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FLORIDA DEMOCRATS NOMINATE

FIRST BLACK CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR



Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum speaks at the Democratic National Convention at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 27, 2016. On Tuesday, he won the Democratic gubernatorial primary in Florida. File Photo by Pat Benic/UPI | License Photo

By Ray Downs
 UPI

Democrat Andrew Gil-

lum and Republican Ron DeSantis each defeated the establishment picks in their respective gubernato-

rial primaries in Florida and will face each other in November.

Gillum, the Mayor of

Tallahassee, will become the first black candidate of a major party to run for governor in the Sunshine

State. The 39-year-old had been trailing in the polls

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Texas police officer who shot black teen found guilty

By Daniel Uria
 UPI

A Texas jury on Tuesday found former police officer Roy Oliver guilty of murder in the shooting death of 15-year-old Jordan Edwards.

Oliver, who was fired

from the Balch Springs Police Department days after the shooting, faces life in prison after being found guilty of murder for firing his rifle into a car carrying five unarmed teens as they left a house party in April 2017. The

shooting killed Jordan, who was a passenger in the car.

"I'm happy, very happy," Jordan's father, Odell Edwards, said. "It's been a long time. Hard year. But I'm just really happy."

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OPINION

In Germany, nationalism confronts regionalism

Millennials might not be such special snowflakes

By Marek N. Posard, Jennifer Kavanagh and Kathryn Edwards
UPI

By 2040, millennials will be of age to take over positions of leadership in government, business and media. What are their views about security?

What is important to them, the generation often referred to as “special snowflakes?”

Our research finds that millennials are less worried than baby boomers about national security topics, including North Korea’s nuclear program, authoritarianism in Russia and Islamic extremist groups like the Islamic State.

These same millennials (and, it is worth noting, their Generation X counterparts) are far more worried than baby boomers about kitchen table issues, like making ends meet each month, saving money and paying off their debts.

We also found that millennials and Generation Xers were less likely than baby boomers to report that living in a democracy was important to them.

Both cohorts were also less concerned than baby boomers about reducing the federal budget deficit, reducing illegal immigration, increasing the size of the U.S. military and protecting the United States from terrorism or the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

Our analysis suggests these differences have less to do with the fact that young adults are millennials and more to do with the fact that millennials are young.

In fact, our results underscore the similarities between millennials and Generation Xers and highlight the importance of age in driving security attitudes.

Young people have lower earnings, lower incomes, fewer assets and less time to accumulate savings.

They are also more likely to have debt and less likely to have children.

No matter how we sliced our data, the same pattern appeared:

Attitudes and opinions about security and democracy followed a predictable pattern based on age more closely than based on generational groupings.

This could reflect age, or the numerous things that correlate with age, such as economic security and responsibility.

We don’t know for sure what is driving people’s views of security. It could be that people from each generation have key events that shape their views. Or, different generations may have different views of these same events.

Our research suggests that it may have more to do with age, however.

Put simply, millennials may become more like their parents as they get older regardless of the assumptions one makes based on the generational labels that are slapped onto them.

At least at present, economics is heavily at the forefront of millennials’ minds and concerns.

And while they may have less concern about national security and some skepticism of democracy right now, it’s quite possible these views will evolve as they get older.

Millennials may indeed be special for many reasons.

Their current focus on the economy certainly might have implications for security policy as they increasingly take positions of authority and exercise their power at the polls.

However, it would be a mistake to ignore the ways they remain like older generations.

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When you spend quality time in Europe, it becomes obvious that Germany is the dominant player and the financial engine for all things European Union.

Germany’s strong domestic manufacturing, technology and banking sectors have served as a sturdy bulwark against the tottering fortunes of Europe over the past decade. However, as evidenced by the recent shift in voter sentiment away from the governing Christian Social Union and its longtime leader Angela Merkel, major change is definitely brewing.

On the surface, one can look to the rising tide of populism in Europe -- at Brexit in Britain and the elections of populist leaders in Hungary and Italy. France narrowly avoided an upset victory by the far-right National Front last year -- probably a short-lived respite that may confront it during elections in 2019. George Soros’s Open Society Foundation, which sought to introduce liberal economic reforms and open borders to Hungary was widely repudiated this year when newly elected Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban’s government recently passed a package of bills designed to prevent humanitarian organizations from helping immigrants gain asylum in the country. In response to this hostile welcome, the Open Society Foundation picked up roots in Hungary and fled for higher ground in Berlin.

The Merkel Government has asserted that it was willing to accept up to a million largely Muslim refugees fleeing wars in Syria, Iraq and other middle-eastern

nations. By all accounts, Merkel’s decision has been an abysmal failure. Not only did the experiment to resettle and acculturate large numbers of migrants meet with predictable logistical



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hurdles, by many accounts its new guests failed to live up to the implied bargain. There were reports of large-scale, mob violence and harassment by immigrant youth in some of the resettled cities in Germany.

