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Biden: ‘Let’s give each other a chance’

President-elect calls for reconciliation, unity; Trump continues to reject result

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — Joe Biden used his first national address as president-elect to vow to heal a deeply divided nation, declaring it was time to “let this grim era of demonization in America begin to end” and reaching out to the millions of people who voted against him to say, “Let’s give each other a chance.”

His calls for reconciliation at a Saturday evening victory celebration came even as President Donald Trump continued to argue that the election had been stolen from him, an indication that the divisive politics that have gripped the U.S. over the past four years are far from over.

It also suggested that even as Biden seeks to build out a government during his transition to the presidency, the president has little interest in helping him do so.

“For all those of you who voted for President Trump, I understand the disappointment,” Biden said during a drive-in event in Wilmington, Del. “It’s time to put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the temperature, see each other again.”

Biden heads into his first full day as president-elect on Sunday with key staffing decisions to make as the coronavirus rages. The always-frenzied 10-week transition period before Inauguration Day on Jan. 20 already has been shortened by the

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New museum shows war from soldiers’ perspective

By Corey Dickstein
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DETROIT — Metal fragments from an exploding air bag inflator killed the driver of an older Volvo, touching off a U.S. recall of up to 54,000 cars, regulators said Saturday.

The inflator was made by auto parts supplier ZF/TRW, but U.S. government documents show parts supplier ZF/TRW, but U.S. government documents show the devices perform similarly to other automakers.

NHTSA said the ZF/TRW inflator rupture that caused the death is the only known incident worldwide.

The recall covers Volvo S60 and S80 cars from the 2001 through 2003 model years. Volvo said it will replace the driver’s air bag at no cost to customers.

Japanese parts maker Takata used ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion to inflate air bags in a crash. But the chemical can deteriorate over time when exposed to moisture in the air. The explosion can blow apart a metal canister and hurl shrapnel into the passenger compartment.

At least 26 people have been killed worldwide by the inflators, including 17 in the United States.
Marine officer escapes punishment for theft

By Matthew M. Burke
Stars and Stripes

A Marine lieutenant colonel found guilty of stealing hundreds of dollars in merchandise from a base exchange in South Korea has escaped punishment, according to a published report.

Lt. Col. Samuel E. Lee, 47, was convicted Sept. 11 at Camp Foster, Okinawa, of two counts of violating Article 121 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or larceny, of non-military property valued at $1,000 or less, the military news website Task & Purpose reported Thursday, citing court records.

Lee, a logistics officer for Marine Forces Korea, stole a 4K ultra high definition wire-free security camera system, Apple Airpods with a wireless charging system, Bose noise-canceling headphones and Estee Lauder ReNutriv Ultimate Diamond energy cream between Nov. 1, 2019, and March 8, 2020, according to the report, which cited Marine officials with knowledge of the charges.

A conviction for theft at or under $1,000 could bring a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for one year, according to the manual on courts-martial.

However, the judge in the case “did not impose punishment,” according to the Corps’ report on court-martial disposition for September, “consistent with the plea agreement.”

Lee remains on active duty and is stationed at Marine Corps Forces Korea, spokesman Capt. Joseph Butterfield wrote in an email Thursday to Stars and Stripes.

A legal scholar contacted by Stars and Stripes said Lee escaping punishment is out of the ordinary.

“IT is unusual in my mind that a convening authority would protect an officer from punishment under these circumstances,” Crista Kraics, a retired Marine Corps judge advocate, told Stars and Stripes on Thursday by email.

Lee, a former Combat Logistics Battalion 5 commander, has been in the Marines for more than 23 years, Task & Purpose reported.

He earns approximately $10,000 per month, according to military pay scales posted to the Defense Finance Accounting Service website.

Kraics said lower enlisted Marines typically receive harsher punishments than the one rendered in the Lee case.

“An enlisted Marine at Special Court Martial, even under a pretrial agreement, would likely receive a harsher punishment and fewer agreed-upon protections for this level of larceny,” she said.

Decisions like the one in the Lee case “absolutely” erode morale, Kraics said.

“When senior officers commit misconduct, the first question that springs to mind is how many junior Marines has this officer been responsible for punishing for equal or lesser crimes,” she said. “Officers should be held to the highest of standards, as we learn from commissioning and throughout our careers.”

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DODEA program aims to help students transition at schools

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TOKYO — Lunch breaks, field trips and football games are events where students make friends when they arrive at a new school, something the children of service members do often.

The coronavirus pandemic means those things have been canceled or happen online or with masks and social distancing, making it more challenging for kids to make new friends. But a pilot program at six overseas military schools in the Pacific aims to help.

“Normally, kids go to the teen center or meet at sports events,” said Pamela Tucker, who coordinates the Pacific Students Transition Program at Edgren Middle/High School on Misawa Air Base in northeast Japan. “Normally you meet somebody at the football game, but we’re not having football games this year.”

Students in the program take a personality test and are matched with local students with similar likes, she said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The program also introduces new arrivals to local culture, Tucker said.

“We don’t want them to come to Japan and stay on base for a whole tour and never interact with the Japanese culture, so we create cultural experiences for them,” she said.

Because of pandemic restrictions, that interaction is happening online. So far, the 15 kids in Edgren’s transition program have done virtual tours of Japanese museums, aquariums and language training with local Japanese schools.

Students in the program are linked up with peer tutors for subjects where they could use some help, Tucker said.

The program also helps departing students by introducing them to transition programs at other military schools or available programs at regular schools, she said.

One of those helping new students adjust to life in Japan is Jasmine Vina, 18, daughter of an Air Force maintainer.

Vina knows what they’re going through.

When she moved to Misawa in 2017 from Aviano, Italy, her transition assistance wasn’t much.

“Jasmine and I have had a blast,” she said.

When the kids arriving at Misawa are on their first overseas tour, she said, and the transition program allows them to interact with students who have been in the same situation.

Lunch periods, when students usually talk to friends, are limited with fewer people allowed in the cafeteria and separate dining cubicles. Vina and her friends have been hanging out with the new arrivals and taking them to off-base restaurants such as Off the Wall and Tubes, which both serve Hawaiian food.

One of the new students Vina has helped is Haley Black, 17, who arrived from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, last month.

“COVID made it harder to make friends because it’s difficult to connect and gather,” she said in an email Friday, referring to the coronavirus outbreak that led to comedic effusions caused by the coronavirus.

The transition program has helped her connect with her new school and classmates, Black said.

“I have only been in the school 3 weeks, but I have had a blast,” she said. “I have attended a cultural virtual field trip, game night, dance battles, and … a meet and greet luncheon.”

Black said she’s made friends through the program.

“They are funny and caring,” she said. “They are just like me, trying to make the best of a senior year that is seriously impacted by COVID.”

The transition program is also running at McCool Elementary/Middle School on Guam, Yokosuka Middle School and Kadena High School in Japan, and at Osan Middle High/School and Humphreys Middle School in South Korea.

“We’re looking to bring the other schools in the Pacific by this time they open in August next year,” Tucker said.

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PACAF leaders urge readiness against China

By Caitlin Doornbos
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — U.S. troops must be ready for conflict with China as tensions between the two nations simmer, Pacific Air Forces’ leaders said Friday during a Facebook Live video call to airmen in Japan.

Beijing, with its “malignant and coercive activity that’s frequently now described as an international law,” is the greatest challenge facing the region, PACAF Commander Gen. James Wilsbach said on the call.

“We’ve got to challenge and compete with them in accordance with the nation’s two-step strategy, but we also have to be ready in the event we get called to go fight tonight,” he said.

China’s “disturbing” behavior, Wilsbach said, includes its “crackdown on the democratic process” in Hong Kong that sparked unrest last year, its recent border clashes with India and its militarization and island-building in the South China Sea.

Beijing believes it has a historic right to the region, pointing to early maps China published that claim the South and East China seas as its own. However, a United Nations panel in 2016 rejected those claims in a ruling in a case brought by the Philippines.

“They are making new islands in the South China Sea and saying that it’s always been that way and it’s their territory — and it hasn’t,” Wilsbach said. “That’s revisionist history.”

Wilsbach criticized China for “threatening action” when U.S. military ships and aircraft approached “not more than a mile” off the coast of China’s artificial islands in the South China Sea, referring to the distance from coastlines that makes up a nation’s territorial waters under international maritime law.

