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Biden clan grapples with calls to back out

Family members remain determined but frustrated amid increasing pressure

BY MATT VISER

President Biden had just arrived back at the White House following a weekend at Camp David with his family, walking through the doors from the South Lawn shortly after 7 p.m. He had 45 minutes before he was to deliver remarks about the Supreme Court's decision to grant immunity to Donald Trump for official acts he took as president.

The president motioned to his son Hunter, who was standing nearby, asking him to listen and join the fine-tuning of the remarks that would be loaded into the teleprompter and delivered to a nation that had grown deeply skeptical of the president's mental acuity in the aftermath of a stumbling, meandering debate performance four nights prior.

Hunter's presence that evening raised eyebrows among some White House staff members, who saw it as a troubling sign that a politically problematic family member was taking a renewed part in official business. But for those in and close to the family, it was the latest sign that Hunter had stabilized his life and was assuming a role he had long held inside his father's orbit as a

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The Olympics, at a crossroads

For parts of three decades, Bob Costas was the television face of the Olympics in the United States, leading NBC's coverage of 11 Games and talking Americans through celebration, scandal and even a bomb in Atlanta. Eight years after his last Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Costas believes the Games have lost some of the magic that once made them mandatory viewing.

Maybe it's because the past three Olympics were held in distant Asian time zones while America slept. Or

After scandals, pandemic and political controversy, officials hope for reboot

BY LES CARPENTER

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perhaps it's the sense that the two most recent Games, held in pandemic Tokyo and Beijing, seemed to happen less because of sport and more to meet the contractual obligations of sponsors and television networks. Or it might be the uncomfortable stench of human rights abuse swirling about the Beijing Games in 2022, followed four days later by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The Olympics, he said, need "to get their groove back."

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Trump security requests rebuffed

REPEATED DENIALS OVER 2-YEAR SPAN

Secret Service at times has cited resource limits

BY JOSH DAWSEY AND CAROL D. LEONNIG

Top officials at the U.S. Secret Service repeatedly denied requests for additional resources and personnel sought by Donald Trump's security detail in the two years leading up to his attempted assassination at a rally in Pennsylvania last Saturday, according to four people familiar with the requests.

Agents charged with protecting the former president requested magnetometers and more agents to screen attendees at sporting events and other large public gatherings Trump attended, as well as additional snipers and specialty teams at other outdoor events, said the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive security discussions. The requests, which have not been previously reported, were sometimes denied by senior officials at the agency, who cited various reasons, including a lack of resources at an agency that has long struggled with staffing shortages, they said.

Those rejections — in response to requests that were several times made in writing — led to long-standing tensions that pitted Trump, his top aides and his security detail against

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Wide reliance on Microsoft is questioned after outage

BY CRISTIANO LIMA-STRONG AND CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

A cascading computer outage that grounded planes, stymied hospitals and disrupted critical public services exposed the depth of the global economy's dependence on a single company: Microsoft.

Regulators and lawmakers across the political spectrum raised alarm that the sprawling outage that knocked out Windows showcases the danger of so much power concentrating into one firm, which drives governments, businesses and critical infrastructure around the world.

The system failure ricocheted across the globe, as credit card systems went down in Australia, airlines in India handed out handwritten plane tickets, and courts in the United States delayed hearings, including one in the sex crimes case of Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein. And the impact reverberated across the giant's many clients in the public sector, with the Social Security Administration closing its local offices through the weekend and the Federal Communications Commission reporting disruption

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Mike Lindgren, who aligns politically with the Democratic Socialists of America, and his mother, Jennifer Lindgren, a former police officer and supporter of former president Donald Trump.

School helped turn him liberal. His mom is a staunch conservative. Will their bond survive?

BY HANNAH NATANSON IN ITHACA, N.Y.

Two nights before he was supposed to graduate from college, Mike Lindgren called his mother with a warning.

Jennifer Lindgren, 53, was packing her pink suitcase for an early-morning flight from her home outside Chicago to Ithaca College in Upstate New York. In

her son's four years at the liberal arts school, she had never visited.

"Mom, this is the heart of liberal America," Mike said into his iPhone, urging her to tread cautiously as she navigated his deep-blue college town. "You've got to be careful."

Mike was half-joking, but only half. He and his conservative mother agree on almost nothing. She is a fervent Donald Trump

supporter; he plans to vote for independent presidential candidate Cornel West this fall. She believes the events of Jan. 6, 2021, were staged by the government; he calls that day a violent insurrection. She is a former police officer, protective of law enforcement; he believes much of American policing is systemically racist. It wasn't always this way.

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SHEILA JACKSON LEE 1950-2024

Outspoken champion of racial, gender equality

Long-serving Texas congresswoman led effort to recognize Juneteenth as federal holiday

BY EMILY LANGER

Sheila Jackson Lee, a Texas Democrat who during three decades in the U.S. House of Representatives became one of the most prominent Black members of Congress and a ubiquitous champion of African American and women's rights, died July 19 at a hospital in Houston. She was 74.

Her death was confirmed by her family. Rep. Jackson Lee announced in June that she had pancreatic cancer. She had been treated years earlier for breast cancer.

Rep. Jackson Lee, the daughter of a hospital orderly and a night-shift vocational nurse, grew up far from Texas, in the New York City borough of Queens. She received a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a law degree from the University of Virginia before moving with her husband to Texas, where he was from, and where she began her political career as a municipal judge and a member of the Houston City Council.

She was first elected in 1994 to her Houston-based congressional seat, which was once held by the charismatic African American congresswoman Barbara Jordan. Rep. Jackson Lee quickly established herself as an outspoken advocate for racial and gen-



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Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tex.) announced in June that she had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

der equality, voting rights and the revision of the criminal justice system.

She was a lead sponsor of legislation that in 2021, after decades of lobbying by advocates, recognized as a federal holiday June 19, or Juneteenth, a date that has come to memorialize the end of slavery in the United States.

She also spearheaded legislation that in 2022 reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act, which was enacted in 1994 but expired in 2019. The original law

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