

Day 2: People converge near WH against travel ban

NEW YORK, JAN 30 /- / Protests against President Donald Trump's travel ban on people from seven predominantly Muslim nations continued for the second day with thousands of demonstrators gathering at airports and outside the White House in solidarity with those hit by the controversial move. Protesters gathered outside the White House and raised slogans like "This is what America looks like." "The people united, will never be divided" and "No hate, no fear, refugees are welcome here," as they waved the American flag and held placards, opposing Trump's order to block any visitors for 90 days from seven designated countries: Iran, Iraq,

Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

Similar protests were held across the nation and at airports, where confusion continued to prevail over the order after a New York judge's order temporarily halting removal of individuals detained in the country. People gathered at Battery Park in Lower Manhattan, within sight of the Statue of Liberty, Boston's Copley Square as well as popular spots across San Francisco demonstrating and extending their support and solidarity with refugees and those impacted by the ban. Hundreds of protesters had gathered at the Dulles International Airport, while at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Air-

port, scores of Muslims pulled out their prayer rugs and knelt, with at least 50 people were taken into police custody.

Mohammad Abdulhadi said he was blown away that hardly any of those protesting appeared to be Muslim. "I think the most beautiful thing about the entire evening was it wasn't predominantly Muslim," he told WFAA-TV. "There were Mexicans, priests, rabbis, men, women, everybody." It was the second consecutive weekend that protests were held across the country against the Donald Trump administration. Last weekend, just a day after Trump was sworn-in as President, millions of women and men had joined the Women's

March across the nation against Trump's policies on a host of issues. Maryam Kanna, a 24-year-old Iraqi-American who lives in Arlington, Virginia, told WTOP News that the executive order was "totally alienating." Kanna said she worries about her uncle, a British citizen, and her cousins in Canada, who may no longer be able to enter the US. A woman who identified herself as Sonia from Sterling, Virginia, said she doesn't recognise what she sees in the United States right now. "My dad's a green card holder, and granted, the country he's from is not on the ban list, but it really could easily be," she said. "This is not the America I was raised in." (PTI)

Yemen says travel ban will encourage 'extremism'

ADEN, JAN 30 /- / Yemen's government warned today that US President Donald Trump's order banning travellers from mainly Muslim countries would encourage global "extremism". "Yemen expresses its dissatisfaction after the order prohibiting, even for a limited time, the entry to the United States of people holding a Yemeni passport," a foreign ministry spokesman said. The Arabian peninsula country was one of seven named by Trump in Friday's order whose nationals will be temporarily barred from travelling to the US. "Such a decision is likely to strengthen the position of extremists," the spokesman said, adding that "the only way to achieve victory in the fight against terrorism... is dialogue and not creating barriers." Yemen is gripped by a conflict that has killed more than 7,400 people since March 2015, when a Saudi-backed coalition began bombing raids on rebel forces who had seized control of rebel forces who had seized control of capital Sanaa and northern and central parts of the impoverished nation. (AFP)

Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels' secy dies at 106

MUNICH, JAN 30 /- / The former secretary of Nazi Germany's propaganda boss Joseph Goebbels died aged 106 last week, on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the maker of a documentary about her said today. Brunhilde Pomsel died on January 27 in a care home in the southern city of Munich, said Christian Kroenes, who conducted extensive interviews with her for his 2016 film "A German Life". Pomsel, who worked for Goebbels as a secretary, typist and stenographer from 1942-45, had insisted she had no idea of the Holocaust that claimed the lives of six million Jews while it was happening. "We knew nothing," she said in the film. "We ourselves were all trapped in a vast concentration camp," she said about the totalitarian state of Adolf Hitler. As one of half a dozen secretaries in Goebbels' office, Pomsel was among the last eyewitnesses to the inner circle of top Nazis.

In "A German Life", she insisted she felt no guilt and also said: "I could not put up resistance - I was too much of a coward." She told AFP last year that she had once cheered on Hitler, in 1933, adding "we didn't know then what lay ahead". She spoke of the final days in Hitler's bunker, saying a lot of alcohol was drunk because the Nazi chiefs had to "numb themselves". When Soviet troops marched into Berlin at the end of World War II, Pomsel was captured and would spend five years in Russian detention camps. From 1950 she worked for a German public broadcaster, for 20 years, but kept silent about her wartime job until she gave a newspaper interview in 2011. She opened up at great length in the 2016 film, which its makers said aimed to force viewers to ask themselves what they would have done, and whether they would have had the courage to resist the Nazi machine.

In the black-and-white film, extreme close-up shots of Pomsel recalling her time with Goebbels are interspersed with archival footage of Nazi horror, including of naked Jewish corpses and mass graves. Pomsel herself said: "Nothing's black and white. There's always a bit of grey in everything." "I wouldn't see myself as guilty," she said, "unless you end up blaming the entire German population." She said that "since I have a clear conscience for myself, I do not see why I should not talk about it". She said the point of the film was "for future generations to be informed about all these things. There are ever fewer eyewitnesses left. So I agreed." She described Goebbels as well groomed and polite, and "an excellent actor," who during public speeches turned into a "raging dwarf... unrecognisable". (AFP)

Emirates changes flight crews after travel ban

DUBAI, JAN 30 /- / Dubai carrier Emirates said it has adjusted its crews for flights to the United States following President Donald Trump's travel ban on people from seven predominantly Muslim countries. The new president faced mass protests and global outrage over the controversial ban on travellers from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, as around 300 people were stopped or detained worldwide en route to the US. "We have made the necessary adjustments to our crewing, to comply with the latest requirements," a statement from Emirates said.

