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### State of the Nation

67% of registered voters say the country is on the wrong track, that includes 61% of men and 66% of women.

20% of registered voters say the country is headed in the right direction. This includes 25% of men and 15% of women. [YouGov 12/8/20]

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Here is how Americans blame media institutions for political divisions in this country.

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
Major internet companies (Facebook, Twitter, Google)	69%	21%	7%	2%
National cable TV news (CNN, FOX, MSNBC)	65%	26%	7%	2%
National network TV news (ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS)	41%	21%	28%	9%
National newspapers (WSJ, NYT, WP, USAToday)	39%	22%	29%	8%
Radio	16%	31%	40%	11%
Local TV news	12%	22%	48%	17%

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How much interest do Americans have in learning about the opinions of people who disagree politically?

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
Americans overall	25%	51%	18%	6%
Democrats	23%	54%	19%	4%

Independents	34%	50%	11%	5%
Republicans	20%	49%	21%	10%

[Gallup/Knight Foundation 11/15/20]

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49% of Americans say the bible should have a great deal or some influence on the laws of the United States, including 28% who say it should take precedence when it conflicts with the will of the people. [PEW 12/12/20]

For the first time since at least the great depression, a majority of young adults in the United States were living with their parents this year. [PEW 12/12/20]

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### **Employment**

The official BLS seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2020 is 6.7%. That unemployment rate is lower than the 10.2% rate in July, 8.4% in August, 7.9% in September, and greater than the 3.5% unemployment rate of a year ago.

If one considers the total number of unemployed + those marginally attached to the labor force + those working part-time who want full-time work, the unemployment rate is 12.0%, down from 16.5% in July, 14.2% in August, 12.8% in September and up from 6.8% a year ago.

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245,000 jobs were created in November.

The Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for November is 61.5%, down from 63.2% in 2019. [BLS 12/20]

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### **The Demographics of Unemployment for November 2020**

#### Unemployment by Gender (20 years and older)

Women -5.4. (down from last month)

Men -5.9% (up from last month)

Unemployment by Race

- White – 5.9% (down from last month)
- Black –10.3% (down from last month)
- Hispanic – 8.4% (down from last month)
- Asian –6.7% (down from last month)

Unemployment by Education (25 years & over)

- Less than high school –9.0% (down from last month)
- High School –7.7% (down from as last month)
- Some college – 6.3% (down from last month)
- Bachelor’s Degree or higher – 4.2% (same as last month)

In October, 33 states had unemployment rates below the national average of 6.9%; 15 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico had unemployment rates that were above the national average. The unemployment in two states is even with the national average.

The state with the highest unemployment rate is Hawaii at 14.3%.

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Just over 1 in 5 women have left the workforce since the beginning of the pandemic. These losses have not been equally shared among all women. The losses include 21% of Latinx women, 19% of Asian women, 17% of Black women and 13% of white women. [GenderAvenger 12/11/20]

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Nearly 12 million renters in the United States will owe an average of \$5,850 in back rent and utilities by January. [Moody’s Analytics, WP 12/8/20]

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**This and That**

A transition at another time

In December 1975, Jimmy Carter was President-Elect and Walter Mondale was Vice President-Elect. It was a different time. There was no argument about who had won. Jerry Ford conceded, and the transition went forward in an orderly fashion.

Mondale selected Dick Moe to be his Chief of Staff, Jim Johnson as his Executive Assistant, and I was to be Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff.

Up until that time, the Vice President and his staff were officed in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) across the driveway from the White House but within the WH premises.

President-Elect Carter invited Mondale to use an office in the West Wing of the White House just down the hall from the President's office. Mondale readily accepted. The office previously used regularly by Vice Presidents in the EEOB became the Vice President's Ceremonial Office.

Outgoing Vice-President Rockefeller and his staff were very helpful and as a result I was offered the opportunity move into the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on January 3, 1977.

When I arrived, I was offered a staff person from Vice-President Rockefeller's staff to help me. That person was Kathleen Ambrose. I always believed her real job was to keep an eye on me to make sure I didn't go anywhere I shouldn't go on the complex.

