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Appeals court rules Trump must turn over tax records to prosecutor

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump’s accountant must turn over his tax records to a New York state prosecutor, an appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan said a stay of a lower-court decision will remain in effect so Trump’s lawyers can appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A district court judge had rejected their renewed efforts to invalidate a subpoena that the office of Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. issued to Trump’s accounting firm.

A Justice Department spokesperson said the department was reviewing the ruling. The Supreme Court in July ruled 7-2 against the president.

The likelihood that the taxes would be released was unlikely to be resolved before the November election, especially since the high court is down to eight justices after the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. And any release would not result in immediate public disclosure, since grand jury proceedings are secret.

Through his lawyers, Trump argued that the subpoena was issued in bad faith, might have been politically motivated and amounted to harassment of him, especially since the wording copied the language in congressional subpoenas.

The lawyers also maintained that seeking tax records dating back to 2011 was a “fishing expedition” and the overbroad request should be rejected.

More than 5 million ballots cast so far

TRENTON, New Jersey - A federal judge in New Jersey on Tuesday rejected an attempt by President Donald Trump’s campaign to curtail part of the state’s vote-by-mail plan just weeks before Election Day.

Trump’s campaign had asked the court to stop the state from allowing election officials to process ballots received by mail 10 days before Election Day and those received two days after Election Day even if those ballots don’t have a postmark.

Federal Judge Michael Shipp said those provisions were legal and sound, rejecting the Trump campaign’s claim that they violated federal law.

New Jersey Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy added these provisions to the state’s election laws in August in order to allow New Jersey to conduct a primarily vote-by-mail election in November because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the court documents state.

The Trump campaign argued that processing ballots before Election Day is illegal because federal law “establishes a national uniform election day for Congress and the Presidency,” the documents state.

Shipp, an appointee of President Barack Obama, disagreed. As long as processing mail-in ballots before Election Day does not cause election officials to report any results before that day, the judge said, election officials can start before November 3.

More than 5.4 million Americans have already voted in the general election, according to a CNN and Edison Research survey of election officials in 31 states reporting voting data.

More than 3 million of those votes come from 11 of CNN’s most competitively ranked states. Nationally, Democrats are voting in droves ahead of the election, making up more than half the ballots cast so far in states with party data available, and Republicans making up about one-quarter of the votes so far.

That detailed information, analyzed by Catalist, a company that provides data, analytics and other services to Democrats, academics and nonprofit issue-advocacy organizations, is giving new insights into who is voting before November. Catalyst analyzed almost 4.5 million ballots cast in 27 states so far.

This data does not predict the outcome of any race, as polling shows Republicans strongly prefer voting in person on Election Day rather than early. The information contains insights and details about who is voting ahead of November 3. While the returns represent a small fraction of the expected number of ballots to be cast in 2020 — Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton received about 130 million votes combined four years ago — some states have reported that the numbers of ballot requests and returns have already set records.

US judge upholds NJ mail-in vote plan

WASHINGTON — President Donald J. Trump said Thursday that he will not participate in the second presidential debate with Joe Biden after the Commission on Presidential Debates said the event will be held virtually in the wake of the President’s positive coronavirus diagnosis.

“I am not going to do a virtual debate,” Trump said on Fox Business. “I am not going to waste my time on a virtual debate.”

Biden’s campaign on Thursday swiftly agreed to the virtual format. But Trump’s comment throws the debate into question after the commission took the significant step to wholly remake the event. The move was as seen as needed by members of the debate commission given the uncertainty around the President’s health.

Politically, if Trump skips the debate, he’ll be deprived of a platform that he needs at a time when his campaign is trailing in every national poll and in a number of key swing states. The first event was watched by more than 73 million people.

Frank Fahrenkopf, head of the debate commission, told CNN that the commission spoke with both campaigns “just before” they announced that the second debate would be held virtually.

“We did not consult with them,” he said, adding that their decision is “supported by the Cleveland Clinic,” the commission’s health advisers.

Trump complained during the interview with Fox that a virtual debate would mean he would have to “sit behind a computer” in a virtual debate and the moderator could “cut you off whenever they want.”

But a virtual debate is not unprecedented — the third contest between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy in 1960 occurred with both candidates in different locations.

Bill Stepien, Trump’s campaign manager, accused the commission on Thursday of “unilaterally canceling an in-person debate” to help Biden and said the President will be holding a rally instead of attending the debate.

The commission said the debate moderator, Steve Scully, and the attendees who will ask Trump and Biden questions will appear from Miami, the original site of the debate.

“The second presidential debate will take the form of a town meeting, in which the candidates would participate from separate remote locations,” the commission said in a statement about the debate, which is scheduled to be held on October 15 in a town hall format.

