

# News

## World News Briefs

### Trump's Cellphone Diplomacy Raises Security Concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has been handing out his cellphone number to world leaders and urging them to call him directly, an unusual invitation that breaks diplomatic protocol and is raising concerns about the security and secrecy of the U.S. commander in chief's communications.

Trump has urged leaders of Canada and Mexico to reach him on his cellphone, according to former and current U.S. officials with direct knowledge of the practice. Of the two, only Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has taken advantage of the offer so far, the officials said.

Trump also exchanged numbers with French President Emmanuel Macron when the two spoke immediately following Macron's victory earlier this month, according to a French official, who would not comment on whether Macron intended to use the line.

All the officials demanded anonym-



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In this March 24, 2017, file photo President Donald Trump speaks in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. Trump has been handing out his cellphone number to world leaders and urging them to call him directly, an unusual invitation that breaks diplomatic protocol and is raising concerns about the security and secrecy of the U.S. commander in chief's communications.

ity. Neither the White House nor Trudeau's office responded to requests for comment.

The notion of world leaders calling each other up via cellphone may seem unremarkable in the modern, mobile world. But in the diplomatic arena, where leader-to-leader calls are highly orchestrated affairs, it is another notable breach of protocol for a president who has expressed distrust of official channels. The formalities and disci-

pline of diplomacy have been a rough fit for Trump — who, before taking office, was long easily accessible by cellphone and viewed himself as free-wheeling, impulsive dealmaker.

### Arrested, Missing China Activists Spark Criticism of Trump

SHANGHAI (AP) — The arrest and disappearance of three labor activists investigating a Chinese company that produces Ivanka Trump-branded shoes in China prompted a call for her brand to cease working with the supplier and raised questions about whether the first family's commercial interests would muddy U.S. leadership on human rights.

The men were working with a U.S. nonprofit to publish a report next month alleging low pay, excessive overtime and possible misuse of student labor, according to China Labor Watch executive director Li Qiang, who lost contact with the investigators over the weekend. China Labor Watch has been exposing poor working conditions at suppliers to some of the world's best-known companies for nearly two decades, but Li said his work has never before attracted this level of scrutiny from China's state security apparatus.

Faced with rising labor unrest and a slowing economy, Beijing has taken a stern approach to activism in southern China's manufacturing belt and to human rights advocates generally, sparking a wave of critical reports about disappearances, public confessions, forced repatriation and torture.

China Labor Watch's investigation also had an unusual target: a brand owned by the daughter of the president of the United States.

"Ivanka's brand should immediately cease its work with this supplier, and the Trump administration should reverse its current course and confront China on its human rights abuses," Adrienne Watson, spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee, said in a Wednesday email. Ivanka Trump must decide, "whether she can ignore the Chinese government's apparent attempt to silence an investigation into those worker abuses."

### Nest Wants Your Home Security Camera to Recognize You

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nest Labs is adding Google's facial recognition technology to a high-resolution home-security camera, offering a glimpse of a future in which increasingly intelligent, internet-connected computers can see and understand what's going on in people's homes.

The Nest Cam IQ will be Nest's first device to draw upon the same human-like skills that Google has been programming into its computers — for instance, to identify people in images. Facebook deploys similar technology to recognize and recommend tags of people.

The new camera will set you back almost \$300, and you'll also have to pay \$10 a month for a plan that includes facial recognition technology. The same plan will also include other features, such as alerts generated by particular sounds — barking dogs, say — that occur out of the camera's visual range.

The camera will only identify people you select. You could program the device to recognize a child, friend or neighbor, after which it will send you a notifications about that person being in the home. It won't try to recognize anyone that an owner hasn't tagged.

### NBC's Megyn Kelly Newsmagazine Features Putin in Debut

NEW YORK (AP) — Megyn Kelly's debut on NBC News this weekend is a real-life cliffhanger involving Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Kelly is in Russia to question Putin onstage Friday at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum. She'd love a one-on-one exclusive interview that would be featured on the first episode of NBC's "Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly," but it's not clear if that will happen.

The centerpiece of the multi-topic newsmagazine each week will be newsmaker interviews with Kelly.

The show will compete with CBS' "60 Minutes" and air until the NFL season starts.

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rated) Homoerotic, coming-of-age drama about the close bond unexpectedly forged between a bullied loner (Fionn O'Shea) and a popular jock (Nicholas Galitzine) after they're forced to share a dorm room at boarding school. Featuring Andrew Scott, Moe Dunford and Jay Duffy.

**Opening Night** (Unrated) Musical comedy revolving around a failed actor-turned-production manager's (Topher Grace) desperate attempt to save his new show by whipping his eccentric cast and crew into shape. Supporting cast includes Anne Heche, Taye Digs

and Rob Riggle.

**Radio Dreams** (Unrated) A day-in-the-life comedy, set in San Francisco, about a Farsi-language radio station manager's (Mohsen Namjoo) attempt to stage a live broadcast pairing Metallica and Abdul Dreams, Afghanistan's very first rock band. With Lars Ulrich, Raby Adib, Siddique Ahmed and Sulyman Qardash as themselves. (In English, Persian, Assyrian Neo-Aramaic and Dari with subtitles)

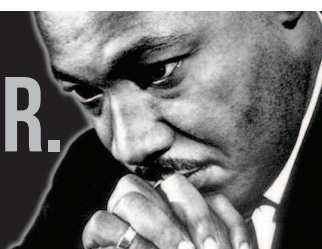
**The Recall** (R for violence, profanity and some nudity) Sci-fi thriller about five friends

whose vacation at a cabin in the woods is ruined by an invasion of aliens bent on abducting humans. Co-starring Wesley Snipes, Jedidiah Goodacre and Laura Bilgeri.

**Vincent N Roxxy** (R for nudity, graphic sexuality, gruesome violence, brief drug use and pervasive profanity) Emile Hirsch and Zoe Kravitz portray the title characters in this crime thriller about a mysterious drifter and a rebellious punk rocker who fall in love on the run after he saves her from a vicious killer (Kid Cudi). With Zoey Deutch, Emory Cohen and Beau Knapp.

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