



INTERNATIONAL

South Korea Shortens 'Inhumanely Long' Work Week

Employees in South Korea work long hours: almost 2,100 hours per worker annually – the second-highest among the Economic Cooperation and Development states, after Mexico. In the United States, that figure is close to 1,800. Those long hours went hand-in-hand with the country's booming economy in the 1980s and '90s. But for all those hours worked, South Korea's labor productivity is low, and so is population growth — the country has one of the world's lowest birth rates. So this week its parliament passed a bill to that aims to restore some quality of life, by cutting the maximum work week to 52 hours — down from 68. "Under the current law, the maximum working hours in Korea were 68 hours per week, as the law excluded Saturdays and Sundays as part of the 40 hour 'working days,' making it possible to work an additional 16 hours during the weekend on top of any extended working hours," as Korean broadcaster Arirang explains. "The revised working hours will now include the weekends in the weekly 40 hour working day period, reducing the maximum hours to 52." Employees under 18 will be limited to 35 hours in a regular work week, and only five industries, including transport and health care, will be exempt from the new limits. Twenty-six were exempt under the previous rules. "For years we have overlooked the real culprit of the problem — our country's vast gender disparity and inhumanely long working hours," family minister Chung Hyun Back told AFP. The news service notes that a recent survey found that 68 percent of women in college intended to marry, compared to 80 percent for their male counterparts. The country also has a stark gender pay gap. "Unless we tackle these problems head-on, South Korea's future will remain murky with the young generation staying away from marriage — not to mention childbirth," Chung told AFP.

Putin Says Russia Has New Nuclear Weapons That Can't Be Intercepted

President Vladimir Putin said in his annual state-of-the-nation speech that Russia tested powerful nuclear weapons that render missile defense systems useless. Those weapons include cruise missiles, nuclear-powered underwater drones and a new hypersonic missile that travels five times the speed of sound. "The foreign policy part of Putin's speech focused on how the United States had ignored Russia's strategic interests long enough," NPR's Lucian Kim reported from Moscow. "Putin repeatedly interrupted his speech to show videos of cutting-edge rockets and torpedoes snaking their way to their targets." Putin warned any use of nuclear weapons against Russia or its allies would trigger a response. The speech precedes Russia's upcoming presidential elections, set for March 18. Putin is widely expected to win a fourth term in office. With videos and computer graphics displayed, Putin showed off an array of weapons to hundreds of officials and lawmakers gathered for the address. "A low-flying, low-visibility cruise missile armed with a nuclear warhead and possessing a practically unlimited range, unpredictable flight path and the capability to impregnate practically all interception lines is invulnerable to all existing and future anti-missile and air defense weapons," Putin said. The underwater drone is capable of operating at " extreme depths covering intercontinental distances" at speeds much faster than current submarines, torpedoes and surface ships, Putin added.



Bali bombers' spiritual leader hospitalized in Indonesia

A radical Islamic cleric who was the spiritual leader of the Bali bombers and a force behind a jihadist training camp raided in 2010 has been transferred from prison to a Jakarta hospital. Guarded by four paramilitary police officers, the frail white-bearded Abu Bakar Bashir arrived at the hospital in Indonesia's capital on Thursday morning. He appeared unable to walk unassisted and was helped into a wheelchair as photographers and TV cameramen jostled around him. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 2011 for supporting a military-style training camp for militants that was uncovered the year before. The octogenarian Bashir suffers from medical problems including chronically weak blood circulation. A copy of a prison memo seen by The Associated Press said Bashir is being treated for pooling of blood in the legs, a common condition in old age known as chronic venous insufficiency. Local media reported that President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo agreed with Bashir receiving hospital treatment on humanitarian grounds. In 2016 he was transferred from his isolation cell on the maximum security Nusa Kambangan prison island to Gunung Sindur prison about 50 kilometers (30 miles) southeast of Jakarta amid complaints from his lawyer of inhumane treatment. Bashir's sympathizers hope Jokowi will grant him a permanent release due to his poor health, a move that would help mend fences between hard-line Muslims and Jokowi ahead of a presidential election in 2019 but would alarm allies such as the United States and Australia. Jokowi's approval ratings remain high with the broader Indonesian public. The firebrand cleric was arrested almost immediately after the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, mostly foreigners including 88 Australians. But prosecutors were unable to prove a string of terrorism-related allegations. He was instead sentenced to 18 months in prison for immigration violations. Bashir has repeatedly denied any involvement in terror attacks and after being sentenced in 2011 for his role in the militant training camp said he rejected the ruling from "infidel" authorities.

