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A man who said he feared his wife was trapped in the inferno cried for help outside the burning towers in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

## A HORRIFIC BLAZE STUNS HONG KONG

Several Dozen Are Dead; Police Arrest 3 Men

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BEIJING — An inferno ravaged a high-rise apartment complex in Hong Kong on Wednesday, killing at least 44 people, leaving nearly 280 others missing and prompting the police to arrest three construction officials on a charge of suspected manslaughter, accusing them of "gross negligence."

The police also opened an investigation into the building materials on the exterior walls of the towers because they were suspected of not meeting fire-safety standards, potentially leading to the rapid spread of the blaze, the authorities said at a news conference early Thursday. But the exact cause of the fire was not immediately known.

By early Thursday morning, more than 15 hours after a pall of black smoke rose from the towers in the Tai Po district, firefighters were gradually bringing the blaze under control, officials said. But it was still burning.

A number of residents of the 32-story towers, which hold about 2,000 apartments, were believed to be trapped, raising fears that the death toll may rise. In addition to the 40 people killed at the site of the fire, four more died at the hospital, officials said.

Chou Wing Yin, an official at the Hong Kong Fire Services Department, said at a news conference on Thursday that of 100 injured residents treated at the scene, 45 were hospitalized in critical condition. At least 279 others were missing, officials told reporters at a briefing.

Police and fire services officials said they had received numerous calls for help from residents trapped inside the buildings. Herman Yiu Kwan-ho, a former district councilor in Tai Po, said earlier that he was in touch with some residents, some of whom live in one of the buildings that caught fire.

"More than 10 residents said their family members are still at their homes," he said by phone.

The eight apartment towers, called Wang Fuk Court, are in the New Territories, a stretch of land opposite Hong Kong Island that

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## Signs of Fatigue in Trump's Trademark Stamina

By KATIE ROGERS and DYLAN FREEDMAN

WASHINGTON — The day before Halloween, President Trump landed at Joint Base Andrews after spending nearly a week in Japan and South Korea. He was then whisked to the White House, where he passed out candy to trick-or-treaters. Allies crowed over the president's stamina: "This man has been nonstop for DAYS!" one wrote online.

A week later, Mr. Trump appeared to doze off during an event in the Oval Office.

With headline-grabbing posts on social media, combative interactions with reporters and speeches full of partisan red meat, Mr. Trump can project round-the-

### At 79, Starting the Day Later and Holding Fewer Events

clock energy, virility and physical stamina. Now at the end of his eighth decade, Mr. Trump and the people around him still talk about him as if he is the Energizer Bunny of presidential politics.

The reality is more complicated: Mr. Trump, 79, is the oldest person to be elected to the presidency, and he is aging. To preempt any criticism about his age, he often compares himself to President Joseph R. Biden Jr., who at 82 was the oldest person to hold the office, and whose aides

took measures to shield his growing frailty from the public, including by tightly managing his appearances.

Mr. Trump has hung a photo of an autopen in a space where Mr. Biden's portrait would otherwise be, and disparages his predecessor's physicality often.

"He sleeps all the time — during the day, during the night, on the beach," Mr. Trump said about Mr. Biden last week, adding: "I'm not a sleeper."

Mr. Trump remains almost omnipresent in American life. He appears before the news media and takes questions far more often than Mr. Biden did. Foreign leaders, chief executives, donors and others have regular access to Mr. Trump and see him in action.

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Big Heads representing the singers Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin, and the baseball star Miguel Cabrera. Around 90 fully costumed Big Heads were expected to be in this year's parade.

## A City's Holiday Parade Gets Its Swagger Back

By MITCH SMITH

DETROIT — Sean Moran spent his childhood Thanksgivings along Detroit's Woodward Avenue, watching the floats and balloons and bands march past. But it was something else in those parades, something distinctly Detroit, that captured his imagination.

"The thing that really stuck out to me were these old paper-mâché heads that were kind of scary to me as a young kid," said

### Detroit Swells Up With Thanksgiving Pride

Mr. Moran, who is now 54. Those caricatures eventually won him over.

The Big Heads, as they are known, are a Thanksgiving staple in Detroit. They include paper-mâché parrots and lions and tigers and — because, why not? — a monkey with a cigar in its mouth.

Then there are the human ones: large-noggined likenesses of Henry Ford and Aretha Franklin and Bob Seger and Barry Sanders and other Michigan dignitaries, past and present, living and dead.

Detroit's Thanksgiving parade is not Macy's, nor does it try to be. It is also not the most famous event on Detroit's holiday calendar, a title that belongs to the Lions football game, a Turkey Day mainstay since 1934. But the parade, which predates the football

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The singer, now a scholar in residence at U.S.C., is expanding a library featuring rare books by writers of color.

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