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## Mayor expecting 3rd child in Jan.

Wu says family is excited, will run for reelection

By Niki Griswold  
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Mayor Michelle Wu of Boston is pregnant and planning to welcome her third child, a girl, in January, she announced in an exclusive interview with The Boston Globe Monday. Wu's campaign later sent out an email to supporters Monday evening sharing the news.

Wu said she, her husband, and two young sons are thrilled to be expanding their family. The first woman, person of color, and mother elected to lead City Hall — and also the youngest in nearly a century — Wu, 39,

‘... this exciting news gives me even more motivation ...’

MAYOR MICHELLE WU

emphasized that her pregnancy would not influence her decision to run for reelection next year.

“I plan to run, and we’ll make an announcement when the time is right about the formal launch of a campaign,” Wu said. “But there’s a lot of work to do, and if anything, this exciting news gives me even more motivation and determination that we have to show what’s possible in Boston at a time where our action is needed as an example far beyond our city.”

This pregnancy has been more difficult than her earlier experiences, Wu said. In the first trimester, she endured much more intense morning sickness

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**A prominent scholar of race and African American history has decided to leave Harvard University** after high-profile attacks on his work from Republican critics and what he termed as a tepid defense by the university. **B1.**

**Steward Health Care continued to reveal no details a week after bids were submitted** for several of its hospitals in Massachusetts. **D1.**

**Abdul Fakir has died.** As the last original member of the Motown band the Four Tops, he helped created the soundtrack of the '60s. **C9.**

**Israel renewed its air and ground assault** in parts of Khan Younis in Gaza Strip. **A3.**



Scatter rain

**Tuesday:** Some rain early. High 73-78, low 65-70

**Wednesday:** Some storms late. High 71-76, low 63-68.

Sunrise: 5:28. Sunset: 8:13.

Weather and comics, **D5-6.**

Obituaries, **C9.**

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The first public event Monday for Vice President Kamala Harris was a gala honoring college sports championship teams on the South Lawn of the White House. She later traveled to campaign headquarters in Delaware, where volunteers gave her a standing ovation.

## Harris hits trail — and Trump

### For running mate pick, it's a cold calculus: Who will help nominee win

By James Pindell  
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Throughout American history, presidential candidates have chosen vice presidential running mates for various reasons. Sometimes it was to secure the nomination at a convention; create balance geographically, ideologically, by gender, or by age; shake up a campaign; or simply find the best governing partner.

However, Kamala Harris, given her race, gender, and lack of a defined ideological brand, doesn't have to worry about any of that. Indeed, the decision for Harris in selecting a running mate this late in the campaign appears to be based on one thing: who can help her win.

Former president Donald Trump's selection last week clearly had different considerations. He wanted someone loyal first and foremost, fully dedicated to the MAGA brand, who looked the part, could help raise money, and could potentially use his

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### Foreign policy issues

The next nominee for Democrats will need to be able to tout the overseas accomplishments of President Biden (above with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine) while minimizing his failures. **A5.**

### Mass. support

Members of the state's delegation to the Democratic National Convention voted to back Vice President Kamala Harris as the party's presidential nominee. **B1.**

### Democratic leaders, delegates quickly and enthusiastically announce support of candidacy

By Toluse Olorunnipa  
WASHINGTON POST

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. — The Democratic Party largely coalesced around Vice President Kamala Harris as its likely new presidential nominee on Monday, as she kicked off her campaign by promising to prosecute a forceful case against Republican nominee Donald Trump and defend the legacy of President Biden.

“Over the next 106 days, we are going to take our case to the American people, and we are going to win,” Harris said during a visit to campaign headquarters in Wilmington, Del., where she was greeted by a group of energized staffers from Biden's now-abandoned candidacy. Harris accused Trump of wanting to “take our country backwards to a time before many of our fellow Americans had full freedoms and rights.” She added, “we believe in a brighter future that makes room for all Americans.”

Biden dialed into the impromptu meeting, using his first public remarks after dropping out of the presidential race Sunday to thank his staff and ask them to support Harris with “every bit of your heart and soul.”

“The name has changed at the top of the ticket, but the mission hasn't changed at all,” said Biden, who joined remotely from Rehoboth Beach, Del., where he has been recovering from a case of COVID. “We still need to save this democracy.

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## Vice president energizes reproductive rights advocates

By Lissandra Villa de Petrzelka  
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As the Democratic Party celebrates Kamala Harris, their new front-runner for the presidential nomination, reproductive rights advocates are eager to convert her passion for the issue into momentum for their cause.

Harris, who quickly received widespread support from other Democrats

to replace President Biden at the top of the ticket, has spent months visiting key states as the administration's leading figure on abortion rights. Now, Democrats and their allies hope she'll be able to energize voters on this critical issue after weeks of infighting focused on whether Biden would stay in the race.

“What I've seen is a renewed en-

thusiasm on this issue and excitement around the vice president that was different from the president. We had a bit of ... a believability gap about what Democrats could do to fix [the abortion landscape],” Mini Timmaraju, president of Reproductive Freedom for All, said Monday. “In the last 24 hours I've seen so much more enthusiasm from the demographics

that were the most cynical.”

Those demographics, said Timmaraju, include young voters and people of color, whom Democratic candidates must reach to build a winning coalition.

For Democrats, reproductive rights have become a winning issue in the two years since the Dobbs v. Jack-

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## A bipartisan call: chief of Secret Service must quit

### Lawmakers express bafflement, anger in tense hearing

By Luke Broadwater  
and David A. Fahrenthold  
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Secret Service Director Kimberly A. Cheatle on Monday faced bipartisan calls for her resignation during and after a disastrous hourslong congressional hearing in which she declined to answer basic questions about the attempted assassination of former president Donald Trump.

Cheatle declined to say how many

agents were protecting Trump when a gunman shot at him at a campaign rally in Butler, Pa., on July 13, or who decided to leave a nearby rooftop out of the event's security perimeter. Nor would she tell members of the House Oversight Committee why Secret Service agents were not aware until the last seconds that people in the crowd had seen a gunman on that roof.

At times, Cheatle seemed less informed than the lawmakers quizzing her. When Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Georgia Republican, asked for a detailed timeline of events, Cheatle said she did not have one.

“I have a timeline that does not have

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“The Secret Service's solemn mission is to protect our nation's leaders,” Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle said. “On July 13th, we failed.”