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Donald Trump Wins 2024 Presidential Election

By: Hannah Stoughton

Nov. 7th, 2024: After a tumultuous election season, Donald Trump has been elected as the 47th President of the United States.

After winning the 2016 election against Hillary Clinton and losing the 2020 election to President Joe Biden, Trump is the president-elect for 2024.

His opponent, Kamala Harris, announced her candidacy on July 21st, 2024, after President Biden announced that he was going to withdraw from the race. The decision came after President Biden's approval ratings dropped continuously in the midst of election season, particularly after the first presidential debate.

Harris, who ran a campaign in just three short months, conceded the

election results on Nov. 6th, 2024, stating: "I concede this election, [but] I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign," she stated in her address to viewers at Howard University.

"The fight for freedom, for opportunity, for fairness and for the dignity of all people, a fight for the ideals at the heart of our nation, the ideals that reflect America at our best — that is a fight I will never give up."

Trump addressed supporters on Nov. 6th as well to discuss the win. He stated, "This will truly be the golden age of America" and "We overcame obstacles nobody ever thought we could." He held his celebration of the election results at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida. "I will not rest



Kamala Harris and Donald Trump.

until we deliver the strong, safe and prosperous Amer-

ica that our children deserve and that you deserve." *Image taken by Sara Cascio.*

Trump won the election 291-226, with Nevada and Arizona still counting, though they are projected to declare Trump as the winner. The inauguration is set for Jan. 20th, 2025, where President Biden has promised a peaceful transition of power.

Thiel Football Edges Saint Vincent College

By: Jason Walsh II

Nov. 2nd, 2024: This past Saturday, the Tomcats took on the Saint Vincent College Bearcats at Alumni Stadium at Thiel College.

The President's Athletic Conference matchup kicked off at 1 pm on Sat-

urday. The Tomcats beat the Bearcats 20-10, moving to a record of 2-6.

The Bearcats scored the game's first touchdown in the first quarter. A 1-yard touchdown run from Saint Vincent's Billy Beck put them up 7-0,

and this would be the only score in the first quarter.

The Tomcats then responded to the Bearcats with a 3-yard touchdown run by Deon Logan. The touchdown came from a 12-play, 90-yard...

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...drive by the Tomcats, scoring with 2 minutes left in the second quarter. However, the Bearcats would use the remaining time in the first half to go up 10-7 with 8 seconds left from an Adam Koscieliki field goal.

The third quarter of the game was scoreless on both ends. The next scores would both come from the Tomcats with under 2 minutes remaining in the game.

Late in the 4th quarter, Saint Vincent pinned Thiel back to their own 1-yard-line on a punt. The Tomcats' offense proceeded to drive 99 yards, overcoming a few penalties on the way. The Tomcats scored with 1:57 remaining from a 4-yard pass from Daniel Rennie to Blake Joseph to go up 14-10. Thiel would then score once more with 33 seconds remaining on another Daniel Rennie pass

for 11 yards, completed to Jayveerh White, making the final score 20-10 in favor of the Tomcats.

Overall, on the afternoon, the Tomcat offense has 15 first

downs, 96 yards rushing on 34 attempts, 271 yards passing, 367 total yards off offense, and 35 minutes of possession time. Offensive standouts were;

Daniel Rennie: 24-31 pass completions, 271 yards passing, 2 touchdown passes, and no interceptions

Deon Logan: 78 yards rushing on 20 attempts, 1 rushing touchdown, and a 3.7 yards per carry

Jayveerh White: 4 receptions for 89 yards and a touchdown

Blake Joseph: 4 receptions for 21 yards and a touchdown

The Tomcat defense held the Bearcats to 187 yards of total offense.



Image from Leary Studios.

The Bear-

cat offense had 11 first downs, 57 rushing yards, 130 passing yards, 1 touchdown, and a field goal. , who

Luke Faber, who was named PAC defensive player of the week, had 11 total tackles on the afternoon. Chad Morningstar 6 total tackles. Jake Badger had 6 total tackles as well. Justin Logan had 4 total tackles and 1 interception.

This Saturday, November 9th, the Tomcats will travel to Waynesburg to face off against the 3-5 Yellow Jackets. The Yellow Jackets are currently 1-3 at home on the season.

