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islators from his own Republican party,

industry groups and U.S. allies abroad.

The president said he was pleased with

progress in the NAFTA talks, although

he repeated that he would be willing to

terminate the agreement. The talks were

launched after Trump took office last year

saying that if the pact was not negotiated

to better serve American interests, Wash-

Many observers take a dimmer view

of the six-month-old talks, saying little

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Trump sets steel and aluminum tariffs; Mexico, Canada exempted

WASHINGTON/SANTIAGO (Reuters) -President Donald Trump pressed ahead with the imposition of 25 percent tariffs on steel imports and 10 percent for aluminum on Thursday but exempted Canada and Mexico, backtracking from earlier pledges of tariffs on all countries.

Describing the dumping of steel and aluminum in the United States as "an assault on our country," Trump told a news conference that the best outcome would for companies to move here and insisted that domestic production was needed for national security reasons.

"If you don't want to pay tax, bring your plant to the USA," he said.

Details of the plan came from a briefing by administration officials ahead of Trump's speech. Other countries can apply for exemptions, according to the administration, although details of when they would be granted were thin.

Trump has offered relief from steel and aluminum tariffs to countries that "treat us fairly on trade," a gesture aimed at putting pressure on Canada and Mexico to give ground in separate talks on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which appear to have stalled.

Trump has also demanded concessions

from the European Union, complaining that it treated American cars unfairly and has threat. ened to hike tariffs on auto imports from Europe. U.S. stocks

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U.S. President Donald Trump holds a meeting on trade with members of extended gains ahead Congress at the White House in Washington

announce-

ment, as the Associated Press reported key details. The benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index was last up 0.3 percent, but the S&P composite 1500 steel index was down 2.7 percent.

U.S. Treasury bonds yields rose slightly, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note at 2.86 percent. The Canadian dollar and Mexican peso gained against the

U.S., Mexican and Canadian economies far outweighs that of steel and aluminum production.

Several major trading partners have said they will respond to the tariffs with direct

"If Donald Trump puts in place the measures this evening, we have a whole arsenal at our disposal with which to respond,"



U.S. President Trump hosts signing ceremony to establish tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum at the White House in Washington

European Financial Affairs Commissioner Pierre Moscovici

Countermeasures would include European tariffs on U.S. oranges, tobacco and bourbon, he said. Harley Davidson Inc motorcycles have also been mentioned, targeting House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan's home state of Wisconsin.

Even as Trump threatened tariffs and prodded his NAFTA partners, 11 nations gathered in Chile to sign a landmark Asia-Pacific trade pact, one that Trump withdrew from on his first day in

Both Guajardo and Champagne were speaking to Reuters on the sidelines of the signing ceremony in Santiago. Trump, who won the White House after a career in real estate and reality TV, has long touted an economic nationalism, promising to bring back jobs to the United States and save the country from trade deals he views as unfair. That has put him at odds with many in his Republican Party. Beijing, which until now had kept largely silent on the issue, sharpened its rhetoric significantly. One lever that China has is U.S. agricultural exports and it has said in the past that it could target soybeans. "Especially given today's globaliza-

tion, choosing a trade war is a mistaken prescription. The outcome



FILE PHOTO: Stored rolls of steel are seen outside the ArcelorMittal Dofasco plant in Hamilton

will only be harmful," Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on the sidelines of an annual meeting of China's parliament. "China would have to make a justified and necessary response."

China had a record \$375.2 billion goods surplus with the United States last year.

Trade tensions between the world's two largest economies have risen since Trump took office, and although China accounts for only a small fraction of U.S. steel imports, its massive industrial expansion has helped create a global glut of steel that has driven down prices. Most economists and trade specialists say they doubt the steel and aluminum tariffs alone would trigger a global trade war, but point to the risk of further U.S. measures against China as a major tipping point. Trump has also threatened to impose hefty tariffs on European car exports if the EU does take retaliatory measures.