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**Will Covid end Trump’s 2020 run?**

_The News came in at 9:00 PM on October 1, 2020. "President Donald Trump tweets he has tested positive for Covid-19." It was the most shocking news since Trump won the presidency in 2016. It's a stunning blow to Trump’s reelection campaign._

With 32 days left to Election Day, 14 days of which will keep Trump in quarantine, that would leave him only 20 days to campaign until November 3, that is if he gets his health back after the quarantine period. The question is: Should he continue in run or should he quit?

But on the same day, Trump was rushed to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for further tests and to undergo tests. According to his spokesperson, Trump will stay in the hospital for just a “few days.”

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Indeed, national security is of prime importance. In the event of a close electoral contest, the president is incapacitated to respond immediately to a geopolitical crisis — an enemy nuclear attack. A rogue Russian, Chinese or Iranian rogue nuclear attack. Well, you could say, “That’s not going to happen. It happens only in the movies.” But you need to remember the Cold War might have been over but nuclear weapons still pose immediate danger to world peace. And as long as the Russians and Chinese have nuclear weapons, we must be ready to go to war, the world will never be at peace. Call me crazy, but I can’t see how this will end.

**Premature discharge?**

Last Saturday, October 3, Trump’s press secretary Kayleigh McEnany announced that Trump might be discharged by Monday, October 5. She said that a discharge five days after he contracted the disease the possibility of a discharge is unlikely. But I can see where Trump is coming from. By trying to return to the White House before he is fully recovered, he would take the chance of going back to the White House and end in a hospital bed. But the disease has an incubation period of 10 to 14 days and it is uncertain if the virus is still actively circulating in his body. And the virus could cause pneumonia fibrosis (which makes breathing difficult and there is no cure), kidney failure (which necessitates undergoing dialysis, see [DIAZ, Page 7])

**National security**

Needless to say, it’s time like this that could give the Russians an advantage if they choose to worry about. The prospect of accidental or intentional nuclear war is very high, as which raises the question: What is Trump worried about? Can’t he trust Pence and other institutions of government temporarily? Or perhaps, he’s thinking that once Pence assumes presidential authority, what will prevent Pence from relinquishing.

**Without valid explanation on how he’s going to deal with the pandemic this late in the game, he’s going to lose the election.**

By Richard Heydarian

There is a real question: Should he continue or should he quit? As I see it, the answer is clear. The United States needs a leader who can make decisions and act on them. The president has a low-grade fever, nasal congestion and a cough. He received a promising but untested experimental drug from Regeneron to treat Covid-19. In a brief video message upon his arrival at the hospital, he tweeted saying that he is “doing very well” and suggested that he was visiting the hospital only as a precaution. However, there were doubts about Trump’s health, and that he is not out of harm’s way yet. According to a White House spokesman, the president was consulting his team to transfer his authority to Vice President Mike Pence. “The president’s team is working on that,” he said. And this puts the presidency in danger because if anything happens to Trump — say loses consciousness — and without transferring authority to Pence, it could put national security in peril.

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The US presidency, hubris and the coronavirus

By Randy David

HAVING once moderated a presidential debate myself, I was curious to watch the debates between US President Donald Trump and former vice president Joe Biden. I expected that Chris Wallace, the moderator of the first debate, would not have an easy time controlling Trump. I wanted to see how he would handle a 90-minute verbal slanging match between two protagonists with contrasting personalities.

US television talk shows are very different from ours in that guests and hosts all tend to talk at the same time. It’s a marvel to observe how a skillful host manages to seize the briefest pause in an almost unceasing flow of words to assert control of the discussion. I thought Wallace did very well. I don’t know how anyone else could have steered the discussion better under the circumstances.

From the get-go, Trump tried to show his dominance by repeatedly interrupting both Biden and Wallace. Not wanting to look like he was allowing himself to be browbeaten, Biden reciprocated with his own interjections. That became the pattern throughout the debate, which yielded neither clarity nor high-mindedness, only the worst display of incivility.

The topic that stood out in news reports the following day was the candidates’ response to the question whether they would denounce the white supremacist groups that have lately hopped on the wave of at least $2 trillion shortly after the January 20 inauguration. The bank also cited Biden’s longer-term spending plans on infrastructure, climate, health care and education.

Together, this spending would “at least match the likely longer-term tax increases on corporations and upper-income earnings,” Goldman Sachs wrote.

“IT would likely result in substantially easier US fiscal policy, a reduced risk of renewed trade escalation, and a firmer global growth outlook,” the report said.

Moody’s: 7.4 million more jobs under Biden’s plan

Goldman Sachs isn’t the only Wall Street firm to point out the positive benefits of a blue wave.

Moody’s Analytics found that Biden’s economic proposals, if enacted, would create 7.4 million more jobs than would Trump’s. The economy would return to full employment in the second half of 2022, nearly two years earlier than under Trump’s plan, Moody’s said.