Although Germany’s economic leadership during the economic crisis of 2008 was unquestionably noble, its ambitions to smooth over the political tensions within fractured European Union have been met with far less success. Britain remains bent on leaving the union; and even some of the more neutral countries -- Denmark and Sweden -- have signaled a diminishing tolerance for Merkel’s broad plan to settle millions of immigrants across Europe. The social strain on even the most secure and endogenous countries has proven to be onerous, as those countries too have enacted stricter migration policies in response to the recent immigrant onslaught.

Even more pressingly, Europe’s traditional reliance on the financial backing and military commitments the U.S. has made to NATO, have come under increasing pressure. The U.S. provides the lion’s share of the resources,

roughly three quarters of total expenditures, to bolster the military alliance. With the U.S. under increasing pressure to get its own house in order, Washington has decided to play hardball by demanding that Germany and other EU nations commit to a goal of spending 2 percent or more of GDP on defense-related priorities. Germany’s own military, having deliberately defanged in the aftermath of the Second World War, is a woeful shadow of its former self. That used to be a reassuring prospect for its neighbors, who feared a resurgence of German aggression. The post-war status quo seems to be changing rapidly. In the face of American intransigence, Europe is beginning to look to its largest economy to pick up some of the slack. Germans, ever stalwart and prudent, are averse to making this commitment in the face of the nation’s long-standing tradition of avoiding deficit spending at all costs. The type of commitment, in terms of increasing both men and machinery, that it would require to bring Germany’s military up to anything resembling a modern standard would be staggering. It won’t be a quick proposition either. Even if Germany were to commit itself to a program of rearmament, it would take upwards of a decade under current budgetary restrictions to construct a robust defense force. Meanwhile, the rest of the EU continues on an inexorable path to disintegration.

The forces of nationalism are unquestionably gaining on regionalism, not

just in Europe, but also in the U.S. and among its strategic partners in the Middle East such as Turkey and Israel. In April, the EU secretariat in Brussels issued a scathing rebuke of Turkey’s turn towards authoritarianism, and received, in effect, a shrug in response from the Erdogan government. Turkey believes it has to take far more decisive measures than its EU membership affords in order to curb the contagion of radical Islamic fundamentalism that has threatened its society. Erdogan’s hotly debated (though not contested) reelection this June seems to confirm this stance. Surprisingly to many, NATO has even signaled to Israel that it would not be willing to commit to its defense in the event of an attack by Iran -- although individual countries like France, Germany and England would probably do so.

Undergirding this shift away from regional unity in Europe is the “America first” philosophy ushered in by the U.S. government. This prioritization of national interests over regional concerns is a state of affairs Germany is woefully unprepared to deal with at present. It will be interesting to see how she adapts to these shifting geopolitical winds.

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‘We have met the enemy and it is us’

By: Harlan Ullman, Arnaud de Borchgrave Distinguished Columnist

Yes, the economy grew at about 4 percent last quarter. That is very good news. But is all well in America? Are we focusing on perhaps lesser dangers to our way of life and our security than what really may prove more threatening?

In the past, successive American presidents and their administrations too often have forgotten or ignored history.

Likewise, America’s political leaders often seem to have been infected with cultural amnesia about other societies.

The consequences of these failures are inevitably destructive. Consider how the last two administrations have regarded and reacted to what each saw as the major threats to American security.

Interestingly, despite “fire and fury,” the Trump administration has been relatively dovish compared to the Obama years. Barack Obama’s Defense Department called for the “four plus one” strategy, that is the ability to deter and if necessary defeat in war Russia, China, North Korea or Iran while dealing with global terror.

The Trump administration has deleted for the time being North Korea and global terror from that list.

It is Russia and China

as “near peer competitors” that now dominate defense planning along with the “rogue” state of Iran.

Regarding China, its “rise” and increasing military power, including the militarization of tiny islets in the various surrounding seas, must be checked and contained.

But the warning of then-Defense Secretary Bob Gates has gone unheeded: Anyone contemplating a land war in Asia needed to have his or her head examined. Here are three questions, the answers to which may have caused us to change our thinking:

-- How much money has China invested in America?

-- How many of NATO’s 29 members physically border Russia?

-- What was the so-called “two pillar policy” in the Persian Gulf? The answer to the first question is about \$3 trillion. That is trillion with a “T.” About half is in treasuries and half in stocks and real estate.

In simple terms, that amounts to about 15 percent of annual U.S. GDP. China is not going to risk war with us. And still we have reacted predictably with a military response to geoeconomic and strategic challenges. That does not always work. About Russia and NATO, the answer is 6 of the 29. Estonia and Latvia border directly on Russia as does Norway. Lithuania and Poland

borders on Kaliningrad, a tiny Russian enclave on the Baltic.

