

DeSANTIS ENDS HIS BID FOR WHITE HOUSE

The Florida governor endorses Trump, who faces Haley in New Hampshire primary.

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MANCHESTER, N.H. — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis suspended his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination Sunday, ending a bid that began as the best-funded and most high-profile challenge to former President Trump but fizzled over the course of a year.

He endorsed Trump, saying in a video posted to social media that it was now clear that “a majority of Republican primary voters want to give Donald Trump another chance.”

DeSantis said he and his team had “prayed and deliberated” about how to move forward after he finished a distant second in last week’s Iowa caucuses.

“I can’t ask our supporters to volunteer their time and donate their resources if we don’t have a clear path to victory,” DeSantis added. “Accordingly, I am today suspending my campaign.”

“Fire sale on all Ron DeSantis merch today!” Gov. Gavin Newsom, who predicted DeSantis would not be the Republican nominee when the pair debated on Fox News in November, gleefully wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

DeSantis received 21.2% of the vote in Iowa, well behind Trump’s 51% and just two points ahead of former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who won 19.1%.

DeSantis said he disagreed with Trump over his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and his “elevation” of chief medical advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci but argued that the former president “is superior to the current incumbent, Joe Biden.”

In a visit to his New Hampshire campaign headquarters Sunday afternoon, Trump acknowledged the endorsement from DeSantis, whom he called a “very capable person.”

“Without the endorsement [See DeSantis, A5]



INSTEAD OF NUMBERS, residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea give their houses creative names. In a recent survey, a majority said they did not want addresses, even if it meant the “occasional inconvenience.”

We left your package on the corner near the fence

It’s hard to get deliveries in Carmel, where residents don’t have addresses. Some say it’s time to change.

By Hailey Branson-Potts | REPORTING FROM CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Good luck finding Bill Woo’s house. Ask for directions, and he will say: “Brown shingle house with the stop sign and the fire hydrant by the driveway.”

He’s on Junipero Avenue, two or three houses north of an intersection — depending on where you start counting.

Woo expects you to get lost. Like everyone else in Carmel-by-the-Sea, he does not have a home address.

“How do you explain this to someone?” he asked a Times reporter who got lost trying to find his home. “It’s insanity.”

In this wealthy town on the Monterey Peninsula, residents use descriptors like: City Hall is on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and 7th avenues. And they give their homes eccentric names such as Almost Heaven, Faux Chateau and Go Away.

There is no mail delivery — they have to go to the post office.

For more than 100 years, the townsfolk fought to keep it that way, once threatening to secede from California if it imposed addresses. Serendipitous run-ins with neighbors at the post box, they said, were an essential part of their small- [See Addresses, A12]



PATRONS inside Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co., left. At right, the numberless sign in front of Calvin and Carol Daks’ home. “I hate it! You can’t get things delivered here,” Calvin Daks said.



U.S. blocks stem cell donor from saving cousin



ARTHUR YU is being treated at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles for leukemia. He’s working as he receives treatment to save sick days for the hoped-for transplant.

A leukemia patient’s lifesaving match in the Philippines is twice denied a visa to travel for a transplant.

By NATHAN SOLIS

Arthur Yu was exhausted, but he chalked it up to being a new father.

Usually active, Yu was finding himself winded by the afternoon. He negotiated with his wife, Alice, to get just a little bit more sleep, thinking his fatigue was just a passing phase.

But four months after the birth of their son Abel, Yu was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, a genetic mutation that formed in his bone marrow and spread to his blood. Thanks to several

rounds of chemotherapy, Yu is in remission, but his doctors say that status is temporary and his best chance for beating the cancer is a stem cell transplant from a suitable donor.

Yu found an ideal match in a distant cousin, only he now has to convince the U.S. government to let that person into the country. And so far, the feds have said no twice to granting a visa to his potential donor.

After the media strategist was diagnosed with leukemia last March, doctors asked his family to take cheek-swab DNA samples to see whether there were any suitable candidates for the procedure. None of his immediate relatives were a match, but a distant cousin was: Noel Talania, who lives in the rural Philippines countryside.

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CSU faculty mount five-day strike

The bid for raises and other benefits marks a major test for the new chancellor.

By DEBBIE TRUONG

The union representing 29,000 faculty members at California State University, the nation’s largest four-year public university system, is set to walk off the job for five days beginning Monday, disrupting the first week of the spring semester for tens of thousands of students.

The systemwide strike of professors, lecturers, counselors, librarians and coaches, who are demanding a 12% wage increase and other benefits, is the first ever across all of CSU’s 23 campuses. It is expected to add to the confusion of the first days of classes, a time when students typically make last-minute adjustments to schedules and professors review syllabuses and outline class expectations.

“Our intention is to shut down the university,” said Gregory Brown, president of the Cal State Fullerton chapter of the California Faculty Assn. “The CSU is not paying us what we deserve. We know for a fact that we have faculty that are food unstable, housing unstable. Some of our faculty members come to campus to use the internet, because they can’t afford to pay.”

Campuses will remain open during the strike. Any changes to when and how instruction is delivered are up to faculty members, who are “responsible for assuring that students meet the learning outcomes for the courses they teach,” said Amy Bentley-Smith, a Cal State spokesperson.

“The CSU is communicating with students that campuses will be open to provide services to students and to check with their professors about class schedules during the strike, as not all faculty will choose to go on strike,” she said in a statement.

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Over 25,000 dead, Gaza says

The Health Ministry reports updated toll from fighting between Israel and Hamas militants. **WORLD, A3**

Carson cemetery struck by thieves

More than 100 bronze plaques were stolen, following a similar heist in Compton. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Inside a Getty restoration

The intricate, intense process of breathing new life into a German Renaissance masterpiece. **CALENDAR, E1**

Weather

Rain, a thunderstorm. L.A. Basin: 61/50. **B6**

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