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### TOP STORIES

**U.S. STRIKES SYRIAN MILITARY AIRFIELD IN FIRST DIRECT ASSAULT ON BASHAR AL-ASSAD'S GOVERNMENT.** The U.S. military launched 59 cruise missiles at a Syrian military airfield late on Thursday, in the first direct American assault on the government of President Bashar al-Assad since that country's civil war began six years ago. The Trump administration authorized the operation in retaliation for [a chemical attack](#) killing scores of civilians this week. [Read more](#)

**SWEDEN: TRUCK PLOWS INTO STOCKHOLM DEPARTMENT STORE.** Swedish police say a truck has crashed into a department store in the capital Stockholm, killing at least two people and injuring many others. The incident occurred just before 13:00GMT on Friday at the corner of the Ahlens department store in Drottningatan, the city's biggest pedestrian street. [Read more](#)

**SIX STORIES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED AMID U.S. STRIKE IN SYRIA.** While the U.S. launch of missile strikes against Syria dominated global news on Friday, there were election results in The Gambia, reports of renewed violence in northeast Nigeria and a new round of Eurozone talks over Greece - among other news. Here is a selection of news stories that you may have missed: [Read more](#)

**SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, OTHERS REACT TO U.S. STRIKE IN SYRIA.** The [United States had fired](#) nearly 60 Tomahawk missiles at a military airfield in Syria, the first direct military action Washington has taken against Syrian government forces in the [six-year-old conflict](#). The U.S. said the missiles on Friday severely damaged or destroyed Syrian aircraft and support infrastructure and equipment at the airfield. [Read more](#)

**PROTESTERS CLASH WITH SECURITY FORCES IN CARACAS.** Sporadic clashes occurred on Thursday as tens of thousands of demonstrators shut down much of Venezuela's capital for a third day in protest of what they call an attempted coup by socialist President Nicolas Maduro. Many carried signs reading "No to Dictatorship" as they braved the choking tropical heat. [Read more](#)

**ISIS LIFTS VEIL ON AMERICAN AT HEART OF ITS PROPAGANDA MACHINE.** ISIS has revealed the chief editor of its online propaganda magazine was an American computer scientist. The group named the media operative as Sheikh Abu Sulayman ash Shami in the eighth edition of its online magazine Rumiyah, which was released early Thursday. [Read more](#)

**TRUMP WELCOMES 'FRIEND' CHINA'S XI FOR TALKS.** Mr. Trump said the two men had "developed a

friendship" as they sat for dinner at his Mar-a-Lago retreat. The American leader is expected to press his counterpart for action on North Korea, and Mr. Xi to seek assurances on Taiwan. Mr. Trump has said the summit "will be a very difficult one." Last year he accused China of "raping the US." [Read more](#)

## ADMINISTRATION

**SYRIA CALLS U.S. MISSILE STRIKES 'RECKLESS' AND 'IRRESPONSIBLE'.** President Trump on Friday is expected to sign two executive orders aimed at tackling long-standing concerns around trade enforcement as the White House launches plans to redefine U.S. policy. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and National Trade Council Director Peter Navarro said the Trump administration will produce a sweeping report on the cause of U.S. trade deficits. [Read more](#)

**KUSHNER LEFT RUSSIAN MEETINGS OFF SECURITY CLEARANCE FORMS.** President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner failed to disclose dozens of meetings and contacts with foreign officials in the months before inauguration as he was seeking a top-secret security clearance, The New York Times reported Thursday. [Read more](#)

**FULL TRANSCRIPT: TRUMP STATEMENT ON SYRIA STRIKES.** My fellow Americans, on Tuesday Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad launched a horrible chemical weapons attack on innocent civilians. Using a deadly nerve agent, Assad choked out the lives of helpless men, women and children. It was a slow and brutal death for so many. [Read more](#)