I quickly learned that there was much to learn about operating in the greater complex and I offered Kathleen a job as my assistant. Happily, she accepted and became a very important part of the Mondale team. (We became fast friends and remain that way to this day.)

When the administration started, and we were all ensconced in our offices in the EEOB (Jim Johnson officed with Mondale in the White House), I did a little research into who had previously used my office (actually, Kathleen did most of the work).

In a previous era, the building had housed the State, War, and Navy Departments. I learned that my office had previously been used by President Theodore Roosevelt and by President Franklin Roosevelt when each of them was Assistant Secretary of the Navy. The building's archivist was able to come up with pictures of the two men using the office when they were in the Navy.

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38% of U.S. adults say they are comfortable going out to eat, returning to levels from late October and early November following a dip before Thanksgiving. [Morning Consult 12/1/20]

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As of November 27, the Federal Register for 2020 already totaled 76,418 pages. At this time in 2019, the Register totaled 65,906 and in 2018 – 62,240 pages. [Ballotpedia news 11/28/20]

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As of December 5, 2020, 60% of Americans said they plan to get vaccinated, up from 51% in September. [PEW 12/5/20]

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Minnesota is the top turkey producer in the nation. In that state, the seventh congressional district tops the field. [Minnesota Post 12/3/20]

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64% say marijuana should be legal at the federal level and 25% say it should not. [Politico/Morning Consult Poll 12/7/20]

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A 2020 government survey found that 80% of Mexican women don't feel safe in their own country. The WHO has reported that about half of all women in Mexico will experience sexual or intimate-partner violence during their lifetime. [WP 11/27/20]

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### Odds and Ends

“The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now” is like saying “The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now.”

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This morning saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house and told my cat. We laughed a lot.

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I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.

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“Paraprosdokians” are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. Here are a half dozen examples.

- I’ve had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn’t it.
- He taught me housekeeping; when I divorce, I keep the house.
- I haven’t slept for 10 days, because that would be too long.
- Standing in the park today, I was wondering why a frisbee looks larger the closer it gets...then it hit me.
- When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.

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### **INSULTS**

From an era before 4-letter words

“I didn’t attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.”

-Mark Twain

“He has no enemies but is intensely disliked by his friends.”

-Oscar Wilde

“Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I’ll waste no time reading it.”

-Moses Hadas

“I’m enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play, bring a friend if you have one.”

-George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

“Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second...if there is one.”

-Winston Churchill, in response

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### **QUOTES**

“I know that women are more inclusive than mercurial, more patient than impatient, are more respectful than abrasive.”

-Christine Lagarde, president of the European Central Bank

“Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. Those who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again.”

-Ronald Reagan,

Speech given at his inauguration as governor of California in 1967

“Today’s capitalism is incompatible with feminism.”

-Mariana Mazzucato,

Professor and economist at the University College of London

“You ain’t learnin’ nothin’ when you’re talkin’.”

-Speaker Sam Rayburn

“Everything has been said, but not everyone has said it.”

-Mo Udall

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### **President–Elect Biden**

Joe Biden, soon to be the 46<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, will be the second Catholic to hold the office. The first was John F. Kennedy, the 35<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. [WW]

	<u>Electoral Votes</u>	<u>Vote %</u>	<u>Vote Count</u>
Joe Biden	306	51.4	81,283,495
Donald Trump	232	46.	<u>74,223,755</u>
			7,059,740

[As of 12/12/20]

Joe Biden received a greater percentage of the vote against an incumbent president than anyone since 1932. He is currently more popular than the incumbent president of the White House has ever been. [Andrew Weinstein, Weinsteinlaw 12/6/20]

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## Vice President-Elect Harris

The Vice President has two constitutionally established duties: first, to succeed the president if he or she dies, resigns, or is removed, and second, to serve as president of the Senate.

Nine Vice Presidents have become president by succession: John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Harry Truman, Lyndon B Johnson, and Gerald Ford.

