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PRESIDENT TRUMP RETURNS TO OVAL OFFICE

'America's decline is over'

First full day:
Trump's day includes firings and an infrastructure announcement

By Michelle L. Price and Zeke Miller
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump is spending his first full day back in the White House meeting with congressional leaders, announcing an investment in artificial intelligence infrastructure and demonstrating one of his favored expressions of power: firing people.

The new president posted on his Truth social media network early Tuesday that he would fire more than 1,000 presidential appointees "who are not aligned with our vision," including some high-profile names.

Trump fired chef and humanitarian José Andrés from the President's Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition, retired Gen. Mark Milley from the National Infrastructure Advisory Council, former State Department official Brian Hook from the board of the Wilson Center and former Atlanta

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Donald Trump is sworn in as the 47th president of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts as Melania Trump holds the Bible during the 60th Presidential Inauguration in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Monday.

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President Donald Trump, left, and first lady Melania Trump attend the national prayer service at the Washington National Cathedral, Tuesday, in Washington.

Trump sets out to erase Biden's legacy with pardons and orders immediately after taking office

By Zeke Miller, Chris Megerian and Michelle L. Price
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Donald Trump began erasing Joe Biden's legacy immediately after taking office as the nation's 47th president, pardoning nearly all of his supporters who rioted at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and issuing a blizzard of executive orders that signal his desire to remake American institutions.

It was an aggressive start Monday for a returning president who feels emboldened and vindicated by his unprecedented political comeback. Four years after being voted out of the White House, Trump has a second chance to launch what he called "a golden age" for the country.

He signed orders for increasing border security, designating drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations, limiting birthright citizenship, freezing new regulations and establishing a task force for reducing the size of the federal government. He also rescinded dozens of directives issued by Biden, including those relating to climate change and diversity,



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President Donald Trump holds up an executive order after signing it at an indoor Presidential Inauguration parade event in Washington, Monday.

equity and inclusion initiatives.

Trump said that walking back into the already-remodeled Oval Office after his inauguration was "one of the better feelings I've ever had." Unlike during his first term, when new staff members scrambled to figure out what exactly their president was trying to achieve, Trump moved rapidly and methodically to advance his agenda Monday.

His first action after arriving at the White House was pardoning about 1,500 people charged in connection with the Jan. 6 attack, even if they had been convicted of assaulting police officers. Trump commuted the sentences of another 14 people, including leaders of the Oath Keepers and the Proud Boys.

The decision amounted to a sweeping cloak of impunity for Trump supporters who upended the country's tradition of peaceful transfers of power by trying to overturn his election defeat four years ago. Trump described them as "hostages" and said he expected them to be freed shortly. A crowd gathered outside a Washington, D.C., jail to welcome their release.

Trump's inauguration combined formal ceremony and freewheeling rhetoric, a reminder of how Trump can abide solemnity for only so long before going off script with a blend of humor and vitriol. Before leaving the White House for an evening of inaugural balls, Trump spent nearly an hour parrying questions by reporters.

He promised that tariffs on Canada

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Jan. 6 pardons: 45 Michiganders benefit from Trump's reversal of punishments, prosecution

Tribune News Service

President Donald Trump's decision to pardon or commute the prison sentences of all of the 1,500-plus people charged with crimes in the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot include 11 Michigan residents awaiting trial and 34 Michigan residents convicted of crimes related to the riot.

The individuals include Anthony Puma of Brownstown Township, one of Michigan's nonviolent offenders, who was sentenced to nine months in prison after a guilty plea to a felony obstruction charge for scaling a wall near the Capitol's north side and entering the Capitol through a shattered window.

The 52-year-old received the news he was being pardoned while watching Trump announce the decision live on Fox News.

"I'm f--- ecstatic," Puma, 52, told The Detroit News.

Puma has been optimistic about be-

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BERKLEY

Man arrested after police chase, crashing into house

Police say the suspect showed signs of being under the influence of narcotics

By Charles E. Ramirez
The Detroit News

A Southfield man was arrested after leading Berkley police on a car chase and crashing into a house last weekend, officials said.

Berkley police at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday tried to conduct a traffic stop on a white Dodge Journey near Edwards Avenue and Greenfield Road, investigators reported. Police said they suspected the driver, who was wanted on an

outstanding warrant, was operating the vehicle without insurance.

However, the driver refused to stop and sped away from officers, authorities said. Police gave chase.

Officials said the suspect drove south into Oak Park and east on Lincoln Drive toward Coolidge Highway and through Huntington Woods before returning to Berkley.

The driver then lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a home, according to authorities.

He then exited the vehicle and ran but was quickly arrested a short distance from the crash site, investigators said. He was identified as a 31-year-old Southfield man.

After officers searched the sus-

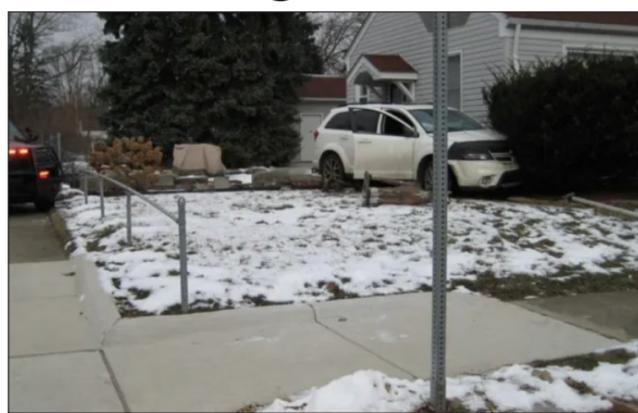
pect's vehicle, they found cocaine and psilocybin mushrooms, according to authorities. The suspect also exhibited signs of being under the influence of narcotics, police reported.

Police said no injuries were reported in the incident.

Officials released photos and video of the incident via the department's Facebook page.

Authorities said they plan to seek multiple charges against the suspect, including fleeing and eluding, a five-year felony, possession of cocaine, a four-year felony, and resisting officers, a two-year felony.

They are not releasing his identity until he has been formally charged in court, police said.



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A vehicle that led police on a chase is shown after crashing into a Berkley home.