“All that militarized activity is causing a lot of consternation with us and with our allies and partners in the region because we’re looking for a free and open Indo-Pacific, which includes open commerce, open seas and open skies to be sliced in accordance with international law,” Wilsbach said.

U.S. allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region are keen on the advantage, Wilsbach said. Regular training and work with other nations’ militaries are done “so that eventually we can become interoperable and maybe even integrated.”

The U.S. military uses the term “interoperability” to describe the ability of a country’s armed forces to use another country’s training methods and military equipment. Frequent exercises with Japan’s Self-Defense Forces and Australia’s navy are examples of interoperability.

“That’s something that our adversary really has to calculate through if they want to have a conflict with us,” Wilsbach said on the call. “In short, it becomes a deterrent value before the fight starts.”

Should conflict break out, that ability to fight alongside partners “becomes a great asset because our strengths are much greater together than they are alone,” he said.

Current operations in the Pacific aim to “push out the timeline” of Beijing’s aggressive behavior, PACAF Chief Mast Sgt. David Wolfe said during the call.

“We’ve got to do everything we can to present different decisions to our adversaries in the Pacific that causes them to delay their ultimate goals,” he told the airmen, “and that’s what you guys are doing out there every single day.”

“If you don’t think that you’re participating in conflict, you know, kind of below that kinetic level right now — you are,” Wolfe added. “You absolutely are.”

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USAF gets its first new ‘Jolly Green’ rescue helo

By Wyatt Olson
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The first pair of the Air Force’s new “Jolly Green” rescue helicopters — an aircraft with a legacy tracing back to the Vietnam War — arrived Thursday at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

The 23rd Wing and 347th Rescue Squadron received the first two HH-60W Jolly Green II helicopters, flown in from Lockheed Martin’s Sikorsky Training Academy in Stuart, Fla., the Air Force said in a news release Friday.

The service in February unveiled the name of its new combat rescue helicopter, which follows the tradition of the Vietnam-era HH-53 Jolly Green and the current HH-53 Super Jolly Green. The original chopper earned its nickname from a moshup of its green exterior paint and a top-c lad, green-hued cartoon giant featured in a 1960s-era canned-vegetable advertising campaign.

The delivery of the two helicopters marks the beginning of the service’s transition away from the HH-60G Pave Hawk model, which airmen have been flying for more than 26 years, the Air Force said.

The service will continue to use Pave Hawks until the planned acquisition of 108 Jolly Green IIIs is complete.

The Jolly Green II features many overall improvements over its predecessor, including better defensive system, hover performance, electrical capacity, avionics, cooling, weapons and cyber-security, the Air Force said.

The helicopter’s primary mission will be conducting operations into hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during war, both day and night, the Air Force said.

It will also be employed for non-warfighting operations such as civil search and rescue, medical evacuation, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, NASA space-flight support and rescue command and control, the Air Force said.

The Air Force developed the original HH-3E helicopter, dubbed the Jolly Green Giant by U.S. troops, by modifying Sikorsky’s CH-3 transport helicopter. The choppers entered the Vietnam War carrying armoring plating and armament for its primary mission of combat search and rescue of downed airmen.

Reviving the Jolly Green name honors our combat search and rescue crew past and present.

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Air Force Secretary

An HH-60W Jolly Green II taxis at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., on Thursday. The Air Force received two of the helicopters, marking the beginning of a transition away from the HH-60G Pave Hawk model.

With a watertight hull, the chopper could land on water, and its large rear door could be easily loaded and unloaded.

With aerial-refueling capability, it also had range, setting a record for HH-3s in 1967 by flying nonstop from New York to Paris, according to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Creation of the HH-3 choppers were awarded 24 Air Force Crosses, more than 190 Silver Stars one Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett underscored the importance of the crews conducting combat search and rescue missions during the February naming ceremony.

“Reviving the Jolly Green name honors our combat search and rescue crews past and present,” Barrett said.

“Americans owe these courageous airmen the very best equipment,” she said. “The new combat rescue helicopter, the HH-60W, improves range and survivability for safer search and rescue operations everywhere, every time.”

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Airman honored for saving Japanese mom and child

By Matthew M. Burke
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Airman 1st Class Leonard Cantrell Jr., 28, knew something wasn’t right as he watched a Japanese mother struggle to keep her young daughter’s head above water.

The computer technician with 18th Communications Squadron at Kadena Air Base kept a close eye on the situation as he giddily walked around the lip of the pool at Okinawa’s Tatakai waterfall taking photographs on a day back in April.

The woman had attempted to swim across the deep, picturesque pool carrying the small child on her shoulders. The signs of distress were immediate.

“She realized it was too far and became overwhelmed,” Cantrell told Stars and Stripes in an interview Thursday. “I started noticing something and watched the little girl in the water. I’m like, ‘That’s not good at all.’ I’m like, ‘I think I need to act now.’ ”

Cantrell dove into the icy water and pulled the woman and her daughter to safety. He told no one about what he had done, but his airmen friends reported his actions to leadership.

Cantrell, who had been in the service for approximately one year when the accident occurred, was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal at the beginning of September. The medal is awarded for outstanding achievement or meritorious service on behalf of the Air Force, but “may also be awarded for acts of courage,” according to the Air Force Personnel Center website.

“We’re neighbors here on this island,” Cantrell said. “I was just glad to be in the right place at the right time.”

The day started for Cantrell and a small group of friends with a hike to Tatakai waterfall to relax and swim and enjoy the natural environment. He said the water was too cold for a swim. Instead, he planned to shoot photographs to show his family back home in Chicago. His friends marveled at how deep the water was when he first arrived. He estimated it was over 30 feet.

Cantrell walked around the edge of the pool to the falls, he said. A friend snapped a photograph of him. That’s when he saw the mother entering the water with her two small children. Her young boy touched the cold water and turned back.

The mother and daughter began to swim across the pool.

“‘There’s not anything close; there’s no footing; there’s no anything,’” Cantrell said. “That’s how I knew something was going to go wrong.”

After Cantrell pulled the mother and daughter to safety on a rock, his military training kicked in, he said. He stayed with them until they were out of the water before they weren’t going into shock.

Once he realized they were OK, he went back to his friends. Before leaving, the woman thanked him one more time. His friends ribbed him, calling him “hero.”

“I don’t think I was a hero,” he said. “Anybody else could have done it.”

The family being safe was the most important thing, he said.

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Wolfe added. “You absolutely are.”

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Grads honored in Germany despite pandemic

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — For many, commencement ceremonies typically an occasion for honking — unless it’s during a pandemic.

More than 50 graduates from the University of Maryland Global Campus Europe received their diplomas Saturday to a chorus of honking vehicles, courtesy of family and friends parked around an outdoor stage set up at Pulaski Park on Vogelweh.

The commencement ceremony for the class of 2020 was to have been in May but was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Graduates and college officials held their ceremony in observance of social distancing and wondering if it would even happen, given the current resurgence in coronavirus cases in Germany and Europe and restrictions on social gatherings.

But the university — which changed its name from University of Maryland University College to University of Maryland Global Campus in May's family, who watched the ceremony, hoped visitors would find a connection with the unique stories of individual soldiers displayed throughout the museum.

“My greatest desire is that an individual visiting here, that doesn’t have a connection with the Army, or that does, that they walk away with knowledge of the American soldier,” Call said.

“That they see themselves reflected in our soldiers and that there’s that understanding that our American soldiers are Americans.”

The 185,000-square-foot museum has been a long time coming. The Army Historical Foundation has worked for more than a decade to build the service’s first comprehensive museum.

It will open on Veterans Day, in the midst of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, just more than three years after the Army broke ground.

The pandemic delayed the opening by about five months, Call said. When it opens Nov. 11, visitors will receive free tickets online [at theNMUSA.org] and adhere to certain restrictions, like face coverings and social distancing.

The museum is also providing styluses to allow visitors to work the plethora of touchscreens throughout the exhibits.

Officials wanted visitors to experience what soldiering was like for troops on the ground throughout the Army’s history. A video of America’s recent history.

A video experience what soldiering was like exhibits.

“The museum has left room to expand its galleries to include whatever the future holds for the Army, Call said.

Paul Morando, who has been the museum’s exhibits chief for about three years, said his team worked hard to ensure everyone who visits would learn from their time in the building.

“You don’t have to be a soldier to be connected to this museum,” he said. “If you never served in the Army, but you can connect to something — a soldier’s story here from the same hometown, and look and see what he or she did for our country, then there’s a connection there.”

