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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

President Donald Trump talks with reporters in the Oval Office of the White House, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, before signing an executive order on the Keystone XL pipeline. Trump has signed a slew of executive orders and memorandums in his first week, implementing campaign promises on issues ranging from trade and health care to energy and the federal budget. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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[Trump moving forward with border wall, weighs refugee cuts](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump will begin rolling out executive actions on immigration Wednesday with steps to build his proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, according to two administration officials. He's to target so-called sanctuary cities and is reviewing proposals that would restrict the flow of refugees to the United States.

[While Trump stresses military, Asian allies seek trade, too](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's "peace through strength" could mean more U.S. military power reassuring allies about America's resolve to counter China. That is, if they're still looking to Washington for reassurance.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A Trump administration freeze on new Environmental Protection Agency contracts and grants raised fears that states and other recipients could lose essential funding for drinking water protection, hazardous waste cleanup and a host of other programs — while a communications blackout left them dangling in uncertainty.

[Trump eyeing 3 judges for Supreme Court vacancy](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is on the verge of nominating a Supreme Court justice who could serve in the middle of the century. Trump said Tuesday he expects to make a decision in the coming days and announce it next week.

[Trump dogged by insecurity over popular vote, media coverage](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump holds the most powerful office in the world. But he's dogged by insecurity over the popular vote in the election and a persistent frustration that the legitimacy of his presidency is being challenged by the media, aides and associates say.

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House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, to announce President Donald Trump's State of the Union address to a Joint Session of Congress on Feb. 7. Senate Republicans are heading to Philadelphia to chart a course forward on a range of policy issues, and they'll meet with Trump on Thursday. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite) Congressional Republicans

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