

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Women go on strike in US to show their economic clout

PHILADELPHIA — American women stayed home from work, zipped up their wallets, wore red and joined rallies across the country to demonstrate their economic clout today as part of International Women's Day events around the globe.

The Day Without a Woman protest in the U.S. was put together by organizers of the vast women's marches that were held coast-to-coast the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration.

School districts including those in Prince George's County, Maryland; Alexandria, Virginia; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, canceled classes because so many teachers and other employees were expected to be out. In Providence, Rhode Island, the municipal court closed for lack of staff members.

Rallies were planned in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Washington and Berkeley, California. Some businesses and institutions said they would either close or give female employees the day off.

The U.S. event coincided with the U.N.-designated International Women's Day. Germany's Lufthansa airline had six all-female crews flying from several cities in the country to Berlin. Sweden's women's football team replaced the names on the backs of their jerseys with tweets from Swedish women. Finland announced a new \$160,000 International Gender Equality Prize. Women also held rallies in Tokyo and Madrid.



AP Photo/Matt Rourke

A woman pushes a stroller past the Grindcore House restaurant shuttered in solidarity with "A Day Without a Woman" in Philadelphia today. Organizers of January's Women's March are calling on women to stay home from work and not spend money in stores or online to show their impact on American society.

Facing strong pushback, GOP leaders advance health care bill

WASHINGTON — Over the strong objections of key conservatives and Democrats, House Republican leaders are forging ahead with a health care plan that scraps major parts of the Obama-era overhaul.

The House Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee will convene what are expected to be marathon sessions today to start voting on the legislation. President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence back the plan to repeal Barack Obama's health care law, and Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is confidently predicting it will pass the House.

But many fellow Republicans don't seem to be listening.

On Tuesday, less than 24 hours after the GOP health bill was launched, a powerful conservative backlash threatened to sink it.

"As the bill stands today, it is Obamacare 2.0," according to a statement by the billionaire Koch Brothers'-backed Americans for Prosperity and FreedomWorks groups. "Passing it would be making the same mistake that President Obama, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi made in 2010. Millions of Americans would never see the improvements in care they were promised, just as Obamacare failed to deliver on its promises."

Lawmakers eye homeowner tax breaks for Oregon budget fix

SALEM — Faced with an estimated \$1.6 billion-deficit in the upcoming two-year budget cycle, policymakers in Salem are looking to potentially boost the state's revenue stream directly from Oregon homeowners.

State lawmakers are hosting debates this week on two proposals that would reduce or nix entirely the allowable deductions that some taxpayers can claim from mortgage interest and property taxes.

While the state so far hasn't officially estimated how much extra revenue might be raised, Jody Wiser, founder of Tax Fairness Oregon, told lawmakers this week her organization recently calculated that Oregon homeowners were saving \$1.9 billion per biennium from mortgage interest and property tax deductions and also capital gains-tax exclusions.

"These help people buy bigger homes, but they don't necessarily help people buy a home," said Wiser, who supports both proposals but also acknowledged the changes may be "abrupt" for those who'd be dually affected by each.

Wiser's comments were heard during the first debate Tuesday for House Bill 2771, which would revoke property tax deductions for the wealthiest Oregon homeowners who earn at least \$125,000 annually, or \$250,000-plus when married and filing jointly. Others may deduct only a percentage of their property taxes, the rates of which would be determined by how much income they earn above \$50,000, or \$100,000 filing jointly.

Oregon considers making election ballots free to mail

SALEM — Two Democratic state senators are backing a bill to provide free postage for Oregon election ballots.

The Statesman Journal reports that Michael Dembrow of Portland and Richard Devlin of Tualatin pushed the idea Monday before the Senate Rules Committee.

Oregon is one of three states that conduct elections entirely by mail, eliminating polling centers.

Providing postage on mail-in ballots would cost taxpayers about \$650,000 per year. Devlin says if the legislation were to increase voter turnout by even 5 percent, it would be money well spent.

Voters who want to avoid paying postage already have the option of taking their ballots to county-designated drop-off sites. Devlin says those sites are not as numerous or convenient as former polling places.

The rules committee has not taken action on the bill.

Port of Vancouver votes to extend oil terminal lease

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The Port of Vancouver has voted to continue to lease land to Vancouver Energy for its proposed oil transfer terminal while the evaluation and permitting process continues.

The Columbian reports that port commissioners voted 2-1 to continue the lease after a five-hour meeting Tuesday.

Vancouver Energy and supporters said the project deserves to see the end of the state Energy Site Evaluation Council's scrutiny. Opponents expressed frustration as some have spent years protesting the terminal.

The project has been caught up in nearly four years of review by the site evaluation council, which is expected to issue a recommendation to Gov. Jay Inslee in a few months on whether to grant the project a permit.

The port has been collecting \$100,000 per month in rent on the vacant site.

WikiLeaks CIA files: Are they real and are they a risk?