As to casting tie-breaking votes in the Senate, Vice President Mike Pence has done so 13 times; Biden never cast a tie-breaking vote. John C. Calhoun set the record for the most tie-breaking votes with 31. [Ballotpedia 12/9/20]

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## President Trump

The outgoing Trump administration will have killed more prisoners since July of this year than any other administration has done in a full year since 1896. [Daily Beast 12/1/20]

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As of December 9, 2020, a Fox News poll found that 47% of registered voters approved of the job that President Trump was doing while 52% disapprove. In the same survey the voters approved of the job he has done on the economy by 52% to 45%.

However, on foreign policy he gets a failing grade of 45% to 50%.

The following are the final Gallup survey and the final FiveThirtyEight survey of likely voters for 2020 on approval/disapproval of President Trump.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Gallup (All Adults)</u>		<u>FiveThirtyEight (Reg/Likely voters)</u>	
	<u>Approval</u>	<u>Disapproval</u>	<u>Approval</u>	<u>Disapproval</u>
11/19/20	43%	55%	44.3%	52.4%
10/27/20	43%	55%	43.4%	53.7%

President Trump has done many things, the effect of which will be felt for years if not decades to come. At the top of that list is the remaking of the philosophical composition of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Trump has added three justices to the Supreme Court. Going back to Jimmy Carter, Trump has added more justices than anyone other than Ronald Reagan, who added four justices, but only one justice in his first term.

The average age of the justices Trump nominated is 52 years old.

The impact of Trump’s appointments was demonstrated rather quickly.

During the pandemic’s first wave in the spring, the Supreme Court twice voted not to interfere when states such as California and Nevada restricted indoor gatherings, including church services. The votes were 5 to 4, with Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. joining his four liberal colleagues.

Then Justice Ginsburg was replaced by Amy Coney Barrett and when Catholics and Orthodox Jews in New York requested that the court block an order by Governor Cuomo restricting attendance at churches, the Court issued an order doing just that.

### **Judges Nominated and Confirmed to Date**

Because the U.S. Senate remains in Republican hands and the filibuster is no more, the President can continue unchecked his goal of remaking the federal judiciary. The chart below reflects the number of Article III court judges appointed by all U.S. presidents since Jimmy Carter.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Supreme Ct</u>	<u>Appeals Ct</u>	<u>District Ct</u>	<u>Int’l Trade</u>
Trump – thru 12/1/20	229	3	53	170	3
Obama – 8 years	325	2	55	268	
GW Bush – 8 years	325	2	62	261	
Clinton – 8 years	373	2	66	305	
GHW Bush – 4 years	192	2	42	148	
Reagan – 8 years	376	4	83	290	
Carter – 4 years	259	0	56	203	

There are currently several nominations awaiting Senate action, 25 seats in the District Courts, 2 seats on the courts of appeals, and 1 seat on the Court of International Trade.

There are also currently 3 vacancies of the courts of appeals, 47 vacancies on the U.S. District Courts, and 2 vacancies on the Court of International Trade. [USCourts/Wikipedia/List of federal judges appointed by Donald Trump]

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### **Disassembling**

The U.S. Forest Service finalized a rule that allows more logging and forest management projects to skip environmental reviews. The agency said its changes will expedite decision-making on long-stalled efforts to improve the health and productivity of national forests, and also protect against intensifying wildfires. But environmental groups warned that giving the government broader leeway with logging and road construction can damage natural habitats.

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The State Department has imposed tighter visa regulations on Chinese Communist Party members. Anyone who is anyone in China is a member of the party, roughly 92 million people. Visas would be limited for party members and their families to only for one month. Previously, Chinese nationals were able to apply for tourism or business visas that are valid for 10 years and unlimited entry with stays of up to 90 days. [WP 12/4/20]

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The Trump administration rejected setting tougher standards on soot, the nation's most widespread deadly air pollutant. [WP 12/7/20]

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### **The 2020 General Election**

67% of the voting eligible population voted in the 2020 election. This was the highest percentage of the eligible population since 1900. The highest state turnout was Minnesota at 80%. The lowest state turnout was 55% in Oklahoma. Turnout in Georgia was 67%. [U.S. Election Project]