Believe it or not, while you cannot see Russia from Sarah Pallin’s Wasilla villa, you certainly can from Alaska’s Little Diomedede that is within mortar range of Russia, making the United States number six.

Despite Russian intervention into Georgia in 2008 and Ukraine six years later -- and as they constantly remind us about America’s invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq that began 17 years ago, Russia has no intention of attacking NATO with military force. Russia has other means it calls “active measures.”

Examine a map in light of this geography.

The real challenge is that NATO can only respond with military tools that as in the case of China do not work well against these other forms of non-military threats.

Finally, during the Nixon administration, Iran under the Shah and Saudi Arabia under the Wahabis were on the same side against the Soviet Union. Sunnis and Shias allied to block Soviet aggression in what was called the “two pillar” policy.

Of course the ayatollahs are not the shah. Yet, we forget that the so-called Sunni-Shia conflict was not relevant against a larger threat to all.

The upshot: Too often,

we hype threats from falling dominoes in Southeast Asia to non-existent Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and “four plus one” strategies. It may well be that Russia and China are indeed as threatening to American and Western security as the last two administrations have believed. It is also possible that as in the past our basic assumptions and perceptions will prove to be wrong.

Yet as one sees the bitter and pernicious consequences of our deeply polarized politics and leaders of both parties who abuse, ignore or distort the truth, are the larger dangers to democracy really outside our shores?

The great cartoon character of the past, Pogo, may have said it best: “We have met the enemy and it is us.”

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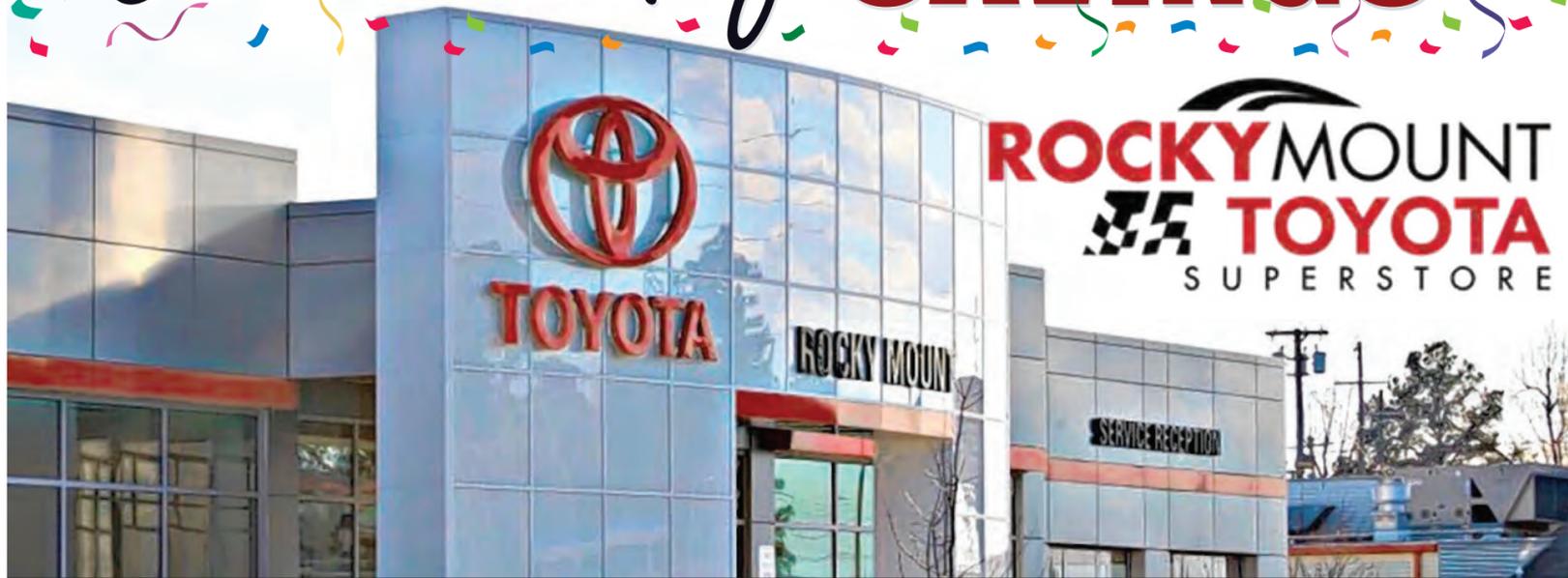
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Mother of Florida shooting victim wins school board election

By Ed Adamczyk UPI

The mother of a student killed in the Feb. 14 mass shooting at a Parkland, Fla., high school was elected to

her county school board. Lori Alhadeff, a former teacher, won 65 percent of the votes Tuesday against two other candidates to represent District 4 on the Broward County School Board, according to local TV station WPLG.

