

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Partial US travel restrictions going into effect today

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has set new criteria for visa applicants from six mainly Muslim nations and all refugees that require a “close” family or business tie to the United States. The move came after the Supreme Court partially restored President Donald Trump’s executive order that was widely criticized as a ban on Muslims.

Visas that have already been approved will not be revoked, but instructions issued by the State Department Wednesday said that new applicants from Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen must prove a relationship with a parent, spouse, child, adult son or daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or sibling already in the United States to be eligible. The same requirement, with some exceptions, holds for would-be refugees from all nations that are still awaiting approval for admission to the U.S.

Grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, fiancées or other extended family members are not considered to be close relationships, according to the guidelines that were issued in a cable sent to all U.S. embassies and consulates late on Wednesday. The new rules take effect at 8 p.m. EDT today, according to the cable, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

As far as business or professional links are concerned, the State Department said a legitimate relationship must be “formal, documented and formed in the ordinary course rather than for the purpose of evading” the ban. Journalists, students, workers or lecturers who have valid invitations or employment contracts in the U.S. would be exempt from the ban. The exemption does not apply to those who seek a relationship with an American business or educational institution purely for the purpose of avoiding the rules, the cable said. A hotel reservation or car rental contract, even if it was prepaid, would also not count, it said.

Consular officers may grant other exemptions to applicants from the six nations if they have “previously established significant contacts with the United States;” “significant business or professional obligations” in the U.S.; if they are an infant, adopted child or in need of urgent medical care; if they are traveling for business with a recognized international organization or the U.S. government or if they are a legal resident of Canada who applies for a visa in Canada, according to the cable.

US demands more security on international flights to US

WASHINGTON — The Homeland Security Department is demanding that airlines around the world step up security measures for international flights bound for the United States or face the possibility of a total electronics ban for planes.

Compliance with the new rules could lead to the lifting of a ban on laptops and other large electronics already in place for airlines flying to the United States from 10 airports in the Middle East and Africa. It could also stave off a much-discussed expansion of the ban to flights from Europe.

Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly announced the roll-out of the new rules Wednesday.

The changes will be phased in over time and include enhanced passenger vetting, explosives detection and efforts to root out insider threats to airlines.

“Security is my No. 1 concern,” Kelly said during a speech at the Center for a New American Security. “Our enemies are adaptive and we have to adapt as well.”

Cardinal takes leave from Vatican after sex assault charges

VATICAN CITY — Cardinal George Pell, one of Pope Francis’ top advisers, took a leave of absence as the Vatican’s financial czar today to fight multiple criminal charges in his native Australia that allege he committed sexual assault years ago.

Pell appeared before reporters in the Vatican press office to forcefully deny the accusations, denounce what he called a “relentless character assassination” in the media and announce he would return to Australia to clear his name.

“I repeat that I am innocent of these charges. They are false. The whole idea of sexual abuse is abhorrent to me,” Pell said.

The Vatican said the leave takes effect immediately and that Pell will not participate in any public liturgical event while it is in place. Pell said he intends to eventually return to Rome to resume his work as prefect of the Vatican’s economy ministry.

Pell, 76, is the highest-ranking Vatican official ever to be charged in the church’s long-running sexual abuse scandal, and the developments pose a major and immediate new obstacle for Francis as he works to reform the Vatican.

Supreme Court partly reinstates travel ban

The justices will hear full arguments in October until then Trump’s ban on visitors from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen can be enforced if those visitors lack a “credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States.”



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440k Oregonians may lose health care under Obamacare repeal

SALEM — State health officials say 440,000 Oregon residents could lose health care under the U.S. Senate’s proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act, potentially causing the state’s uninsured rate to triple to 15 percent by as early as 2021.

Proposed cuts to federal Medicaid funds would also shift more than \$6.2 billion in costs to the state and eliminate 23,000 health-related jobs statewide by 2026, while older individuals would be strapped with much higher insurance premiums on the commercial market than younger individuals, Oregon Health Authority officials said Wednesday.

Roughly 1 million Oregon residents, a quarter of the state’s population, receive government-funded health care under the state’s Medicaid program called the Oregon Health Plan. About 350,000 of those residents were brought into the program under the ACA’s Medicaid expansion, which would be phased out over several years.