Reports: Chinese oil tycoon detained for questioning

A Chinese oil tycoon who is buying a stake in Russia's biggest oil producer has been detained for questioning, news reports said Thursday, amid a sprawling anti-corruption crackdown. The business news magazine Caixin, citing unidentified sources, reported that Ye Jianming, chairman of CEFC China Energy, was under investigation but gave no details. The Hong Kong newspaper South China Morning Post said he was detained Feb. 16 on the orders of Chinese President Xi Jinping. Phone calls to CEFC's general and publicity offices in Shanghai weren't answered. The company didn't respond to questions sent to the email address of its publicity department. Ye, 40, adds to a growing number of Chinese businesspeople who have been detained or questioned during a marathon anti-graft crackdown led by Xi. Ye founded CEFC in 2002 while still in his 20s and was considered one of China's most successful young entrepreneurs. CEFC describes itself as China's biggest privately owned oil company and reported 2016 revenue of \$43.7 billion. Since 2015, Ye's company has been buying energy-related businesses in the Middle East, Africa and Europe. Last summer, it agreed to pay \$9 billion for 14.16 percent of state-owned Rosneft, Russia's biggest oil producer. Glencore, one of the companies that is selling the stake, said the transaction was due to close in the first half of this year.



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After Parkland, parents push for school security upgrades

In Kentucky, parents have pooled money to pay an armed officer to begin patrolling schools. A mayor outside Cleveland, Ohio, is urging a security levy to pay for guards. And a town in New Jersey has begun assigning off-duty police to stand vigil inside all its school buildings. In the jittery aftermath of the shooting in Parkland, Florida, novel efforts to ramp up school security are flying fast as districts across the United States respond to heightened fears as well as threats and rumors of violence that have only seemed to multiply since the latest tragedy. American schools have been stepping up investment in security for years, and many districts have offered assurances about procedures already in place since the Feb. 14 shooting that left 17 dead. But some parents are saying it's just not enough. In Monroe Township, New Jersey, 400 people crowded a meeting last week on school security, some rattled by rumors about an unsubstantiated threat online. The school system already has unarmed guards, but the mayor and police chief agreed to immediately assign armed, off-duty police officers to patrol each of the town's eight schools. It's expected to cost the town \$200,000 for the first two months. "As wonderful as our security team is, unarmed, you're not going to fight an assault rifle," Monroe parent Chrissy Skurbe said. "If somebody wants to get in with a gun, they're going to get in. You need somebody there to be able to react." Officials and parents have also come ahead with plans to introduce security cameras, metal detectors, door locks and other defenses. President Donald Trump has endorsed fortifying schools, to make them less appealing targets, and he repeatedly suggested arming teachers. In Kentucky, many were already on edge following a January shooting rampage that killed two students and injured 21 others at Marshall County High School. Since the Florida shooting, parents have been leading the way on fundraising efforts to boost security in local schools. A week ago, an armed resource officer took up duty at a 670-student campus in Barbourville, paid by parent donations for at least the rest of the year. Barbourville Police Chief Winston Tye said it was a couple of parents who approached him with the idea and they're working on raising money for next year. "They said that would make their kids feel better, all the kids feel better, and make them feel better," Tye said. Shane Romines, a Kentucky father of two 6-year-olds in kindergarten, announced two days after the Parkland shooting that his law office would donate \$25,000 toward metal detectors in Knox County schools. When he reached out to school officials, they said they were also in need of funding to replace a grant so they could keep school resource officers. The effort, which has drawn support from other businesses and parents, has so far has raised more than \$50,000. In Laurel County, Kentucky, where school officials decided against installing metal detectors, parents and students picketed a Board of Education building last week holding signs that said "Protect our Children." State legislatures are considering new measures. Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin said on a radio interview Thursday that he expects to push for changes in state law and is leaning toward solutions that allow more guns in schools with beefed-up training. Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson signed an executive order Thursday forming a commission that will look at school designs, security policies and mental health. Its initial report is due by July 1.