Her daughter, Alyssa, was among 17 people killed when a gunman opened fire at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in February. Many candidates in the nine-seat board's five elections on Tuesday argued that the shootings were pre-

ventable, and that school officials neglected warning signs regarding gunman Nikolas Cruz.

"I am so excited to have won and to be the next school board member and to be able

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for months behind former congresswoman Gwen Graham, whose father Bob Graham was a former governor and U.S. Senator of Florida, and Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine.

But with the help of an enthusiastic progressive base and endorsements

from national figures such as Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and celebrities like actress Gabrielle Union, Gillum surged in the polls this week and edged Graham 34 percent to 31 percent., according to The New York Times voting numbers.

Gillum finished strong in each of Florida's major cities, including Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville and his home city of Tallahas-

see. He also handily beat Graham in the state's two largest counties -- Miami-Dade and Broward -- by winning more than twice the amount of votes she received there.

Levine, thought to have been the second most-popular candidate of the three for several weeks, finished a distant third with about 20 percent of the vote and lost his home county of Miami-Dade to Gillum by

nearly 10,000 votes.

On the Republican side, DeSantis, a U.S. congressman from the Jacksonville area, stomped Adam Putnam, a former congressman and current Commissioner of Agriculture in Florida, with more than 56 percent of the vote.

Putnam carried nearly 37 percent.

Putnam had long been considered the favorite to win the GOP primary

with state party backing and big donations from the biggest corporate entities in the state, including supermarket chain Publix, U.S. Sugar, Florida Power & Light and Disney.

But in polls over the past two months, DeSantis began to pull away from Putnam with the help of a strong endorsement from President Donald Trump, who rallied for him in Florida this month.

DeSantis has also been a regular face on Fox News. According to Politico, DeSantis appeared on the network more than 100 times this year.

"That's a lot of exposure," Rick Wilson, an MSNBC contributor and veteran GOP ad maker, told Politico. "Fox News has become a silo of the Fox/Trump media ecosystem, and DeSantis is on the list as one of their favorites."

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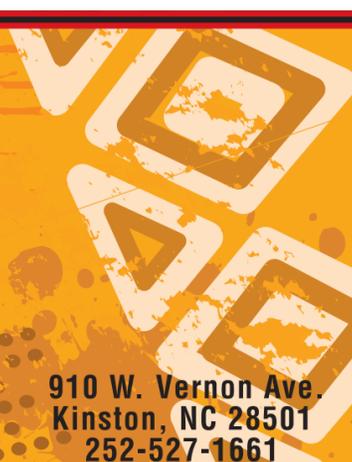
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The 'Queen of Soul', will be buried August 31 in Detroit

By **Frederick H. Lowe**
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Aretha Franklin, who died last week, will lie in repose August 28th and 29th at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

The public will be able to view her body in an open casket each of those days from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A private funeral for family and friends will be held 10:00 a.m. on August 31

at Greater Grace Temple, a 4,000-member church in Detroit.

The funerals for Rosa Parks and Levi Stubbs of the singing group the "Four Tops" were held at Greater Grace.

The undisputed "Queen of Soul," whose recordings dominated the charts for 40 years, died August 16 at her home in Detroit from pancreatic cancer.

Publicist Gwendolyn Quinn told The Associated Press that Franklin passed

away Thursday at 9:50 a.m. "Franklin's official cause of death was due to advanced pancreatic cancer of the neuroendocrine type," said her oncologist, Dr. Philip Phillips of Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

She sang classics "I Say a Little Prayer," "Respect," "Think," "I Never Loved a Man The Way I Loved You," "Do Right Woman" and "Soul Serenade." She won 18 Grammy Awards and in 1987, she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall

of Fame.

In 2009, Franklin sang at President Barack Obama's first inauguration.

Her death had been expected.

She had canceled concerts and friends and relatives had visited her at home where she was undergoing hospice care.

Pancreatic cancer is an aggressive form of cancer that develops in the tissues of the pancreas.

Located in the abdomen behind the lower part of the

stomach, the pancreas aids in digestion.

Incidences of pancreatic cancer are higher among Blacks compared to Whites, but the cancer is misunderstood because of its high death rates, according to the book "Minorities and Cancer."

The Sol Goldman Pancreatic Cancer Research Center at Johns Hopkins Medicine reported the incidence rate for pancreatic cancer among Blacks is 30 percent to 70 percent higher than other

racial groups in America.

Not only is the incidence rate of pancreatic cancer higher among African-Americans, they also have the poorest survival rates because their cancer is often diagnosed at more advanced stages.

Cigarette smoking, growing older, diabetes and obesity increase the risk of pancreatic cancer.