WASHINGTON — WikiLeaks has published thousands of documents that the anti-secrecy organization said were classified files revealing scores of secrets about CIA hacking tools used to break into targeted computers, cellphones and even smart TVs.

The CIA and the Trump administration declined to comment on the authenticity of the files Tuesday, but prior WikiLeaks releases divulged government secrets maintained by the State Department, Pentagon and other agencies that have since been acknowledged as genuine. In another nod to their authenticity, the chairman of the House intelligence committee, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., said he was very concerned about the release and has sought more information about it.

The hacking tools appeared to exploit vulnerabilities in popular operating systems for desktop and laptop computers developed by Microsoft. They also targeted devices that included Apple's iPhones and iPads, Google's Android cellphones, Cisco routers and Samsung Smart TVs.

Some of the technology firms said they were evaluating the newly released documents.

Rubble and ash in Mosul museum retaken from Islamic State

MOSUL, Iraq — The antiquities museum in the Iraqi city of Mosul is in ruins, with exhibition halls housing piles of rubble and the basement filled with ankle-deep drifts of ash.

Associated Press reporters were granted rare access to the museum today after Iraqi forces retook it from the Islamic State group earlier this week.

They found the jagged remains of what appeared to have been an ancient Assyrian bull statue and fragments from cuneiform tablets.

IS captured Mosul in 2014 and released a video the following year showing fighters smashing artifacts in the museum with sledgehammers. The extremists view ancient artifacts as idols.

Iraqi officials at the time said most of what the militants destroyed were copies, as much of the museum's inventory had been moved to Baghdad for safe-keeping.

10 years: No word of ex-FBI man lost in Iran on CIA job

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Ten years after a former FBI agent working on an unauthorized CIA mission disappeared in Iran, his family hopes U.S. President Donald Trump will do something America's last two presidents have been unable to achieve: Finally bring him home.

Robert Levinson's family told The Associated Press this week that Trump's background as a deal-making businessman and his harder line on Iran could be an asset in finally determining what happened to the investigator, whose 69th birthday is Friday.

They described the heartbreak of seeing other American prisoners in Iran freed while the mystery surrounding his disappearance remains. They also acknowledged the challenge of keeping his case in the public eye, as he now has been held captive longer than any American in history, if he remains alive.

"We believe people can survive 10 years under any circumstances. In the worst places, people survive. We know Bob is alive," his wife, Christine Levinson, told the AP. "Everyone else has gotten out of Iran, but Bob has been left behind every single time. It's now time for him to be returned home to his family."