During a briefing with the state Capitol press, Democratic Gov. Kate Brown said the latest proposal isn’t any better than an earlier version that passed the U.S. House in May, which would’ve imposed less-severe cuts to federal Medicaid expansion dollars and phased out the program on a shorter timeline.

“The legislation is cruel,” Brown said. “It forces Americans to pay more for inferior care. It will slash funding for public health emergencies, epidemics and opioid-abuse treatment ... it incentivizes the states to strip health care from people with disabilities, older Oregonians and children who are dependent on Medicaid, and, I think you’re all aware, it defunds Planned Parenthood for an entire year.”

Costs associated with the Oregon Health Plan were largely responsible for an expected shortfall, previously \$1.4 billion, in the state’s 2017-19 budget. Last week, the Oregon Legislature passed several health-related bills to cover most of that gap, namely through a \$670 million health care provider tax designed to sustain the Medicaid program for the next two years.

The U.S. Senate GOP’s proposal would have a minimal impact on the state’s 2017-19 budget, but eventually coverage and benefits would be cut or costs would be shifted to consumers.

Western governors mostly back Endangered Species Act

The Republican-dominated Western Governors Association endorsed the aims of the Endangered Species Act on Wednesday but asked Congress to make changes, including giving states a bigger role and clarifying recovery goals for species protected by the law.

The governors said Western states benefit economically from healthy species and ecosystems but bear the burden of land-use restrictions that usually come with species protection, as well as some of the cost of recovery programs.

The 22-member association approved a resolution giving qualified backing for the act during a meeting in Whitefish, Montana. The governors include 14 Republicans, six Democrats and two independents. The vote count wasn’t released.

The group passed a similar resolution last year.

Endangered species protection is controversial because it generally results in limits on mining, oil and gas drilling, agriculture and other economic activities.

Officials in some states have complained they are not given a big enough role in deciding what species should be protected, and how.

GOP ponders whether Trump helps sell health care

WASHINGTON — It was a platform most politicians can only hope for: A captivated, 6,000-person crowd and more than an hour of live, prime-time television coverage to hype the Republican vision for a new health care system.

But when President Donald Trump got around to talking about the Republican plan — about 15 minutes into his speech — he was wildly off message. Instead of preaching party lines about getting the government out of Americans’ health decisions and cutting costs, he declared: “Add some money to it!”

The moment captured a major dilemma for Republicans as they look for ways to jumpstart their stalled health care overhaul. A master salesman, Trump has an inimitable ability to command attention, and that could be used to bolster Americans’ support for Republican efforts and ramp up pressure on wavering lawmakers. But some lawmakers and congressional aides privately bemoan his thin grasp of the bill’s principles, and worry that his difficulty staying on message will do more harm than good.

“You know, he’s very personable and people like talking to him and he’s very embracing of that, so there will be certain people he’d like to talk to,” said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn. “But I’d let Mitch handle it,” he continued, referring to the lead role Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has played thus far.

McConnell delayed a vote on the health legislation this week after it became clear he couldn’t muster enough Republican support to offset the unanimous opposition from Democrats. GOP leaders are now hoping to pass a bill in the Senate and reconcile it with an earlier version approved by the House before lawmakers head home for their August recess.

Report: More than half of hate crimes in US go unreported

WASHINGTON — The majority of hate crimes experienced by U.S. residents over a 12-year period were not reported to police, according to a new federal report released today that stoked advocates’ concerns about ongoing tensions between law enforcement and black and Latino communities.

More than half of the 250,000 hate crimes that took place each year between 2004 and 2015 went unreported to law enforcement for a variety of reasons, according to a special report on hate crimes from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Hate crimes were most often not reported because they were handled some other way, the report said. But people also did not come forward because they didn’t feel it was important or that police would help.

The report, based on a survey of households, is one of several studies that aim to quantify hate crimes. Its release comes as the Justice Department convenes a meeting today with local law enforcement officials and experts to discuss hate crimes, including a lack of solid data on the problem nationwide. Attorney General Jeff Session is scheduled to speak.

The new survey shows the limits of hate crime reporting, said Brian Levin, the director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, California State University.