The most difficult part, he said, was working within the natural limits in a physical building.

“You can’t tell the entire story, of course, of the history of the Army,” Morando said. “This museum would be five times the size if we incorporated every soldier’s story, every aspect of the Army’s history. But if we can just reach those visitors through the galleries, through the exhibits, through the artifacts that we have here, then we’ve done our job.”

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY'S CHANGING WORLD GALLERY


The National Museum of the United States Army features 41 stainless steel pylons that provide information about individual soldiers in the museum’s Soldiers’ Story Gallery which extends from outside its front doors, leading into the its main exhibits.
extraneous time it took to determine the winner of Tuesday's election.

The second Catholic to be elected president, Biden attended church Sunday at St. Joseph on the Brandywine near his home in Wilmington, as he does nearly every week. He began Election Day with a visit to the church and the grave of his son, Beau, a former Delaware attorney general who died of brain cancer in 2015.

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Biden's transition team may have to wait until the certification of the election, which she said could happen within days, as is the modern tradition.

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Trump spends day refusing to admit his loss

The Washington Post

STERLING, Va. — On Saturday, Donald Trump finally became the one thing he hates the most: a loser.

President Trump had just arrived at his namesake golf course in Virginia on the day of the presidential election, his campaign manager Justin Clark and his top lawyer Rudy Giuliani rallying their troops. "Just wait, Mr. President." Then, as Trump lined up his shot on the 18th green, Clark said, "Great job, Mr. President." Then, as Trump zipped by in his cart, Clark yelled at Trump's motorcade, "Loser! Loser!" and gave the president the finger. "You're no good," he said.

That was the moment when Trump's campaign began to crumble. The Associated Press reported that Sunday, Trump spent his first day as a lame duck president golfing. Trump arrived at his Virginia golf club just before 10 a.m. on Sunday for the second day in a row. He was welcomed by several protestors, including one who held a sign that read, "Orange Crushes You." Trump's 209th day golfing since he became president was a fitting codename for a leader who craved the perks of the office, but often seemed reluctant to do the job.

The president remained coterie-encircled away at Trump National Golf Club for three more hours, finishing his morning on the links. In the afternoon, the president held a news conference at Four Seasons Total Landscaping in Philadelphia with the president's lawyers, but when Trump initially spoke, he clearly implied it was at the Four Seasons Hotel. The hotel's Philadelphia and New York offices offered its own clarification, tweeting: "To clarify, President Trump's press conference will NOT be held at Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia. It will be held at Four Seasons Total Landscaping — no relation to the hotel."

Trump's lawyers did ultimately show up at the right spot, speaking to the press. "Stop the steal!" they yelled, raising blue and red Trump signs at the landscaping business, in view of a crematorium and an adult entertainment shop named "Fantasy Island." Trump's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, yelled at the news conference that all the networks calling the race were fake. "This isn't over!" and "Fake news!" The streets were awash with American flags and Trump banners.

"There's no immediate violence reported," Trump's personal lawyer, Jay Sekulow, told reporters. "Biden held a slim lead in Georgia, which hasn't gone for a Democrat since 1992. Others chant "Lock him up!" rang out among a crowd swelled to more than 1,000. "This isn't over!" and "Fake news!" and "Stop treating our opponents like criminals," Sekulow said.

For his part, Biden pleaded for unity and reconciliation in a televised address Saturday night, saying it is time for Americans to "put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the temperature" and "put Trump's our opponents like enemies." "Let this grim era of demoniza-
tion in America begin to end here today," he said.

Contrary to the claims of Trump supporters, there has been no evidence of any serious vote fraud. And some Republican elected officials around the country began to distance themselves from Trump and urge him to accept the outcome gracefully. The utter rejection of Biden as the legitimate president by Trump and his supporters appears to represent something new in American political history, said Barbara Perry, presidential studies director at the University of Virginia's Miller Center. "We typically haven't had a leader who loses the presidency who then tells his followers, 'This is false. This has been stolen from us,'" Perry said. "Incumbent presidents have been mad, so mad they didn't go to the inauguration, but not like this, where they are leading those people to say this is fraudulent."

A couple thousand Trump supporters gathered at the Pennsylvania Capitol in Harrisburg.
World leaders hope for fresh new start

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

World leaders on Sunday cheered Joe Biden's election as U.S. president as a chance to en
hance cooperation on climate change, the coronavirus and other problems after four years of
President Donald Trump’s rejection of international alliances.

Trump had yet to concede de
feat, but Western and Asian allies expressed hope for a fresh start following Trump's "America First" trade policies, withdrawal from the Paris climate agree
ment, attacks on NATO and the World Health Organization.

In Asia, a region on edge about the strategic ambitions of Chi
na’s ruling Communist Party, the elected leaders of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan invoked "shared values" with Washing
ton and expressed hope for closer rela
tions.

"I look forward to working with you to further strengthen the
Japan-US Alliance and ensure peace, freedom, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and be
yond," said Japanese Prime Minis
ter Yoshihide Suga on Twitter. President Moon Jae-in of South Korea said he looked forward to working together "for our shared values."

Word of the victory in Penn
sylvania that pushed Barack Obama’s former vice president past the threshold of the 270 Electoral College votes needed to take over the Oval Office spread around the globe, sparking celebrations.

There was no immediate off
icial reaction from Beijing, which is mired in conflicts with the Trump administration over trade, security and technology. But Chinese social media users welcomed the change. A post on the Sina Weibo microblog ser
vice, signed by Gong Teng Xin Yi, said, "Congratulations Biden, the old friend of Chinese people on winning the election."

After Trump said he won "by a lot," the Communist Party newspap
ner People’s Daily responded on Twitter, "HaHa."

President Tsai Ing-wen of Tai
wan, the self-ruled island Beijing claims as part of its territory, expressed hope to “further our friendship.” Biden had congratu
lated Tsai on her reelection in January, saying Taiwan is “stron
ger because of your free and open society.” Washington has no formal relations with Taiwan, but Trump raised the profile of infor
cmal contacts by sending Cabinet officials to the island, an act that irritated Beijing.

There also was no immediate reaction from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was friendly with Trump. Other leaders who supported, Trump, including Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and the Philippines, congratulated Biden, indicating they rejected Trump’s claim the election wasn’t over.

Most Western allies welcomed a fresh start with Washington. Many have been dismayed at Trump’s criticism of decades-old alliances.

“We want to work in our co
operation for a new trans-Atlan
tic beginning, a New Deal,” said German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas on Twitter.

Others expressed hope Biden might revive cooperation on climate, health and other issues following Trump’s rejection of the proposed Trans-Pacific Partn
ership trade agreement and pressure on Canada, Mexico, South Korea and other partners to renegotiate trade terms.

"I look forward to working with President-elect Biden, Vice Presi
dent-elect Harris, their administra
tion, and the United States Congress as we tackle the world’s greatest challenges together," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who was the target of personal insults by Trump, said on Twitter.

Other leaders who sent con
gratulations included German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

Pedro Pierluisi wins gubernatorial race in Puerto Rico

By Danica Coto
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Pedro Pierluisi of Puerto Rico’s pro-statehood New Progressive Party won a majority race to become the U.S. territory’s next gover
nor, according to official preliminary re
sults released late Saturday.

Pierluisi received nearly 33% of votes compared with nearly 32% obtained by Carlos Delgado of the Popular Demo
cratic Party, which supports the current territorial status, with 100% of precincts reporting.

The results come four days after Puerto Rico held general elections, an unusual delay blamed on a record number of early and absentee votes that overwhelmed of
ficials. It’s also the first time that Puerto Rico’s two main parties failed to reach 40% of the vote.

“These are times to unite wills and pur
poses,” Pierluisi said in a statement.

Pierluisi had claimed victory the night of the election, not willing to concede, noting that his opponent was leading by a very slim margin and that thousands of votes still had not been counted.

On Saturday, he congratulated Pierluisi: "The island needs consensus, dialogue and coexistence so that we can face the great challenges of the future."

Saturday’s results were released hours after U.S. President-elect Joe Biden won the election on the U.S. mainland, a vic
tory that Pierluisi said would help Puerto Rico finally gain statehood. He congratu
lated Biden and said he looked forward to working with him and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris “for the benefit of all Puer
to Ricans in their fight for progress and equality.”