“The economic outlook is strongest under the scenario in which Biden and the Democrats sweep Congress and fully adopt their economic agenda,” wrote Moody’s economists led by Mark Zandi, who advised Senator John McCain during the 2008 presidential race.

Although few on Wall Street had expected a sweep of Democrats earlier this year, that thinking has changed significantly.

We view a ‘blue wave’ as the most likely outcome of the election,” strategists at UBS wrote to clients Monday.

Polls leaning in Biden’s direction

It’s too early to say how Trump’s fight with Covid-19 will impact the election. But Biden’s lead over Trump expanded to its widest yet in a CNN poll conducted after the first debate and a few days after the president’s coronavirus infection.民党 may have won over likely voters, 57% back Biden and 41% support Trump.

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UNHRC: No drug probe, but support for PH rights efforts

MANILA — The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on Wednesday (Manila time) passed a resolution that called for “technical assistance and capacity-building” for domestic efforts on human rights, falling far short of expectations of the victims of human rights violations (HRVs) under the police-led drug war.

The resolution likewise noted the government’s cooperation with the participation of the UNHRC, including its “announcement of the creation of a review panel that would re-evaluate cases where deaths occurred during operations under the anti-illegal drugs campaign.”

Rights groups expressed their disappointment with the “unexpected” resolution “as it fell far short of the expectations of the victims of HRVs’.”

Under the OHCHR’s framework, technical assistance usually entails mutual cooperation between the office and the state. Examples of such agreements include human rights assessments, advisory services on institution building and legislation work, workshops, and other best practices sharing.

However, technical assistance means “the office would be accompanied by the party under scrutiny,” National Union of People’s Lawyers president Edre Olalia explained.

“So the question we have to ask is how do we have a direct bearing in accountability? Or is this more about defense? It’s not totally useless but the benchmark set by (UN human rights rapporteur Agnes) Callamard was already high. Why suddenly lower our expectations?” Olalia asked.

He added that the adoption of the “problematic resolution” was a “tricky assuagement” of cries for justice even as the Philippine government “caved in” to the probed international criticism.

“It’s still a good starting point, but it’s not enough because this is not a direct call to put to task the perpetrators and enablers of state violence,” he said.

Echoing Olalia’s sentiments, Karapatan secretary general Cristinaegrity Abaya challenged the government to “allow the access of UN human rights mechanisms in the country to assess domestic accountability mechanisms if they are truly working and if they have nothing to hide.”

The group asserted that “any measure for technical assistance and capacity-building activities should come from a concrete assessment of the realities on the ground.”

“Those so-called domestic mechanisms have been presented routinely to portray a robust democracy in the Philippines but these have been exposed to have utterly failed in delivering justice and accountability for victims of human rights violations,” Palabay said in a statement.

While the UNHRC resolution was a sign that the international community remains committed to closely monitoring the situation of human rights in the Philippines, it still “disappointingly looks over the urgent demands of victims, their families and communities for substantial steps towards justice and accountability,” she noted.

Protesters near Quiapo Church in Manila call for a stop to drug war killings.

“We strongly believe that technical cooperation and capacity-building activities would not stop the administration’s human rights violations. Such can only be done by putting a stop to the killings and other rights violations, prosecuting the perpetrators of such violations, repealing laws and policies that facilitate these violations, and through an international, independent, and impartial investigation into these violations — which is even more pressing if no changes come after this resolution,” she added.

Stimulus: Talks stopped

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from the negotiations,” Pelosi told ABC in response to Trump’s latest comments. “He’s rebounding from a terrible mistake he made yesterday.”

Asked about stimulus checks specifically, Pelosi told NBC: “All the White House has is a check on a check and that doesn’t — we’re here to honor our heroes, crush the pandemic and support the American people, beyond a check with his name on it.”

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin spoke to Pelosi on Wednesday morning about a stimulus proposal for roughly $2 trillion in relief for airlines but she noted that “Republicans blocked that and asked for review Rep. Peter DeFazio’s (D-Ore.) bill. The president’s wishes for standalone bills also include funding for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) related to small businesses. Talks are still ongoing.

The Democrats’ latest $2 trillion coronavirus proposal — which passed the House last week — includes $436 billion for state and local governments, $282 billion for education and child care, a second round of $1,200 stimulus checks, an extra $28 billion in unemployment benefits through January, and other provisions.

Pelosi and House rules committee chairman Jim McGovern called for an updated HEROES Act a “$2.4 trillion Dollars to bailout poorly run, high crime, Democrat States, more money in an already related to COVID-19,” in a tweet on Thursday.

The updated HEROES Act still has a much higher price tag than the White House’s roughly $1.6 trillion proposal. While Pelosi said the White House’s latest proposal stood at $1.3 trillion according to CNN’s Manu Raju.

Sticking points for any deal between the White House and Democrats include extra unemployment benefits, funding for testing and tracing, and funding for other appropriations.

