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A REFUGEE'S DISMAY

IMMIGRATION | With President Trump expected to halt the flow of refugees into the U.S., a Tukwila man wonders how he'll get his mother and brother out of a camp in Iraq.



BETTINA HANSEN / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Alyas Saydo, 50, worked as an interpreter for the U.S. Army in Iraq for more than seven years, and came to the U.S. in 2011 on a special visa. Now he is trying to get his brother and their 76-year-old mother out of a displacement camp and into the United States.

By NINA SHAPIRO
Seattle Times staff reporter

Alyas Saydo spread documents related to his service with the U.S. Army in Iraq across the coffee table in his Tukwila apartment: ID badges from the seven years he worked as an interpreter, certificates of appreciation, a glowing letter of recommendation.

"It was Mr. Saydo's devotion to duty that kept him working regardless of the day, length of mission, or personal risk," wrote 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Davis, describing the Iraqi Kurd as "a man who puts service to coalition soldiers above all."

The recommendation helped Saydo immigrate to the U.S. in 2011 on a special visa reserved for those who worked with the American military. He was allowed to bring his wife and five children, but not other members of his family, including his mother. They would come later, he hoped.

He's been waiting for more than five years — and now he fears he could be waiting much longer, while his brother and 76-year-old mother, driven from their home by terrorists, live in tents in Iraqi Kurdistan.

President Trump is expected as early as Friday to sign an order that would suspend the flow of all refugees to the U.S. for 120 days and indefinitely ban Syrian refugees while his administration evaluates screening measures. The president is also expected to temporarily bar entry to anyone from

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Tax plan for wall amplifies border uproar

TRADE | Mexico's leader won't visit White House, and turmoil erupts over whether Trump backs a 20% tax on goods from Mexico to pay for the wall.

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR, BINYAMIN APPELBAUM and ALAN RAPPEPORT
The New York Times

PHILADELPHIA — President Trump's decision to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico erupted into a diplomatic standoff Thursday, leading to the cancellation of a White House visit by Mexico's president and rising tensions over who would pay for the wall.



Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto

With the conflict escalating, Trump appeared to embrace a proposal by House Republicans that would impose a 20 percent tax on all imported goods from Mexico. White House press secretary Sean Spicer said the proceeds would be used to pay for the border wall, estimated to cost as much as \$20 billion.

The U.S. and Mexico conduct some \$1.6 billion a day in cross-border trade and cooperate on everything from migration to anti-drug enforcement to major environmental issues.

A furious uproar prompted Spicer to temper his earlier remarks later Thursday, saying the plan was simply "one idea" that might work to finance the wall. Spicer said it was not the job of the White House to "roll some-

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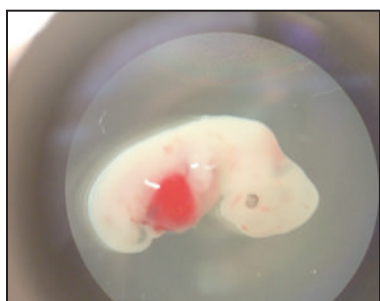
Potential transplant boost: Human cells grown in pigs

By NICHOLAS WADE
The New York Times

For the first time, biologists have succeeded in growing human stem cells in pig embryos, shifting from science fiction to the realm of the possible the idea of developing human organs in animals for later transplant.

The approach involves generating stem cells from a patient's skin, growing the desired new organ in a large animal like a pig, and then harvesting the organ for transplant into a patient. Because the organ would be made of a patient's own cells, there would be little risk of immune rejection.

The human-organ-growing pigs would be examples of chimeras,



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A 4-week-old pig embryo, injected with human stem cells

animals composed of two different genomes. They would be generated by implanting human stem cells into an early pig embryo,

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Dr.: Treat homelessness as a medical condition

HAWAII | A state senator who is an emergency-room doctor has introduced a bill to make it possible to redirect Medicaid money toward housing.

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — As an emergency-room doctor, Hawaii Sen. Josh Green sees homeless patients who have diabetes, mental illnesses and an array of other medical problems that are more difficult to manage when they are homeless or do not have permanent housing.

That's why Green said he wants homelessness classified under Hawaii state law as a medical con-

dition.

If homelessness is a disease, he reasoned, doctors should be able to write prescriptions for the cure: housing.

"It is paradigm shift for sure, but the single best thing we can do today is to allow physicians and health-care providers in general to write prescriptions for housing," Green said.

Green introduced a bill last week in the Hawaii Legislature to classify chronic homelessness as a medical condition and require insurance companies to cover treatment of the condition.

But if a doctor wrote a prescription for six months of housing,

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