Voters in Puerto Rico participated in a non-binding referendum the day of the local general election that asked, "Should Puerto Rico be admitted immediately into the union as a state?" More than 52% of voters approved, but any changes to the is
land’s political status needs approval from U.S. Congress. It is the island's sixth such referen
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 cane and earthquake reconstruction; and push for equal funding of Medicaid, Medi
care and Supplemental Security Income, since Puerto Rico receives less than U.S.
states.

Other results released late Saturday in
dicated those of a tight race for the mayor of Puerto Rico’s capital. New Progressive Miguel Romero received more than 36% of votes, compared with more than 34% obtained by third-party candidate Manuel Natal of the Citizen Victory Movement. Natal rejected the results and said not all votes have been counted.
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**BY MIKE SCHNEIDER**

Associated Press

Two census takers told The Associated Press that their supervisors pressured them to enter false information into a computer system about homes they had not visited so they could close cases during the waning days of the once-a-decade national headcount.

Maria Arce said her supervisor in Massachusetts offered step-by-step instructions in how to trick the system. She said she felt guilty about lying, but she did not want to disobey her supervisor, who kept repeating that they were under pressure from a regional office in New York to close cases.

“It was all a sham. I felt terrible. There was no way I knew I was doing something wrong, but they said, ‘No, no, we are doing great. We have to do this,’” Arce said.

At the time, in mid-to-late September, census workers were drawn close to a deadline imposed by President Donald Trump’s administration to finish the count by the end of the month.

Indiana census taker Pam Roberts’ supervisor pressured her to make up answers about households where no one was home.

Roberts agreed to do it for only one day — making up information on about two dozen households before refusing to continue the next day because she believed it was wrong. She said she entered made-up answers while in her car outside the homes since the mobile device used for data entry could track where a person was located.

“That’s not what this is about. If it’s not truthful, how can we use it?” Roberts, who lives in Lafayette, Ind., said in an interview.

Asked about the workers’ statements to the AP, the Census Bureau repeated its position looking into the allegations, but the agency did not provide further details.

So far, statisticians have not uncovered anything that raises red flags, Ron Jarmin, the Census Bureau’s deputy director, said Thursday in a blog post.

1st woman free-climbs El Capitan’s Golden Gate route in one day

**Associated Press**

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — Rock climber Emily Harrington has become the first woman, and fourth person, to free-climb the Golden Gate route on Yosemite National Park’s 3,000-foot granite wall in a single day.

While most of the country was focused on the results of the U.S. presidential election early Wednesday, the 34-year-old began to scale El Capitan, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Friday. She reached the top 21 hours, 13 minutes and 51 seconds after Friday.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday in the third major legal challenge to the Affordable Care Act.

Without Ginsburg, high court support for health law in doubt

**WASHINGTON — Until six weeks ago, defenders of the Affordable Care Act could take comfort in some simple math. Five Supreme Court justices who had twice preserved the Obamacare health care law remained on the bench and seemed unlikely to vote to dismantle it.

But Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s death in mid-September and her replacement by Amy Coney Barrett barely a month later have altered the equation as the court prepares to hear arguments Tuesday in the third major legal challenge to the law’s 10-year existence.

Republican attorneys general in 18 states, backed by the Trump administration, are arguing that the whole law would be struck down because of a change made by the Republican-controlled Congress in 2017 that reduced the penalty for not having health insurance to zero.

A court ruling invalidating the entire law would threaten coverage for more than 23 million people. It would wipe away protections for people with preexisting medical conditions, subsidized insurance premiums that make coverage affordable for millions of Americans and an expansion of the Medicaid program that is available to low-income people in most states.

“No portion of the ACA is severable from the mandate,” Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton told the court in a written filing. The Republicans are pressing this position even though congressional efforts to repeal the entire law have failed, including in July 2017 when then-Arizona Sen. John McCain delivered a dramatic thumbs-down vote to a repeal effort by fellow Republicans.

Barrett is one of three appointees of President Donald Trump who will be weighing the latest legal attack on the law popularly known as “Obamacare.” Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh are the others. It’s their first time hearing a major case over the health law as justices, although Kavanaugh took part in the first round of suits over it when he was a federal appeals court judge.

Of the other justices, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor have voted to uphold the law. Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas have voted to strike it all down.

The practical effects of the repeal of the tax penalty have surprised many health care policy experts. They predicted that getting rid of the penalty would lead to several million people dropping coverage over time, mostly healthier enrollees, and as a result, premiums for the law’s subsidized private insurance would rise because remaining customers would tend to be in poorer health.

But that hasn’t happened — at least not yet.

Enrollment in the law’s insurance markets stayed relatively stable at more than 11 million people, even after the effective date of the penalty’s elimination in 2019. According to the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation, enrollment dropped by about 300,000 people from 2018 to 2019. Kaiser estimates 11.4 million people have coverage this year.

Enrollment has fallen by more than 1 million people in the Trump years, but most of that happened before the penalty was repealed, not after.

Even if the justices agree that the law’s mandate to buy health insurance is unconstitutional because Congress repealed the penalties for not complying, they could still leave the rest of the law alone. That would be consistent with other rulings in which the court excised a problematic provision from a law that was otherwise allowed to remain in force.

A limited ruling would have little real-world consequence. The case could also be rendered irrelevant if the new Congress were to restore a modest penalty for not buying health insurance.

A decision on the case is expected by late spring.

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**STARS AND STRIPES**
Cases surging in nursing homes despite efforts

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

WASHINGTON — Despite Trump administration efforts to erect a protective shield around nursing homes, coronavirus cases are surging within facilities in states hard hit by the latest onslaught of COVID-19.

An analysis of federal data from 20 states for The Associated Press finds that new weekly cases among residents rose nearly fourfold from the end of May to late October, from 1,083 to 4,274. Resident death rates more than doubled, from 318 a week to 699, according to the study by University of Chicago health researchers Rebecca Gorges and Tamara Konetzka.

Equally concerning, weekly cases among nursing staff in surge states more than quadrupled, from 855 the week ending May 31, to 4,050 the week ending Oct. 25. That rings alarms because infected staffers not yet showing symptoms are seen as the most likely way the virus gets into facilities, infecting staffers test positive, they are sidelined from caring for residents, raising pressures on remaining staff.

The administration has allocated $5 billion to nursing homes, shipped nearly 14,000 fast-test machines with a goal of supplying every facility and tried to shore up stocks of protective equipment. But the data call into question the most likely way the virus gets into nursing homes daily, providing an easy pathway for the virus to enter.”

Nursing homes and other long-term care facilities account for about 1% of the U.S. population, but represent 40% of COVID-19 deaths, according to the COVID Tracking Project.

In Fort Dodge, a manufacturing and transportation center in north-central Iowa, Julie Thorson said she knew she was in for a bad week when several employees at the Friendship Haven nursing home tested positive last Monday.

As president of the senior living community, Thorson contacted the county health department. “They were basically not surprised because they’re seeing it all over the county,” she said.

Residents also started testing positive. The facility had 11 new cases among residents, as of Friday.

“I was thinking all night what’s worse, to have it hit and not know what you are getting into, or to prepare, prepare, and prepare, and then have it hit,” she said.

German officials condemn actions of demonstrators

Associated Press

BERLIN — German officials on Sunday condemned the actions of 20,000 people who demonstrated against coronavirus restrictions by jamming together in a Leipzig city square largely without wearing masks, and called for an investigation into how the protest was able to get out of control.

The eastern city had tried to move Saturday’s demonstration to a larger location after calculating only 5,000 people could gather in Augustusplatz plaza and maintain a safe distance from one another. A court at the last minute overturned the city’s order, however, and the demonstration went ahead.

After it ballooned to more than 20,000 people and authorities determined that coronavirus regulations mandating mask wearing and social distancing weren’t being followed, the crowd was told to disperse. But thousands lingered, some scuffling with police and throwing projectiles and fireworks at police.

“What we saw yesterday in Leipzig cannot be justified,” said Justice Minister Christine Lambrecht. “The freedom to demonstrate is not a freedom to use violence or put others at massive risk.”

She called for an investigation into how the situation was able to escalate, a sentiment echoed by many, including opposition parties.

“It cannot be that the state stands by and watches as journalists are attacked doing their work and the majority of the demonstrators clearly ignoring the conditions,” said Konstantin Kuhl of the opposition FDP party.