The president previously urged Republicans to “go for the more mutual numbers” than their $300 billion stimulus proposal which was rejected in the Senate. However, after a call with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Mnuchin, and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) earlier on Tuesday, he called for ending the talks.

McConnell previously referred to the updated HEROES Act as “the most substantial, the most generous, the most generous proposal in the history of the country” and “the left wish list with virtually all the same non-COVID-related poison pills as their last unserved bill.”

Biden: What will he bring?

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Once a proponent of “strategic empathy” among great powers, Biden has openly declared China’s communist regime as a “dictatorship.” His key advisers, including Blinken, Hume, and Beineke, among the most outspoken advocates of tougher and “clearer” rethinking of the United States’ approach to China.

Crucially, the Democratic Party as a whole has increasingly tough stance against China, focusing not only on trade and governance, and more on military competition, but also on human rights and democracy.

Second, Biden would likely push for a more comprehensive and multilateral approach in his foreign policy. Unlike Trump’s “Make America Great Again” unilateralism, Biden would focus on building institutionalized cooperation with key allies, from Europe and Japan to Australia and the Philippines.

He will likely restore America’s participation in crucial global partnerships such as the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris Agreement on climate change, and also key trade and investment agreements, including the now formally signed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Third, the Biden presidency would mean less chauvinism with autocrats and populists and more listening to experienced statesman with focus on crisis management at home, he would likely work on his administration’s highly influential, but we likely see less of the Trump-style “America First” than the now hesitated approach to the deal with President Duterte or Vladimir Putin. In short, Biden would be a mixture of the Dickensian prescription of the Ideal and the Real.

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CNN poll, conducted August 28 to September 1

Citing FiveThirtyEight polling averages, Goldman Sachs also pointed out that Biden leads by an average of 9 percentage points in the “most likely tipping-point” state: Pennsylvania. Biden expanded his lead to 12 percentage points in Pennsylvania in a new MonMouth University poll of non-registered voters published Tuesday.

Biden also holds smaller leads in Florida and Arizona. Goldman Sachs notes those battleground states “should finish their voting around mid-October, and could therefore resolve the uncertainty earlier than widely expected.”

“Mixed bag of states. In other words, clear-cut wins for Biden in Florida and Arizona could lower the risk of a contested election, a nightmare scenario that would rattle financial markets. And that in turn, could build a market that has been bracing for post-election turmoil. Looking at the bigger picture, a blue wave would create new winners and losers on Wall Street. For instance, oil-and-gas companies, student lenders and some banks could underperform because of higher energy prices, and other companies that would benefit from increased spending on infrastructure, education and clean energy could outperform.

“A blue wave would have mixed implications for high US equity indices,” Goldman Sachs wrote, adding that stronger government spending and economic growth would be a positive for cyclical sectors of the market. When will the Fed get off zero? President Duterte warns the House of Representatives to enact the budget he will take matters into his own hands.

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Sotto slams Cayetano for ‘passing blame’ on budget delay

MANILA — Senate President Tito Sotto blasted House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano for having “the nerve” to pass the blame to the Senate should the passage of the 2021 national budget be delayed.

“The nerve! Passing the blame, it’s unacceptable!” Sotto said in a message to reporters when sought for comment on Cayetano’s recent remarks.

They should pass it on third reading and submit to us before the original agreed date of the break (on) Oct 17 which is the legislative calendar agreed by both Houses. Oct 17 is a month away from Nov 17,” he said in a separate message.

This after Cayetano’s remarks that a possible delay in the budget’s passage will no longer be the fault of the House but of the Senate’s.

“One day lang po ang pereksyon at I hope that maging malinaw ito because kung maalalahan po ng delay o rennacement, it will be because of the Senate not because of the House, because we are only talking about only one day,” Cayetano said in a Facebook live on Wednesday.

Earlier, senators warned of a re--budgeted for 2021 after

ELECTIONS: 3 Fil-Ams in US House races

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where Val grew up and got a good education. He took the name of his adoptive father and became known as Valentin “Val” Cortez Hamlin.

Val Hamlin became a pharmacist and married Amelia Roberts, an African American. They had two children, and one daughter Mae Hamlin, who graduated from Fisk University with a B.A. and an M.A. in Education. She married Dr. Charles Waldo Scott, a general surgeon and civil rights activist, whose name is at the non-profit C. Waldo Scott Center for H.O.P.E. in Newport News, Virginia. They are the parents of Robert Cortez “Bobby” Scott, who was elected to U.S. Congress in 1992. Bobby Scott was educated at Groton School, Harvard College (a classmate of former Vice President Al Gore), and Boston College Law School in 1973. He served in the Massachusetts National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. As a Democrat, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1977, Virginia State Senate in 1982 and finally to the U.S. Congress in 1992.