## CONGRESS

**RUBIO DEFENDS TRUMP FROM SYRIA CRITICS.** The Freedom Caucus is in soul searching mode. After scuttling the Republican plan to repeal and replace Obamacare, the group of hard-liners has been attacked on Twitter by President Donald Trump and trashed privately by much of the House Republican Conference. [Read more](#)

**AFTER SENATE FILIBUSTER'S DEATH, SOMBER LAWMAKERS SEEK PATH FORWARD.** The conventional Washington wisdom dictates that the end of the judicial [filibuster](#) is also the end of life as it is currently known in the Senate. In truth, it may not make that much of a difference at all. In an unexpected way, it may well herald the beginning of a better era for the Senate. [Read more](#)

**GOP LEAVING TOWN WITH LITTLE TO CROW ABOUT.** House Republicans are heading back to their districts without much to brag about. At the beginning of six consecutive weeks of work, many GOP lawmakers had anticipated a productive stretch of legislating that would put a shine on President Trump's first 100 days in office. [Read more](#)

## POLITICS

**FRUSTRATION MOUNTS, CAREERS JEOPARDIZED OVER OBAMACARE FAILURE.** Tempers are flaring at the White House over House Republicans' failure to repeal Obamacare. But that hasn't changed the reality on the ground: As Congress skips town for a two-week recess, Speaker Paul Ryan and his team are no closer to approving legislation. In fact, some Ryan allies worry that the White House involvement has only set GOP leaders back further. [Read more](#)

**PROSECUTORS UNDER SCRUTINY IN SCHOCK CASE.** The FBI's decision to use a staffer to then-Rep. Aaron Schock (R-Ill.) as a confidential informant could complicate the prosecution's case against him, Washington defense attorneys told The Hill. Lawyers called the use of the informant troubling and said it raises questions about constitutional provisions that mandate a separation between government branches,

among other things. [Read more](#)

### **BANNON WANTS A WAR ON WASHINGTON. NOW HE'S PART OF ONE INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE.**

Stephen K. Bannon — the combative architect of the nationalistic strategy that delivered President Trump to the White House — now finds himself losing ground in an internecine battle within the West Wing that pits the “Bannonites” against a growing and powerful faction of centrist financiers led by the president’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner. [Read more](#)

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**ATMOSPHERE FOUND AROUND EARTH-LIKE PLANET GJ 1132B.** They have studied a world known as GJ 1132b, which is 1.4-times the size of our planet and lies 39 light years away. Their observations suggest that the "super-Earth" is cloaked in a thick layer of gases that are either water or methane or a mixture of both. The study [is published in the Astronomical Journal](#). Discovering an atmosphere, and characterizing it, is an important step forward in the hunt for life beyond our solar system. [Read more](#)

**RISING WATERS THREATEN CHINA'S RISING CITIES.** The rains brought torrents, pouring into basements and malls, the water swiftly rising a foot and a half. “Changing Climate, Changing Cities: How climate change is challenging the world’s urban centers.” Graphics by Derek Watkins and Jeremy White. Design by Matt Ruby and Rumsey Taylor. [Read more](#)

**VIOLENT END AS YOUNG STARS DRAMATICALLY COLLIDE.** Located in the constellation of Orion, the explosive event happened some 500 years ago sending giant streamers of dust and gas across interstellar space. Researchers say the clash produced as much energy as our Sun would over 10 million years. Huge explosions in space are mostly associated with supernovas, which can take place in the dying moments of giant, ancient stars. This new image though shows an explosion taking place at the other end of the stellar lifecycle. [Read more](#)

## TECHNOLOGY

**TOTAL-TAKEOVER IPHONE SPYWARE LURKS ON ANDROID, TOO.** When you lose the key to your bike lock you borrow bolt cutters. When your door is jammed you look up a locksmith. And when you need targeted surveillance of a smartphone, you call your cyberarms dealer. Naturally! For bad actors and nation states, sometimes all it takes to access someone's private text messages, browsing history, calls, emails, calendar, location, contacts and apps, is a big enough check. [Read more](#)

