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CORONAVIRUS DIARY

Biden Fights For The Presidency

The National Democratic Convention has concluded its four day meeting in Milwaukee. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have officially become the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to challenge Donald Trump in the upcoming national election. All the former Democratic Presidents including Carter, Clinton and Obama were there to show their support for the Biden-Harris ticket.

We as ordinary citizens hope the party can bring a new change to Washington.

The country also needs to resume participation in international organizations such as WHO and the Paris Climate Treaty. This is our

responsibility to the world.

The coronavirus pandemic is a worldwide problem. We must unite to work with the rest of the world to fight this crisis. No country can escape this tragedy. The international community needs to work together to respect the opinions of the experts and speed up vaccine research to rescue mankind as a global issue.



America. We are a nation of immigrants and they are the backbone of our country.

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Education is one of the most important issues facing our society today. A better and fair education system gives the

We all expect the Democratic ticket will bring hope and a better future for all of us.



We also encourage starting a new work effort on our national infrastructure including the railroads, highways, airports and bridges to create more jobs to stimulate our economy.

We still need to open our immigration policy to accept more talented people and encourage them to move to

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Editor's Choice



A burning home is seen along Cherry Glen Road during the LNU Lighting Complex Fire on the outskirts of Vacaville, California. REUTERS/Stephen Lam



U.S. Senator Kamala Harris accepts the Democratic vice presidential nomination during an acceptance speech delivered for the largely virtual 2020 Democratic National Convention from the Chase Center in Wilmington, Delaware. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



A missile unveiled by Iran is launched in an unknown location. Iran unveiled new ballistic and cruise missile systems designed and manufactured locally, ignoring U.S. demands that Tehran halt its missile program. WANA via REUTERS



A Hindu devotee wearing a protective mask sanitizes a temporary platform, next to an idol of Hindu god Ganesh, the deity of prosperity, ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, in Kolkata, India. REUTERS/Rupak De Chowdhuri



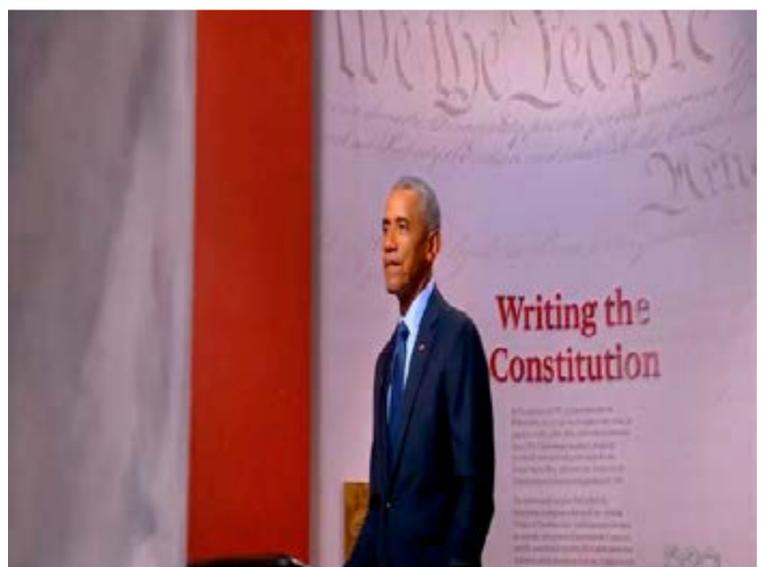
Employees of Minsk Tractor Works leave after shift as people, including their coworkers, gather near the plant to protest against presidential election results and to demand re-election in Minsk, Belarus. REUTERS/Vasily Fedosenko



Hurricane Genevieve is seen from the International Space Station (ISS) orbiting Earth in an image taken by NASA astronaut Christopher J. Cassidy. NASA/Christopher J. Cassidy/via REUTERS



Goldfish bowl-like acrylic screens are seen installed as part of new social distancing measures at Jazz Lounge Encounter, a night club for seeking encounters, at Ginza district in Tokyo, Japan. REUTERS/Issei Kato



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