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61% of Americans trust that the results of the 2020 election are accurate while 5% do not. 34% are unsure. This includes:

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
Democrats	95%	---	---
Republicans	24%	72%	---
Independents	67%	5%	28%

[NPR/PBS/Marist 12/6/29]

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It's no surprise that President Trump's endorsement during the election was the most productive. 75% of those who he endorsed were elected. Senator Bernie Sanders was the most useful endorsement among Democrats. 62% of those he endorsed were elected. (As a practical matter, most of the candidates who were endorsed by one or more of these folks, would likely have been re-elected without these endorsements. WW)

#### Endorsements

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Not decided</u>	<u>% that won</u>
Obama	232	82	115	35	35%
Sanders	202	125	62	15	62%
Trump	181	136	49	5	75%
Biden	50	12	21	9	24%
Pence	10	7	3	0	70%

[Ballotpedia 12/2/20]

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By winning the popular vote by 4.5 points, President-elect Joe Biden improved on Hillary Clinton's 2-point popular vote victory by about 2.5 points. With almost all state results certified, Biden improved on Clinton's two-party share of the vote in 44 of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. [Sabato Crystal Ball -Results as of 12/8]

Black Americans represented over 50% of Democratic voters in Georgia (state population is 33% Black), 20% of Democrat voters in Michigan (state population is 14% Black), and 21% of all Democratic voters in Pennsylvania (state population is 12% Black). [Brookings 11/24/20]

8-in-10 registered voters in the U.S. (83%) said in the summer that it “really mattered” who won this year’s presidential election, the highest share in any presidential election year since at least 2000. Two decades ago, only half of registered voters said it really mattered who won the Bush/Gore contest. [PEW 12/12/20]

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The Winston Group did a study after the election in which they asked voters to rate 19 issues in order of importance. Eight issues are listed below in the order they were rated by Independents.

	<u>Ind</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Dem</u>
The Economy and Jobs	1	1	3
Coronavirus	2	11	1
State of scientific discovery And innovation	3	14	4
Free Speech	4	3	7
Affordable Care Act	5	15	2
Issues related to police	6	8	9
Immigrant and border	7	2	10
Possible tax rate increases	8	4	15

[WG Discussion Points 11/27/2020]

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There were 120 statewide measures on the ballot in 32 states on November 3. As of November 20, 88 measures passed and 30 defeated with two yet uncalled. [Ballotpedia 11/20/20]

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In an October survey, 8 in 10 registered voters who supported Biden and a similar share of those who supported Trump, said they fundamentally disagree with the other side on “core American values”. [PEW 12/12/20]

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	<u>Before Election</u>	<u>After Election (as of 12/14/20)</u>
U.S. Senate	53R-47D	52R-48D
U.S. House	236D-199R	222D-211R (2 races not called)
State Leg. Chambers	59R-39D	61R-37D
Governors	26R-24D	27R-23D

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Cable TV was the most relied upon platform for election night returns. 30% of viewers relied on cable. 24% relied on news websites and 22% relied on national network TV news. Only 9% relied on social media while 2% relied on the candidate campaigns.

Democrats followed the election results more closely than Republicans. 75% of Democrats followed the returns constantly or fairly often. While the same can be said of 68% of Republicans. However, 54% of Democrats gave their news sources high marks while only 21% of Republicans held the same view.

After the polls closed on election day, 48% GOP/Lean GOP followed Fox News and/or talk radio almost constantly while 50% of Dem/Lean Dem followed CNN, MSNBC, NYT and/or WP almost constantly. [PEW 11/17/20]

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### **Congress**

Approval of the Congress is about where it was before the election.

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Real Clear Pol. 12/8/20	18.0%	70.3%
Real Clear Pol. 11/10/20	18.0%	70.3%
Real Clear Pol. 10/6/20	19.3%	69.0%

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75 congressional elections were decided by 10 percentage points or less. 8 were races for the U.S. Senate and 67 were for the U.S. House. Democrats won 40 of these elections and Republicans won 35.