**SAMSUNG PREDICTS RECORD-BREAKING PROFIT FOR Q1 2017.** Samsung Electronics' Q1 2017 earnings guidance is out, and the company is predicting an operating profit of around 9.9 trillion won (about \$8.7 billion) on 50 trillion won (about \$44 billion) in revenue. That would be its biggest Q1 profit figure ever, coming close to its overall profit record [set](#) in Q3 2013 and representing a roughly 50 percent increase from the same period last year when Samsung [made](#) 6.68 trillion won. [Read more](#)

**THE HYPERLOOP IS READY FOR ITS BIG 'KITTY HAWK' MOMENT — AND MAY BE COMING TO A U.S. CITY NEAR YOU.** Today, executives from the Los Angeles-based startup Hyperloop One will gather in Washington, DC, to make two announcements: one is that its test track in the Nevada desert is finally complete and ready to host the first full-system test in the next few months; and the other is that Hyperloop One is eyeing less than a dozen regions in the U.S. as possible future locations. [Read more](#)

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**PROJECT UPDATE**  
April 2017

## Latest I-64 Widening Video



(VIDEO) New pavement: A familiar sight for residents and travelers of I-64 on the Peninsula. Your patience during construction is appreciated.



Photo attached

Clearing continues along I-64 median of Segment II to add one travel lane and shoulder lane in each direction.

## Traffic Shifts Throughout the I-64 Widening Project



Photo attached

In the next month, traffic shifts will occur on Segment I. The shifts will move the two existing concrete travel lanes to the left onto the new travel lanes in the median. These shifts are in no particular order.

**Traffic Shift:** I-64 WB from Industrial Park Drive to Fort Eustis Boulevard.

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# Under Construction

## Segment I Work Activities

### Recently Completed

- Relocation of DMS signs to new overhead structures.
- Paved base for eastbound median.
- Completed concrete placements for Industrial Park Bridge deck.

### Current Status:

- Sound Barrier Wall work including construction of foundation and footings, installing drainage.
- Pavement construction at bridge approaches (Fort Eustis Blvd. and Industrial Park Drive).

### Upcoming Work Activities

- Continued sight distance clearing at Fort Eustis Boulevard ramps.
- Relocation of ITS systems. The ITS systems are the buried electric and communications cables usually associated with traffic cameras.
- Continue asphalt paving.
- Traffic shifts left into new median travel lanes.

## Segment II Work Activities

### Recently Completed

- Completed installation of temporary concrete barriers.
- Completed installation of Contrast Pavement Markings.
- Completed survey work for installation of MOT (Maintenance of Traffic) items.
- Layout of safety fence
- Removal of concrete curb island at Yorktown underpass.

### Current Status:

- Continued clearing and grubbing operations throughout Segment II

including the median in both east and west directions.

- Start installation of lane shifts and temporary pavement markings at bridge underpass locations on Jefferson Avenue, Yorktown Road, and Penniman Road.
- Continued installation of construction signs at bridge underpass locations on Jefferson Avenue, Yorktown Road, and Penniman Road.

#### Upcoming Work Activities:

- Continuing installation of MOT including construction signs and temporary pavement markings on bridge under-pass locations on Jefferson Avenue, Yorktown Road, Penniman Road, and Burma Road.
- Start bridge widening work
- Start work on existing and new drainage culverts
- Continuing installation of MOT including construction signs and temporary pavement markings on bridge underpass locations on Jefferson Avenue, Yorktown Road, Penniman Road, and Burma Road.

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#### Alternate Routes:

Avoid the backups and find alternate routes around the work zone by viewing the [Alternate Routes Map](#) now available on the I-64 Widening web site.

## REDUCED SPEED AHEAD

*Please obey the reduced 55mph speed limit which is in effect 24/7 in both the east- and westbound work zones of the project between Jefferson Avenue (exit 255) and Busch Gardens (exit 243).*

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