Some 37.1 percent of Black men and 56.6 percent

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The jury also found Oliver not guilty on two charges of aggravated assault. Jurors had the option of finding Oliver guilty of manslaughter, which carries a lesser punishment of up to 20 years in prison, but ultimately decided on the murder charge.

Attorney Daryl Washington said the verdict was a symbolic victory for all unarmed black people shot

and killed by police.

"It's about Tamir Rice. It's about Walter Scott. It's about Alton Sterling," Washington said.

"It's about every, every African American, unarmed African American, who has been killed and who has not gotten justice."

Jurors deliberated for 12 hours Monday and Tuesday and asked the judge several questions about Oliver's testimony and why he decided to fire his weapon at the car full of teenagers.

They also sent two notes

to the judge, one asking for a transcript of some of Oliver's testimony to settle a dispute over whether Oliver said the sound of car glass breaking factored into his decision to shoot and a second requesting a copy of a written statement Oliver provided after the shooting. The second request was denied.

Oliver and a second officer, Tyler Gross, were breaking up a house party on April 29, 2017, when they heard gunshots, which were later determined to have come from a nearby nursing home and were unrelated to the party.

Gross attempted to stop a Chevrolet Impala that Jordan, his brothers and friends were in when Oliver fired into the car and struck Jordan in the back of the head. Jordan died at the scene.

Oliver testified he fired

his rifle because he believed the vehicle was trying to hit Gross, however Gross testified he didn't believe the car was trying to hit him.

"I was in fear that the vehicle was close to me, but not in fear that the vehicle was trying to run me over," Gross said.

Jordan's brother, Vidal Allen, was driving the vehicle and also testified he wasn't trying to hit Gross.

He said he couldn't see that an officer was yelling at him to stop the car.

"I didn't understand that was a police officer at that time," he said. "I just wanted to get home and get everyone safe."

Gross struck the back window of the vehicle, causing it to shatter and Oliver proceeded to fire his rifle. A video expert said the first two shots came after the car was already



past Gross and the final three came after it passed Oliver.

The defense argued the only perspective the jury should consider was Oliver's, who said he "had no other option" than to fire at the vehicle he believed was going to hit his partner.

Lead prosecutor Michael Snipes said Oliver's statement was "the most unreasonable, craziest thing you've ever seen in your life."

"None of those shots could've done anything to protect Tyler Gross," Snipes said.

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to make sure what happened to my daughter doesn't [happen to] any other children, and that we make our school safe," Alhadeff said. Ryan Petty, whose daughter, Alaina, was killed in the shooting, likely lost the election for a county-wide, at-large seat on the board.

Petty ran against incumbent Donna Korn, who secured a bit more than 50 percent of votes as of Tuesday night to avoid a general election.

A former teacher at the school, Richard Mendelson, lost to incumbent Lori Rich Levinson in District 6.

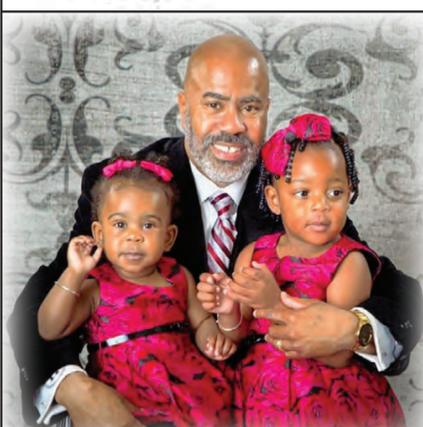
Alhadeff and Petty ran on a platform of "more leadership, more transparency and more accountability to the Broward County school system," the Miami Herald reported.



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Sen. John McCain to lie in state in D.C., Arizona capitols

By Allen Cone
UPI

Sen. John McCain, who died Saturday from brain cancer at age 81, will lie in state in Capitols in Arizona and Washington, D.C., this week.

McCain, a U.S. senator from January 1987 until his death, previously served four years in the U.S. House. Memorial and services were posted Sunday on his website.

The longtime representative will lie in state at the Arizona Capitol on Wednesday with a service at North Phoenix Baptist Church Thursday. Former Vice President Joe Biden is scheduled to eulogize his former Senate colleague, ABC News reported.

After his body is flown to Washington, he will lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda on Friday.

His private funeral will take place at the Washington National Cathedral Saturday and burial for the former Naval pilot will be held in Annapolis, Md., Sunday.

Former Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama will give eulogies at his funeral in Washington. McCain also asked Vice President Mike

Pence to attend, but didn't want President Donald Trump to be there, NBC News reported. Bush, who was president for eight years when McCain was in the Senate, wrote in a statement: "Some lives are so vivid, it is difficult to imagine them ended.

Some voices are so vibrant, it is hard to think of them stilled.