35 races were decided by fewer than 5 percentage points. 3 were races for the U.S. Senate and 32 races for the House. Democrats won 22 of these elections and Republicans won 13. (14 house races were uncalled as the numbers were calculated.) [Ballotpedia 11/19/20]

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If the ultimate membership of the House of Representatives ends up being 222 Democrats and 213 Republicans, it will be the smallest majority in the House since 2001 when Republicans had a similar majority. For the Democrats, it will be its smallest majority since 1893. [Politico/Morning Consult]

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**As of December 14, 2020**

2020  
Democrats 222  
Republicans 212

Ritchie Torres, the newly elected Democrat from the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of New York, is the first openly gay, Afro-Latino member of Congress. The DCCC did not support him. [WP 12/1/20]

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**THE SENATE**  
**As of December 20, 2020**

Republicans – 52  
Democrats – 46  
Independents – 2

2 GOP seats in Georgia are subject to a special election on January 5<sup>th</sup>:

- GOP Senator Kelly Loeffler vs DEM Rev. Raphael Warnock
- GOP Senator David Purdue vs DEM Jon Ossoff

If Democrats win both of the special elections in Georgia, the Senate would be 50/50 and Democrats would control with Vice President Harris as the tiebreaker.

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**Women Will Get It Done**

**Is this a sign of the times?** (The names have been changed)

A friend of ours, sent us a holiday card with a return address sticker in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope that read:

“Ms. & Mr. Jane Smith  
“Smith’s home address”

I checked in with our friend to ask where they got that particular return address sticker. She replied that it came as part of a group of similar stickers along with a request for her to make a contribution to a particular charitable foundation.

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At least 2,236 women, a record number, will be state lawmakers when America's legislatures return for their next sessions. [GenderAvengerBlog 12/12/20]

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If Janet Yellen is confirmed as Secretary of the Treasury, she will be the first female to hold that post in U.S. History. She was the first woman to chair the Federal Reserve. Yellen also served as Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers. Yellen will be the first person to have held all three of these roles. [WP]

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For the first time, all of the top aides speaking on behalf of the administration and shaping its message will be women.

Kate Bedingfield will serve as the White House communications director and Jennifer Psaki will be the press secretary. Karine Jean Pierre will be Principal Deputy Press Secretary, and Pili Tobar will be deputy White House Communications director.

Ashley Etienne will be Vice-president Harris's communications director and Symone Sanders will become the chief spokesperson for Harris. [WP 11/29/20]

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Sarah Fuller, a senior goalkeeper on Vanderbilt's SEC's 2020 championship women's soccer team, became the first woman to play in a Power 5 football game when she delivered the opening kickoff of the second half of the game between Vanderbilt and Missouri on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Two weeks later, on December 12<sup>th</sup> she became the first woman to score in a Power 5 football game when she kicked the point after touchdown. (The Power 5 includes 65 schools in the Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac 12 and Southeast conferences.)

The Vanderbilt football team lost its regular kickers to a variety of illnesses.

Fuller is not the first woman to play college football. A small number of women have played the game and scored points.

Liz Heaton was the first woman to score at any level of college football in 1997 for NAIA Willamette University. [CBSSports.com 11/28/20]

The NFL is working with 15 colleges to start a woman's flag football league in 2021.

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### Inventions by Women (Thanks to Peter Hart)

Ada Lovelace is essentially the first computer programmer due to her work with Charles Babbage at the University of London in 1842. In fact, her notes were an essential key to helping Alan Turing's work on the first modern computers in the 1940's.

The dishwasher was invented by Josephine Cochrane in 1887. She even marketed her machine to hotel owners and even opened her own factory without the help of a man.

Hedy Lamarr, a world-famous film star, invented a secret communications system during World War II for radio-controlling torpedoes. This technology also paved the way for everything from Wi-Fi to GPS.

Margaret Knight invented a machine that makes square bottomed paper bags in 1871. She almost didn't get credit when Charles Anan tried to steal her work claiming that it wasn't possible for a woman to create this brilliant invention. (Margaret also invented a safety device for cotton mills when she was 12. That invention is still being used today.)

