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Clinton to visit Colbert's Late Show

FCC equal time rule looms over 'SNL' show by Trump

LOS ANGELES, Oct 17, (Agencies): When Donald Trump hosts "Saturday Night Live" on Nov 7, rival campaigns may very well be watching not only what he says but how long he spends in the spotlight.

That's because of the so-called equal time rule, an often misunderstood FCC regulation that requires that a station that gives free airtime to one candidate offer the same opportunity for exposure to rival qualified candidates.

The rule has loomed over election campaigns enough for stations to forgo airing Arnold Schwarzenegger movies as he ran for governor of California in 2003 or, even more famously, "Bedtime for Bonzo" when Ronald Reagan waged his presidential bid in 1980.

When Hillary Clinton appeared on "Saturday Night Live" on Oct 3, NBC's Jean Dietze, executive vice-president of affiliate relations, sent a notice to station general managers letting them know that her appearance clocked in at 3 mins and 12 sec and asking them to let affiliate relations "know promptly if your station receives a demand for equal time from any of the other candidates". Apparently none did.

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But the Trump appearance may be a whole different story. He's hosting "Saturday Night Live", not making a cameo appearance.

"Unlike Hillary making a very short one-sketch appearance, this candidate is going to be hosting and on throughout the program. To me that has kind of crossed the Maginot Line in terms of triggering" the equal time rule, said Meredith McGehee, policy director at the Campaign Legal Center.

She adds, "The amount of time he will be on screen will be substantively different than a cameo. And given the dynamics of the race, where they are trying to humanize him and show that he is not just a bloviator, it is incredibly politically valuable to him".

An NBC spokeswoman did not return requests for comment.

Yet just because Trump appears, even in extended form, doesn't mean that "SNL" will have to extend an invite to all the other GOP candidates to host.

There are intricacies to the equal time rule, officially known as the "equal opportunities" rule.

For one thing, it is not the same as the fairness doctrine. That was a policy that stations present controversial topics with balanced points of view. The doctrine was abolished in 1987 and officially taken off the FCC's books in 2011.

What's more, the FCC does not police the airwaves. A rival campaign has to request equal time. And candidates who seek it have to show that they have a legitimate campaign in the state of an affiliate where a request is made. (Requests for equal time have to be made to the local station, not the network).

They also have seven days after a notice is posted of a candidate's appearance to make an equal-time request.

Even then, NBC's affiliates could seek an exemption. The equal-time rules make exceptions for newscasts, news interviews, documentaries and current events — and the FCC in recent years has given some leeway to late-night talk shows in this regard.

NBC is enabling Trump's "hateful speech" about Hispanics by giving him a platform as host of "Saturday Night Live" and should pull the invitation, a coalition of Hispanic advocacy groups said.

In a letter to NBC Universal CEO Stephen Burke and "SNL" executive producer Lorne Michaels, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda said it applauded the company when it severed its beauty-pageant ties with Trump over his remarks about Hispanic immigrants.

Trump hasn't apologized for his "bigoted comments" that included describing some Mexicans in the United States illegally as criminals and rapists, the group said, and it is "flabbergasted" by NBC's decision to put Trump on "SNL" on Nov 7.

"We are appalled that you would enable Trump's hateful speech for nothing (more) than a ratings ploy and ask that you rescind the SNL invitation", the group said in a letter sent Thursday and released publicly.

Also:

LOS ANGELES: **Hillary Clinton** is headed to "The Late Show with **Stephen Colbert**".

Colbert announced on Twitter that the Democratic presidential candidate will appear on the Oct 27 episode of his late-night show, joking that he "can't wait to find out what project she's promoting".

Clinton is far from the first political-minded guest who has visited Colbert since he started his "Late Show" hosting gig in September. **Jeb Bush** appeared on the first episode of "Late Show", while **Bernie Sanders** visited during the show's second week and **Michelle Obama** has also appeared. Variety TV columnist **Brian Lowry** called Colbert's interview with **Donald Trump** a good example of a "funny, not fawning interview".

Health

AstraZeneca diabetes drug combination faces delay

FDA OKs drug to reverse blood thinner Pradaxa

WASHINGTON, Oct 17, (Agencies): Federal health regulators have approved a drug to reverse the blood-thinning effects of the popular pill Pradaxa, which has been subject to thousands of reports of severe bleeding.