Equifax Says 2.4 Million More People Were Impacted By Huge 2017 Breach

Equifax has disclosed that an additional 2.4 million people were impacted by a massive cybersecurity breach last year, bringing the total to about 148 million people. The credit reporting agency says that the new consumers were identified during forensic examination of the breach. They were previously unidentified, the company says, because their social security numbers were not stolen. Their names and some of their driver's license information was taken, however. According to the company, "in the vast majority of cases, it did not include consumers' home addresses, or their respective driver's license states, dates of issuance, or expiration dates." Equifax says it will directly notify these 2.4 million newly identified people, "and will offer identity theft protection and credit file monitoring services at no cost to them." The company has struggled to rebuild public trust after the revelation of the breach and what is widely perceived as a bungled response. For example, after the cyberattack, several times the company's official Twitter account mistakenly directed worried customers to a fake phishing site. Lawmakers also have been highly critical of the company's response, and Thursday's revelation is prompting new scrutiny. "Some lawmakers say the company has delayed and given only partial responses to questions related to a House Commerce Committee Investigation," NPR's Chris Arnold told our Newscast unit. "They are now requesting a briefing from a company Equifax hired to do its own investigation of the breach." Last week Democrats from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform pressed Equifax to extend their free identity theft protection and credit file monitoring from one year to three. "Given the sensitive nature of the personal information that was stolen — and the ability of criminals to store and use that information for years to come — we believe that the millions of U.S. consumers whose personal information was compromised in the Equifax data breach should receive the most robust form of credit protection and identity theft services available," says the letter to Paulino Barros, Equifax's interim CEO. As NPR's Colin Dwyer reported when the breach was first disclosed, "the number of American consumers affected constitutes about 44 percent of the U.S. population." But there's good reason to think that many of those impacted may not be aware of it. A new survey from CreditCards.com found that 50 percent of adults surveyed have not checked their credit scores and reports since the breach. And "twenty percent of all respondents have heard little or nothing about the Equifax breach, including 46 percent of those aged 18-37," according to the survey results.

Trump Names 2020 Campaign Manager

President Trump has appointed digital strategist Brad Parscale to lead his 2020 re-election effort, his campaign announced Tuesday. "Brad was essential in bringing a disciplined technology and data-driven approach to how the 2016 campaign was run," said senior White House official Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law. "His leadership and expertise will be help build (sic) a best-in-class campaign." The Trump campaign pledged its apparatus would not only prepare for the president's re-election, but also play a role in the 2018 midterm elections this year. Parscale, who will serve in the role of campaign manager, is a longtime Trump aide whose connection to the president stretches back well before the president's campaign began in 2015.



STATE

Walker Opposed To Arming Teachers

Gov. Scott Walker said Wednesday he is opposed to arming teachers, and that he's working with state lawmakers to introduce a number of bills aimed at changing Wisconsin gun laws and promoting school safety. "I think, having talked to teachers, most teachers aren't interested in that," Walker told reporters after addressing the state business lobbying group, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce in Madison. The governor weighed in on gun legislation as lawmakers, advocates and constituents across the state and country continue to call for changes to gun laws in the wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School earlier this month in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people. "We're looking at an entire package (of bills) that will look at school safety and other issues related to that," Walker said. "There's more we can do." Speaking with reporters after the event, Walker said arming teachers will not be part of the package of gun and school safety bills because "most" teachers aren't interested. Walker said he started meeting with lawmakers about the bills last week, but wouldn't disclose information about specific proposals. "I think there's an active interest in a comprehensive plan," Walker told reporters. The state Assembly has completed what was thought to be their last day of voting in 2018. If the governor wants the gun and safety proposals to become law before 2019, he would need to call lawmakers back to Madison to take them up. "We're talking about that right now," he said. In recent weeks, Democratic state lawmakers have pushed for changes to state gun laws, including implementing universal background checks, prohibiting people convicted of domestic violence from buying guns, and barring the sale of bump stocks, which make guns more lethal, in the state.

DNR Study Finds CWD-Infected Deer Die At 3 Times Rate Of Healthy Animals

A five-year study on how chronic wasting disease impacts the state's deer population has found infected animals died at three times the rate of healthy deer. While it's been known for decades that CWD is fatal, there hasn't been a comprehensive look at the specific role it plays in the deer population as a whole. Since January 2017, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources research scientists have been trapping deer and fitting them with radio collars that alert them when the animal has died. DNR Research Scientist Dan Storm said researchers would then locate the animals and test them for CWD. In the first year, the agency put radio collars on 148 deer, 122 of which died, Storm said. Of those who died, he said 12 tested positive for the fatal brain disease. Storm said three quarters of deer testing positive for CWD died in the first year, while only one quarter of healthy deer died. "We found that deer that have chronic wasting disease have significantly lower survival than those that do not," said Storm. "So we can say that with confidence but what we will learn more about is the magnitude of the difference." Storm said he would have liked to get a bigger sample size but the findings are still significant. And he said with four more years of data they'll have a better understanding of the role CWD plays in Wisconsin's deer herd. "We're going to be better able to manage the deer population in the face of the disease," said Storm. "Now whether our research gives us any strong notions of how to manage deer differently to manage the disease ... I'm not certain about that yet."