John McCain was a man of deep conviction and a patriot of the highest order. He was a public servant in the finest traditions of our country. And to me, he was a friend whom I'll deeply miss." Obama served in the Senate with McCain and ran for president against him in 2008.

"John McCain and I were members of different generations, came from completely different backgrounds, and competed at the highest level of politics," Obama wrote. "But we shared, for all our differences, a fidelity to something higher -- the ideals for which generations of Americans and immigrants alike have fought, marched, and sacrificed. We saw our political battles, even, as a privilege, something noble, an opportunity to serve as stewards of those high ide-



Senators Barack Obama and John McCain participate in a U.S. presidential debate at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., on October 7, 2008. McCain asked his onetime political rival to deliver a eulogy at his funeral. File Photo by Roger L. Wollenberg/UPI | License Photo

als at home, and to advance them around the world. We saw this country as a place where anything is possible -- and citizenship as our patriotic obligation to ensure it forever remains that way."

"Today we lost an American original," Palin said. "Sen. John McCain was a maverick and a fighter, never afraid to stand for his beliefs.

John never took the easy path in life -- and through sacrifice and suffering he inspired others to serve something greater than self." Biden, who lost a son to brain cancer, posted on Twitter: "John McCain was many things - a proud graduate of the Naval Academy, a Senate colleague, a political opponent.

But, to me, more than anything, John was a friend. He will be missed dearly." Former President Bill Clinton and wife Hillary, who

served in the Senate with McCain, wrote: "Senator John McCain believed that every citizen has a responsibility to make something of the freedoms given by our Constitution, and from his heroic service in the Navy to his 35 years in Congress, he lived by his creed every day.

"He was a skilled, tough politician, as well as a trusted colleague alongside whom Hillary was honored to serve in the Senate.

He frequently put partisanship aside to do what he thought was best for the country, and was never afraid to break the mold if it was the right thing to do.

I will always be especially grateful for his leadership in our successful efforts to normalize relations with Vietnam."

McCain will be the 13th former senator to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda, according to the Architect of

the Capitol.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Saturday that he would introduce a resolution to rename the Russell Senate Office Building -- currently named for Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, who often opposed civil rights legislation -- in honor of McCain.

"Nothing will overcome the loss of Senator McCain, but so that generations remember him I will be introducing a resolution to rename the Russell building after him," the Democrat posted on Twitter.

Senate Major Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., tweeted: "It's an understatement to say the Senate will not be the same without our friend John.

I will treasure the many memories we've shared together through the years."

"America and Freedom have lost one of her greatest champions," Sen.

Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., posted on Twitter. "And I've lost one of my dearest friends and mentor."

Trump, who frequently criticized McCain, posted on Twitter soon after the announcement of his death: "My deepest sympathies and respect go out to the family of Senator John McCain. Our hearts and prayers are with you!"

Flags were lowered at half-mast at the White House.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey also ordered all flags to be lowered. Ducey, a Republican, will appoint a successor to McCain to serve out his term until 2020.

Arizona's other senator, Republican Jeff Flake, has chosen not run for reelection this November.

Flake wrote a remembrance for McCain in The Washington Post titled, "I am grateful for John McCain."

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Philadelphia Eagles' Doug Pederson to pick starting quarterback by Friday

By Sports Xchange
UPI

Philadelphia Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said he will likely decide by Friday whether Carson Wentz or Nick Foles will be his starting quarterback in the season opener.

However, he may not reveal his choice to the media and fans until close to game time.

"Deadline? 90 minutes before kickoff," said Pederson on when he needs to make an announcement, per ESPN. "Privately? Probably Friday."

The Eagles play the New York Jets in their final preseason game on Thursday, then they will prepare for their regular-season opener against the Atlanta Falcons on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Wentz and Foles have been splitting reps evenly at practice, according to Pederson. However, Wentz, who is recovering from a torn ACL and LCL

in his left knee, has not yet been cleared for contact.

That leaves very little time for the medical staff to clear Wentz and have him be adequately prepared. Wentz has been saying for months that he would be ready to go for the 2018 season opener.

"When you get into the regular season and start game-planning, yeah, you want whoever that gentleman is going to be to take the full complement of reps," Pederson said, according to the ESPN report.

The Eagles will begin preparation for the Falcons on Sunday.

Although he is not involved in contact, Wentz returned to full team drills on Aug. 19.

Wentz is expected to be the starter if he is healthy enough, but Foles was the MVP of the Eagles' Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots.

Foles did not have a great performance in the



Philadelphia Eagles head coach Doug Pederson stands on the sidelines in the fourth quarter against the Chicago Bears in Week 12 of the NFL regular season on November 26, 2017 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. Photo by John Angelillo/UPI | License Photo

Eagles' most recent pre-season game against the Cleveland Browns. Foles but he threw two interceptions, was sacked three times and had no touchdown passes.

