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Trump turns to Congress on Iran nuke deal

President will honor agreement for now

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday angrily accused Iran of violating the landmark 2015 international nuclear accord, blaming the Iranians for a litany of sinister behavior and hitting their main military wing with anti-terror penalties. But Mr. Trump, contrary to his campaign pledge to rip up the agreement, did not pull the U.S. out or re-impose nuclear sanctions.

He still might, he was quick to add. For now, he's tossing the issue to Congress and the other nations in the seven-country accord, telling lawmakers to toughen the law that governs U.S. participation and calling on the other parties to fix a series of deficiencies. Those include

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Health care subsidy cuts also threaten tax credits

By Kris B. Mammula
and Adam Smeltz
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Trump administration is ending subsidies that help low-income consumers afford health care insurance, sharply driving up rates for 2018, but the bigger impact is just down the road, experts say.

The U.S. Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said Thursday that cost-sharing reduction payments, which are made rising costs of health plans. Story, than half of Pennsylvania's Affordable Care Act members received the subsidies, which totaled \$214 million in 2016 or an average of \$849 per enrollee, according to Antoinette Kraus, director of Pennsylvania Health Access Network, a Philadelphia-based advocacy group.

People with earnings less than

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Ryder Greenwood, a fifth-grader from Ramsay Elementary in the Mount Pleasant school district, tries on a helmet as a dragon breathes fire behind him during Remake Learning Education, a part of Maker Faire Pittsburgh 2017, outside the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh on the North Side on Friday. The 19-foot-tall, fire-breathing dragon will be among the makers and vendors at Maker Faire this weekend, with free admission.

Mom of slain 15-year-old: Community shouldn't be numb to urban violence

By Karen Kane
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Lezra Rice was quick to smile and even quicker to try to make someone else laugh. One of 12 kids in a blended family, he had a ready-made audience in his five brothers and six sisters, said his mother, Arik Morgan of North Braddock.

Her 15-year-old son was shot to death in Duquesne on Wednesday after finishing his school day as a 10th-grader at Propel Braddock Hills High School Friday morning. Ms. Morgan still was trying to absorb the reality of the loss.

"Lezra touched everyone's heart. He was the sweetest child ever. We're muddling through

and we're trying to accept this. Oh, God, it's hard to accept this," she said.

Allegheny County Police are investigating the killing but have released little information on the case. Lezra was shot several times; he died of a gunshot wound to the head, the county medical examiner's office said.

Ms. Morgan said she didn't want to discuss what she knows of Lezra's final couple of hours for fear of compromising the police investigation.

At this point in the grieving process, she said she feels driven to ensure that "Lezra isn't one more child who has been murdered and whose case isn't solved. We want to light a fire. Someone shot my baby in the

back of the head. We need to know what happened."

Lezra was a son of Irvin Rice Jr., who has lived in Monroeville and the Braddock area. He could not be reached for comment.

Ms. Morgan said Lezra was the first member of his "very large" family to be lost to violence. "Nothing like this ever happened before in our family," she said.

Ms. Morgan bemoaned the presumption in the broader community that if "you're a black family and you live in a place like Braddock, violence is expected." Lezra is African-American. She said her child "was no gang-banger, no drug dealer. He

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Pitt Titusville in crosshairs of state's budget battle

By Bill Schackner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Titusville, population 5,600, has neither the bustle of a big city nor even a movie theater, yet for half a century the northwestern Pennsylvania community has had its own branch of a sprawling research university.

But were the University of Pittsburgh to lose its state appropriation, it likely would be a death knell for the school's struggling branch

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Environmental groups map proximity of well sites, kids

Say Pa. children face toxic emissions risk

By Don Hovey
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A new map and analysis claims almost 311,000 Pennsylvania children — including 73,000 in Allegheny County — attend day-

cares or schools within a half-mile of oil and gas wells or processing facilities, and therefore face increased health risks due to

toxic emissions from those facilities.

The map, released Thursday by Earthworks and Moms Clean Air Force, both national environmental organizations, also shows there are 1,118 schools and more than 1.5 million Pennsylvanians residing within a half-mile of the state's 108,000 oil and gas production and processing facilities.

Citing peer-reviewed studies in Pennsylvania, Colorado and Utah, the environmental

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Andrew Rush, Post-Gazette

IT'S OFFICIAL Jennifer Potter, chairwoman of the Chatham University board of trustees, presents the presidential medal to David Finegold, who was formally installed Friday as the 19th president of the school in Shadyside. He has been on the job since July 2016.