Spain Faces Massive Flooding

By: Colin Schroyer

October 30, 2024: Spain has been hit by one of the largest floods in the country's history. Over a week later, the nation continues to recover from the damage through rescue and recovery efforts.

Beginning in the afternoon on Tuesday, a massive storm swept across

the Valencia region in eastern Spain. The storm came rather suddenly, as many were in the middle of their lives, leaving them to take impromptu shelter wherever they could... (cont. on next pg.)

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...find. Due to their inability to find proper shelter, many were trapped in basements, lower floors, or cars.

At least 200 people have died, with numbers varying by source, and the death toll rose in the aftermath of the flood. Many are still missing.

The storm left roads, towns, and communities flooded, leaving trains and highways inoperable. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez sent 5,000 more soldiers and 5,000 more police officers to aid in rescue efforts, provide food, and help with cleanup efforts. This was in addition to the initial 1,000 soldiers sent.

Sánchez said, "This is not enough," as evidenced by the approximately 3,000 people who continued to be without power as of Monday, November 4.

Forecasters warned of the storm spreading further north as the week

Image from Associated Press.



went on, which came as Barcelona bared the storm on Monday.

Spain's King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia visited the municipality of Valencia, where Paiporta was located. Residents verbally assaulted the leaders, calling them murderers and telling them to get out, all while flinging mud at the royal pair. Sánchez was present until he was taken away by security.

Spain's national weather service AEMET warned of historic storms on October 25 that would last through the week. An expected cold drop and depressurization were reported leading up to the brewing storm.

Government officials, such as Carlos Mazon, President of the Valencia District, were made aware of the oncoming weather but did not take action. The reason for this inaction remains under scrutiny. Some of the public also ignored the news, viewing it as alarmism and downplaying it by those who deny climate change on social media like X, formerly known as Twitter.

Scientists point largely to the effects of climate change as key factors in

the storm's cause. The warmer atmosphere from rising temperatures helped the storm retain moisture that would have otherwise dissipated. Furthermore, slower jet streams prevented the storm from moving out of the area quickly. On top of the intense rain, Spain had experienced a two-year drought, which exacerbated the flooding as the soil was unable to properly absorb the water.

In addition to the many lives lost, homes destroyed, and cities ruined by the floods, an estimated 4,500 businesses have been damaged, with around 1,800 facing serious damage.

Valencia is on the east coast of Spain, along the Mediterranean Sea, and bears the brunt of the westward-moving storm.

International information regarding the flood comes largely from Spain's own news agency, EFE. Many organizations and institutions are collecting funds to aid in relief efforts as officials and individuals continue to help those affected by the storm.

"It will be a long time before this becomes a habitable area again," says Maria Jose Gilabert, a nurse from Picanya, a suburb of Valencia.

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Where is the Current Oldest Person in North America? Here.

By: Jacob Walsh

Nov. 7th, 2024: November 1, 2024:

A woman from Mercer County, Pennsylvania, is believed to be the oldest person in North America at 114 years old.

Naomi Whitehead was given the status of 'Oldest Living Person in North America' on October 22nd after Elizabeth Francis of Texas died.

Whitehead was born in September 1910 on a farm in Georgia. Throughout her life, she stated that she never drank alcohol or smoked, and she had outlived her husband and three sons.

Whitehead explained that her long life can be attributed to good genes and her enjoyment of activities like

cooking, baking, drawing, and listening to music.

In September 2023, Whitehead told the New Castle News that she had not set a goal for how long she would like to live but as long as the Lord would let her. "She's a Godly woman," Dan Whitehead, her grandson, told the New Castle News. She is truly blessed."

In honor of Naomi Whitehead's 114th birthday this past September, Mercer County's State Representative Parke Wentling presented her with a special citation.

Naomi Whitehead's age is far beyond the life expectancies of her home state of

Georgia and current state, Pennsylvania. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia's life expectancy for women is 77.1 years, while Pennsylvania's is 79.3 years.

Naomi Whitehead currently lives in a senior care community in West Salem Township, Pennsylvania.

Naomi Whitehead.



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