Rep. TJ Cox

Representative Terrace John (TJ) Cox is the first Hispanic American member of Congress from California. His mother, Perla De Castro (now Davis), who immigrated to California, and educated in New Mexico, before becoming a chemical engineering professor at the University of New Mexico.

TJ was born in Walnut Creek, California, and educated in New Mexico and Nevada. He graduated with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno and later earned an MBA degree from Southern Methodist University.

He is one of the few registered professional engineers in Congress. In 2011, he founded a community development enterprise that over the next 10 years invested over a billion dollars into his community health clinics, job-training facilities, social services campuses, and clean energy plants throughout the Central Valley of California. His wife, Kathleen Murphy, M.D. is an intensive-care pediatrician at Valley Children’s Hospital in Madera, CA and at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Together they have four children.

With his background in engineering, finance, healthcare and community development, TJ knew he could make a positive difference in the lives of individuals and families of the 21st District. In 2018, he was motivated to run against the Republican incumbent David Valado, a representative that voted with Donald Trump 99% of the time. On election night, the race was initially called for Valado, but PJ surveyed. Finally, by the first week of December and four weeks after the election, TJ Cox was declared the winner by 862 votes.

The upcoming November 2020 election will be another competitive one. David Valadao is running to regain the seat and Republicans are pouring in millions of dollars into his campaign. Today, the race is listed as the only Democratic incumbent "toss-up" race in California. Gina Ortiz Jones

Gina Ortiz Jones is running for Congress in Texas’ 23rd District, which stretches from San Antonio to El Paso, and includes more than 800 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Her mother, Victoria Mora, is a graduate of the University of the Philippines Diliman with a Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education. After teaching for several years in the Philippines, Victoria was presented with the opportunity to come to the U.S. as a domestic helper. She jumped at it, because she knew even the U.S. in that capacity, and if she was willing to work hard, "the sky's the limit."

Victoria raised Gina and her younger sister Christy by herself, while working multiple jobs, and at one point their family relied on programs like reduced lunch and subsidized housing to make ends meet. Like so many Filipino families, their family was guided by their faith, their commitment to one another, and hard work. Victoria would eventually return to teaching, and she’s been in the classroom for over 40 years.

Gina graduated from John Jay High School in New York where she earned a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend Boston University. After four years, she graduated with her B.A. and M.A. in Economics, and a B.A. in International Relations. She served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force and was deployed to Iraq.

She later served in the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation under Barack Obama. She stayed on when President Donald Trump was elected and she could continue to do, but resigned when it became clear that the administration “was not interested in the public nor in service.”

In 2018, Gina ran for the congressional seat in District 23 and came up just 926 votes short of winning, despite being massively outspent. Defeated, she will be the first Filipino American ever to serve in Congress, as well as one of the solely LGBTQ person and first female Iraq War veteran elected to represent Texas in Congress.

Gina Ortiz Jones and her mother, Victoria Ortiz. Gina was only 926 votes short of a House seat in 2018.

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SANTA CLARITA — It was a double celebration last Sunday, October 4, for the family of Los Angeles businesswoman Rose Poblete Sarreal as she held a house blessing for her new home in Santa Clarita and a party for the 20th birthday of her daughter, Kristine Rose Robles.

Rev. Cris Lupe presided over the house blessing attended by close friends and family.

Rose, who owns RJS Collections, a retailer of barong tagalog, gowns, women’s accessories, bags, jewelry and lately, face masks and hand sanitizers, thanked all those who joined her and Kristine in their celebration.

LOS ANGELES — To mark Filipino American History Month (FAHM), the Pilipino American Los Angeles Democrat (PALAD) announced coordinated grassroots Get-Out-the-Vote (GOTV) campaign to mobilize Filipinos to vote for Democratic candidates up and down the ballot, starting at the highest level of office with Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

For the rest of October up until Election Day, PALAD, in partnership with the Nevada Asian American and Pacific Islander Democratic Caucus (AAPIDC), and KAYA: Pilipino Americans for Progress (KAYA), will continue to have weekly phonebanks, events, and forthcoming digital actions to continue energizing Filipino and AAPI voter base.

“October is such an important month for the Filipino American community. Let’s uplift each other by exercising our right and our power to vote. We have an incredible opportunity to change history for the better – to protect our community, especially our frontline healthcare workers, and all communities who are suffering as a result of the current Administration,” said Jessica Caloza, President of PALAD.

“In the spirit of this year’s theme announced by the Filipino American National Historical Society, the “History of Filipino American Activism,” our goal and call to action to our fellow kababayan and kaibigans is to engage, volunteer, and help us elect more Democratic candidates who represent our values and with integrity. Our collective organizing strategy will tap into our people power by reaching out to voters in key swing districts, continue investing in paid advertising, and ramping up our digital organizing efforts to amplify key messages,” Caloza added.

In Nevada, the community will play a crucial role, where Filipino American voters comprise 5% of the state’s voting-eligible population.

