thunderstorms during the afternoon, high 85. **Tonight,** cloudy, low

68. Tomorrow, less humid, some sun high 84. Weather map, Page B12.

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48-Hour Spurt **Hoisted Harris** To Top of Party

How Team's 'Cascade' Secured Nomination

By SHANE GOLDMACHER

Late on Sunday morning, Vice President Kamala Harris summoned a small clutch of her closest advisers and allies to the Naval Observatory, where she lives and works, with little notice and even less information.

President Biden had informed Ms. Harris earlier that morning that he was withdrawing from the race. The vice president had assembled her team so that the exact moment Mr. Biden formally quit, at 1:46 p.m. — one minute after the president had informed his own senior staff - they were ready to go.

Time was of the essence. A sprawling call list of the most important Democrats to reach had been prepared in advance, according to two people with knowledge of the situation. The vice president, in sneakers and a sweatshirt, began methodically dialing Democratic power bro-

"I wasn't going to let this day go by without you hearing from me,' Ms. Harris had said over and over, as day turned to night, according to five people who received her calls or were briefed on them.

She phoned past Democratic presidents, many of her potential rivals - including Govs. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, JB Pritzker of Illinois and Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania — the Democratic congressional leaders, Senator Bernie Sanders, the heads of the various influential caucuses and other top Democrats, a person

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Vice President Kamala Harris in Indianapolis on Wednesday.

RUNNING MATE Democrats are having fun again amid talk of filling the No. 2 spot. PAGE A15



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday portrayed the Gaza conflict as a proxy fight with Iran that must be won at all costs.

Biden Asserts Nation Needs 'Fresh Voices'

By KATIE ROGERS

WASHINGTON - President Biden told the American public in an Oval Office address on Wednesday that he had abandoned his re-election campaign because there is "a time and a place for new voices, fresh voices yes, younger voices."

His words, lasting 11 minutes in all, were the first extensive ones from Mr. Biden since his decision to step aside, and expanded on his initial announcement, delivered in a post on social media on Sunday, that he was dropping out of the race. His tone was wistful and his speech was an early farewell.

"It's been the privilege of my life to serve this nation for over 50

Sitting behind the Resolute Desk and surrounded by photos of his family, Mr. Biden ticked through the accomplishments of his term, ranging from nominating the first Black woman to the Supreme Court to pulling the country out of a paralyzing pandemic. He expressed gratitude to

the American people for allowing Continued on Page A13

In City of Light's Shadows, Monuments to Sports

By ROGER COHEN

PARIS — There is a glorious folly to the Paris Olympics, the first in the city since 1924, as if France in its perennial revolutionary ardor took a century to ponder something unimaginable, the transformation of a great city into a stadium.

The heart of Paris has fallen silent in preparation for the opening ceremony on Friday, when a flotilla will usher thousands of athletes down the Seine, under the low-slung bridges where lovers like to linger. Not since the Covid-19 pandemic has the city been so still, or so constrained.

From the Pont d'Austerlitz in the east to the Pont Mirabeau in the west, roads are closed, newly built stands for spectators line the riverbanks, fences enclose sidewalks and residents need policeissued QR codes to reach their homes. The golden cherubs, nymphs and winged horses of the Pont Alexandre III gaze out on metal bleachers and posses of po-

The Olympic project is almost unthinkable in its audacity, and a major security headache, but then the Eiffel Tower would never have risen above Paris in 1889 if the many naysayers had prevailed.

History as a Backdrop for the Paris Games

As it went up for the Paris World Fair, Guy de Maupassant called the tower a "giant hideous skeleton" that had driven him out of

Now, between its first and sec-

ond floors, five giant Olympic rings — in blue, yellow, black, green and red — adorn the tower. They glow at night over the Champ de Mars park, where the beach volleyball competition will be held. Nearby flows the Seine, beautified at a cost of about \$1.5 billion and clean enough, it is said, for several Olympic events, including two 10-kilometer swims

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The Marching 100 band from St. Augustine High School in New Orleans and the Eiffel Tower, with its illuminated Olympic rings.