Pittsburgh Steelers RB Le'Veon Bell might report next Monday

By Sports Xchange
UPI

Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell has not appeared at practice yet, but he hinted when he will arrive.

Bell has told some of his teammates that he will report on Monday, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. That means Bell would get back to work on Labor Day. Bell has not yet signed his tender, and the deadline to sign a multiyear deal passed in July.

Monday would be the first day of practice of the week leading up to the Steelers' regular-season opener against the Cleveland Browns.

Last year, Bell reported six days ahead of the team's first regular-season game, so it appears he will follow the same schedule

this year.

He arrived a few days before his first practice in 2017 to take a physical, and it is unclear whether he will do that again this time. The Steelers will have a roster exemption for up to two weeks for Bell after he reports. He played in the season opener last season despite missing the preseason.

Bell was named a first-team All-Pro last season for the second time in four years. In last season's opener against the Cleveland Browns, he rushed for just 32 yards on 10 carries and caught three passes for 15 yards.

However, he finished the regular season with 1,291 rushing yards and had 85 receptions for 655 yards. He added 67 rushing yards and 88 receiving yards in Pittsburgh's one playoff game in 2017.



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell (26) celebrates his 11-yard touchdown run in the second quarter against the Baltimore Ravens on October 1, 2015 at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. File photo by Archie Carpenter/UPI | License Photo

Baltimore Ravens trade LB Kamalei Correa

By Alex Butler
UPI

The Baltimore Ravens have traded linebacker Kamalei Correa to the Tennessee Titans in exchange for a future draft pick.

Ravens general manager and executive vice president Ozzie Newsome announced the transaction on Tuesday.

Sources told ESPN the future draft pick is a sixth-round choice in the 2019 NFL Draft.

Correa, 24, was a second-round pick by the Ravens in the 2016 NFL

Draft.

The 6-foot-3, 249-pound defender had eight total tackles and a pass defended in 16 games last season.

He started three times in 2017 for the Ravens.

Correa had three tackles, a pass defended and a forced fumble in nine games during the 2016 season in Baltimore.

Titans defensive coordinator Dean Pees coached Correa when he had the same role with the Ravens. Correa also went to high school with Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota.

The linebacker explod-

ed in the Hall of Fame game this year, making three sacks and coming away with an interception and a forced fumble.

Tennessee has Derrick Morgan listed as a starting outside linebacker on its unofficial depth chart.

Morgan recently had knee surgery.

Fellow Titans linebacker Harold Landry injured his ankle last weekend during a preseason clash against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Titans also list Wesley Woodyard, Will Compton and Brian Orakpo as their starting linebackers.



Carolina Panthers running back Brandon Wehler (32) is stopped by Baltimore Ravens defenders Willie Henry (69) and Kamalei Correa (51) in a NFL preseason game at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. File photo by David Tulis/UPI | License Photo

La Voz Latina

Peru declares emergency over influx of Venezuelan migrants

By Ray Downs
UPI

Peru declared a 60-day health emergency Tuesday as the country deals with an influx of thousands of Venezuelan migrants fleeing an economic crisis back home.

Health officials in Peru are worried about the spread of communicable diseases in the north as Venezuelans crossed the border ahead of new immigration rules. The two countries don't share a common border, but Peruvian authorities say more than 300,000 Venezuelans have immigrated to the country this year.

There are 400,000 Venezuelans living in Peru, 178,000 of which have permission to be there, Voice of America reported.

Peru started requiring passports for Venezuelans entering the country as of Aug. 25.

