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Kent State celebrates Flash during homecoming parade



Kent State cheerleaders march on Oct. 11, in the homecoming parade along Summit Street.

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Flash was the star of Kent State University's homecoming festivities, which featured a parade taking a different route Oct. 11 along Summit Street. The parade has traveled along East Main Street since its inception, but was forced off course this year because of construction. The parade's theme was a celebration of Flash's birthday, with those who formerly appeared as the Kent State mascot serving as the grand marshals. Later in the day, Kent State won its homecoming game, defeating the Massachusetts Minutemen, 42-6. A variety of tailgating events and alumni receptions took place on and off campus throughout the week-end.



A float with Flash heads down Summit Street during the homecoming parade on Oct. 11 at Kent State University. The annual parade took a different route this year because of construction on East Main Street.
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Law invoked to quell rebellions, unrest

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump has said he would consider invoking the Insurrection Act of 1807 to fight crime and battle protesters in cities controlled by Democrats.

“I’d do it if it was necessary,” if courts block his deployment of National Guard troops, Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on Oct. 6. “So far, it hasn’t been necessary. But we have an Insurrection Act for a reason. If I had to enact it, I’d do that.”

“It’s been invoked before,” Trump told reporters a day later. “We want safe cities.”

The Insurrection Act or its predecessors have been invoked 30 times in American history since George Washington suppressed the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794. The law gives the president the power to deploy U.S. armed forces to suppress rebellions and civil unrest or when federal laws are being obstructed.

“The last time presidents invoked it against the wishes of state leaders was to suppress violent massive resistance to civil rights in the 1950s and ‘60s,” presidential historian Matt Dallek said.

“Presidents have a duty under Article 2 to take care that the laws are faithfully executed,” said Claire Finkelstein, a University of Pennsylvania law school professor.

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World War II Marine from Cuyahoga Falls laid to rest near family

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He died serving his country 80 years ago, but his relatives never had the chance to provide a traditional burial for him until now.

Sgt. Harold M. Weaver, World War II Marine Corps veteran, finally was laid to rest Oct. 11 with family in Cuyahoga Falls following a community ceremony that

brought out roughly 200 people.

Weaver was born in Cuyahoga Falls in 1917. He died fighting in Okinawa, Japan, with the U.S. Marines in 1945.

“He was on the last campaign before they decided to launch the Enola Gay,” said his great niece, Holly Weaver-Hall, referencing the bomber plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Weaver-Hall, who lives in Alaska and has recently spent winters in Missouri, drove from Alaska to Cuyahoga Falls for

the Oct. 11 community ceremony. Weaver-Hall’s grandfather Jesse Weaver, a Navy veteran who also served in the Pacific theater of World War II, was Harold Weaver’s younger brother.

Weaver-Hall said her family is receiving long-needed closure from the 2023 identification of her great uncle and the Oct. 11 public ceremony and private burial honoring him in Oakwood Cemetery.

“We’re going to be able to pay tribute

and honor a fallen hero,” Weaver-Hall said Oct. 8. “And this will provide great closure because I know my grandfather used to talk about this, and we’ve waited decades for this.”

Weaver-Hall’s son, San Diego-based U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Aydan Berger, escorted Weaver back home from Hawaii.

“I’m just glad that I was able to lay

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