The demonstration came as Germany finished its first week of “lockdown light,” which brings new restrictions to slow spiking coronavirus cases but also keeps schools and shops open.

A four-week partial shutdown that took effect Nov. 2 closed bars, restaurants, leisure centers and sports facilities and imposed new restrictions on contact with other people. The Robert Koch Institute says any effects from the measures will be seen in two to three weeks.

VA seeks volunteers for phase 3 clinical trials of vaccine

By Patricia Kime

The Department of Veterans Affairs is recruiting 8,000 volunteers for the Phase 3 clinical trials of at least COVID-19 vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna.

The largely unpublicized effort follows a Department of Defense announcement in September that it has partnered with AstraZeneca to recruit volunteers at five of its medical facilities, which are separate from the VA system. Both federal departments have long experience in medical research and diverse populations — a crucial component of effective clinical trials, said J. Stephen Morrison, senior vice president and director of global health policy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a bipartisan think tank in Washington, D.C.

Since active troops are essential to national security, and veterans are extremely vulnerable to COVID-19, both departments have a vested interest in supporting the development of safe, effective vaccines, Morrison said.

“On the DOD active service men and women side, it’s a question of making sure they’re ready, they are protected,” Morrison said. “With VA, their population, all elderly and infrm with underlying conditions, they could really be suffering if we don’t get a vaccine.”

According to a VA website, of its 20 medical centers involved, 17 would be part of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine trial, while the other three are recruiting — or have completed recruitment — for advanced-stage trials for Moderna, AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines.

It’s not unusual for the military to participate in multicenter trials for treatments of ailments as diverse as cancer and trauma. Historically, many vaccines have been tested first by the military.

In the general population, clinicians often have difficulty recruiting African Americans and other minorities for medical research, and “the military provides a rich opportunity to find volunteers for those groups,” said retired Rear Adm. Thomas Cullison, a doctor and former deputy surgeon general for the Navy.

No service members will be required to participate in the COVID-19 vaccine trials. All volunteers will be paid by the developer.
WASHINGTON — The White House has been hit with a fresh wave of coronavirus infections, an administration official said Saturday, after Chief of Staff Mark Meadows and five other Trump aides received positive test results in the period around Election Day.

Meadows, who tested positive Wednesday, at first told others not to disclose his diagnosis. After his diagnosis became public late Friday, the official confirmed that a broader outbreak threatens to create a new crisis in the West Wing just as Meadows and other top aides are trying to help President Donald Trump navigate a bitter loss at the polls to Democrat Joe Biden.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter, said Meadows likely contracted the virus from a woman who attended a White House event on Oct. 30. The woman, who had tested negative before the event, tested positive Saturday.

The White House has fought with federal science advisers for locking down bars, restaurants and schools. Meadows, for instance, has ridiculed Democratic governors who have now been 53,976 cases in Washington state since the first case was confirmed in early February. The state has had 19,306 cases, according to state data.

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The influence of health professionals such as Anthony Fauci, the nation’s top infectious-disease specialist, has steadily waned under Meadows’s management.

Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker has tested negative for the COVID-19 virus after learning he may have been exposed during a meeting to someone who tested positive for the coronavirus.

Members of Pritzker’s staff who attended the meeting last Thursday tested positive for the virus, his office said Saturday in a news release.

Pritzker had self-isolated Friday while awaiting test results. They were the second negative test results for Pritzker and staff members this week as the state tested several weekly tests Wednesday, according to his office.

Meanwhile, 2,438 newly confirmed and probable cases of the virus and another 76 deaths were reported Saturday by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Kansas

WICHITA — A council member in Kansas’ largest city has tested positive for the coronavirus, forcing the mayor and other council members to quarantine for two weeks.

Wichita announced council member Brandon Johnson’s positive result Saturday in a tweet.

Johnson, 33, is a member of City Council and some staff, including city manager Robert Layton, must temporarily stay away from city hall.

“The City continues to strongly urge Wichita residents and City employees to practice safe social distancing whenever possible and wear a mask when distancing isn’t possible, limit public exposure and to wash hands frequently,” the City of Wichita tweeted.

The Wichita Eagle reported that Johnson said he had a cough Thursday that worsened Friday, so he went to be tested. He received his results Saturday morning.

Kentucky

LEXINGTON — Kentucky reported 2,162 new COVID-19 cases on Saturday and 17 more deaths, as a result of the coronavirus.

The percentage of tests that came back positive over the past seven days stood at 7.17% as of Saturday, the highest positivity rate since May 5, according to a news release from Gov. Andy Beshear.

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New Mexico

SANTA FE — New Mexico on Saturday reported some of the largest increases in its history as coronavirus cases soar. Officials said there are 1,287 additional cases, a one-day record that was the same number reported Friday. But they said Saturday that 10 of the cases reported Friday had turned out to be duplicates or not lab-confirmed.

With those adjustments and the latest reported cases, the statewide total reached 53,671 with 1,104 deaths. The number of active cases is 12,742.

State officials warned Thursday that new records would be set over the coming weeks as the rate of growth remains high.

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Matt Richardson teaches his students from Hesston Middle School in the basement of the Cross Winds Convention Center in Hesston, Kan., on Friday. The large convention center provides for social distancing.

Oregon

HILLSBORO — The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating reports that a circuit court judge is endangering the health of workers and jurors by ignoring a statewide mask mandate in his courtroom.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported in a story Saturday that Washington County Circuit Judge Charles Bailey describes the mask mandate as a “nanny state” requirement.

“He doesn’t wear a face covering and isn’t requiring others to do so in his courtroom in Hillsboro in western Oregon,” the story said.

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South Dakota

RAPID CITY — South Dakota continues to amass records as the COVID-19 pandemic surges across the state.

The Rapid City Journal reported that a health officials report for the first time showed more than 500 people hospitalized, 15,000 active cases and deaths continued to climb above 500.

There have been 523 deaths since the pandemic began. There were 1,373 new cases reported Saturday for a positivity rate of 3.6%. There have been 5,936 COVID-19 deaths in the state with 15,050 of those still active.

There are 515 people being treated in hospitals across South Dakota — an increase of 22 since Friday.

Texas

AUSTIN — The number of reported coronavirus cases in Texas surged Thursday, with more than 1,000 of those in El Paso where a coronavirus surge has formed a significant part of the statewide COVID-19 trend, health officials reported.

The El Paso health department reported 1,020 new cases Saturday for a total of 61,104 since the pandemic began and that 1,064 people were hospitalized as of Friday.

Texas reported 6,068 people were hospitalized Saturday and there were 111 additional deaths for a total of 17,800.

Washington

OLYMPIA — Washington set a daily record for new coronavirus cases, with 1,777 new cases announced Saturday, and the state Department of Health warned that COVID-19 cases are spreading in the Puget Sound region.

In a written statement, the health agency said that the high numbers the state has seen over the past week reflect an overall surge that started in mid-October. King, Snohomish and Pierce counties are currently the hot spots in the state, the agency said.

“COVID-19 is currently spreading very quickly in Washington state,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “We are very concerned that disease transmission will only grow over the next few weeks with the holidays coming up. We need everyone in Washington state to take action now to stop the spread.”
Ethiopian leader defends military action on Tigray

BY CARA ANNA
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Ethiopia’s prime minister has sought to defend a major military action against the country’s defiant Tigray region Sunday, and urged citizens not to target the ethnic Tigrayan people amid fears of civil war.

At least 60 people have been wounded and six killed in one location along the Tigray border alone, Doctors Without Borders said Saturday, and the United Nations warns of a major humanitarian crisis if millions flee all-out fighting or if the Tigray region remains cut off from the world.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed tweeted that his military campaign is to bring the Tigray region to abide by Ethiopia’s “rule of law.”

“The government’s law enforcement action in Tigray aims to bring the greedy Mekele junta under the rule of law and maintain the constitutional order. This step will benefit the widest Tigrayans more than anyone else,” Abiy tweeted. “I also urge all Ethiopians to take responsibility for ensuring that Tigrayans do not fall prey to any illegal activity that follows the government’s actions.”

The conflict pits two heavily armed forces against each other in the heart of the strategic but vulnerable Horn of Africa region, and experts worry that neighboring countries, including Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia could be sucked in.

Communications remain largely cut off in Tigray, with airports and roads closed.

The Tigray leader in a letter to the African Union chair, seen by The Associated Press, has warned that Ethiopian forces are preparing to launch a large-scale offensive.