“Many victims don’t report hate crimes because of personal and institutional reasons,” Levin said. For example, some Latino immigrants may be reluctant to call police after an apparent hate crime for fear of deportation, he said.

Advocates fear that problem is worsening as the Trump administration ramps up immigration enforcement.

The report says Hispanics were victimized at the highest rate, followed by blacks.

China defends prison care of ailing Nobel Peace laureate Liu

BEIJING — In the midst of a growing outcry, China appears to be responding to criticism that prison authorities failed to provide sufficient care to ailing Nobel Peace laureate Liu Xiaobo, saying that he received regular health checks but nothing abnormal was detected until May.

Liu, 61, has been released from prison on medical parole after being diagnosed earlier this month with late-stage liver cancer and is being treated in a hospital in the northeastern city of Shenyang. He had been more than half-way through an 11-year sentence after being convicted in 2009 on subversion charges.

A statement released overnight Wednesday by Shenyang’s judicial bureau said doctors found suspicious symptoms during a routine physical checkup on May 31. It said a 22-member medical team was convened and a week later diagnosed Liu with liver cancer that had metastasized. Defending Liu’s care, it listed the steps taken and medical units involved.

“Liu Xiaobo and his family expressed their satisfaction with the treatment work undertaken by the prison and hospital,” the statement said. Liu’s wife, Liu Xia, who has been living under house arrest despite not being charged with any crime, was accompanying him in Shenyang, the statement said.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV LISTINGS Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												JUNE 29	
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	World News (N)	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Boy Band (N)		Net.Star "TV Sitcoms vs. TV Kids" (P) (N)	The Gong Show (N)			KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Boy Band (N)		Net.Star "TV Sitcoms vs. TV Kids" (P) (N)	The Gong Show (N)			KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	GmeNight "Playing Hardwick to Get" (N)	The Wall "Lenny and Sharon" (N)	The Night Shift "Off the Rails" (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show			
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Big Brother (N)	Zoo "No Place Like Home" (SP) (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	Evening News (N)	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Big Brother (N)	Zoo "No Place Like Home" (SP) (N)	KIRO News	(35) Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	GmeNight "Playing Hardwick to Get" (N)	The Wall "Lenny and Sharon" (N)	The Night Shift "Off the Rails" (N)	KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show			
9	KRCW	(3) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supernatural "Regarding Dean"	Super. "Stuck in the Middle (With You)"	News at 10 (N)	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother			
10	KOPB	(10) Born to Expl (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat Oregon Guide	The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "A Suitable Vengeance" 1/2	(35) The Tunnel (N)		Hollywood Idols			
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Beat Shazam "Episode Five" (N)	Love Connection "Episode Five" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	2 Broke Girls		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad!	Cleveland Show		
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Five" (N)	Love Connection "Episode Five" (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Wrecked	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan			
22	KZJN	(22) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Friends	Friends	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball Min./Bos. (L)		Arm Wrestling World Championship (L)				SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) WNBA Basketball Sea./Con. (L)		30 for 30 "Chasing Tyson"				30 for 30 Shorts	Mike & Mike: ICYMI (N)	SportsC Featured	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	SEC Storied "The Rebel"	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	★★ The Parent Trap (1998, Family) Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson, Lindsay Lohan.						Nashville	
32	DISN	(32) (15) ★★★ Frozen "13, Fam) Voices of Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff, Kristen Bell.		Transylvania (N)	Andi Mack	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Hotel Transylvania	Jessie		
34	FAM	(34) (4:45) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (11) Daniel Radcliffe.		(55) ★★ Twilight (2008, Drama) Robert Pattinson, Billy Burke, Kristen Stewart.						The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (5:50) Mr. Peabody & Sherman (14) Ty Burrell.		(40) ★★ White Chicks (2004, Comedy) Marlon Wayans, Jaime King, Shawn Wayans.				★★ White Chicks (2004, Comedy) Marlon Wayans, Jaime King, Shawn Wayans.					