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A Snapshot Of The World



An activist holds up a banner that reads "No more femicides" during a march to mark International Women's Day in Managua



An activist holds up a banner that reads "Equal rights" during a march to mark International Women's Day in



Demonstrators hold posters as they march for more liberal Irish abortion laws, in Dublin



An activist with the phrase "We are in Mourning" written over her body takes part in a march to mark International Women's Day in Managua



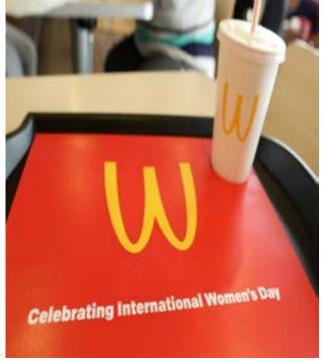
People march during a demonstration as part of a nationwide feminist strike on International Women's Day in Valencia



Chile's Foreign Minister Heraldo Munoz delivers a speech next to Chile's President Michelle Bachelet, before signing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal, in Santiago TRADE-TPP/CHILE-SIGNING



Venezuela's Yulimar Rojas, Women's Triple Jump gold medallist in IAAF World Indoor Championships 2018, takes a selfie during a news conference in Caracas



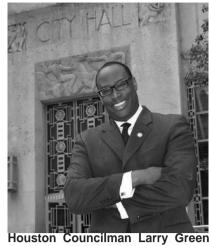
McDonald's iconic 'M' logo is turned upside down in honour of International Women's Day in Lynwood



A model in bridal gown emerges from a taxi cab in Times Square in New York City



COMMUNITY



Houston Councilman Larry Gree has passed away.

HOUSTON – City Hall was lit up in green Tuesday night in memory of Houston City Councilman Larry Green, who was found dead inside his home early this afternoon.

HPD officers were asked to check on Green after he missed a meeting, Houston Assistant Police Chief Wendy Baimbridge said. Officers forced entry into his home and found Green in his bed. Baimbridge said there were no signs of foul play. Green was 52.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said Green captured the essence of being an enlightened public servant.

"Houston has lost a groundbreaking advocate for equality, economic opportunity and neighborhood safety," Turner said. "He was my friend, my fraternity brother, someone who participated in my first campaign.

News of Green's death broke just before Tuesday's weekly council meeting started. Turner began the meeting by giving condolences to Green's family, colleagues and constituents.



Pinnacle Senior Center in Southwest Houston

At the Pinnacle Senior Center in Southwest Houston, which Green helped bring to life, the news was devastating to employees and community members who considered him more than just a council member.

西汁蝦球 羊腩煲 An Attorney For More Than 20 Years, Green Served As Houston City Council Member Since Jan. 2012 For The Newly Formed District K

Community Mourns The Death Of Houston Councilman Larry Green

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

"Everybody was just kind of like in a daze," said Leroy Price, an employee at the senior center. "Such a good guy, man. So young."

Price said Green would go out of his way to greet him when they'd cross paths in the community. He also remembered frequently seeing Green sitting on benches outside of the community center listening to constituents' concerns.

"Everybody has an individual story with this guy," said Green. "These people loved him. Like, he didn't even have to ask, 'Do I have your vote?""

Council members offered a moment of silence before sharing their memories of Green's respect and love for his community. Councilman Dave Martin asked for everyone at City Hall to wear green Wednesday in Green's honor.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, said Green had a lust for life when he worked as her district director and that he had a will to make things happen.

"I offer you my prayers and my sympathy, and to his extended family ... we embrace you with love and we will walk alongside of you during this journey," Lee said. "God bless you, Council member Larry Green, and may you rest in peace."



Councilman Larry Green hard at work at City Hall.

Green served as a council member since January 2012 for the newly formed District K, which spanned from the edge of the Texas Medical Center to the part of Houston that spanned into Fort Bend County. His district also included both Houston and Fort Bend ISDs and NRG Park.

"We all know he respected and loved his community," said Council Member Brenda Stardig, of District A.

ReShonda Tate Billingsley, a well-known author and journalist, went to high school with Green and says the two remained friends through the years.

"We have all lost a Houston treasure," said Billingsley.

Several people at the meeting praised Green's work ethic and dedication to District K.

