

## WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

### NBC fires Matt Lauer over 'inappropriate sexual behavior'

NEW YORK — NBC News said today it fired longtime "Today" show host Matt Lauer for "inappropriate sexual behavior" involving a network employee that started when both were stationed at the Sochi Olympics in 2014 and continued beyond that assignment.

Lauer becomes the second TV morning host in a week to lose his job over sexual misconduct allegations, and to American audiences is the most familiar figure brought down by the accusations that have swept through Hollywood, the media and the business world in the past two months.

The network's news chairman, Andrew Lack, said in a memo to staff NBC received a complaint about Lauer's behavior on Monday and determined it was a clear violation of company standards.

While it was the first complaint ever lodged against Lauer, Lack said, "we were also presented with reason to believe this may not have been an isolated incident."

Lauer's former "Today" show colleagues, Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb, announced the firing on the show shortly after being told themselves. Lauer had been told of his dismissal on Tuesday night.

Lauer, 59, has essentially been the king of television morning news since first being paired with Katie Couric on "Today" in 1997 and is one of the highest-paid figures in TV news.



Nathan Congleton/NBC

Matt Lauer is pictured on the set of the 'Today' show.

The fresh deliberations about new forms of punishment for North Korea came after its government said it successfully fired a "significantly more" powerful, nuclear-capable ICBM it called the Hwasong-15. Outside governments and analysts concurred the North had made a jump in missile capability.

A resumption of Pyongyang's torrid testing pace in pursuit of its goal of a viable arsenal of nuclear-tipped missiles that can hit the U.S. mainland had been widely expected. But the power of the missile and suddenness of the test jolted the Korean Peninsula and Washington. The launch at 3:17 a.m. Wednesday local time — early Tuesday afternoon in the U.S. capital — indicated an effort to perfect the element of surprise and obtain maximum attention in the U.S.

A rattled Seoul responded by almost immediately launching three of its own missiles in a show of force. South Korean President Moon Jae-in expressed worry that North Korea's missile threat could force the U.S. to attack the North before it masters a nuclear-tipped long-range missile.

### Senators of both parties quiz Trump health pick on drug costs

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's pick to be the next health secretary faced skepticism from senators of both parties today over his commitment to work for lower drug prices.

Alex Azar acknowledged at a Senate hearing that prices are too high and the current system "is not working for the patients who are paying out of pocket." He said his combination of government and drug industry experience uniquely positions him to find answers.

But members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee questioned whether Azar, a former pharmaceutical executive, would put the public first if he is confirmed as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., put Azar on notice that his vote isn't guaranteed. Paul demanded a written explanation from Azar on why allowing consumers to import prescription drugs from other advanced countries would not be safe.

"You've got some convincing to make me believe you're going to represent the American people, not big pharma," Paul said.

Pressed for specifics, Azar, a former executive of Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly Co., said one of his priorities will be to crack down on drug companies "gaming" the patent system by making superficial changes in branded medications to stave off generic competition.

He also said there should be increased competition between generic and brand name drugs.

Azar also addressed the Obama-era health care law, saying the government must help people who risk being priced out of the

insurance market by rising premiums. Several million consumers who buy their own health insurance policies aren't eligible for subsidies under the Affordable Care Act. But their premiums have gone up because of the health law.

### Judge sides with Trump's pick to take over consumer agency

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump scored a victory Tuesday when a federal judge refused to block the president's choice to temporarily run the nation's top consumer financial watchdog and, for the moment, ended a two-way battle for leadership of the agency.

Judge Timothy Kelly declined to stop the Republican president from putting Mick Mulvaney in place as the acting director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In doing so, Kelly ruled against Leandra English, the bureau's deputy director, who had requested an emergency restraining order to stop Mulvaney from becoming the acting director.

Mulvaney and English had claimed to be the rightful acting director, each citing different federal laws. The leadership crisis developed over the weekend after the bureau's permanent director, Richard Cordray, resigned and appointed English as his successor. Shortly afterward, the White House announced that Mulvaney, currently budget director, would take over the bureau on an interim basis.

The judge's ruling Tuesday is not the final decision in the case. But in making his decision, the judge said that English had not shown a substantial likelihood that she eventually would succeed on the merits of her case. The judge's decision is not immediately appealable.

The judge was nominated by Trump and was confirmed by the majority-Republican Senate in September.

### GOP shoves tax overhaul ahead; shutdown still a threat

WASHINGTON — Republicans held together and shoved their signature tax overhaul a crucial step ahead Tuesday as wavering GOP senators showed a growing openness. But its fate remained uncertain, and a planned White House summit aimed at averting a government shutdown was derailed when President Donald Trump savaged top Democrats and declared on Twitter, "I don't see a deal!"

"It's time to stop tweeting and start leading," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer retorted after he and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi rebuffed the budget meeting with Trump and top Republicans.

Trump lunched with GOP senators at the Capitol and declared it a "love fest," as he had his previous closed-doors visit. But the day underscored the party's yearlong problem of unifying behind key legislation — even a bill slashing corporate taxes and cutting personal taxes that's a paramount party goal.

Tuesday's developments also emphasized the leverage Democrats have as Congress faces a deadline a week from Friday for passing legislation to keep federal agencies open while leaders seek a longer-term budget deal. Republicans lack the votes to pass the short-term legislation without Democratic support.

In a party-line 12-11 vote, the Senate Budget Committee managed to advance the tax measure to the full Senate as a pair of wavering Republicans — Wisconsin's Ron Johnson and Tennessee's Bob Corker — fell into line, at least for the moment. In more good news for the GOP, moderate Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said it was a "fair assumption" that she was likelier to support the bill after saying Trump agreed to make property taxes up to \$10,000 deductible instead of eliminating that break entirely.

### Garrison Keillor fired over alleged improper behavior

MINNEAPOLIS — Garrison Keillor, the former host of "A Prairie Home Companion," said today he has been fired by Minnesota Public Radio over allegations of improper behavior.

Keillor told The Associated Press of his firing in an email. In a follow-up statement, he said he was fired over "a story that I think is more interesting and more complicated than the version MPR heard." He didn't give details of the allegation.

Minnesota Public Radio confirmed Keillor had been fired, saying it received a single allegation of "inappropriate behavior" and doesn't know of any other similar allegations.

Keillor, 75, retired as host of his long-running public radio variety show in 2016. His hand-picked successor, mandolinist Chris Thile, is in his second season as "Prairie Home" host.

The statement came shortly after Keillor, an avowed Democrat, wrote a syndicated column that ridiculed the idea that Sen. Al Franken should resign over allegations of sexual harassment.

### Trump threatens new sanctions after North Korea fires ICBM

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration threatened new sanctions on North Korea today after the reclusive government shattered 2½ months of relative quiet with its most powerful weapon test yet, an intercontinental ballistic missile that some observers believe could reach Washington and the entire U.S. Eastern Seaboard.

President Donald Trump tweeted that he spoke with Chinese President Xi Jinping about Pyongyang's "provocative actions," and he vowed that "additional major sanctions will be imposed on North Korea today. This situation will be handled!" Trump's top diplomat, Rex Tillerson, said the U.S. could target financial institutions doing business with the North.

The U.N. Security Council, meanwhile, was due to hold an emergency meeting this afternoon.

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