Thai police use water cannons on protesters

BANGKOK — Thai pro-democracy protesters were confronted by riot police and sprayed by water cannons Sunday as they tried to approach Bangkok’s Grand Palace to deliver letters about their political grievances addressed to the country’s king.

The protesters had pushed aside a bus that was serving as a barrier to try to approach the palace, which houses the royal offices. The protesters had met earlier at Bangkok’s Democracy Monument and marched as darkness fell, pushing past an initial thin line of police.

Battle in Kashmir kills 4 soldiers, 3 rebels

SRINAGAR, India — A fierce gunbattle on Sunday left four Indian soldiers and three insurgents dead in Indian-controlled Kashmir, an Indian army official said.

The fighting in Kupwara district started at around 1 a.m. after the Indian paramilitary soldiers spotted the rebels around 2 miles into India’s side of the cease-fire line dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan, said army spokesperson Col. Rajesh Kalia.

The army rushed troop reinforcements in after the first three hours of exchange of gunfire killed one Indian paramilitary soldier and one rebel, Kalia said.

Azerbaijani leader says forces seized key city

MOSCOW — Azerbaijani forces have taken control of the strategically key city of Shushi in Nagorno-Karabakh where fighting with Armenia has raged for more than a month, the country’s president said Sunday.

In a televised address to the nation, President Ilham Aliyev said “Shusha is ours — Karabakh is ours,” using the Azerbaijani version of the city’s name.

However, Armenian Defense Ministry spokesman Arturun Ovannisian said on Facebook after Aliyev’s claim that “fighting in Shushi is continuing; wait and believe in our troops.”

Aliyev vowed to continue the fighting until Armenia withdraws from the territory.

From The Associated Press
Eta batters Central America, turns toward South Florida

Associated Press

PURULHA, Guatemala — A strengthening Tropical Storm Eta made landfall in Cuba on Sunday and was aimed at the southern tip of Florida, where a hurricane warning was posted for a storm that has left dozens dead and over 100 missing in Central America, where it hit last week as a major hurricane.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm could become a hurricane before reaching the Florida Keys and it declared hurricane and storm surge warnings for the Keys from Ocean Reef to the Dry Tortugas, including Florida Bay, with the storm expected to reach that area by Monday night or early Tuesday.

The storm had maximum sustained winds of 65 mph Sunday morning and it was centered over Cuba about 235 miles south-southeast of Miami.

It was moving toward the north at 14 mph.

Eta hit Cuba even as searchers in Guatemala were still digging for people believed buried by a massive, rain-fueled landslide. Authorities said at least 15 were dead and 109 were missing in Guatemala, many of them in the landslide in San Cristobal Verapaz.

In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency for eight counties at the end of the state as Eta approached, urging residents to stock up on supplies.

South Florida started emptying ports and a small number of shelters opened in Miami and the Florida Keys for residents in mobile homes and low lying areas.

UAE vows to relax laws governing personal freedoms

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The United Arab Emirates announced on Saturday a major overhaul of the country’s Islamic personal laws, allowing unmarried couples to cohabitate, loosening alcohol restrictions and criminalizing so-called “honor killings.”

The broadening of personal freedoms reflects the changing profile of a country that has sought to bill itself as a Westernized destination for tourists, fortune-seekers and businesses despite its Islamic legal code that has previously triggered court cases against foreigners and outrage in their home countries.

The reforms aim to boost the country’s economic and social standing and “consolidate the UAE’s principles of tolerance,” said state-run WAM news agency, which offered only minimal details in the surprise weekend announcement.

The government decrees behind the changes were outlined extensively in state-linked newspaper The National, which did not cite its source.

The changes, which The National said would take immediate effect, also reflect the efforts of the Emirates’ rulers to keep pace with a rapidly changing society at home.

Members of search and recovery teams search the debris of a massive, rain-fueled landslide Saturday in the village of Queja, in Guatemala in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Eta.

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Eta initially hit Nicaragua as a Category 4 hurricane, and authorities from Panama to Mexico were still surveying the damages following days of torrential rains during the week.
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Field of Honor

Police officer Kandice Ellis sets up a display at the annual Field of Honor at San Gabriel Park in Georgetown, Texas. The Field of Honor, which is organized by the Rotary Club of Georgetown, includes 1,200 American flags to honor veterans, first responders and members of the medical profession.

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The number of consumers duped by a Kansas man accused of performing illegal autopsies. The state now has control of more than 1,600 biological samples collected by Shawn Parcells of Leawood, Kan., Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt’s office said in a news release. Parcells, a self-taught pathology assistant with no formal education, was accused last year of performing illegal autopsies or billing for autopsies that were never performed. He is charged with three felony counts of theft and three misdemeanor counts of criminal desecration in Wabaunsee County District Court.

Kid shoots grandma with gun found in church

NY  BUFFALO — A New York postal carrier was arrested with a vehicle containing 813 pieces of mail, including three absentee ballots sent to two Buffalo addresses from the Erie County Board of Elections.

Brandon Wilson, 27, told the Customs and Border Protection agents who arrested him that the mail belonged to him and his mother, but he could not account for the mail that was not addressed to either party, according to a complaint filed by a special agent for the Postal Service’s Office of Inspector General. He told the border agents he had intended to deliver the mail and had forgotten to return it to the post office, the complaint said.

He later told agents from the Postal Service that, beginning in September, he put mail in the trunk of his vehicle after completing his route, according to the complaint.

He denied throwing away mail or stealing greeting cards, cash or checks from his delivery route, according to the complaint. He also denied knowing about the election ballots.

Pilot becomes stranded in tree during crash

MO  WRIGHT CITY — An eastern Missouri pilot was rescued after his plane became lodged in a tree during a crash.

KMOMove that Lincoln County Fire and Rescue officials said pilot Mike Fleming, 78, made his way onto a tree branch after crashing in Wright City. More than two hours later, he was lowered to safety in a harness.

“He said he was doing fine but his legs were getting tired,” said Matt Conoyer of Central County Fire and Rescue, who was able to climb up to the stranded pilot.

Fleming said he has been flying since he was a teenager and was trying to land on his private airstrip in front of his home after the engine in his one-seater ultralight plane began to sputter. He tried to clear the trees between him and the runway.

From wire reports
Uber’s victory doesn’t fix gig economy problem

By Tae Kim

Bloomberg Opinion

Uber Technologies and Lyft won a big victory on a state ballot measure that could have threatened the companies’ profitability, instead of providing workers with better benefits. While this victory did not eliminate the problem, it highlighted the need for similar measures in other states.

The victory comes at a time when the gig economy is facing increasing scrutiny. The Supreme Court has ruled that companies like Uber and Lyft should treat their drivers as employees, not independent contractors. This ruling has forced the companies to reevaluate their business models and find new ways to pay for basic benefits like health care and retirement.

In California, however, the law went further. It required that drivers be paid a minimum wage and overtime, which many gig economy drivers do not currently receive. This decision has set a new standard for gig economy companies, and it is expected that other states will follow suit.

The gig economy has become a popular way for people to make extra money, but it has also raised concerns about workers’ rights and safety. The victory in California is a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done to ensure that gig economy workers are treated fairly.

The ride-hailing companies can certainly afford it. Despite the COVID-19 travel recession this year, both companies have significant financial resources. Moreover, it would be quite strange for an industry to say they can’t provide the basic modicum of benefits for workers spending $200 million supporting a state ballot measure.

This would be a good time for Uber to show some real leadership. The technology company could take an example beyond ride-hailing and food delivery to become the Amazon.com of local commerce, delivering groceries or even Lego sets. That was the logic behind its deal earlier this year to acquire Postmates and merge it with Uber Eats. By reaching a compromise, Uber and Lyft could build a good will necessary with prospective employees and business partners to successfully unbundle the solution.

The Proposition 22 result does put gig economy companies in a better position for now. But it would be wise for the industry to focus on fixing the core worker-rental problem. When the two companies report their latest financial results — with Uber’s coming out on Thursday and Lyft on Tuesday — much of the focus may come to ride-hailing demand trends amid the pandemic. But both firms will also have the opportunity to share how their solutions are succeeding in the balloting victory. Let’s hope they seize the opportunity.

