THE WEATHER

Today, partly cloudy, humid, high 84. **Tonight,** mostly cloudy, showers and a thunderstorm, low 71. Tomorrow, variably cloudy, a thunderstorm,

The president's decision up-

ended the race and set the stage

for a raucous and unpredictable

campaign unlike any in modern

times, leaving Ms. Harris just 107

days to consolidate support from

Democrats, establish herself as a

credible national leader and pros-

ecute the case against Mr. Trump.

Recent polls have shown her com-

petitive with and even slightly

Although Democratic conven-

tion delegates must ratify the

choice of Ms. Harris to take over

as standard-bearer next month,

Mr. Biden's endorsement meant

the nomination was hers to lose

and she appeared in a powerful

position to claim it. While Mr. Bi-

den, 81, remained president and

still planned to finish out his term

in January, the transition of the

campaign to Ms. Harris, 59,

amounted to a momentous gener-

ational change of leadership of the

The president said he would

"speak to the nation later this

week in more detail about my de-

cision," although it was not clear

when he would do that as he re-

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Democratic Party.

Vice President Suddenly Enters

Spotlight After Years in Shadows

ahead of Mr. Trump.

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Facing Pressure, He Writes, 'It's Time

to Come Together and Beat Trump'

President Biden on Sunday abruptly abandoned his campaign

for a second term under intense

pressure from fellow Democrats

and threw his support to Vice

President Kamala Harris to lead

their party in a dramatic last-

minute bid to stop former Presi-

dent Donald J. Trump from re-

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dent," Mr. Biden said in a letter

posted on social media. "And

while it has been my intention to

seek re-election, I believe it is in

the best interest of my party and

the country for me to stand down

and to focus solely on fulfilling my

duties as President for the re-

Mr. Biden then posted a subse-

quent online message endorsing

Ms. Harris. "My very first deci-

sion as the party nominee in 2020

was to pick Kamala Harris as my

Vice President," he wrote. "And

it's been the best decision I've

made. Today I want to offer my

full support and endorsement for

Kamala to be the nominee of our

party this year. Democrats - it's

time to come together and beat

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR WASHINGTON - Vice President Kamala Harris, who has struggled for nearly four years in President Biden's shadow, was thrust on Sunday into the center of a remarkable political drama that could culminate with her becoming the first woman of color at the top of a major-party presidential Mr. Biden's decision to abandon his re-election bid and endorse Ms. Harris to succeed him puts her in a powerful, but not certain, position to become the new face of

the Democratic Party, charged

with preventing former President

Donald J. Trump from returning to the Oval Office for another four

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Trump. Let's do this."

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BIDEN BOWS OUT

LATE REVERSAL UPENDS RACE FOR WHITE HOUSE AS PRESIDENT ENDORSES HARRIS TO LEAD TICKET



President Biden began changing his mind Saturday, officials said, and he made a final decision Sunday. Below, a portion of his letter.

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your President. And while it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my

I will speak to the Nation later this week in more detail about my decision.

For now, let me express my deepest gratitude to all those who have worked so hard to see me reelected. I want to thank Vice President Kamala Harris for being an extraordinary partner in all this work. And let me express my heartfelt appreciation to the American people for the faith and trust you have placed in me.

Donors, With Renewed Vigor,

By THEODORE SCHLEIFER and KENNETH P. VOGEL

Flock to Support a Harris Bid

Democratic donors are immediately mobilizing around Kamala Harris as their party's next presidential nominee, offering Democratic elites something they have

not felt in weeks. Optimism.

Advisers and major givers said on Sunday that they were being inundated with enthusiasm and word of planned donations to support Ms. Harris if she became the official Democratic candidate even as questions remained about how to best support her. Shortly before 5 p.m. Eastern time on Sunday afternoon, the Biden campaign filed paperwork formally renaming its campaign committee "Harris for President."

Vice President Kamala Harris

vowed to win the nomination.

nounced his decision to step aside.

likely to move swiftly to try to

seize that mantle even as uncer-

tainty swirled about whether

other Democrats would seek to

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Ms. Harris and her team are

"Let's do this."

In the immediate aftermath of President Biden's decision to exit the race, Ms. Harris was enjoying some broad, swift consolidation among major givers. Multiple Biden donors and their advisers said that they were hearing from previously despondent donors who were ready to give to support a Harris-led ticket. One Silicon Valley bundler raised over \$1 million in a 30-minute period, the person

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Mitch Smith and Heather Knight. bus, Ohio, said about Mr. Biden's

This article is by Patricia Mazzei,

MIAMI — For Democratic voters who have spent much of the summer brooding about President Biden's fitness for office, his decision on Sunday not to seek reelection came as a relief. Now, they figured, their political party might stand a chance in November - though many still expressed deep doubts.

overjoyed," said Mark Oliver Rylance, 67, a Democrat from Columannouncement. Just last weekend, Mr. Rylance participated in a demonstration outside of the Ohio Democratic Party convention call-

ing for Mr. Biden to step aside. "If Biden had stayed in, we would have lost absolutely everything," he added, echoing the feelings of many Democrats. "We would have lost the House, would have lost the Senate, and it could

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versities this year.

been disappointing.

Pennsylvania rally.

Relief for Campus Protesters

Charges have been dropped for many of

the 3,100 people who were arrested in

pro-Palestinian encampments at uni-

Medicaid Experiment Falters

Georgia got a waiver to add work rules

to its Medicaid expansion, an approach

Republicans favor, but the results have

The agency revealed that it had turned

Reversal by Secret Service

Divided Over Whether Move Was Too Late

very well have been a landslide." The delicate subjects of whether Mr. Biden, 81, was fit for another term and how long he might stay in the race after his disastrous debate performance last month had found their way into

neighborhood parks and church gatherings. The end of Mr. Biden's candidacy on Sunday shifted some Democrats' emotions from profound anxiety to hopeful determination, even if what comes next for their party remains unclear.

There was also plenty of resignation to the idea that no Democrat might be able to pull off a victory against former President Donald J. Trump.

Mr. Biden's endorsement of Continued on Page A16

The Rise of Flag Football

With the sport coming to the Olympics in 2028, the N.F.L. is getting behind it, particularly for women.

Xander Schauffele's British Open win put Americans on top in all four of this PAGE D3



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His Second Chance Is Here

Alex Izenberg was almost a teenage rock star, but then problems arose. Now he has a new album out.

Storehouse of Black Genealogy

Charleston's International African American Museum helps people fill in the blanks of family histories.

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Frank Bruni

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Rank-and-File Democrats Greet News With Hope and Hesitation

"I'm overjoyed, absolutely

Jack Ma's Unlikely Benefactor

Papers show that Xiao Jianhua, a cor-

Protests set off by a quota system for

government jobs revealed broader

rupt investor, backed China's most

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successful entrepreneur.

Rage Over Inequality

resentment in Bangladesh.

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conversations at dinner parties,

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'No Tax on Tips' Catches On

The sudden popularity of the proposal is another reminder of the improvisational nature of economic policymaking under Donald J. Trump. PAGE B1

Disappearing Data for A.I.

New research has found a drop in content made available to the collections used to power the technology.

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A Folk Music Mainstay

down requests from the Trump team over the past two years, but not for the banjo player who sometimes collabo-PAGE A13 rated with Bob Dylan, was 86. PAGE B6

Happy Traum, a noted guitarist and

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Capping a U.S. Sweep

year's pro golf majors.