



Monday, November 04, 2024

**1. Kamala Harris and Donald Trump offered contrasting final pitches this weekend.**

**Trump's familiar tune:** He continued his chaotic campaign strategy. He said he wouldn't mind if someone shot journalists at his rally, and he escalated false claims of election fraud.

**Harris's weekend:** She underscored her message of unity and made a surprise appearance on SNL. Meanwhile, Harris's supporters have been sticking notes in bathroom stalls.

**2. Polls remain tight ahead of tomorrow's presidential election.**

**The latest:** Polls have moved slightly in Trump's direction in recent weeks. But, this weekend, Iowa delivered a polling surprise.

**Could the polls be wrong?** They don't tell the whole story, and the election might not be close.

**What do the candidates need to win?** They must get 270 electoral college votes, but they have different paths to that number.

**3. Officials are taking extraordinary measures to protect election-related sites.**

**Like what?** Plans include panic buttons for election workers, and the National Guard has been activated in at least two states. In D.C., new fencing surrounds several key locations.

**Why?** Precautions have been added following Trump's attempts to overturn his defeat in 2020. Trump, and an army of election deniers, have already laid the groundwork for a repeat.

**4. Israel used civilians as human shields, Palestinians and an Israel soldier said.**

**What that means:** Palestinian detainees in Gaza were used to shield Israeli forces from attack, The Post found. The use of civilians as cover for the military is a war crime under Israeli and international law.

**In northern Gaza:** At least 50 children were killed in Israeli strikes Friday and Saturday, and the entire population is "at imminent risk of dying," a U.N. official said.

**5. Quincy Jones, the legendary music producer and innovator, has died.**

**How we'll remember him:** For his incalculable impact on U.S. music, from bebop to hip-hop. He elevated the voices of dozens of entertainers, most famously Michael Jackson.

**What we know:** Jones died yesterday at his home in Los Angeles, his publicist announced. He was 91.

**6. A new kind of battery could be better for the environment.**

**The problem:** Much of the world relies on lithium-ion batteries. But mining, processing and disposing of them can harm workers, communities and the environment.

**One solution:** Sodium-ion batteries are made from cheaper and more abundant materials and last longer. But they're also larger and need more development.

**7. A Chicago museum scanned dozens of mummies to unlock their secrets.**

**What to know:** Researchers at the Field Museum recently scanned 26 mummies, offering a view of the remains without physically disturbing the mummified individuals.

**Mystery solved:** One mummy was buried in a sealed box with no entry point, confusing experts. Scans revealed the box was molded around her body as she was held upright.



Vocabulary 04/11/24:

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| 1. | pitch -            | a speech that attempts to persuade someone to buy or do something |
|    | fraud -            | the crime of getting money by deceiving people                    |
|    | to reiterate -     | to say something again, to repeat                                 |
| 2. | poll -             | a study in which people are asked for their opinions              |
|    | electoral college- | a group of people whose job is to choose a political leader       |
| 4. | detainee -         | prisoner  |
|    | to corroborate -   | to add proof to a statement with new information                  |
| 6. | abundant -         | more than enough  |
| 7. | mummy -            | in ancient Egypt, a dead body that has been preserved from decay  |
|    | to mold (AE) -     | to shape something into a particular form (BE: to mould)          |

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