**Biden’s First Year**

President Joe Biden participates in the White House COVID-19 Response Team’s regular call with the National Governors Association on Dec. 27 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington.

**Virus and division plague president**

Infrastructure bill early win, but roadblocks remain

WASHINGTON — From the inaugural platform, President Joe Biden saw America’s illness on two fronts — a disease of the national spirit and the one from the rampaging coronavirus — and he saw hope, because leaders always must go deeper than pavement.

Neither malady has abated.

For Biden, it’s been a year of lofty ambitions grounded by the unrelenting plague president.

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