"He was an individual that was going to stand up and speak up, and he did that many times around the horseshoe (council chambers)," said Council Member Robert Gallegos, of District I. Mayor Sylvester Turner said Green also fought on the city's behalf in Washington, D.C. During a recent trip, Green had advocated for a \$9.4 million grant to pay for new technology to alert drivers to high water at 40 flood-prone intersections, including Alt. U.S. 90 and Beltway 8 in Green's district.





Councilman Larry Green taking

care of business in District K.

During Tuesday's meeting, Turner announced the city had just landed that grant. It's proof, his colleagues say, that even though Council Member Green's chair may be empty, he's still fighting for the everyday people in his district. "I'm most proud of how you actually had a voice," said Price.

More from Councilman Green's official bio:

Engaged in private practice of law for 21 years, Council Member Green has been responsible for all matters relative to a general practice. During, his first term on Houston City Council, Council Member Green has brought over 20 million dollars' worth of economic development projects to District K including but not limited to a Houston Police Department station, neighborhood street reconstruction and repair projects, a senior citizen center in Fort Bend Houston and has brought a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) for the Hiram Clarke and Fort Bend Houston Area. Additionally, Council Member Green led the efforts to increase the MWBE / SBE participation goals from 22 percent to 34 percent. The Council Member also insured that women owned businesses were included back into the city's affirmative action contracting program.

Council Member Green was appointed by Mayor Parker to be chair of Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure Committee. This Committee is responsible for the Information Technology, Houston Airport System, METRO, Port of Houston and the Public Works and Engineering department projects as well as Rebuild Houston Projects, Water & Sewer, and water resources and conservation.



Houston City Hall lit in green after Council Member Larry Green's untimely death. His colleagues plan to wear green tomorrow in his memory.

Green had recently been appointed by the National League of Cities to serve 2014 Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Steering committee. As a member of the committee, Council Member Green will address national economic policy, general financial assistance programs intergovernmental relations, census, and municipal bonds issues just to name a few.

Council Member Green earned his BA in Political Science from the University of Houston and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence, from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Greater Houston Partnership, a former Board Trustee of Brentwood Baptist Church, serves on the Board of the Texas Black Expo, and serves on the College of Science and Technology Advisory Board at Texas Southern University.

The medical examiner's office will determine his cause of death.

Green is survived by his brother. (Courtesy http://www.khou.com/article/news/local)

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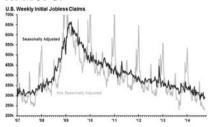
New applications for unemployment benefits rose 21,000 to 231,000 to begin March, the Department of Labor reported Thursday in more good news for the

Forecasters had expected jobless claims to tick up, after hitting the lowest mark in nearly 49 years the previous week. But even with Thursday's reported in-

crease, claims are still very low by historical levels. On a monthly average, claims are running at the second-lowest rate in 44 years.

Low jobless claims are a good sign because they suggest that layoffs are rare. In recent weeks, they've been scraping historic lows, hinting that the labor market recovery still has momentum.

"The labor market could not be any better is what this rock bottom low level of unemployment claims means as companies are doing everything they can to keep the workers they have," noted Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist for MUFG.



The continued good news regarding layoffs will raise expectations for Friday's jobs report, which forecasters already reckoned would show over 200,000 new jobs for February.

Signs of a tight labor market, at this late stage of the recovery, will suggest to the Federal Reserve that it is justified in continuing to raise its interest rate target over the course of the year to try to prevent monetary policy from becoming too loose and driving up inflation.

On the other hand, though, continued strong job growth suggests that the recovery could still run further, and that unemployment could fall even further from its current low 4.1 percent rate without inflation rising beyond the Fed's target.

For its part, the Trump administration

Jobless Claims Rise To 231,000 After Scraping Lowest Level In Nearly 50 Years

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has stated a goal of not just lowering the unemployment rate, but also generating wage increases and enticing people currently out of the labor market to rejoin the job search.

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Growth among American factories jumped last month, to the highest level in 13 years. That's according to the Institute of Supply Management. Its monthly manufacturing PMI survey has risen to 60.3 in February, up from January's 59.1.

Economists had expected a small fall. Instead, ISM reports that new orders and employment growth were both strong, keeping activity in the sector bubbling away.



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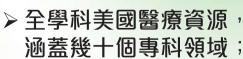
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