The Food and Drug Administration said Friday the new drug, Praxbind, is an injection that neutralizes the effects of Pradaxa. Patients may need to halt blood thinning if they are injured or require emergency surgery.

"Today's approval offers the medical community an important tool for managing patients taking Pradaxa in emergency or life-threatening situations when bleeding can't be controlled", said Dr Richard Pazdur, of the FDA's drug center, in a statement.

The original drug, from Boehringer Ingelheim, was approved in 2010 to reduce the stroke risk in patients with irregular heartbeats, or atrial fibrillation. But unlike some other blood-thinning medications, there was previously no antidote to stop the drug's effect.

In 2014, Boehringer agreed to pay $650 million to settle roughly 4,000 claims alleging that the company did not warn the public about the risks of uncontrolled bleeding with Pradaxa.

The FDA said it approved Praxbind under its accelerated approval program, which is used to review drugs for serious or unmet medical conditions based on preliminary studies.

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US health regulators declined to approve a fixed-dose diabetes drug combination from AstraZeneca, delaying its launch and dealing a blow to an important plank of the drugmaker's business.

AstraZeneca said on Friday it had received a so-called complete response letter from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) stating that more clinical data were required before it could approve the combination of saxagliptin and dapagliflozin.

Such letters typically outline concerns and conditions that must be addressed to gain US approval and the move means AstraZeneca faces an unspecified wait in getting its potential blockbuster drug cocktail to market.

Deutsche Bank analyst Richard Parkes said the FDA move probably reflected lack of data on the new formulation rather than safety or efficacy concerns and it seemed likely a launch would simply be delayed by between 12 and 24 mths.

Morgan Stanley analysts said a best-case scenario was an 8-10 mths' delay but this could extend to a few years if new clinical trials were needed.

Last year, during its defence against a $118 billion takeover attempt by Pfizer, AstraZeneca predicted the saxagliptin and dapagliflozin fixed-dose combination could generate peak annual sales of $3 billion, out of total diabetes revenue of $8 billion expected by 2023.

Shares in the company were flat by late morning, underperforming a 1.5 percent rise in the European drugs sector .

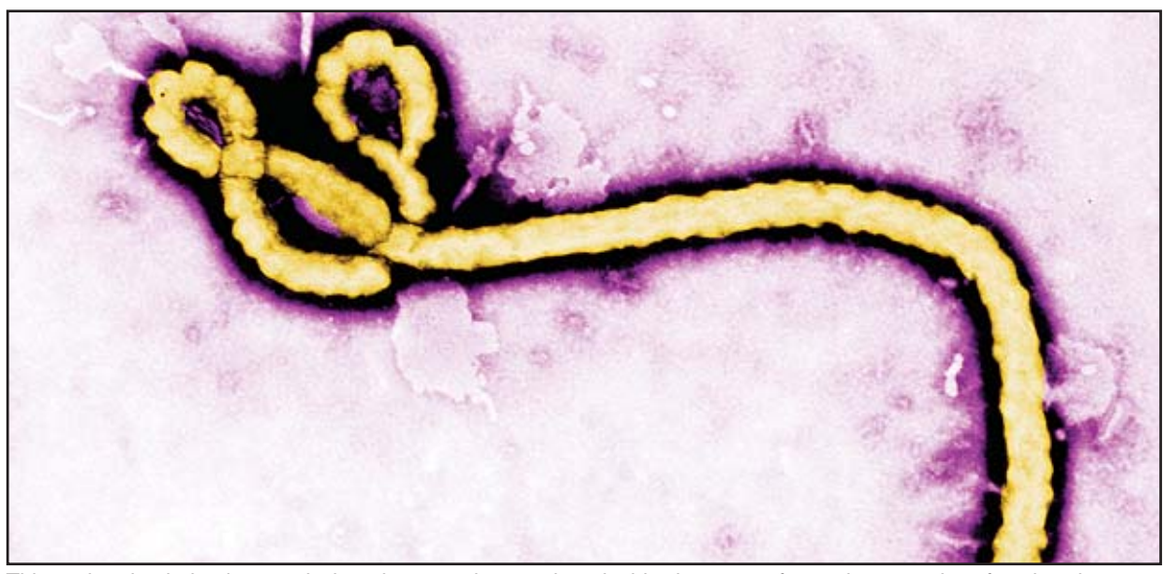
AstraZeneca said the FDA wanted to see more clinical trial data from ongoing or completed studies and it might also require information from new studies.