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**Witch movie for ‘woke’ teens**

‘Craft: Legacy’ director updating language of original film, but trying to keep relatable spirit

BY HELENA ANDREWS-DYER

*The Washington Post*

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ot down and let Zoe Lister-Jones school you for a bit. The 38-year-old writer-director of “The Craft: Legacy,” about a coven of teenage witches poised to upend the patriarchy, talks identity politics, inclusion and woke filmmaking like a rock star professor.

Lister-Jones’ take on the beloved 1996 film “The Craft” will feel familiar in two ways. Like the original, the story line centers on a group of young women who don’t fit in, finding solace in one another (and witchcraft). And, much like our everyday reality, in the new film, young women are forced to figure out how to navigate a male-dominated world on their own.

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“Craft” came out at the apex of my sense of alienation from the world. To get the wish fulfillment of the weirdos taking vengeance on all of those who were causing them so much pain? Yeah, it was a really important movie to me.

Nearly 25 years later, does the story still feel as relevant?

“When it came to me as an adult, it felt so full circle because we’re now at a time in our world when othering is at such a fever pitch. I felt like such a resonant film to re-explore and reimagine.

Did you immediately think you were the right person to tell a new story from “The Craft” universe?

I was excited and terrified, which is sort of the Venn diagram of my life. It was a huge responsibility. I hoped that I could be trusted by the fans to honor the original. And I think the way that I set out to do that from the get-go was to not try to re-create it, but to create a film that could stand on its own.

“Legacy” doesn’t shy away from getting diverse and woke as it battles toxic masculinity. Were you ever hesitant to get so political?

“My mom always taught me that the personal is political, and that those two things should be intertwined. The practice of making art is a political practice. So I wasn’t afraid. Those who are made uncomfortable by identity politics — more equity and inclusion — if this film makes them uncomfortable, then I’ve done my job. Those people need to understand that their inconvenience is necessary for progress.

No spoilers, but David Duchovny is the bad guy who, in the film, does Men’s Rights advocacy work. But you never say that explicitly on screen. Was that a conscious choice, not to give that message a voice?

“There’s a new world of men’s rights activists that feel more dangerous than they have in the past because their approach is very academic. It’s almost posing as allyship and their arguments can be persuasive to even educated people. The wolf in sheep’s clothing is an amazing archetype in genre films because it’s so psychologically complex.

How so?

For young women especially, I wanted to play on those fears that come at an age when we become hyper-visible to men and very aware of dangers that could potentially lurk around any corner. But we don’t know when we’re paranoid or when to trust our guts. And honestly, that gray area continues throughout our lives.

What is it about witchcraft that popular culture continues to be so fascinated by?

Witches have been emblematic of women’s inherent power and also their natural ability to lead for, like, time immemorial. That power was so threatening to the patriarchal systems in place that they were hunted. That power is so threatening to the patriarchal systems in place that they were hunted.

“Tenet” will head to home release next month

After several months in pandemic-altered theaters, Christopher Nolan’s “Tenet” will head to home release on Dec. 15, Warner Bros. said Nov. 5.

“‘Tenet’ will be available digitally as well as on Blu-ray, DVD and 4K just before the holidays, potentially bringing an end to its turbulent but singular run in theaters. The film, which is the only major Hollywood release to test cinemas during COVID-19, has grossed $53.8 million at the U.S. and Canadian box office.

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“Tenet” has managed to amass $35 million in box office worldwide this summer, according to Deadline, but it struggled to kickstart domestic moviegoers after opening state by state this summer. The Warner Bros. release has seen an approximate $53.8 million in grosses at the U.S. and Canadian box office.

Warner Bros. didn’t announce on-demand or streaming plans for “Tenet.”

Other news

Weatherman and morning TV co-host Al Roker revealed that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will be undergoing surgery to have his prostate removed. Roker, 66, said he got the diagnosis Sept. 29.

Home renovation show “Flip or Flop” was picked up for a 15-episode 10th season on Nov. 5, just weeks after the ninth season premiered on HGTV. Hosts Christina Anstead and Tarek El Moussa, who got divorced in January 2019, will return as they try to balance their South California business and co-parenting two children. El Moussa also got 12 new episodes of “Flip or Flop” with Tarek El Moussa, in which he mentors “first-time flippers,” and Anstead earned a dozen new episodes of her solo show “Christina on the Coast.”

A debut novel about four Nigerian siblings and a family torn apart has won a $50,000 award, Tola Rotimi Abraham’s “Black Sunday” is this year’s winner of the Kirkus Prize for fiction.

From wire reports

**Tennis**

**Paris Masters**

**Saturday, October 3**

At Palais Omnisport de Paris-Bercy

**Purse:** $7,728,000

**Surface:** Hardcourt indoor

**Crowd:** 17,264

**Men's Singles**

**Quarterfinals**

- **Querrey**, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, **Murray**, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4

- **Tsitsipas**, 6-3, 6-2, **Cilic**, 6-3, 6-4

- **Vertesi**, 6-4, 6-4, **Federer**, 6-3, 6-2

- **Tsonga**, 7-6(2), 6-2, **Zverev**, 7-6(4), 6-4

**Semiinals**

- **Querrey**, 6-4, 6-4, **Federer**, 6-4, 6-7(4), 6-4

- **Tsitsipas**, 7-6(4), 6-3, 6-4, **Cilic**, 7-6(4), 6-7(4), 6-3

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**Tokyo hosts 1- day gymnastics**

Event meant to show that Games can open in just under nine months. But there are more difficult questions that the Olympics must overcome.

Next year’s Games will involve 11,000 athletes from 206 nations and territories, all affected differently by COVID-19. Add to this 4,400 more Paralympians and thousands more officials, VIPs, media, sponsors and who will also need to enter Japan.

Will tens of thousands of non-Japanese fans be allowed to attend, or will the Games be for only Japanese spectators?

Tokyo organizers and the International Olympic Committee have given few details and concrete plans are not expected until next year when a vaccine and rapid testing might be available to resolve some problems.

Kohei Uchimura, Japan’s three-time Olympic gold medal gymnast, set the perfect performance very clearly after Sunday’s exhibition

“Unfortunately, 80% of the Japanese don’t believe that the Tokyo Olympics can take place as a re-
By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Austin Cindric said he was happy to be racing for a championship and that mentality will be here in November.  “I’ve paid off,” Cindric said.  “We’ve been working hard and this championship is a reality.  We’re the only major sport that has not held a race during this global pandemic is I think nothing short of remarkable,” Phelps said.  “I believe we’re stronger as a sport because of the guys who were able to work through the garage beyond essential personnel.” NASCAR does not know if the schedule will go longer than expected, and there’s a chance the Super Bowl could be played in Tampa on the same day. The Daytona 500 runs just two hours away.

Battle for AFC East’s least

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By DENNIS WALEK JR.
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Well, this is unusual.

The skidding New England Patriots and winless New York Jets in the Monday night game in a once-upon-a-chance NFC East rivalry dealing with big-time troubles.

The Jets’ woes are nothing new, of course, but they’re a loss away from the first-0-9 record in franchise history. Meanwhile, Bill Belichick’s bunch is sputtering into MetLife Stadium on a four-game losing streak. And, that’s just not normal.

Nobody plans for a bad season, that’s for sure,” Patriots running back James White said. “We’re still competing. Everything we want is still out there in front of us. We’ve got to put our heads down and go back to work.”

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Miami at Arizona

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Austin Cindric charged on fresh tires to his first NASCAR championship with a gutsy overtime drive Saturday to win the Xfinity Series finale at Phoenix Raceway.

Cindric was already headed toward the win when title-favorite Briscoe blew a tire on the last lap, leaving Cindric with a 0.046-second edge. It was Cindric’s sixth win of the season and a playoff victory for the third time in the Chase. It was Cindric’s sixth win of the season and a playoff victory for the third time in the Chase.

Cindric wins Xfinity Series title with victory at Phoenix

Cindric handed contender Justin Allgaier, who is expected to start in his place.  “That was amazing competition,” Phelps said.

The Dayton 500

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By DENNIS WALEK JR.
Associated Press

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**By Jimmy Robertson**

### Associated Press

**BLACKSBURG, Va. —** For those doubting Liberty’s initial foray into the Associated Press national rankings, the Flames took a rather large step Saturday toward validating themselves.

Alex Barbir hit a career-long, 51-yard field goal with one second remaining to lift No. 25 Liberty to a 38-35 victory over Virginia Tech.

