

WORLD IN BRIEF

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National voting system faces test on Election Day

ATLANTA — Federal and state officials have been working for nearly two years to shore up the nation's election infrastructure from cyberattacks by Russians or others seeking to disrupt the voting process.

It turns out that many of the problems are closer to home.

Early voting leading up to today's midterm election revealed a wide variety of concerns with voting and registration systems around the country — from machines that changed voter selections to registration forms tossed out because of clerical errors.

Election officials and voting rights groups fear that voter confidence in the results could be undermined if such problems become even more widespread as millions of Americans head to the polls to decide pivotal races for Congress and governor.

Already there is concern that last-minute court rulings on voter ID requirements, the handling of absentee ballots and other issues in a handful of states will sow confusion among voters and poll workers.

"We expect poll workers will be overwhelmed, just as voters are overwhelmed, and there will be lots of provisional ballots," said Sara Henderson, head of Common Cause in Georgia, where voting-rights groups have been raising numerous concerns about election security and voter access.

The problems come amid a surge of interest, with registrations and early-voting turnout running well ahead of what is typically seen during a midterm election.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FBI and other federal agencies have opened a command center to help state and local election offices with any major problems that arise.

Nationally, some 6,500 poll watchers are being deployed by a coalition of civil rights and voting advocacy groups to assist people who encounter problems at the polls. That is more than double the number sent to polling places in 2016, while the number of federal election monitors has declined.



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The remains of Maj. Brent R. Taylor arrived today at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

Utah mayor slain in Afghanistan urged Americans to vote

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Delaware — The body of a Utah mayor and Army National Guard member who urged Americans to vote before he was killed in Afghanistan has been returned to U.S. soil.

Military officials said 39-year-old North Ogden Mayor Brent Taylor was shot to death Saturday by an Afghan commando he was training, who was then killed by Afghan forces.

Major Taylor had been expecting to return as Mayor Taylor in January. His death leaves behind his wife, Jennie, and their seven children, ranging from 11 months to 13 years old.

She was there as his remains were returned to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

"Brent may have died on Afghan soil, but he died for the success of freedom and democracy in both of our countries," she said in a statement that referred to her husband's final post on Facebook, which urged Americans to exercise their "precious right to vote."

"It seems only fitting," her statement said, that her husband "has come home to US soil in a flag-draped casket on our Election Day."

Taylor's post, drawing a connection between democracy abroad and at home, has been seen and shared thousands of times.

"It was beautiful to see over four million Afghan men and women brave threats and deadly attacks to vote in Afghanistan's first parliamentary elections in eight years. The strong turnout, despite the attacks and challenges, was a success for the long-suffering people of Afghanistan and for the cause of human freedom," he wrote.

"As the USA gets ready to vote in our own election next week, I hope everyone back home exercises their precious right to vote. And that whether the Republicans or the Democrats win, that we all remember that we have far more as Americans that unites us than divides us. 'United we stand, divided we fall.' God bless America."

Economic realities moderate Trump's hard line on Iran

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration was caught between allies at home and

abroad and the reality of global economics as it reinstated sanctions Monday on Iran, forced to carve out exemptions for important allies and back off on measures that could have been even more punishing for Tehran.

The U.S. granted waivers to allow China and seven close U.S. partners and allies to continue importing Iranian crude and other petroleum products without penalty, bowing to con-

cerns that a complete end to Iran's exports would cause a major spike in world oil prices and cause other economic disruptions. Trump conceded that reality on his way to a last-minute campaign event a day before critical midterm congressional elections.

"We have the toughest sanctions ever imposed but on oil we want to go a little bit slower because I don't want to drive the oil prices in the world,"

he told reporters. "I could get the Iran oil down to zero immediately, but it would cause a shock to the market."

The newly reinstated sanctions target Iran's energy, financial and shipping sectors and are aimed at forcing Iran to end ballistic missile program and end its support for armed movements throughout the Middle East.

The measures restore all the U.S. sanctions that had been lifted under the 2015 accord that gave Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program, a deal that Obama administration critics had argued was too soft on the Islamic Republic.

On reinstating the measures, the Treasury Department imposed penalties on more than 700 Iranian and Iranian-linked individuals, entities, aircraft and vessels. Among those are 50 Iranian banks and subsidiaries, more than 200 people and ships, Iran's state-run airline Iran Air and more than 65 of its planes.

The sanctions freeze any assets that those targeted have in U.S. jurisdictions and bar Americans from doing business with them. They will also affect non-Iranian companies that deal with sanctioned Iranian firms and officials.

Yet, while the administration seeks to cut off Iran's oil revenue, it is allowing Greece, India, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Turkey to continue purchasing Iranian oil as long as they work to reduce imports to zero.

China dismisses criticism about mass detentions of Muslims

GENEVA — China today once again rejected criticism of its treatment of ethnic Muslims, telling the United Nations that accusations of rights abuses from some countries were "politically driven."