'Record number of Muslim refugees entered US in 16'

WASHINGTON, JAN 30 /- / Nearly 39,000 Muslim refugees entered the US in 2016 - the highest number on record - making up about half of the new arrivals in the country, according to a new report made public amidst the controversy triggered by President Donald Trump. The report comes shortly after Trump signed an order imposing an indefinite travel ban on Syrian refugees and a temporary curb on people from six other countries - Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Yemen and Somalia - from entering the US for at least 90 days. "The US admitted 84,985 refugees in the fiscal year end-

ing in September 2016, the most in any year during the Obama administration," said Pew Research Centre analysts Jens Manuel Krogstad and Jynnah Radford.

An additional 31,143 refugees have been admitted to the US from October 1 through January 24, including more than 1,136 refugee admissions since Trump became president on January 20, "researchers said, based on statistics from the US State Department's Refugee Processing Centre. "Nearly 39,000 Muslim refugees entered the US in fiscal 2016, the highest number on record," they said.

5 troops reported killed in fighting in eastern Ukraine

MOSCOW, JAN 30 /- / At least five Ukrainian troops have been killed in an apparent uptick in fighting in eastern Ukraine, government officials said today. An armed conflict between government troops and separatist rebels has killed more than 9,600 since it began in 2014, according to the UN Human Rights Office.

A January cease-fire had until recently helped to limit the fighting to sporadic shoot-outs. The government's press office for the operation in the east said on Monday it recorded an increase in fighting on several fronts on Sunday which left at least five killed and nine troops injured.

Kiev accused the rebels of using Grad multiple grenade launchers and said they recorded intensified fighting all along the front line outside the separatist stronghold of Donetsk, in the south of the frontline north of Mariupol and west of Luhansk.

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ARIES
Today, you will meet with success, and you do it on your own merit, without any divine intervention. You may be a student of science or arts, but you will excel due to your deep knowledge of the subject. There are chances you may decide to study further, says Ganesha.

TAURUS
You are hard working by nature but

get highly frustrated when things do not end the way you had imagined, feels Ganesha. This may lead to anger against the system of the order in which things work. You will vent your frustration on your routine by longing for an alternate lifestyle, wishing and hoping for more relaxation and perhaps a spontaneous vacation.

GEMINI
Today, you are likely to over-react during the minor argument, and the tiff may blow out of proportion. Ganesha advises you to get a grip on your temper. You are a brave person and

You need to keep your temper in check today. Your mood swings will leave you irritated, especially in the morning. You will be busy dealing with a lot of issues today, and this will add to your tensions. However, you will find the solution to all your problems within a day or two, says Ganesha.

VIRGO
Love will bite you today. It will bleed, and break it in two. The top of career will slightly sour, says Ganesha. Dinner in a candlelit ambience will only help raise your spirits.

LIBRA

Today, you seem to have the Midas touch, so every task you take in your hands is bound to be a success. You may also want to take time out to spend with your loved ones and lavish them with attention. Also, don't forget to hand out credit to others for their valuable inputs. It says to be in people's good books. Ganesha advises you to spend your money wisely in the evening. Overall, you will excel in the company of loved ones.

SCORPIO
Your balancing skills may be called to fore today, as some of the important decisions of your life may come calling for judgement today. Later in the day, sudden and unexpected profits are on the cards. In the workplace, reputation and rewards may come for previous efforts. You are likely to remain energetic, enthusiastic and capable all throughout the day.

SAGITTARIUS
In your case, the progress will grow two folds today. You will accomplish all the tasks that you take up. Also, you will acknowledge all the people who have contributed in your success story. Keep a watch when splurging on your near and

two-shoes. Do something you've never done before and break a few of those self-made rules. Watch how you suddenly become irresistible to one and all, says Ganesha.

PISCES
Frustration born out of a sense of stagnation will make you aggressive today. And while you are not likely to be able to meet all your deadlines, you will still make enough of an impact for people to realise the importance of your presence. Worry not, for things will take a turn for the better soon, says Ganesha.

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PUZZLE SPOT

SKATEBOARD MAZE

Compiled and illustrated by Al Bengel

Which route should the skateboarder take to get to the walkway?

JOINT THE DOTS

KidSpot

by Dick Rogers

Many birds never nest in a tree. Where a bird builds its nest depends on what kind of bird it is and where it lives. Below are some of the places birds prefer to nest. Match each bird to its nest site.

- Ostrich.
- Flamingo.
- Duck.
- Burrowing owl.
- Antarctic penguin.
- City pigeon.
- Sea birds.

- Under a bridge or an overpass.
- A burrow in the ground.
- On ice or snow.
- On a mound of mud.
- On a rocky shore or cliff.
- On the ground.
- On pond grass.

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Puzzle 201

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Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

No. 113

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OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE No. 112 (Other combinations may occasionally be possible.)

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