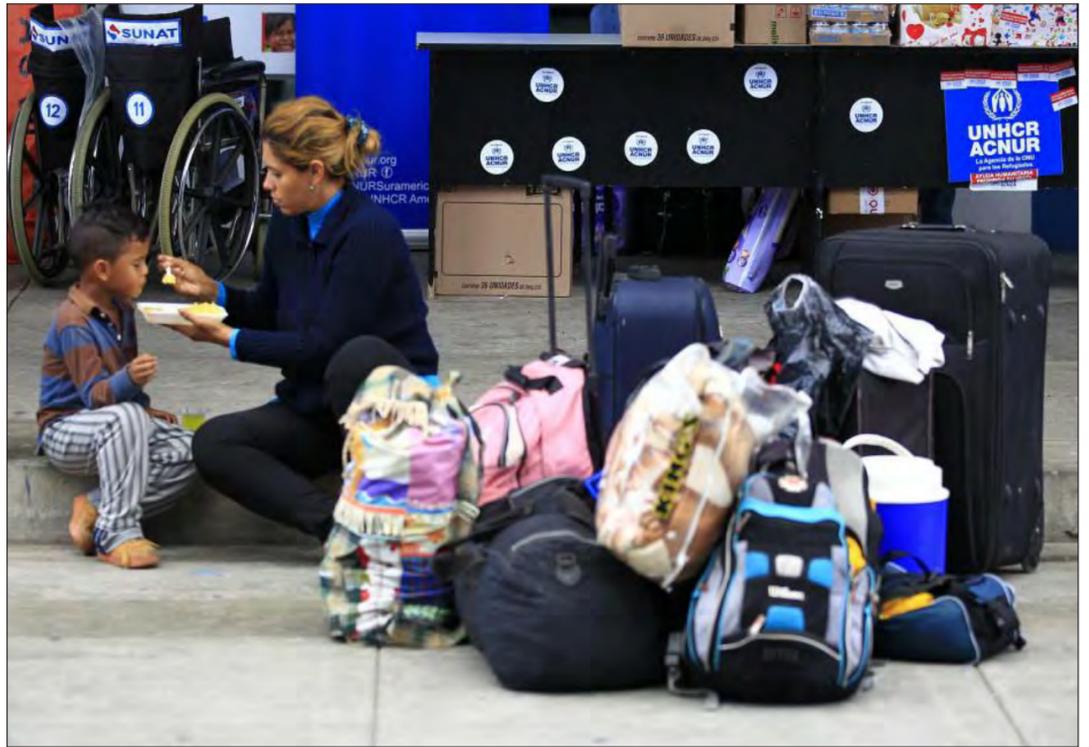
The International Organization for Migration and

the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said last week that more than 2.3 million Venezuelans are living abroad and more than 1.6 million have left the country since 2015. The U.N. agencies expressed concerns over Peru's new passport requirement.

"We recognize the growing challenges associated with the large scale arrival of Venezuelans. It remains critical that any new measures continue to allow those in need of international protection to access safety and seek asylum," U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi said.

Peruvian Foreign Minister Nestor Popolizio told Radio Programas the government has asked the United Nations for assistance with the influx of Venezuelan migrants, Bloomberg reported.

Venezuela's economic crisis, exacerbated by a fall in oil prices, has caused



Venezuelan citizens arrive at the border with Peru, in Huaquillas, Ecuador, on Sunday. Photo by José Jácome/EPA-EFE

basic goods, including food and medicine, to be in short supply, unavailable or unaffordable.

Hurricane Maria killed 2,975 in Puerto Rico, new study says

By Ray Downs
UPI

Independent researchers from George Washington University on Tuesday said the death toll from Hurricane Maria was more than double the 1,427 people the Puerto Rican government calculated.

The study, a collaboration between GWU's Milken Institute School of Public Health and the University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Public Health, blamed the Category 5 storm in September for 2,975 deaths on the island territory. The toll included both direct and indirect

deaths between September and February.

Researchers determined the figure by examining deaths on the island from 2010 to 2017 and compared that to the data from the six months after Hurricane Maria made landfall.

They determined there were 22 percent more deaths in Puerto Rico from September to February than expected.

"The results of our epidemiological study suggest that, tragically, Hurricane Maria led to a large number of excess deaths throughout the island," Carlos Santos-Burgoa, the study's lead researcher, said in a

statement.

"We hope this report and its recommendations will help build the island's resilience and pave the way toward a plan that will protect all sectors of society in times of natural disasters."

Puerto Rican Gov. Ricardo Rosselló, who commissioned the study, told El Nuevo Dia that the territory had not been adequately prepared for a direct hit from a major hurricane.

"This denotes the magnitude of the catastrophe," he said, adding that his administration is "not perfect."

"At that time we had a

protocol. We did not realize until a little later that it was totally insufficient ... unfortunately there was no formal process to prepare [doctors] for the devastation," he added.

Earlier this month, the Puerto Rican government said 1,427 people died in the aftermath of the storm, a sharp increase from the 64 it originally reported.

When the hurricane hit Puerto Rico, it essentially wiped out the entire electrical grid and much of the island territory's infrastructure, including roads, hospitals, water supply and telecommunications networks.

The National Hurricane Center said Hurricane Maria caused an estimated \$90 billion damage in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the third-costliest hurricane in U.S. history.

In the aftermath of the storm, medical conditions such as diabetes and sepsis soared.

Many people died from lack of healthcare or because there was no power to run medical equipment like dialysis and breathing machines.

But a Harvard study released in May put the toll at 4,645, with most deaths blamed on delayed medical care.

San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz, who was vocal in her criticisms of the federal government's handling of relief efforts after the hurricane, said the deaths reported Tuesday were due partly to negligence.

"For you can kill people with a gun or you can kill them with neglect.

The second happened" in Puerto Rico, she tweeted.

The number "of deaths 2,975 reinforces the pain inflicted on the people of [Puerto Rico] and the violation of our human rights. They will not be forgotten."

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