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Dueling realities highlight week 1

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NEW YORK — On the campaign trail with President Donald Trump, the pandemic is largely over, the economy is roaring back and murderous mobs are infiltrating America's suburbs.

With Democrat Joe Biden, the pandemic is raging, the economy isn't lifting the working class and systemic racism threatens Black lives across America.

The first week of the fall sprint to Election Day crystallized dizzyingly different versions of reality as the Republican incumbent and his Democratic challenger trekked from Washington and Delaware to Wisconsin and Pennsylvania and back, each man on an urgent mission to sell his particular message to anxious voters.

All the conflicting messages carry at least a sliver of truth, some much more than others, as the candidates fight to navigate one of the most turbulent election seasons in modern history. And beyond legitimate crises threatening public health, the economy and public safety, a new divide erupted Friday over the military.

Trump aggressively denied allegations reported late Thursday that in 2018, he described U.S. service members killed in World War I and buried at an American military cemetery in France as "losers" and "suckers." The report, sourced anonymously by The Atlantic and largely confirmed by The Associated Press, comes as Trump tries to win support from military members and their families by highlighting a commitment to veterans' health care and military spending.

"I've done more for the military than almost anyone else," Trump said Friday from the Oval Office, after describing the allegations on social media as "a disgraceful attempt to influence the 2020 Election."

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Getting Bizzy



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Bizy Dips business owner Hannah Long said she enjoys baking cinnamon rolls because she loves the smell. Long will open her new bakery and coffee shop in the John Jay Center for Learning lobby on Tuesday.

Long is opening coffee shop and bakery Tuesday in John Jay Center for Learning

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Hannah Long started baking with her mom, Kim McAbee, when she was a child. She treasures her memories of baking cinnamon rolls together every Christmas Eve.

As an adult, Long has become a talented baker, McAbee said.

"The baking comes so easy to her," she explained, noting that she tends to follow recipes to-the-book while her daughter can successfully throw a recipe together. "She's not afraid to try (new things). Hers is always much better than mine."

When Long got married in 2012, she began selling chocolate-covered strawberries for Valentine's Day. As her strawberries gained popularity, she started selling them and other baked goods at the Portland Farmers Market. Now she sells out of stock at the market nearly every Saturday, and she recently announced plans to open a central location.

Almost eight years after her strawberry success, Long is opening her own bakery and coffee shop, Bizzy Dips, in the John Jay Center for Learning lobby at 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

After a ribbon-cutting ceremony and soft opening Friday, the new business will open to the public Tuesday.

Long said she's excited to open her shop in the facility in part because of its centralized location.

"We're really just right at the heart of Portland," she said.

Long plans to sell popular items like cinnamon rolls and chocolate-covered strawberries. She will also sell muffins, cookies and other baked goods. She decided to add coffee to her shop menu because she loves coffee and, as she said, "what

goes better with baked goods than coffee?"

Her drink menu will include a full lineup of espresso drinks, lattes, cappuccinos, cold brew and regular coffee. She plans to theme different drinks after bakery items, like a chocolate-covered strawberry mocha or a blueberry crumble latte. She will also sell iced and hot tea as well as flavored sodas and hot chocolate for non-coffee drinkers.

For now, Long will continue baking her goods in her kitchen at the Prayer Cottage, a house located at the corner of Pleasant and Middle

streets in Portland. Her father built the cottage for their family to use as a meeting place, and it's also used for Bible studies and traveling missionaries. She hopes to add an oven and baking area at John Jay so visitors can smell the fresh treats when they walk inside.

Long plans to rope her husband, Patrick, into some barista training. Patrick explained that while his home-based recruitment marketing job lost some business during the COVID-19 shutdown, his wife's bakery was booming.

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Wabash way

Fort Recovery middle school Wabash tribe members react to trivia answers during Indian Way Day Friday on the high school football field. The Wabash tribe won the Fort Recovery trivia contest that afternoon.

Officer agrees to plead guilty

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A white former South Bend police officer whose fatal shooting of a Black man last year roiled then-Mayor Pete Buttigieg's presidential campaign has agreed to plead guilty to a felony charge stemming from an alleged on-duty sexual encounter he had a month before that shooting.

A plea agreement filed Wednesday calls for Ryan O'Neill to plead guilty to a ghost employment count, while prosecutors would drop a felony charge of official misconduct and a misdemeanor public indecency charge, the South Bend Tribune reported.

A probable cause affidavit filed in March with the sexual-encounter charges states that O'Neill was in his police cruiser, in uniform, on May 16, 2019, when he pulled up next to a woman and solicited her for a sex act. O'Neill paid her \$20 before that sex act, it states.

A special prosecutor filed those charges against O'Neill, 44,

in March after finding that he was justified in the unrelated fatal June 16, 2019, shooting of Eric Logan. O'Neill had said he shot Logan, 54, after he refused his orders to drop a knife while O'Neill was investigating a report of a person breaking into cars.

The special prosecutor, Ric Hertel, said during a March news conference that evidence showed Logan approached O'Neill with a knife and the officer feared for his safety when he fired two shots, one of which struck Logan in the upper abdomen.

O'Neill resigned weeks after the shooting. The fallout from Logan's killing presented Buttigieg with some of the toughest moments of his bid to win the Democratic nomination for president.

A federal lawsuit that Logan's family filed against O'Neill and the city of South Bend accusing O'Neill of using excessive deadly force is pending.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 77 degrees Friday.