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Wisconsin Residents Raise Concerns Over Foxconn Project

Hundreds of people attended a forum to voice their concerns about the major Foxconn Technology Group project in Wisconsin. The Kenosha News reports that Carthage College held the first of three forums on the project Wednesday in Kenosha. The Taiwanese electronics company wants to build a large flat-screen facility in the Village of Mount Pleasant in Racine County. The first forum focused on how the facility will affect the area's culture and community. Some attendees raised concerns about the plant's environmental impact. Others expressed worries about the potential cultural shock from an influx of workers from outside the community. The remaining two forums later this month will focus on the project's impact on local government, geography and policy, as well as its impact on Wisconsin and beyond.

WEATHER

- **Tonight:** Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 9. Light and variable wind becoming east southeast 5 to 7 mph in the evening.
- **Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34. East southeast wind 7 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.
- **Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. Southeast wind 15 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 29 mph.
- **Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 39. South southeast wind 14 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.
- **Thursday Night:** A slight chance of drizzle before 1am, then a slight chance of freezing drizzle. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. South southeast wind 7 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.
- **Friday:** A chance of freezing rain before 9am, then rain. High near 39. East southeast wind 9 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.
- **Friday Night:** Rain before midnight, then rain and snow likely between midnight and 2am, then snow likely after 2am. Low around 26. East southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northeast after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
- **Saturday:** Snow. The snow could be heavy at times. High near 32. North northwest wind 14 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

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Girls Basketball

JANESVILLE CO-OP
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WAUKESHA NORTH CO-OP
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MADISON WEST
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MADISON MEMORIAL
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WAUNAKEE
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MADISON EDGEWOOD
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MIDDLETON
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SUN PRAIRIE
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Mirza Teletovic disputes report that pulmonary emboli will end his career

The Bucks announced Dec. 15 that forward Mirza Teletovic would be sidelined indefinitely by pulmonary emboli, an occurrence of blood clots in each of his lungs. Since that time, almost nothing else has been revealed about the 32-year-old, who is dealing with this potentially deadly condition for the second time in his six-year NBA career. On Wednesday, Gery Woelfel of the Racine Journal Times reported on WSSP (105.7 FM) that Teletovic's playing days are done. "My sources tell me Mirza Teletovic's career is over," Woelfel said. That news spread around the internet, eventually making its way to Teletovic. Teletovic, who seldom uses Twitter to publish his own tweets and had not done so since September, offered a rebuttal to the report. "It's not over till I say it's over recovery is going great," Teletovic wrote. Teletovic later posted a video on Instagram, providing further details on his situation. "A post came out saying that I'm retiring," Teletovic said. "I just want to say to you guys that I'm not. I'm still taking the medication; I have some more time to drink it. Recovery's going great. Have a good day." During his recovery, Teletovic has spent time at the team's downtown training facility, doing supervised workouts such as riding a stationary bike. Prior to Wednesday's game against the Detroit Pistons, coach Joe Prunty declined to comment about the report and Teletovic's response — it was the first Prunty had heard of it, he said — although he did note that he has kept up with Teletovic's progress.

COMMERCIALS

March 2, 2018 was National Speech and Debate Education Day, created by the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) to recognize and celebrate the positive impact of speech and debate activities on students, schools, and communities. The NSDA is the largest interscholastic organization servicing middle school, high school, and collegiate students in the United States. On March 2, 2018, there were more than 1.5 million speech and debate alumni celebrating speech and debate education nationwide. "Speech and debate changes lives," said J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director of the National Speech & Debate Association. "From increased attendance to higher test scores and a rise in college acceptance, speech and debate prepares young people for college, the work force, and beyond."

KFC 'Money' [Light banjo music in the background]

A man and a wife had a row about their savings. She wanted a facelift, he'd like the drive repaven. They talked about that money, and still here they were in a row about having work done to the grouting – or to her! Despite their little tif, they both could sure agree – a ten-piece bargain bucket with three extra pieces free -- is a mighty good deal, to help make them both nicer. So, they went to KFC to discuss a high-yield icer. At participating stores only until April 3rd.