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Your Weekend



- ArtWORKz 2017 artist reception at Tamastlikt
- Tillamook Cheese Days at the SAGE Center
- "Til Death Do Us Part... and We Part Tonight"

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Weekend Weather

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Watch a game
Boy's basketball



Hood River vs. Hermiston
Friday, 7 p.m., at Hermiston

Girl's basketball



The Dalles vs. Pendleton
Friday, 7 p.m., at Pendleton

Catch a movie



Warner Bros. Pictures via AP
Expounding the importance of nonviolent conflict resolution two teachers plan to fight each other after school in "Fist Fight."



Universal Pictures via AP
Matt Damon teams up with Song dynasty warriors to battle monsters attacking the Great Wall of China in "The Great Wall."

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Kindergarten teacher Jessica Garcia reads a book to students of a combined class on Thursday at McNary Heights Elementary School in Umatilla. Garcia's class combined with Sarah Blake's kindergarten class after more than half of their students did not show up to school. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

A day without immigrants



Abby Munoz, with the InterMountain Education Service District, center, introduces Irrigon city councilor Marlina Avila Serratos during a migrant parents meeting Wednesday in Hermiston. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Migrant families ask questions about immigration, rights

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

As President Donald Trump has begun to follow through on his campaign promise to crack down on illegal immigration, many immigrants living in the U.S. both legally and illegally are concerned about the ramifications for themselves and their families.

An executive order issued by

Trump on Jan. 25 directed the secretary of homeland security to hire 10,000 more immigration officers and called on local and state police to detain or apprehend people in the United States illegally.

Locally, some organizations are trying to educate migrant families about their rights and advise them

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Across Hermiston and U.S. people participate in protest of immigration policies

East Oregonian
and Associated Press

Immigrants around the U.S. stayed home from work and school Thursday to demonstrate how important they are to America's economy, and many businesses closed in solidarity in a nationwide protest called A Day Without Immigrants.

The boycott was aimed squarely at President Donald Trump's efforts to step up deportations, build a wall at the Mexican border and close the nation's doors to many travelers.

In Umatilla and Morrow County, where the U.S. census estimates 9,900 foreign-born residents out of a population of 87,000, the demonstration was perhaps felt most powerfully at schools.

Sixty-five percent of Umatilla School District students are Latino, and superintendent Heidi Sipe said 39 percent of the district's students were absent Thursday. One classroom at McNary Heights Elementary

only had six students. "Honestly, we've also had a number of students expressing concern about (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) coming to school," Sipe said. "They always ask, 'Are they going to take us?'"

Sipe said they tell students that school is a place to focus on learning and that there are laws that help it stay that way. The district is not even legally allowed to ask students about their immigration status.

Sipe said she also had more staff missing than usual but does not know their reasons for being absent.

At the Hermiston School District — which is 50 percent Hispanic — 1,438 students were absent on Thursday — a quarter of the district's population. Of those students, 1,183 were Hispanic, according to district communications officer Maria Duron.

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Trump seeks pause in legal fight with revised travel ban

By SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Trump administration said in court documents on Thursday it wants a pause in the legal fight over its ban on travelers from seven predominantly Muslim nations, so it can issue a replacement ban as it strives to protect the nation from terrorism.

Details of the new proposal were not provided in the filing or at a wide-ranging news conference by Trump. But lawyers for the administration said in the filing that a ban that focuses solely on foreigners who have never entered the U.S. — instead of green card holders already in the U.S. or who have traveled abroad and want to return — would pose no legal difficulties.

"I will not back down from defending our country. I got elected on defense of our country."

— Donald Trump, President of the United States

"In so doing, the president will clear the way for immediately protecting the country rather than pursuing further, potentially time-consuming litigation," the filing said.

Trump said at the news conference that a new order would come next week.

"I will not back down from

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President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday. AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais



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