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's A. "Dream a Little Dream of Me"	Married (N) (05) Married	Married1stSight	(45) Married at (N)	Married at First Sight "One Month Anniversary" (N)		Married at First Sight: Second Chances (N)					
38	ROOT	(38) Charlie Moore	Sporting Journal	Swing Clinic	Champions Tennis	Champions Shootout PowerShares Series		Poker Heartland Tour		WPT Poker			
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) FIFA Soccer Confederations Cup	FIFA Confederations Cup	FIFA Confederations Cup Tonight (N)		MLB Whiparound (L)		Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon "Special Edition"	UFC Tonight		
43	SPiKE	(43) Movie	★★★ Forrest Gump (1994, Comedy/Drama) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.							The Mist "Withdrawal"	Shannara Chronic "Chosen" Pt. 1 of 2		
44	COI	(44) (15) Futurama	(50) Futurama "Crimes of the Hot"	(25) South Park	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show	President Show
45	HIST	(45) Mountain Men "No Goin' Back"	Mountain Men "Edge of Winter"	Mountain Men: Fully "Breakage" (N)	Mountain Men (N)	Mountain Men (N)	The First 48	The First 48		(05) Alone "Margin of Error" (N)	(05) Mountain Men		
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Dead Wrong"	First 48 "Soldier Down/ Blood Vendetta"	My 600-lb Life "Pauline's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Michael's Story" At 632lb, Michael is dependent upon his family.	Cold Case Files "A Killer Slips Away"	Cold Case Files "A Killer Slips Away"		My 600-lb Life "Pauline's Story"	Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2		
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Pauline's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Michael's Story" At 632lb, Michael is dependent upon his family.	Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2	Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2		Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2	Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2		
48	TRC	(48) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Pauline's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Michael's Story" At 632lb, Michael is dependent upon his family.	Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2	Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2		Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2	Street Outlaws "Midnight Rambler" 1/2		
49	NGEO	(49) America's Parks "Grand Canyon"	Ameri. Parks "Yosemite National Park"	Life Below Zero "Head Above Water"	Life Below Zero "Against the Tide"	Life Below Zero "The Slow Grind"		Life Below Zero "The Slow Grind"		Life Below Zero "Andy Bassich"			
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Suit on the Set"		★★★ The Replacements (00) Gene Hackman, Keanu Reeves.									
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★★★ Jurassic Park (1993, Sci-Fi) Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill.		★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997, Adventure) Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite, Jeff Goldblum.						Preacher "On the Road"			
52	USA	(52) (5:30) ★★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation (13) Dwayne Johnson, Channing Tatum.		★★★ Fast & Furious (2009, Action) Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Vin Diesel.						Queen South "El Beso De Judas" (N)	Fast & Furious (2009, Action) Vin Diesel.		
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Break a Crab Leg!"	Chopped "Beast Feast"	Chopped "Latin Cuisine Dream"	Chopped "Got Your Goat?"					Beat Flip (N)	Beat Bobby Flip	Beat Bobby Flip	Beat Bobby Flip
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	House Hunters (N)	Vintage Flip (N)	Vintage Flip
55	FX	(55) ★★ Lucy (2014, Action) Morgan Freeman, Analeigh Tipton, Scarlett Johansson.		Taken 3 (2014, Action) Famke Janssen, Maggie Grace, Liam Neeson.						Taken 3 (2014, Action) Famke Janssen, Liam Neeson.			
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	CNC	(58) The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight	
61	ABC	(61) Shark Tank		The Profit "Overtone Acoustics"		The Profit "Vision Quest Lighting"		The Profit "Ashtae Products"		Profit "Growing Pains at Mr. Green Tea"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Million Dollar List "Frankel-y Speaking"	Million Dollar List "Hashtag, You're It"	Million Dollar List "Under the Influencers"		Million Dollar List "Ice, Ice, Ryan" (N)		Cyrus "Family Is Everything" (SF) (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Million Dollar List		
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) ★★★ Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?		★★★ The Loved One (1965, Comedy) Rod Steiger, Robert Morley, Robert Morse.				★★★ The Year of Living Dangerously (82) Sigourney Weaver, Mel Gibson.					
65	SYFY	(65) (3:30) Armageddon	★★ I, Frankenstein (2014, Fantasy) Aaron Eckhart, Bill Nighy, Yvonne Strahovski.	★★ X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009, Action) Liev Schreiber, Danny Huston, Hugh Jackman.				Ghost Rider (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage.					
162	RFD	(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	