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Biden reveals new high court rules



President Joe Biden leaves D.C. for Texas on Monday to mark the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. **SUSAN WALSH/AP**

GOP House likely to oppose ethics code, term limits for bench

By Aamer Madhani
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden has unveiled a long-awaited proposal for changes at the U.S. Supreme Court, calling on Congress to establish term limits and an enforceable ethics code for the court’s nine justices. He’s also pressing lawmakers to ratify a constitutional amendment limiting presidential immunity.

The White House detailed the contours of Biden’s proposal Monday, although it appears to have little chance of being approved by a closely divided Congress with just 99 days to go before Election Day.

Still, Democrats hope it’ll help focus voters as they consider their choices in a tight election. The likely Democratic nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris, who has sought to frame her race against

Republican ex-President Donald Trump as “a choice between freedom and chaos,” quickly endorsed the Biden proposal, saying the changes are needed because “there is a clear crisis of confidence facing the Supreme Court.”

The White House is looking to tap into the growing outrage among Democrats about the court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority, issuing opinions that overturned landmark decisions on

abortion rights and federal regulatory powers that stood for decades.

Liberals also have expressed dismay over revelations about what they say are questionable relationships and decisions by some members of the conservative wing of the court that suggest their impartiality is compromised.

“I have great respect for our institutions and separation of powers,” Biden says in a Washington Post op-ed published Monday. “What is happening now is not

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Team USA's Paul Juda hugs his mom, Ewa Bacher, while his father, Jozef Juda, wipes away tears Monday in Paris. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

‘It’s all worth it’

Deerfield’s Juda, teammates take Olympic bronze in men’s gymnastics

By Stacy St. Clair
 Chicago Tribune

PARIS — With an Olympic medal on the line, Paul Juda stood in front of the pommel horse knowing the United States needed a clean performance from him. He could feel the moment starting to bear down on him.

His teammate Asher Hong saw the Deerfield native’s nervousness and tried to reassure him.

“I could tell he was getting a little jittery before the routine,” Hong said. “I told him, ‘Paul, you’re the man for this job.’ You earned this spot. Go out there and show it off.”

It was exactly what Juda, the last member picked for the America squad, needed to hear. He raised his arm to the judges, then did what he has done throughout the Paris Games:

He delivered big for the United States.

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Simone Biles’ longtime coach Cecile Landi grew uncharacteristically frustrated when asked about the U.S. gymnast’s injury and how it might impact the rest of the Games, starting with the team final on Tuesday night. Biles will start on all four events for the Americans.

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The U.S. men’s gymnastics squad won bronze Monday, breaking its 16-year medal drought and extending Juda’s expectation-defying run at these Games.

Japan took first, finishing .532 points ahead of the second-place Chinese team. The United States — consisting of Juda, Hong, Frederick Richard, Brody Malone and Stephen Nedorosik — was 1.8 points behind the leader.

The podium finish marked another surreal moment for Juda, who initially had set the modest goal of being at least an alternate on this team. Yet in the past four days, he has won an Olympic medal, qualified for the individual all-around competition, met the first lady Jill Biden and appeared in a Beyoncé video used by NBC to kick off the opening ceremony.

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Harris has childhood bonds to Illinois

Family friend recounts memories from year in Champaign-Urbana

By Sylvan Lebrun
 Chicago Tribune

Four former U.S. presidents have called Illinois home: Barack Obama, Ronald Reagan, Ulysses S. Grant, and Abraham Lincoln. If presumptive Democratic nominee Vice President Kamala Harris is elected to the nation’s top office this November, her name would become the fifth on this list.

When Harris was just a toddler, her family moved to Champaign, where they lived for a year in the late 1960s. Her parents, fresh out of their Ph.D. programs, had both secured jobs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It was in Champaign that Harris’ younger sister, Maya, was born.

Urbana resident Diane Gottheil, 85, recalled fondly her friendship with Harris’ parents during their year in Illinois. Gottheil was finishing up her Ph.D. in political science when they joined the university’s community in 1966, bringing a 2-year-old Harris in tow.

Gottheil said that she viewed Harris’ mother Shyamala Gopalan as a major role model, admiring both her work as a medical researcher and her passion for civil rights. Gopalan died of cancer in 2009.

“Shyamala was brilliant, she was passionate, she was committed to doing good,” Gottheil said. “That never changed for her, and I think it’s something that she certainly passed down to her daughters. High achievement and activism.”

Since launching her bid for the presidency on July 21 when President Joe Biden stepped down from consideration, Harris has received an outpouring of support from key Illinois Democrats.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has

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Protests erupt over Venezuelan presidential election

Shortly after the National Electoral Council, which is loyal to Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro’s ruling party, announced that he had won a third, six-year term, angry protesters began marching through the capital, Caracas, and other cities.

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■ Heymerling Drownosky said that when incumbent Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro announced his victory, migrants around her broke down in tears at a shelter in the West Loop. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Electric school bus factory in Joliet suffers slowdown



Electric school buses receive finishing touches before being delivered to customers at the Lion Electric Joliet plant on July 23. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Operating significantly below capacity as US, Canadian subsidies lag

By John Lippert
 Chicago Tribune

As Illinois Democrats welcome their party’s national convention next month, one of their crown jewels for environmental activism — an electric school bus factory — is fighting for its life.

In Joliet, 40 miles southwest of the Chicago convention site, the parking lot at the Lion Electric Co. is eerily quiet.

On a recent weekday, it had just over 100 parked cars for employees and visitors, along with acres

of empty blacktop. In a triumphant ribbon-cutting a year ago, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said 1,400 jobs were coming.

Lion Electric executives won’t say how many workers the Saint-Jerome, Quebec-based company employs in Joliet or how many buses it is building. But after three companywide layoffs, they say the plant is operating significantly below the 200-bus-per-month capacity they advertise on their website.

In an interview, they attribute the slowdown to the complex and still-incomplete rollout of government subsidy programs in the United States and Canada.

“It’s not an issue of our

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