Skies will be mostly sunny today with a high of 80. The low will be 52.

Expect a high of 78 Sunday under mostly cloudy skies. The

high on Labor Day will be 79 and thunderstorms are possible in the afternoon. Lows Sunday and Monday will be in the 60s. Tuesday's high will be 85.

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In review

The Commercial Review office will be closed Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen for regular business hours — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. — on Tuesday.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's JCHS football game at Seeger.

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday's Portland City Council meeting.



Wells launches new tourism site

Wells County has launched a new effort to attract visitors.

Wells County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development launched a new website — visitwellscounty.com — recently following a study by Ball State University, The News Banner (Bluffton) reported.

The chamber's goal with the new site is to increase awareness of tourism opportunities such as events, places to eat and available lodging. Organizations hosting events will be able to upload information to the site.

"We are excited to offer a website for members of the community, as well as visitors, to have a central location to find information on events, activities and other things to do as they plan a trip through Wells County, Wells County Economic Development executive director Chad Kline said in a press release.

Clinic open

Adams Health Network has opened a free COVID-19 community testing clinic at the hospital's Physicians' Office Building, 815 High St., Decatur.

The effort is in partnership with Indiana Department of Health and Adams County Health Department.

The clinic will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Results are expected to take two to three days.

Development planned

Bruns Construction Enterprises is planning a residential and entertainment district on West Bank Road in Celina, The Daily Standard reported.

The project is planned for West Bank Road and would involve housing, a community pool and playground, and an entertainment area with a stage and deck adjacent to the recently renovated Boardwalk grill. There is also room for retail space.

The Daily Standard reported that construction on the first phase of the project could begin as early as this fall.

Partners honored

Three companies that are customers of Ardagh Group were honored at the PACK Design

Business roundup

Awards and the Wine Packaging Conference last month.

Ardagh, which operates glass manufacturing plants in Dunkirk and Winchester, makes bottles for Ken Wright Cellars, the second-place finisher in the best luxury package design category.

A customized gift set by A X R Napa Valley took first place for best assorted set design and The Debate finished second in the same division. Both companies glass bottles are manufacture by Ardagh in the U.S.

"We celebrate these brands for their commitment to innovation and recognize them for being leaders in wine packaging design," said John T Shaddox, chief commercial officer for Ardagh's North American Glass business unit, in a press release.

Scout adding

Scout Clean Energy this week announced plans to add solar and battery storage components to a proposed wind farm in Benton County, Washington.

Scout, which is in the final stages of constructing Bitter Ridge Wind Farm in southwestern Jay County, has been working on development of the Washington facility since 2016. The wind farm is expected to produce 850 megawatts of combined wind, solar and batter power.

"Scout has been monitoring power market interest for solar and storage technology along with wind, referred to as a hybrid facility," said Scout project manager Dave Kobus in a press release. "Recent improvements in technology have created the economic conditions needed to support demand for co-locating a wind-solar-battery storage project in the Horse Heaven Hills."

Lutheran honored

Lutheran Health Network's Dupont Hospital this week received Level 1 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation from the American College of Emergency Physicians.

The accreditation is based on best practices for geriatric care. Level 1 is the most comprehensive designation.

"This particular patient population requires a higher level of specialized care," said Andrew Offerle, medical director of Dupont's emergency department. "We understand that many of our older patients have complicated medical needs and our processes our processes tion to help r needs."

Bid revealed

NextEra Energy announced plans to purchase a 100% owned electric utility in Florida, the company reported this week.

NextEra, which operates Bluff Point Center in southern and northern Indiana, had filed suit to prevent the sale, asserting that the transaction violated the public record.

New design

Burger King restaurant design announced new order options with the first of them in the market.

The sites will feature on-site ordering and picnicking, and advanced ordering through a mobile app. The new design is more than traditional restaurants.

"We took in how consumer behavior is changing and want to interact with them," said Burger King International president Josh Kormanik in a press release. "The new design is more attractive to guests and will increase their return."

President named

Walgreens Health Services this week appointed a new president of the company's U.S. Standley, CEO of Rite Aid. He has previously worked at Pathmark Stores.

of National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

"John's leadership experience and strong understanding of our industry and the U.S. healthcare markets will allow him to hit the ground running, drive our transformation and fulfill our purpose to help people lead healthier and happier lives across America," executive vice chairman and

also planned to accept donations, with 100 percent going to the Red Cross.

"We extend our deepest sympathies to everyone throughout communities that have been impacted by the storm. It is imperative that we do our part to help during such difficult times," said Walgreens regional vice president of the Midwest region

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Bizy ...

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He's taken the supportive role in helping Hannah achieve her dream business.

"I'm not a baker — I'm the official taste-tester," he said.

Patrick is also helping his wife with marketing, but he noted she has the final say in all decisions.

Rusty Inman, executive director of John Jay Center for Learning, said the organization's board proposed in November that it might be nice to have a coffee shop or meeting place.

After connecting with a few different business owners, they chose Bizy Dips.

Inman thinks both Bizy Dips and John Jay will have a mutually beneficial relationship.

"I'm excited to bring people in the door," he said.

McAbee noted that she's proud of her daughter for starting a bakery.

"It's like an art to her; she's just really good at

it," McAbee said. "I'm the mom — I'm supposed to be teaching (her) recipes, but she's always giving me recipes."

Event

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