

THESE ARE THE NEWS STORIES OF THIS WEEK

Last Wednesday, NBC News fired long-time morning host Matt Lauer for sexual misconduct in the workplace based on eight accusations, reports USA Today. Lauer will not be paid the remainer of his contract for the Today show. In a statement, Lauer said that "There is enough truth in these stories to make me feel embarrassed and ashamed." Read more here.



- "North Korea says it has successfully tested a new type of intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) that can reach the whole of continental United States." <u>BBC News</u>. In response to the threat, <u>Nikki Haley</u>, U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Security Council, said "If war does come, it will be because of continued acts of aggression like we witnessed yesterday... and if war comes, make no mistake, the North Korean regime will be utterly destroyed." Hawaii even reinstated a Cold War-era nuclear bomb drill, reports <u>The New York Times</u>.
- "The White House is contemplating a scenario to replace Secretary of State Rex Tillerson with CIA Director Mike Pompeo within the next few months, multiple government officials tell CNN." <u>CNN Politics</u>. President Donald Trump's response? "He's here, Rex is here," he said, according to <u>The Guardian</u>.
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Mt. Agung in Bali, Indonesia nearly erupted last week, forcing 100,000 locals to evacuate and shutting down the Bali airport. Mt. Agung last erupted in 1963, killing over a thousand people. Read more from the BBC, or see more pictures here.



Stating "Slobodan Praljak is not a war criminal. I am rejecting your verdict with contempt," Bosnian Croat general <u>Slobodan Praljak declared</u> "I have taken poison" after drinking from a vial during his trial for Croatian regime war crimes under then-President Franjo Tudjman. Praljak later died of the unknown poison. Praljak helped secure weapons for the Croation Defense Council army, which aimed for <u>ethnic cleansing</u> of the Muslim population.

And One for Fun...

Prince Harry proposed to longtime girlfriend and American actress Meghan Markle last week. Watch their account of the proposal here.