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### **WW Recommends Books & other things**

In this new feature of the Washington Watch, WW will primarily suggest books you may find interesting but now and then it may also mention a TV program, and other things. I welcome your suggestions and your input. What have you been reading that you think WW readers might like?

**THE COMPANY I KEEP  
MY LIFE IN BEAUTY**

By  
Leonard Lauder

In his much-anticipated memoir, *The Company I Keep: My Life in Beauty*, Chairman Emeritus and former CEO of The Estée Lauder Companies, Leonard A. Lauder, shares the business and life lessons he learned as well as the adventures he had while helping transform the mom-and-pop business his mother founded in 1946 in the family kitchen into the beloved brand and ultimately into the iconic global prestige beauty company it is today.

In its infancy in the 1940s and 50s, the company comprised a handful of products, sold under a single brand in just a few prestigious department stores across the United States. Today, The Estée Lauder Companies constitutes one of the world's leading manufacturers and marketers of prestige skin care, makeup, fragrance, and hair care products. It comprises more than 25 brands, whose products are sold in over 150 countries and territories. This growth and success was led by Leonard A. Lauder, Estée Lauder's oldest son, who envisioned and effected this expansion during a remarkable 60-year tenure, including leading the company as CEO and Chairman.

In this captivating personal account complete with great stories as only he can tell them, Mr. Lauder, now known as The Estée Lauder Companies' "Chief Teaching Officer," reflects on his childhood, growing up during the Great Depression, the vibrant decades of the post-World War II boom, and his work growing the company into the beauty powerhouse it is today. Mr. Lauder pays loving tribute to his mother Estée Lauder, its eponymous founder, and to the employees of the company, both past and present, while sharing inside stories about the company, including tales of cutthroat rivalry with Charles Revson of Revlon and others. The book offers keen insights on honing ambition, leveraging success, learning from mistakes, and growing an international company in an age of economic turbulence, uncertainty, and fierce competition.

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**DEADLY CROSS**

By  
James Patterson

Kay Willingham led a life as glamorous as it was public-she was a gorgeous Georgetown socialite, philanthropist, and the ex-wife of the vice president. So why was she parked in a Bentley convertible idling behind a DC private school, in the middle of the night, with the man who was the head of that school? Who shot them both, point blank, and why? The shocking double homicide is blazed across the internet, TV, newspapers -- and across Alex Cross's mind. Kay had been his patient once. And maybe more.

While John Sampson of DC Metro Police investigates the last movements of Christopher Randall, the educator killed along with Kay Willingham, detective Alex Cross and FBI special agent Ned Mahoney find unanswered questions from Willingham's past, before she arrived in DC and became known in DC society as someone who could make things happen. They travel to Alabama to investigate Kay's early years. There they find a world of trouble, corruption, and secrets, all of them closed to outsiders like Cross and Mahoney.

Kay had many enemies, but all of them seemed to need her alive. The harder the investigators push, the more resistance they find when they leave behind the polite law offices and doctors' quarters of the state capital. Alex Cross will need to use all his skills as a doctor, a detective, and a family man to prevent that resistance from turning lethal...again.

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### **Restaurants**

Mercy Me  
1143 New Hampshire Ave NW  
Ground Floor  
202-828-7762

It has been a long while since WW has been in a restaurant. But I have enjoyed pastries from Mercy Me on a number of occasions. So, I decided to share my thoughts with you.

Mercy Me was created by the same folks who started “Call Your Mother”, our favorite bagel shop which now has several locations.

Mercy Me is located in the Yours Truly DC hotel.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. they serve brunch and feature “Sorta South American” pastries. Starting at 5 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. they serve dinner and drinks.

Mercy Me has rooms that provide for private dining for groups of 4-10, if you need something larger.

So far, I have enjoyed – Vigilante (Thin Croissant with Crispy Sugar rolled into each layer), Banana Pecan Bread, Apple Empanada (Caramelized Apples in Crispy Puff Pastry), and Cinnamon Roll (vegan cinnamon roll filled with coconut, cinnamon and rum soaked raisins). Of course, they also serve “Call your Mother” bagels and a variety of spreads.

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