“To come out with a win, and on that note, it’s insane,” Barbir said. “I’ve been crying so much. It’s unbelievable for me. I had a similar one in high school ... but it couldn’t compare to beating an ACC opponent like Virginia Tech to go 7-0.”

Barbir’s kick punctuated a wild ending for the Flames, who rallied from a 20-14 halftime deficit and moved 7-0 for the first time in program history.

“You don’t get a lot of wins like this in team sports,” Liberty coach Hue Jackson said. The Flames tried multiple laterals on the ensuing kickoff before Liberty tackled William Kakevitas to end the game, and that set off a crazy celebration by the Flames. Players lingered on the Lane Stadium field afterward, with many posing for photos as its a once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

“It’s hard to quantify wins that you’ve had that are like that,” Freeze said. “I just know that sitting here today there’s none bigger for us as a program and our administration.”

Barbir, who transferred from Dayton in 2017 and has been a student at Liberty before coming out for the team this season, had a 59-yard attempt blocked with 8 seconds left, and Virginia Tech’s Jalen Waddle returned it to the end zone for what appeared to be the game-winning score for the Hokies (4-5).

But officials ruled that Virginia Tech had called a timeout before the kick.

“I’ve always done this,” Hokies coach Justin Fuente said. “I don’t like ever letting the kicker get a free swing at it. I guess I waited too long. It’s on me.”

The Flames then elected to go for it on fourth-and-6 from the Virginia Tech 41 and Malik Willis found CJ Yarbrough for an 8-yard gain with five seconds left to set up Barbir’s winning kick.

Wills led Liberty, which won its eighth straight game going back to last season. He threw for 217 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 109 yards and a score.

Hendon Hooker paced the Hokies, throwing for 217 yards and three touchdowns and rushing for 156 yards and a touchdown.

**The takeaway**

Liberty: The Flames masterfully controlled the clock in this game, holding the ball for more than 37 minutes to win time of possession for the sixth time in seven games.

“We knew we were going to have trouble stopping them and we tried to slow the game down,” Freeze said.

**Virginia Tech:** This loss could linger for a while for the Hokies, who continue to struggle on defense, having allowed at least 19 points in four of their past five games.

**Poll implications**

After making its first appearance in the Associated Press national poll, Liberty probably will move up a few spots.

**Willis the real deal**

Willis moved to 6-0 as a starting quarterback, and for the fourth time in six starts finished with more than 300 yards of offense. He accounted for 325 yards and four touchdowns.

“We can’t worry about any logos being older than our logo because that’s what it comes down to in our minds,” Willis said. “I feel like we get overlooked sometimes because it is our first couple years in FBS football, first two years. You don’t really know what you’re going to get out of us.”

**Hurting Hokies**

Virginia Tech played the game without leading receiver James Mitchell, who was out with an undisclosed injury, and played nearly all of it without tailback Khalil Herbert, who re-aggravated a hamstring injury on the opening kickoff. Herbert ranked fourth nationally at 133.8 yards rushing per game. Also, linebacker Rayshard Ashby went down with an injury midway through the second quarter and did not return. Without its senior leader, the Hokies’ defense allowed 289 yards in the second half.
Top 25 takeaways

Michigan in driver’s seat of coaching carousel

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Conventional wisdom heading into this college football season has been that there is unlikely to be much coaching turnover. Between pandemic-related revenue losses and the constrictions of trying to evaluate performance under such unusual circumstances, the coaching carousel figured to be quiet.

The Michigan started 1-2 in its sixth season under coach Jim Harbaugh. The 23rd-ranked Wolverines — yes, they were still ranked — lost 38-21 at No. 3 Indiana on Saturday, snapping a 24-game winning streak against the Hoosiers that dated to 1987.

Harbaugh has only one more season left after this on his original contract, which has made him one of the highest-paid head coaches in college football.

The khaki-clad former Michigan quarterback turned to Ann Arbor as a savior, made the Wolverines better, became a content machine for sports media and lost all five games vs. Ohio State. Whatever shortcomings Harbaugh has had at Michigan, his teams have never won fewer than eight regular-season games and rarely lost to the opponents Michigan is supposed to beat.

The Wolverines are supposed to beat the Hoosiers. Michigan is supposed to beat a Michigan State team that has now sandwiched losses to Rutgers and Iowa (49-7) around a victory at the Big House.

“You’re playing good teams every week,” Harbaugh said. “We’ve got to get there fast.”

The Big Ten is such a mess there is probably a path to a respectable season for the Wolverines, but it’s pretty clear the program is trending in the wrong direction.

Firing Harbaugh after a truncated and odd season does not seem like the Michigan way. The more interesting question at this point: Does Harbaugh want to do this anymore? His contract situation is unheard of in college football, where schools are more likely to rush into a bad extension than let a winning coach get close to walk year.

It’s difficult to forecast where this could be going, but a scenario in which Harbaugh decides he has done all he can do with the job and moves on without honoring the school financially seems plausible.

If the Wolverines job opens up, it is liable to knock a few dominoes.

Is an Ohio State man what Michigan needs? Former Buckeyes player and assistant coach Luke Fickell has No. 6 Cincinnati looking like a legitimate playoff contender. He turned down the Michigan State job when it opened unusually late in the cycle. The better question is: Would Fickell betray his roots to coach the School up North?

What has become apparent is the coronavirus pandemic is not going to cause the coaching carousel to come to a halt. Al-ready Southern Mississippi and Utah State — as of Saturday — are in the market.

Things are not trending in a good direction for Derek Mason at Vanderbilt. Same goes for South Carolina’s Will Muschamp. Another one to keep an eye on is Virginia Tech. Justin Fuente’s dalliance with Baylor goes for South Carolina’s Will Muschamp. Same.

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Models and rankings don’t help and the Irish and their fans went wild.

The Fighting Irish have won 13 straight games and they snapped an 11-game losing streak against top-five teams while beating No. 12 Southern California beat the Irish with the Push Bush in 2005 had only 11,011 in attendance, mostly students, because of pandemic restrictions.

When it was over, they poured onto the field and stadium safely, while address announcer Mike Collins didn’t keep them from entering this showdown with Clemson unbeaten.

They might just see each other again in the ACC championship game in December.

“Man, I think it’s very likely,” said Notre Dame linebacker Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, who returned a fumble for a touchdown in the first half as the Irish built a 13-point lead.

Uigliaelei, who led the Tigers from 18 down last week against Boston College in his first start, sneaked into the end zone on the second play of overtime to put Clemson up 40-33. Notre Dame responded with a 3-yard touchdown run by Williams and kick to tie it instead of going for 2 to end it.

Five seasons ago when these teams last played on a rainy night in Clemson, the Tigers stopped the Irish on a potential tying 2-point conversion with 7 seconds left in regulation.

Swinney famously said it was a “BOGO game” — “Bring your own guts.” The Tigers needed to back pack some guts and then some for the their first trip to South Bend since 1979.

Not only were the Tigers missing Lawrence, but three key defensive starters were out with injuries.

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“With a chunk play here, a free play there and a few dinks and dunks thrown in to keep drives alive, Penix helped the Hoosiers snap a 24-game losing streak in the series — tied for the longest active skid in the Football Bowl Subdivision. It was the Hoosiers’ first win against the Wolverines since Oct. 24, 1987, just their second in 41 games and only the second in the 21 games played at Memorial Stadium.

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In seconds, thousands of fans joined in, rushing the field for a postgame party in a pandemic that most definitely did not meet the CDC's social-distancing guidelines.

"When fans stormed the field, it was fun," Book said.

Kyren Williams put the Irish ahead with a 3-yard touchdown run in the second overtime and No. 4 Notre Dame shut down top-ranked Clemson with a couple of sacks to seal a 47-40 win Saturday night.

The first victory over a No. 1 in 27 years for the Fighting Irish can be added to the list of streak-breakers in Notre Dame history: Catholics vs. Convicts in 1988 snapped Miami's 36-game regular-season winning streak and the shutout of Oklahoma in 1957 broke the Sooners's record 47-game roll.

Clemson (7-1, 6-1) had won 36 straight regular-season games and had not lost to an Atlantic Coast Conference team since 2017. The Fighting Irish (7-0, 6-0), playing in the ACC only because of the pandemic, brought them all to a halt.

"No matter how old I am, I'll remember this forever," Book said.

Who knows where this victory should rank in Notre Dame lore, but considering the setting and this weird pandemic-altered season it is probably its most...