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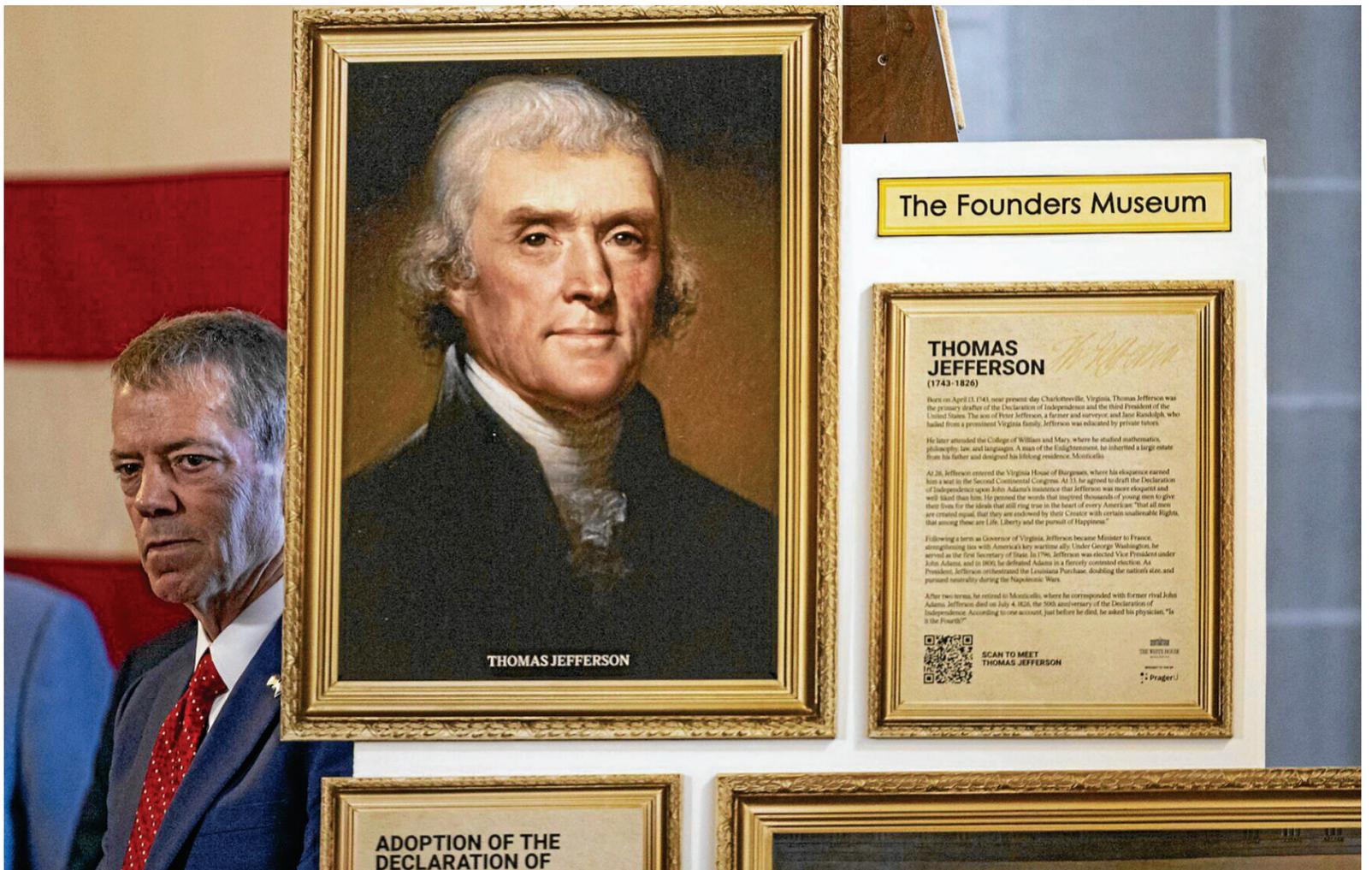


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Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen stands next to a historical display from the Founders Museum on Jan. 6 at the Capitol.

History exhibit ‘overlooks complexity and diversity’ of state’s past

TIM TRUDELL
Flatwater Free Press

The Spanish soldiers did not stand a chance. As they hastily broke camp to continue their southward retreat, arrows began raining down from the sky.

When it was done, 45 Spaniards and allied Native Americans lay dead in the grass near present-day Columbus. The slaughter, carried out by Pawnee and Otoe warriors, became known as the Villasur

Massacre. It effectively ended Spain’s excursion into the Great Plains in 1720.

That episode is not often included in the Nebraska history that students learn in school, nor is reflected in the Nebraska Capitol.

But it should be, said Walter Echo-hawk.

The Pawnee elder and prominent Oklahoma attorney is among the Indigenous people and historians hoping Nebraska recognizes Indigenous people’s contributions

as the U.S. gears up to celebrate the 250th anniversary of its founding. They spoke after history-themed posters from a controversial conservative nonprofit went on display at the Capitol last month.

State leaders told the Flatwater Free Press that Indigenous people and their contributions will feature in the state’s celebration of Nebraska history. They noted the

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Reserve soldier from Bellevue among those killed in Kuwait

JUSTIN DIEP AND DAN CRISLER
Omaha World-Herald

U.S. Central Command has identified four American soldiers, including a sergeant from Bellevue, killed in the joint U.S.-Israeli military operation against Iran.

Sgt. 1st Class Noah L. Tietjens, 42, was killed Sunday when a drone hit a command center in Port Shuaiba, Kuwait, the Associated Press reported Tuesday afternoon. Also killed in the attack were Capt. Cody

A. Khork, 35, of Winter Haven, Florida, Sgt. 1st Class Nicole M. Amor, 39, of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and Spc. Declan J. Coady, 20, of West Des Moines, Iowa.

All soldiers were assigned to the 103rd Sustainment Command in Des Moines.

The drone attack was just a day after the U.S. and Israel launched its military campaign against Iran, which launched retaliatory strikes. The U.S. Central Command reported

Sunday that three U.S. service members were killed, while another died on Monday from wounds sustained during the initial operation.

Officials later announced they recovered the remains of two previously unaccounted-for service members from a facility that was struck during Iran’s initial attacks in the region.

When asked about the six deaths Monday, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said

an Iranian weapon made it past allied air defenses “and, in that particular case, happened to hit a tactical operations center that was fortified.”

Eighteen American service members also have been seriously wounded, said Capt. Tim Hawkins, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command.

Operation Epic Fury began on Saturday

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