The individual component drugs in the new mix are already approved and marketed for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, under the brand names Onglyza and Farxiga, and the FDA move is not expected to affect their status, the company added.

Sales of Onglyza reached $391 million in the first half of 2015, with recently launched Farxiga selling $205 million.

Onglyza is a type of diabetes medicine known as a DPP-IV inhibitor, similar to Merck's highly successful Januvia.

Farxiga belongs to a newer drug class called SGLT2 inhibitors, which have created great excitement since a clinical trial last month showed that Eli Lilly's Jardiance slashed deaths in patients at risk of heart attack and stroke.



This undated colorized transmission electron micrograph file image made available by the CDC shows an Ebola virus virion. For the first time, Ebola has been discovered inside the eyes of a patient months after the virus was gone from his blood, according to a report published, Oct 14, in the New England Journal of Medicine. (AP)

Two new cases in Guinea, one recovered

Ebola outbreak may enter third year

GENEVA, Oct 17, (RTRS): Two people have fallen ill with Ebola in Guinea, the World Health Organization said on Friday, dashing hopes of an imminent end to the worst recorded outbreak of the disease after a two-week spell without any new cases across West Africa.

The new cases mean the epidemic, which began when a 2-year-old boy who fell ill in a remote Guinean village on Dec 26, 2013, risks dragging on into a third year and into 2016.

The outbreak has already killed 11,298 people out of almost 28,500 known cases in Guinea and neighbouring Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Liberia was declared free of Ebola transmission on Sept 3 after 42 days with no new cases, and Sierra Leone is halfway to the same goal. But for Guinea, the end is not yet in sight.

"Guinea is not at the stage where they would be counting to zero cases. While you've got active confirmed cases you don't even consider that," said WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris.

The 42-day countdown only starts once the last patient tests negative a second time, normally after a 48-hour gap following their first negative test, Harris said.

A spokesman for Guinea's anti-Ebola taskforce said one of the new patients, in Forecariah in western Guinea, had recovered and was discharged on Friday. The other, a 21-year-old man, who was not known to have had contact with any previous registered patients, remained in the Nongo treatment centre in Conakry.

"We suspect that he contracted the disease by another means, perhaps sexual, but we cannot be sure for the time being," said Fode Tass Sylla.

A study this week showed the semen of male survivors can harbour the virus for nine months, and the virus can also live on in other parts of the body.

Highlighting the lingering risks from the virus, a British nurse fell critically ill this week, 10 months after recovering from Ebola.

tv highlights

Cinema

Cinema programme from Thursday 15/10/2015 to Wednesday 21/10/2015

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Sharqia 1 11:45 **(No Fri)** 15:45, 20:15, 22:15 **(Daily)**
Muhalab 1 11:30 **(No Fri)** 18:00, 20:00, 00:30 **(Daily)**
Fanar 1 13:00 **(Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)** 15:00, 19:00, 21:00, 23:00, 01:00 **(Daily)**
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Bairaq 2 13:45 **(Fri)** 15:45, 20:15, 00:45 **(Daily)**

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Al-Kout 3 14:00, 16:30 **(Daily)**
Bairaq 3 13:30 **(Fri)** 18:45 **(Daily)**
Laila 15:30 **(Sun, Mon)**

The Martian

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Plaza 18:00 **(Sun, Tue, Wed)**
Laila 19:45 **(Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon)**

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Hotel Transylvania 2

Sharqia 2 15:30 **(Thu, Fri, Sat)**
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Bairaq 1 14:00 **(Thu, Fri, Sat)** 18:00 **(Daily)**
Laila 15:45 **(Thu, Fri, Sat)**

Ahwak (Arabic Film)

Sharqia 2 17:30, 22:00 **(Daily)**
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American Ultra

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Bruce Lee - The Fighter (Telugu Film)

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The Wedding Pullav (Hindi Film)

Muhalab 2 16:00 **(No Fri)**
360° 2 15:45 **(No Fri)** 21:45 **(Sun, Tue, Wed)**
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The Walk

Fanar 5 14:30 **(Daily)**
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360° 13 12:30 **(No Fri)** 15:15, 18:00, 20:45, 23:45 **(Daily)**

Jazbaa (Hindi Film)

Fanar 5 19:00 **(Daily)**
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Black Mass

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Pyaar Ka Punchnama 2 (Hindi Film)