Levinson disappeared from Iran's Kish Island on March 9, 2007. For years, U.S. officials would only say that Levinson, a meticulous FBI investigator credited with busting Russian and Italian mobsters, was working for a private firm on his trip.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING													MARCH 8	
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	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Designated Survivor "Warriors" (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Designated Survivor "Warriors" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Next Chapter"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Chasing Theo"		Chicago P.D. "Don't Read the News"		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Game Changers "The Stakes Have Been Raised" (SP) (N)		C.Minds: Borders "Lost Souls" (SP) (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert			
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Game Changers "The Stakes Have Been Raised" (SP) (N)		C.Minds: Borders "Lost Souls" (SP) (N)		KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert			
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Next Chapter"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Chasing Theo"		Chicago P.D. "Don't Read the News"		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Arrow "Second Chances"		The 100 "Echoes"		KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother		
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		City in the Sky "Departure"		Nature "Spy in the Wild: Love"				Ed Slott's Retirement Roadmap!		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal "A Problem Like Maria" (N)		Star "Saving Face" (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		American Dad	Cleveland Show	
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal "A Problem Like Maria" (N)		Star "Saving Face" (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)	Conan (N)		
22	KZJN	(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	ESPN2	(29) NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Indiana Pacers (L)		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament Site: Barclays Center -- Brooklyn, N.Y. (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Jalen & Jacoby	E:60 Pictures	NBA Basketball Detroit vs Indiana		
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Thunder "Thundermans: Banished!"	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Full House 1/2	Full House 2/2	Full House	Full House	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Good Luck 2/2	Stuck in Middle	Good Luck Charlie	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	
34	FAM	(34) The Middle	★ A Cinderella Story '04	Chad Michael Murray, Jennifer Coolidge, Hilary Duff.	★ The Prince and Me (2004, Comedy)	Luke Mably, Miranda Richardson, Julia Stiles.						The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(35) Rise of the Guardians '12	Voices of Alec Baldwin, Isla Fisher, Hugh Jackman.	(45) FXM Presents	The Three Stooges '12	Chris Diamantopoulos, Sean Hayes.	(50) FXM Presents				The Three Stooges '12	Sean Hayes.	
36	LIFE	(36) LW Atlanta "Pregnant Pause"		LW Atlanta "Insignificant Other"	Little Women ATL (N)			LW Atlanta "Bad Romance" (N)		Ballers "Suburban Invaders" (N)		Little Women: Atlanta "Bad Romance"		
38	ROOT	(38) MLB Baseball Spring Training Cleveland Indians vs. Seattle Mariners Site: Peoria Stadium -- Peoria, Ariz. (L)						WPT Poker Tournament of Champions		MLB Baseball Spring Training Cleveland Indians vs. Seattle Mariners				
39	F51	(39) Big East Bridge	NCAA Basketball Big East Tournament (L)			Big East Post		Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				
43	SPIKE	(43) (4:30) ★★ The Mummy Returns '01	Brendan Fraser.	★★★ Thor (2011, Action)	Anthony Hopkins, Natalie Portman, Chris Hemsworth.					TIME: The Kalief Brother Story (N)		The Mummy '99	Adv) Brendan Fraser.	
44	COM	(44) (15) Futurama 2/4	(50) Futurama 3/4	(20) Futurama 4/4	(55) South Park "Reverse Cowgirl"	(25) South Park		South Park	South Park	Workaholics (N)	Jeff & Aliens (N)	The Daily Show (N)	@midnight (N)	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers "Can't Catch a Break"	American Pickers	American Pickers "From A to T"	American Pickers "Scrappy Go Lucky"	American Pickers "Concrete Jungle"		American Pickers "Concrete Jungle"		Six "End Game" (SF) (N)		Six "End Game"		
46	A&E	(46) First 48 "Out of Sight / Missing Piece"	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Jep and Jessica (N)	(05) Dynasty (N)	(35) Duck Dynasty	(05) Duck Dynasty	(35) Duck Dynasty		
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Nicole's Story" 1/2	My 600-lb Life "Nicole's Story" 2/2	My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story" 1/2	My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story" 2/2	Tanisha is desperate to survive for her kids. (N)				My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story"				
48	DISC	(48) Alaskan Bush People "Field of Dreams"	Bush People "Wind and a Prayer"	Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid (N)	Bush People "Forever Browntown" (N)	Bering Sea Gold "Reaper Madness" (N)		Bering Sea Gold "Reaper Madness" (N)		Bush People "Forever Browntown"		OriginHuman "Spark of Civilization"		
49	NGEO	(49) Border Wars "Crossing at All Costs"	Lockdown "Chaos in California"	Lockdown "First Timers"	Major Crimes "Cleared History"	Major Crimes "Quid Pro Quo" (N)		Major Crimes "Quid Pro Quo"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ua Nalohia"		Batman Begins '05	Act) Christian Bale.	
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Couple in the Cave"	Bones "The Maggots in the Meathead"	Major Crimes "Cleared History"	Major Crimes "Quid Pro Quo" (N)	Major Crimes "Quid Pro Quo"		Major Crimes "Quid Pro Quo"		Batman Begins '05	Act) Christian Bale.			
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★★ The Matrix '99	Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.	★★★ Inception (2010, Action)	Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.					Kickboxer: Vengeance (2016, Sport)	Alain Moussi, Gina Carano, Dave Bautista.	Bakers/Fakers "Doughnut Dilemma" (N)	Bakers vs. Fakers "Say Cheese"	
52	USA	(52) NCIS "The Inside Man"	NCIS "Good Cop, Bad Cop"	★★★ John Wick '14	Action) Adriane Palicki, Bridget Moynahan, Keanu Reeves.					House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Brothers		
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped Junior "Pizza Party"	Chopped "Nugget? Fuhgettaboutit!"	Chopped Junior (N)	Cook vs. Con "Cranstastic Quesadillas!"					House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Brothers		
54	HGTV	(54) Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Brothers		
56	FN	(56) (5:00) Lucy '14	Act) Scarlett Johansson.	★★★★ Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014, Action)	Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan, Chris Evans.					Legion "Chapter 5" David faces a new threat. (N)		Legion		
57	CNN	(57) The Messy Truth with Van Jones (L)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	The Messy Truth with Van Jones					CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
58	FNC	(58) Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	Tucker Carlson Tonight					Hannity		The First 100 Days		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	The Deal (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank					The Deal		Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) Southern Charm "Founder's Brawl"	Southern Charm "Reunion Part 1" 1/2	Southern Charm "Reunion Part 2" 2/2	Southern Charm "Reunion Part 2" 2/2					The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills	WatchWhat (N)	Southern Charm		
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) ★★ Cleopatra (1963, Epic)	Richard Burton, Rex Harrison, Elizabeth Taylor.	(15) ★★ The Taming of the Shrew '67	Com/Dra) Richard Burton, Cyril Cusack, Elizabeth Taylor.					Doctor Faustus				
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) Resident Evil: Retribution	★★★ Zombieland (2009, Action)	Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone, Woody Harelson.	The Magicians "Plan B" (N)					The Expanse "The Seventh Man" (N)		Lake Placid 3 '10	Horror) Yancy Butler.	
69	RFD	(69) Cowboy TV	Cowboy Moments	Women's Rodeo	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	The Final Spin	WesternSport	Cowboy TV	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase		

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