In 2016, Hillary Clinton won Nevada by less than 2.5%. Dan Santos, Chair of the Nevada AAPIDC emphasized, “It’s so important that Filipino Americans coordinate nationally to get out the vote for our communities, especially in Nevada, a key swing state. We need to build intergenerational coalitions and combine efforts across organizations to maximize outreach to our communities. So many monumental issues are at stake this November. I’m confident that if we work together, we can elect new leadership that will lead our country out of these dark times.”

Carson community services director named

CARSON -- The City of Carson announced on Monday the appointment of Robert Lennox as the new Director of Community Services/Parks and Recreation. Lennox will lead a team of seasoned professionals addressing issues that directly impact the community.

Among his many duties is providing operational oversight of all equipment program and services; work cooperatively with Public Works to maintain park grounds, amenities, and buildings, and the Community Center; collaborate with the Executive Team to support the City’s plans and priorities; and serve as staff liaison to commissions/committees/boards, community-based organizations, external agencies, citizens, and community stakeholders.

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Filipinos for Trump hold car rally in West Covina

WEST COVINA – Around 100 Filipinos and and 100 cars belonging to members of The Filipinos for Trump, a group of Filipinos supporting President Donald Trump in his reelection bid in November, and other conservative Filipino groups participated in a car rally on Saturday, October 4, in this city.

The West Covina rally was one of many such events held nationwide on the same day.

**North East:**
1. Washington DC-DMV, 2pm
2. Philadelphia, PA
3. New York City, New York
4. Boston, MA

**South:**
1. Jacksonville, Florida
2. Columbia, South Carolina
3. Greenville-Spartanburg, SC
4. Charleston-Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

**Southwest:**
1. Phoenix, Arizona
2. Austin, Texas
3. Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas

**West:**
1. San Francisco, California
2. Los Angeles, California
3. Las Vegas, Nevada
4. Salt Lake City, Utah

**Pacific North West:**
1. Seattle-Tacoma, Washington
2. Vancouver, Washington
3. Portland, Oregon
4. Kalihu, Hawaii

In Southern California, festivities began on Saturday, Oct. 3, for decorating in various Filipino localities of Los Angeles and Orange County. That same day, decoration parties were held in three cities so participants could meet like-minded Filip-ah conservatives and decorate their cars.

The organizers of the Southern California caravan were lead organizer Marc Ang (aka FB Name: Marques Angus), Noel S.V. Omega, Edwin Doterte, Jessa De Guzman, Henry Chen, Mary Ann Omega, Noeline Belaranl, Norma Bramilam, and Evelyn Andando.

The decorated cars assembled at the Creekside Park in Walnut and proceeded from there.

La-based veterans group opposes sale of three Philippine properties in Japan

LOS ANGELES - The Justice for Filipino American Veterans (JFA V) announced a $7 million settlement involving multinational bank and financial services company HSBC to pay for the PhilHealth deficit.

JFA V said it agrees with Senate President Tito Sotto, Sen. Franklin Drilon and DFA Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr., who oppose the sale of national patrimony in Japan.

The three ranking officials all pointed out that the Supreme Court said in its ruling: “it is indeed true that the Roppongi property is valuable, not so much because of the inflated prices fetched by real property in Tokyo, but more so because of its symbolic value to all Filipinos, veterans and civilians alike.”

JFA V said the Roppongi property, along with other three Philippine properties in Japan, are “symbols of Filipinos’ bravery and sacrifices.”

In 1990, the Supreme Court, in the case of Laurel vs. Garcia, ruled that the Roppongi property cannot be sold without the concurrence of Congress.

HSBC agrees to pay $7M in CalPERS case

SACRAMENTO – California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced a $7 million settlement involving multinational bank and financial services company HSBC for overcharging the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) in foreign currency trading.

The settlement resolves allegations that HSBC violated the California False Claims Act, which makes it unlawful to submit a false claim or false statement in order to obtain money from the state. An investigation by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) showed a pattern of HSBC’s relatively high charges to CalPERS during 2008 and 2009 in Euro and British pound transactions.

The DOJ concluded that markups resulted in millions in losses to the pension fund, which provides for the retirement of firefighters, police, and other state employees.
NEW YORK - America is on the long road to economic recovery from the pandemic recession, but dark clouds remain on the horizon.

The recovery is far from complete, and the US economy remains of danger of shifting into reverse once again. One major risk factor: A rise in Covid-19 infections, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said Tuesday at the National Association for Business Economics’ annual meeting.

A second wave of coronavirus could “more significantly limit economic activity, not to mention the tragic effects on lives and well-being,” Powell warned. As the expansion continues will require following medical experts’ guidelines in terms of social distancing and “social distancing measures.”

In addition to gaining control of the pandemic, Powell reiterated his calls for more fiscal stimulus aimed at supporting America’s most vulnerable.

