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IRAN SHOT DOWN TWO U.S. MILITARY PLANES IN SEPARATE ATTACKS, WITH ONE SERVICE MEMBER RESCUED AND AT LEAST ONE MISSING, IN A DRAMATIC ESCALATION SINCE THE WAR BEGAN. **C2**

ROME

Marking first Good Friday as pontiff, Leo leads Way of the Cross procession



Pope Leo XIV carried a wooden cross for all of the 14 stations of the Way of the Cross at the Colosseum in Rome on his first Good Friday as pontiff, marking the first time in decades that a pope carried the cross to every station. “I think it will be an important sign because of what the pope represents, a spiritual leader in the world today, and for this voice, that everyone wants to hear, that says Christ still suffers,” Leo told reporters. “I carry all of this suffering in my prayer.” Inside the Colosseum, Leo lifted the cross and began the rite flanked by two torchbearers, who accompanied him throughout the hourlong procession. At the first station, marking the moment Jesus was condemned to death, the meditation prepared especially for Leo’s first Good Friday underlined that those with authority will have to answer to God for how they exercise their power. “The power to judge; the power to start or end a war; the power to instill violence or peace; the power to fuel the desire for revenge, or for reconciliation,” read the meditation. Some 30,000 faithful gathered. *Associated Press; photo by Gregorio Borgia, AP*

PRINCETON

Sherrill will move to Drumthwacket, the governor’s mansion

Her family will be the first to live there in more than two decades.

Brent Johnson *NJ.com*

Gov. Mikie Sherrill is set to become the first New Jersey governor in more than two decades to move into Drumthwacket. Sherrill announced Friday she and her family will start living this summer in the state’s official — and unusually named — governor’s mansion in Princeton. The Democratic governor said she and her husband were “excited to let our fellow New Jerseyans” know about the news. “From Day One this administration has committed to getting to work in Trenton to deliver on our commitments,” Sherrill said in a statement. “We’re thrilled to further strengthen that commitment by living full time in the governor’s official residence and

being much closer to the Capital City and the State House.” “Drumthwacket is the people’s house, and we look also forward to continuing to bring it to life for New Jersey residents and highlight all the incredible history it offers,” she added. “Our family looks forward to this exciting next chapter, and we thank the dedicated New Jersey state staff and the team at the Drumthwacket Foundation for all their work to truly make the residence a home.” Sherrill and her family currently live in Montclair, about an hour north of Trenton. She represented the area in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2019 until just after she was elected governor last fall. Drumthwacket is only 20 minutes from the capital city. Shortly after winning the governor’s race, Sherrill said at a public event in November she planned to stay in Essex County. “Oh, yeah. I’ve got kids in school,” said

Sherrill, who took office on Jan. 20. She and her husband, investment banker Jason Hedberg, have four children. Sherrill’s office told NJ.com the state’s first family plans to live there for the governor’s full tenure. It’s unclear if they will sell their Montclair home and whether state taxpayers will cover their utilities and other expenses at Drumthwacket. Spokesman Steve Sigmund said more details will be “announced at a later date.” The state Department of Environmental Protection operates both Drumthwacket and a shorefront house at Island Beach State Park that governors have access to, as well. Sherrill will be the third New Jersey governor to live full time at Drumthwacket since it became the governor’s mansion in 1981. Jim Florio (1990-94) and Jim McGreevey (2000-04) were the others. **SEE PRINCETON, A2**

POLITICS

N.J., other states file suit to block Trump’s order on mail-in voting

It’s the latest in a growing number of legal challenges.

Chris Sheldon *NJ.com*

New Jersey and more than 20 other states are suing over President Donald Trump’s executive order that restricts mail-in ballot voting, according to the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office. On Tuesday, Trump signed an executive order that attempts to establish a national list of eligible voters and directs the U.S. Postal Service, an independent federal agency, to transmit mail ballots only to those on the list, the office said in a statement. In the order, the president threatens states and election officials with criminal prosecution and the loss of federal funding if they do not comply with his demands, the office said. But attorneys general in New Jersey, 21 other states and the District of Columbia argue that the order would require states to act contrary to their own voter roll procedures, vote-by-mail systems and voter registration laws, officials said. (In Pennsylvania, Gov. Josh Shapiro is the one bringing the suit, not the attorney general’s office.) “The Constitution makes clear that states administer elections in America — not the federal government,” New Jersey Attorney General Jennifer Davenport said in a statement released Friday. “Changes to election rules cannot be made by the president through a blatantly unlawful **SEE POLITICS, A2**

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Nurse killed by ex weeks after she got restraining order, family says

Matt Gray *NJ.com*

The family of a mother of four shot to death in Gloucester County last week says she was killed by her ex-fiancé, who then killed himself. Authorities declined to release any information about the alleged murder-suicide, which the woman’s family said occurred last Friday night on the 300 block of Broad Street in Swedesboro. Tomeka Kamwani, a 41-year-old nurse, had an active restraining order against her former fiancé that he violated more than once in recent weeks, according to her older sister, Lakiеча Brooks. NJ.com is withholding the name of the alleged killer pending confirmation from police. Court records show the man was accused of punching her in the face in February but was later released from jail by a judge as he awaited trial on multiple charges. On the night of March 29, the man entered Kamwani’s home and shot her three times before shooting himself, Brooks said. Two of Kamwani’s four children were in the house at the time of the shooting but were not harmed, the family said. Police were aware that the man had violated the restraining order in previous weeks, Brooks said. Woolwich police officials, who cover Swedesboro, did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the claims. The Gloucester County Prosecutor’s **SEE GLOUCESTER COUNTY, A2**