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SECURITY CHALLENGES

By NICHOLAS FANDOS
The New York Times

Agencies bracing for clashes between flood of protesters, Trump supporters

WASHINGTON — Security surrounding the inauguration of Donald Trump is proving to be the most challenging in recent history, according to senior officials involved in its planning, largely because of the same forces of political rancor that shaped the race for the presidency.

On top of the daunting threats to any inaugural ceremony, the three dozen agencies responsible for security at the Jan. 20 festivities are preparing for the possibility of large numbers of protesters flooding the capital, along with what may be nearly 1 million supporters of Trump.

The agencies are worried about the possibility of confrontations between

groups of Americans still deeply divided over the election — and at a moment when millions of people around the world will be turning their attention to Washington. At the very least, officials said, protests would put additional pressure on the region's already-stretched security apparatus.

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The role of Princess Leia in 1977's "Star Wars" catapulted Carrie Fisher to international fame.

Carrie Fisher, 60, in a galaxy all her own

Candid, wry actress and author was not bound by A-list lineage, 'Star Wars'

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By DAVE ITZKOFF
The New York Times

Carrie Fisher, the actress, author and screenwriter who brought a rare combination of nerve, grit and hopefulness to her most indelible role, as Princess Leia in the "Star Wars" movie franchise, died Tuesday. She was 60.

She had had a heart attack on a flight from London to Los Angeles on Friday and had been hospitalized in Los Angeles.

After her "Star Wars" success, Ms. Fisher, the daughter of pop singer Eddie Fisher and actress Debbie Reynolds, went on to use her perch among Hollywood royalty to offer wry commentary in her books on the paradoxes and absurdities of the entertainment industry.

"Star Wars," released in 1977, turned her overnight into an international movie star. The film, written and directed by George Lucas, traveled around the world, breaking box-office records. It proved to be the first installment of a blockbuster series whose vivid, even preposterous characters — living "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away," as the opening sequence announced — became pop culture legends and the progenitors of a merchandising bonanza.

Ms. Fisher established Princess Leia as a damsel who could very much deal with her own distress, whether facing down the villainy of the dreaded Darth Vader or the romantic interests of the roguish smuggler Han Solo.

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Mother, young children found an anchor when life was adrift



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Linda Awuah is with her children, Kristen and Kennedy Antwi, in the Early Learning Center at Wellspring Family Services in Seattle. The agency has helped the children heal from the stress of being homeless. Awuah says she's discovered a lot about parenting.

WELLSPRING | An immigrant family that ended up homeless learns how to grow and develop strength.

By SANDI DOUGHTON
Seattle Times staff reporter

At the age of 2 years and 11 months, Kristen Antwi already knows her mind.

Most days, the exuberant youngster offers high-fives and chatters happily with her teachers and fellow preschoolers at Wellspring Early Learning Center. But when something is bothering her, she's not afraid to speak up.

"She'll tell me: 'Mommy, I'm sad. Mommy, I'm mad at you,'" said her mother,

Linda Awuah, a note of wonder — and pride — in her voice.

When Awuah was growing up in the West African nation of Ghana, her parents would have been shocked by such outspokenness from a child.

"Being here at Wellspring, it has opened my mind to a different perspective," Awuah said. "I appreciate the fact that my daughter can actually tell me how she's feeling, because then I know how to approach her and deal with situations."

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At Pearl Harbor, Obama calls for resisting urge to 'demonize those who are different'

By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT
The New York Times

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Seventy-five years after Imperial Japanese warplanes destroyed the Pacific fleet here and drew the United States into World War II, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on

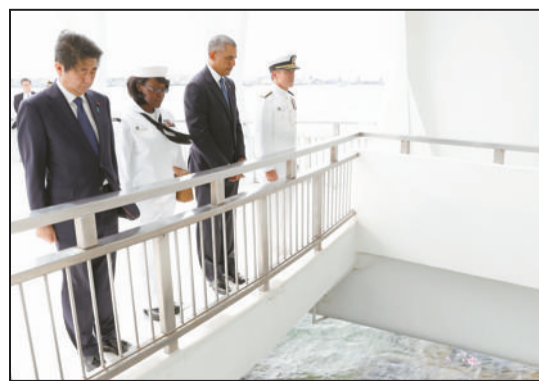
Tuesday stood next to President Obama at the site of the attack and offered repentance but did not apologize.

"I offer my sincere and everlasting condolences to the souls of those who lost their lives here, as well as to the spirits of all the brave

men and women whose lives were taken by a war that commenced in this very place, and also to the souls of the countless innocent people who became victims of the war," Abe said.

He added, "We must never re-

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President Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, left, pause after tossing Hawaiian orchid petals into the Wishing Well at the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor on Tuesday.

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