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The Barber

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Life Of Josutty (Malayalam Film)

Plaza 18:00 **(Thu, Fri, Sat, Mon)**
Ajial 1 15:30, 18:45, 22:00 **(Daily)**

Rudhramadevi (Telugu Film)

Ajial 2 21:45 **(Daily)**
Ajial 4 15:30, 18:30 **(Thu)**

How to find us

1. 360°	Zahra'a Area, South Surra, 6th Ring Road, corner of King Faisal Highway
2. Ajial	Ajial Complex, Fahaheel
3. Al Bairaq	Between Jaber Al Ali East & Al Agalia West
4. Al Fanar	Al Fanar Complex, Salem Al Mubarak Street, near Sultan Center, Salmiya
5. Al Kout	Al-Kout Complex, at the end of the Coastal Road, Fahaheel
6. Al Muhalab	Al Muhalab Complex, Behind Hawalli Clinic, Hawalli
7. Al Sharqiya	Arabian Gulf Street, Souq Sharq, near the Amiri Hospital
8. Laila Gallery	Salem Al Mubarak Street, near Sultan Center, Salmiya
9. Marina	Marina Mall, Between Salem Al Mubarak Street & Arabian Gulf Street, Salmiya
10. Metro	Metro Complex, Farwaniya, near Crowne Plaza Hotel & Farwaniya Garden
11. Plaza	Salem Al Mubarak Street, near Sultan Center, Salmiya
12. The Avenues	The Avenues Mall, Al Reggai near Al Rai, 5th Ring Road & Ghazali Road Intersection

NB: Friday no show before 1:30 pm

Regular show KD3:000; 3D-Digital — KD3.500; VIP show — KD6.000. 'On Monday, price is KD1.500 except Digital movies.

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13. The Scientific Center IMAX	Opp Holiday Inn, Salmiya, Gulf Road
14. Grand Al-Hamra	Grand Al-Hamra, tel: 22270333, www.grandcinemas.com
15. Grand Gate	Grand Gate, tel: 22056464, www.grandcinemas.com

IMAX

Imax film programme at The Scientific Center

Sunday

Showtime Available for Groups 9:30 am
Kenya 3D 10:30 am, 06:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D 11:30 am, 07:30 pm
Titans Of Ice Age 3D 12:30 pm
Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3D 05:30 pm
Pandas 3D 08:30 pm

Monday

Showtime Available for Groups 9:30 am
Pandas 3D 10:30 am 09:30 pm
Kenya 3D 11:30 am, 05:30 pm, 08:30 pm
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D 12:30 pm, 06:30 pm
Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3D 07:30 pm

Tuesday

Showtime Available for Groups 9:30 am
Mysteries of the Unseen World 3D 10:30 am
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D 11:30 am, 09:30 pm
Kenya 3D 12:30 pm, 05:30, 08:30 pm
Titans Of Ice Age 3D 06:30 pm
Pandas 3D 07:30 pm

Wednesday

Showtime Available for Groups 9:30 am
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D 10:30 am, 05:30 pm
Kenya 3D 11:30 am, 06:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Pandas 3D 12:30 pm, 08:30 pm
Galapagos 3D 07:30 pm

Thursday

Showtime Available for Groups 9:30 am
Galapagos 3D 10:30 am
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D 11:30 am, 06:30 pm
Kenya 3D 12:30 pm, 07:30 pm
Titans Of Ice Age 3D 05:30 pm
Pandas 3D 08:30 pm
Mysteries of the Unseen World 3D 09:30 pm

Friday

Kenya 3D 02:30 pm, 06:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Titans Of Ice Age 3D 03:30 pm
Fly Me to the Moon 3D 04:30 pm
Mysteries of the Unseen World 3D 05:30 pm
Pandas 3D 07:30 pm
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D 08:30 pm

Saturday

Showtime Available for Groups 09:30 am
Fires of Kuwait 2D 10:30 am
Kenya 3D 11:30 am, 05:30 pm, 08:30 pm
Mysteries of the Unseen World 3D 12:30 pm
Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3D 01:30 pm
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D 02:30 pm, 07:30 pm
Pandas 3D 03:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Galapagos 3D 04:30 pm
Fly Me to the Moon 3D 06:30 pm

Notes: All films are in Arabic, except "Fires of Kuwait 2D" & "Fly Me to the Moon 3D". For English, headsets are available upon request. Film schedule is subject to changes without notice.

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