At a regular U.N. review of the country's human rights record, China characterized the far west region of Xinjiang as a former hotbed of extremism that has been stabilized through "training centers" which help people gain employable skills.

Former detainees of such centers, on the other hand, have described the facilities as political indoctrination camps where ethnic Uighurs, Kazakhs and other Muslim minorities are forced to renounce their faith and swear loyalty to the ruling Communist Party.

The U.N. has previously said there are credible reports that as many as 1 million people are being held in this form of extrajudicial detention.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										NOVEMBER 6					
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)	(5:00) The U.S. Midterm Elections Coverage of the U.S. midterm elections. (L)											News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel			
5	KOMO (4)	(5:00) The U.S. Midterm Elections Coverage of the U.S. midterm elections. (L)											KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel			
6	KING (5)	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Election Coverage (N)											KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN (6)	KOIN Local 6 (N)	CBS Election Coverage (N)												News (N)	(3:55) Colbert (N)	
6	KIRO (7)	(5:30) KIRO 7 News (N)											KIRO 7 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert (N)			
8	KGW (8)	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)	Tonight Cassidy		Inside Edition											News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
8	KRCW (3)	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs											Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB (10)	(5:00) Election Night Coverage (L)											David Letterman	Celebrate the work of David Letterman.			
12	KPTV (12)	6 O'Clock News (N)	Family Feud		Family Feud											News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx (13)	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory											Prime News (N)	The Game
13	KCPQ (13)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory											News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS (20)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory											Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	New Girl
20	KZJO (22)	Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family											Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half
29	ESPN2 (30)	NCAA Basketball Florida at Florida State (L)											Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half			
30	ESPN2 (30)	NCAA Basketball Florida at Florida State (L)											SportsCenter (N)	First Take			
31	NICK (31)	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House											Friends	Friends
32	DISN (32)	Raven's Home 2/2	Raven's Home	Radio Rebel (2012, Drama) Sarena Parmar, Debby Ryan.	Double Dare											Raven's Home	Raven's Home
34	FAM (34)	(5:30) *** Jumanji (1995, Fantasy) Bonnie Hunt, Kirsten Dunst, Robin Williams.											Friends	Friends			
35	FMC (35)	(10) *** Christmas With the Kranks (04) Jamie Lee Curtis, Tim Allen.											Friends	Friends			
36	LIFE (36)	First Sight "Room For Improvement"	Honeymoon Island "Love at First Sight"												Friends	Friends	
38	ROOT (38)	NCAA Basketball Idaho State at Gonzaga (L)											Friends	Friends			
39	FS1 (39)	NCAA Basketball UMBc at Marquette (L)											Friends	Friends			
43	SPIKE (43)	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends											Friends	Friends
44	COM (44)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office											Friends	Friends
45	HIST (45)	American Pickers "Beer Factor"	American Pickers "Rat Rod Rolls"												Friends	Friends	
46	A&E (46)	The First 48 "Teardrops/Almost Home"	First 48 "Endless Love and Out of Time"												Friends	Friends	
47	TLC (47)	Four Weddings	Johnstons "Mo' House, Mo' Problems"												Friends	Friends	
48	DISC (48)	Vegas Rat Rods "Freakshow on Wheels"	Vegas Rat Rods "Tricks No Treats"												Friends	Friends	
49	NGEO (49)	Highway Hell "A Man of My Word" (N)	Life Below Zero "Arctic Harvest"												Friends	Friends	
50	TNT (50)	(5:30) *** RoboCop (14, Action) Marc Abraham, Jackie Earle Haley, Joel Kinnaman.											Friends	Friends			
51	AMC (51)	*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy) Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid, Chevy Chase.											Friends	Friends			
52	USA (52)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Remorse"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Nocturne"												Friends	Friends	
53	FOOD (53)	Chopped	Chopped												Friends	Friends	
54	HGTV (54)	Fixer Upper	Fixer "Tight Budgets and Big Dreams"												Friends	Friends	
55	FX (55)	(4:30) *** White House Down (13) Channing Tatum.	*** Jason Bourne (2016, Action) Julia Stiles, Alicia Vikander, Matt Damon.												Friends	Friends	
57	CNN (57)	(2:00) Election Night in America (L)											Friends	Friends			
58	FNC (58)	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle												Friends	Friends	
61	CNBC (61)	Profit "Showdown at Standard Burger"	The Profit "Marijuana Millions"												Friends	Friends	
63	TRM (63)	Below Deck "I'm Also a Boat Captain!"	Below Deck "B*tch in Charge"												Friends	Friends	
64	BCV (64)	(5:00) Casablanca Humphrey Bogart.	*** The Best Years of Our Lives (1946, Drama) Fredric March, Dana Andrews, Myrna Loy.												Friends	Friends	
65	SYFY (65)	*** The Last Witch Hunter (2015, Action) Rose Leslie, Elijah Wood, Vin Diesel.											Friends	Friends			
102	RFD (102)	(5:30) Cattlemen (N)   LandLeader TV	Horsemanship "Austin Tour Part 6"												Friends	Friends	