tomorrow Never Comes"			
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	Jessie	Jessie		
19	FAM	(34) Movie	*** Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Arsenio Hall, James Earl Jones, Eddie Murphy.					*** Bruce Almighty '03 Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston, Jim Carrey.			The 700 Club			
20	FMC	(35) (5:00) 47 Ronin ('13, Act) Keanu Reeves.	(20) ** 47 Ronin (2013, Action) Hiroyuki Sanada, Tadanobu Asano, Keanu Reeves.					(40) FXM Presents	★ After Earth (2013, Adventure) Jaden Smith, Will Smith.		(55) FXM Presents			
21	LIFE	(36) Runway "High End Italian Fashion"	Project Runway "Race to the Finale"	Project Runway "Final, Part One" (N)	Project Runway "Final, Part One" (N)	Project Runway: Junior "Final, Part 2" (SF) 2/2 (N)	Project Runway: Junior "Final, Part 2" (SF) 2/2 (N)	Project Runway: Junior "Final, Part 2" (SF) 2/2 (N)	Project Runway: Junior "Final, Part 2" (SF) 2/2 (N)	Project Runway: Junior "Final, Part 2" (SF) 2/2 (N)	Project Runway: Junior "Final, Part 2" (SF) 2/2 (N)			
22	ROOT	(38) In Depth	[Mark Few	NCAA Basketball	Gonzaga at San Diego (L)			NCAA Basketball	BYU at Portland	NCAA Basketball	Gonzaga at San Diego			
23	F51	(39) (4:00) NASCAR Racing Can-Am Duel (L)	Refuse to Lose (N)	Race Classic (N)	Fox Sports Live	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed	Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)			
24	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) ** 2 Fast 2 Furious '03 Tyrese Gibson, Paul Walker.	** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift '06, Act) Brandon Brendel, Zachery Ty Bryan, Lucas Black.			Lip Sync Battle	Caraoke (N)	Fast Five (2011, Action) Vin Diesel.			The Daily Show (N) Comedy...Roast			
25	COM	(44) (5:20) Futurama	(50) Futurama	(25) Futurama "The Honking"	(55) Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Curse of Oak Island "Blood is Thicker"				
26	HIST	(45) Swamp "Ten Most Dangerous Moments"	Swamp: Blood "The Hunt Begins" (N)	Swamp: Blood "Fresh Blood" (N)	Swamp People "Breakdown" (N)	Nightwatch "Needle in a Haystack" (N)	Nightwatch "Needle in a Haystack" (N)	Extreme Weight Loss "Ty and Charita"	Extreme Weight Loss "Ty and Charita"	Moonsliners "Cherry Bounce"				
27	A&E	(46) First 48 "Last Stop: Paradise/ Bad Blood"	First 48 "Soldier Down/ Blood Vendetta"	60 Days In "Where Are They Now?" (N)	Night. "EMTs Bare All, Part Two" (N)	Moonsliners "The Green Devil"	Moonsliners "Thunder Pumpkins"	Moonsliners	Moonsliners	Moonsliners "Cherry Bounce"				
28	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Ashley D's Story"	My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Michael's Story" (N)	My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Michael's Story" (N)	Hippo vs. Croc	Hippo vs. Croc	Cat Wars: Lion vs. Cheetah	Cat Wars: Lion vs. Cheetah	Born Predator				
29	DISC	(48) Diesel Brothers "Tows Before Bros ..."	Diesel Brothers "Truck Norris"	Blood Rivals: Lion vs. Buffalo	Hippo vs. Croc	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	NBA Basketball	New York vs Cleveland					
30	NGAR	(49) Cougar vs. Wolf	Predator Battleground											
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball New York vs Cleveland (L)	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors	Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)									
32	AMC	(51) (3:30) Gladiator '00 Russell Crowe.	*** Inception (2010, Action) Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.			*** The Matrix '99, Act) Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.	Colony "Free Radicals" (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rhodium Nights"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rhodium Nights"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rhodium Nights"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rhodium Nights"			
33	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Lowdown"	Law & Order: SVU "Intimidation Game"	Law & Order: SVU "December Solstice"	Law & Order: SVU "Community Policing"	Chopped "Blue Plate Fate"	Chopped "Blue Plate Fate"	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay			
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped "My Way"	Chopped "Mac and Cheese"	Chopped "Fried Chicken Time"	Chopped "Fried Chicken Time"	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Flip Texas (P) (N)	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop			
35	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Flip Texas (P) (N)	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop			
36	FX	(56) (5:30) *** Thor: The Dark World ('13) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman.	** Grown Ups (2010, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.			Baskets (N)	Baskets	Baskets	Grown Ups ('10)					
37	CNN	(57) CNN Special	Comedy "Comedy in Real Life" (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Special	Comedy "Comedy in Real Life"	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon							
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	Lives-Super Rich			
40	BRVA	(63) Top Chef "Shrimps Boats and Hat Ladies"	Top Chef	T Chef "Cooking Away in Margaritaville"	Top Chef "Trial By Fire" (N)	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills	WatchWhat (N)	Housewives Atl.						
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	*** The Seven-Per-Cent Solution '76 Vanessa Redgrave, Alan Arkin.			*** Shaft ('71, Cr) Moses Gunn, Christopher St. John, Richard Roundtree.	Shall We Dance? ('37) Fred Astaire.							
42	SYFY	(65) ** Underworld: Rise of the Lycans '09 Bill Nighy, Rhona Mitra, Michael Sheen.	*** Avatar (2009, Fantasy) Sam Worthington, Giovanni Ribisi, Zoe Saldana.											
43	RFD	(62) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" "AgroLiquid"	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library			

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