That’s a heavily debated subject on Capitol Hill at the moment. But Democrats widely support another huge influx of government spending to shore up the economy - the House passed a $2.2 trillion version of that last week - Republicans have been in opposition, arguing such a plan would be too costly. Stimulus negotiations have been in gridlock for months.

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What you should do if you or a loved one tests positive for coronavirus

By Sandee LaMotte/ CNN

If you have tested positive for Covid-19? That will depend on who you are and the numbers are growing daily. It is a scary reality so far shared with more than 34 million people including 7 million Americans – and the numbers are growing daily.)

The President and First Lady will be surrounded by “round-the-clock care by the best doctors in America.”

But what do you do if you or a loved one tests positive for Covid-19? That will depend on a number of factors – If you are having trouble breathing or are elderly and fragile, you may be immediately hospitalized. If you aren’t in immediate danger but potentially higher risk factors you will likely be told to stay home, rest and drink plenty of fluids, all while keeping a close eye on how you feel. “People who are mildly ill with Covid-19 are able to recover at home,” the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. “Do not leave, except to get medical care.”

1/3 cup unexpired bleach per gallon of water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water. Never mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleaner -- it produces toxic gases.

Be sure to get care if you feel worse or you think it is an emergency, the CDC adds, but call first. And don’t use public transportation, ride-sharing or taxis to get there.

Are you prepared to take care of yourself if you’re alone? What can you do to protect other family members who have been exposed and will have to stay home with you?

Isolate yourself or loved one

Once your healthcare provider tells you Covid-19 is confirmed or even suspected without a test, the CDC says you or your loved one should separate the sick person from others in the household.

If you live alone, that’s not difficult. Your challenge is to monitor your symptoms and potential caregivers know their roles and expectations, said pediatrician Dr. Tanya Altmann, Editor-in-Chief of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ book “Caring for Your Baby and Young Child: Birth to Age 5 and The Wonder Years.”

“Many parents are going to get sick,” Altmann said. “So what is the game plan? How are we going to isolate them and who’s going to be doing it? What do you need to know to do so you’re not panicked and struggling if one parent gets a fever in the middle of the night.”

If you haven’t accomplished those tips by the time you’ve tested positive, do it now or ask a loved one to help. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; cough and sneeze into elbows or tissues that you immediately throw away, and regularly wash, wash, those hands with warm water and lots of soapy bubbles.

When you can’t use soap and water, use hand sanitizer that is at least 70% alcohol and rub thoroughly.

The CDC says you should also have been cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily with a regular household cleaner followed by a disinfectant. But addition to bathroom surfaces, tables and countertops, don’t forget light switches, faucets and sinks, cabinet handles, doorknobs, phones and keyboards.

Social distancing is critical to soap isn’t necessary if you wash properly, and that way you won’t contribute to the world’s growing antibiotic-resistant superbugs.

• Tissues to cover sneezes and coughs. But there’s really no need to hoard toilet paper -- this is a respiratory disease.

• Regular cleaning supplies, kitchen cleaning gloves and trash can liners

• Disinfectant cleaning supplies – the CDC suggests picking from a list that meets the criteria of the US Environmental Protection Agency, but says you can also make your own version by using on a regular basis, ”Altmann said.

“ If it’s a child that you have to care for, then you may have to make the decision to isolate one adult, she added. "That adult would be caring for the child, and the other adult would be responsible for the rest of the family."

And of course all of this will be extremely difficult for a single parent “who might be the only one,” said pediatrician Dr. Jenny Radesky, a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

“Know who your neighbors are, even what your neighborhood social network might be,” said Radesky, an assistant professor of pediatricians at the University of Michigan. “You may not be that close interpersonally, but someone may be willing to do a grocery store drop-off, or pick-up medications because we’re all in this together.”

The rest of the family should practice isolation as well, Radesky added. “Unfortunately you need to keep the whole household under isolation,” she said. “The Patterns of Covid-19 spread suggest that clusters of people who live close together are at highest risk of getting it from one another. If children are part of that household, they may show minimal symptoms but still be contagious.”

Cover up and disinfect

If you’re sick, the CDC says to use a face mask around other people, such as when going to the doctor or hospital.

Try to keep a pet at home too, unless you or your loved one is having “trouble breathing” or is “unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance,” the CDC says.

Altmann stresses maximizing isolation and protective actions. “You can have a healthy person leave the sick one food and drinks at the door, and then go wash their hands,” Altmann explained. “Wear gloves to pick up the empty plates, take them back to the kitchen and wash them in hot water with soap, or preferably with a dishwasher, and wash your hands again.”

Do not share drinking glasses, cups, forks or other eating utensils or dishes, the CDC says. Don’t share towels or bedding with other people in your home.

When you’re feeling lonely, don’t shake the sick person’s dirty clothes to “minimize the possibility of dispersing virus through the air.”