DERIDING CRITICS, NETANYAHU BACKS CONDUCT OF WAR

ADDRESSING CONGRESS

Fierce Speech Exposes Washington's Deep Rifts Over Gaza

By ANNIE KARNI and DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel on Wednesday turned an address to Congress into a fullthroated defense of Israel's military campaign in Gaza. He cast it as a battle for the survival of the Jewish state while making almost no mention of the tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians killed in its drive to destroy Ha-

The address laid bare deep divisions in Washington over the ninemonth war, whose toll on civilians has outraged many Democrats and drawn international condemnation. Dozens of Democrats did not show up, with some openly boycotting the speech.

Vice President Kamala Harris, the party's presumptive presidential nominee who was campaigning in the Midwest, declined to preside in her capacity as president of the Senate alongside Speaker Mike Johnson, a break with tradition.

Outside the Capitol, pepper spray filled the air as police officers tried to push back thousands of protesters who had gathered to jeer Mr. Netanyahu. Demonstrators held signs calling him a war criminal, burned an effigy of him and an American flag and vandalized statues with anti-Israel slogans, including "Hamas is com-

In a speech in which he condemned critics of the war as dupes aligning themselves with the world's most dangerous actors or apologists for terrorists, Mr. Netanyahu portrayed the conflict as a proxy fight with Iran that must be won at all costs to protect both Israel and the United States.

"When we fight Iran, we are fighting the most radical and murderous enemy of the United States," he said.

"We're not only protecting ourselves; we're protecting you," he added, emphasizing the alliance that has existed since Israel's creation. He said nothing about the tensions in the relationship that have flared as Israel has used American weapons in attacks that

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'Iron Lady' Inspires Venezuelans and Strikes Fear in Ruling Party A Storied Washington House,

By JULIE TURKEWITZ and ISAYEN HERRERA

BOGOTÁ, Colombia — She travels the country in white, rosaries swinging from her neck. Women cry in her arms, men beg her for salvation. Stripped of her bodyguard last week by the government, she traversed the streets unprotected.

As she climbed onto the windshield of her battered car — her makeshift stage - supporters jostled to touch her. One passed her a hand-drawn portrait. Inside the frameless image, María Corina Machado was shielded by the Venezuelan flag and the arms of Jesus Christ.

"María!" yelled one supporter, "help us!"

Ms. Machado, 56, the newest leader of Venezuela's opposition, has struck fear into the hearts of the country's ruling party.

In a matter of months, she has emerged from the political sidelines to build a powerful social movement capable of bringing thousands of people to the streets — and perhaps millions to the ballot box.

She is not the one running for president, but she is the driving force behind the main opposition candidate, a little-known diplomat named Edmundo González.

The mobilization Ms. Machado

has catalyzed follows years of political apathy in Venezuela, where the government of President Nicolás Maduro has crushed protests and arrested dissidents, helping to spur an enormous exodus from the country.

An effort backed by the Trump administration to install a young legislator named Juan Guaidó as interim president failed, and last year Mr. Guaidó fled to the United

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María Corina Machado in Guanare, Venezuela, last week. Her movement has won wide support.

Left Vacant in a 22-Year Battle

By ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

WASHINGTON - Presidentelect John F. Kennedy was there for dinner the night before his inauguration. Years later, President-elect Ronald Reagan was there too. So were Truman Capote, Princess Diana, Supreme Court justices, cabinet members, diplomats, financiers and thousands more who came to a hub of bipartisan Washington power where guests dined, debated and often parted as friends.

"It was a special place to grow up," said Donald Graham, a former publisher of The Washington Post, remembering his childhood

For nearly 60 years, Katharine Graham, Mr. Graham's mother, presided over the grand Beaux-Arts house at 2920 R Street in Georgetown, first as the young bride of Philip Graham, the publisher of The Post, and then as publisher herself after her husband's death. After she died in 2001 her estate sold the home to



Katharine Graham presided over the home for decades.

Mark Ein, a venture capitalist and philanthropist who owns Washington City Paper and has a stake in the city's N.F.L. team, the Commanders, and in its world-class tennis tournament, the Mubadala

Citi D.C. Open. He paid \$8 million. Mr. Ein, then a bachelor, had no plans to entertain in Mrs. Graham's grand style and did not move in. But after he married

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