And caregivers should wear disposable gloves when handling that dirty laundry, the CDC says, throwing them away after each use.

If using reusable gloves, those gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for Covid-19 and should not be used for other household purposes. Clean hands immediately after gloves are removed,” the CDC advises.

Dedicate a lined trash can for any tissues or other paper or disposable products used by a sick person, the CDC says, adding that caregivers should “use gloves when removing garbage bags, handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands after handling or disposing of trash.”

And remember: Call 911 immediately if you or your loved ones have any of these symptoms: increased or sudden difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; a persistent pain or pressure in the chest; and any sign of (See COVID, Page 15)
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Lakers look to close out Heat in Game 5

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The Heat are simply looking for a way to extend this matchup into a Game 6 that would be played on Sunday, while James is looking for a fourth ring and he thinks, a whole new level of respect from L.A. fans. “What I’ve learned being a Laker is that the Laker faithful don’t give a damn what you’ve done before,” James said. “They don’t care about your resume at all until you become a Laker. You’ve got to do it as a Laker, and then they respect you.”

James is 3-0 in finals close-out attempts, and 3-1 leads in the title series are almost always turned into triumphs. The exception came last season, when James led Cleveland back from a 3-2 down against Golden State.

The Heat know all this. They don’t seem bothered. “Our guys are the ones who are out there in the arena marred by dust, blood, sweat and tears,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “Our guys are the ones out there — 28 other teams aren’t out there. Everybody else is basically on their comfortable couches spectating on this one. Our guys are the ones that are in the arena, and that’s right where they are meant to be.”

Some of that was Spoelstra quoting Theodore Roosevelt’s famed 1910 speech titled “Citizenship in a Republic,” which over time has become the go-to line for coaches quoting on the court in the Arena.” It’s one of James’ favorites as well, even getting cited by him earlier in these NBA Finals.

“We’ve got a chance,” Heat center Bam Adebayo said. “We still believe. They’re writing us off. Everybody is doubting us. But as long as the people in the locker room and all our coaching staff have believed in us, that’s all that matters.”

The Heat fell apart in Game 1 of the series, not coincidentally breaking the Filipina’s serve for a 3-2 lead. In Games 2-4, the Lakers have outscored Miami by just five points, the Heat have gone 6-5-1 in the 12 quarters played.

“Every game is 3-2 and our series is far from over,” Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. “We’ve got a lot of work to do. This is a great basketball team that we’re playing, and my focus is solely on all the little details that go into what we have to do to get one win more.”

Though Vogel isn’t looking past the next game, making logistical plans for the end of the series and the closing of the bubble is something more than common sense.

There will be a trophy ceremony when this series ends, though it may be possible that the ownership group from the winning team will be permitted on the floor even though they’ve been outside “the bubble” this whole time.

TRUMP: Presidency and coronavirus

President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden face off in the first presidential debate.

Lakers look to close out Heat in Game 5

Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis makes a 3-point basket with 40 seconds left on the clock in Game 4 of basketball’s NBA Finals against the Miami Heat Tuesday.

AFRICA

Former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo has warned of a possible regime change in Somalia if President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo is not re-elected in a presidential vote scheduled for October.

In an open letter on Monday, the former African Union Commission chair wrote that he feared a repeat of the violence that has been rocking the Horn of Africa nation since Farmajo seized power in 2017.

Obasanjo also questioned whether Farmajo was fit to run for another term after a series of allegations of corruption.

Farmajo’s term ended last year, but the decision to extend it by six months was taken by parliament amid fears that the election would be delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Obasanjo thinks the presidential vote can be held in October but said a late election could be used as an excuse if Farmajo fails to win.

He said it would be a “tragedy of the first order” if Farmajo wins the vote.

“Not only would we be backing a president that is no longer fit to run but [we would be] turning back the clock and repeating the same mistake of 2017,” Obasanjo wrote.

He said the elections had been called because “the president could no longer rule”.

The presidential election is now scheduled for October after a long delay because of the pandemic.

Obasanjo wrote that it would be “a tragedy of the first order if the Americans were to see Somalia as a weak state with a weak government”.

He also wrote that the election could be a stepping stone for a more stable and prosperous Somalia.

In the letter, Obasanjo expressed concern that Farmajo’s presidency had not brought stability to the country.

Farmajo has been accused of corruption and human rights abuses, and violence has increased in recent months.

Obasanjo’s letter comes amid growing criticism of Farmajo’s government, which has been accused of弊端, including corruption and human rights abuses.

He called for a new leader who could “lead Somalia out of the current mess”.

Obasanjo wrote that the election should be held on time and transparently, with international observers invited to monitor the process.

He also called for the creation of an independent electoral commission to oversee the vote.

Farmajo, a former military officer, has been in power since 2017.

He took office with the backing of Ethiopia, which has a long history of military interference in Somalia.

Obasanjo said the election should be held to “confirm the will of the people”.

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