

GUILTY

Trump becomes first ex-president to be convicted of a felony

From somber to jubilant: Democrats take in news

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WASHINGTON — Democrats have anxiously waited years for the scene that unfolded in a Manhattan courtroom on Thursday: a jury officially rendering Donald Trump a convicted felon.

But while there was some champagne popping on social media after the jury read its verdict of 34 guilty counts of falsifying business records, for much of the Democratic Party, it was hardly a moment to cheer.

Many lawmakers and party leaders urged sobriety and calm in their responses to the first-ever criminal conviction of a US president — mirroring the careful balance that President Biden has attempted to strike on a singularly sensitive topic.

“It’s not a moment for celebration. This is a sober moment,” said Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat, in an interview after the jury’s verdict had been read. “A former president of the United

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Outcome may not have much effect on the race

By James Pindell

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Former president Donald Trump’s conviction on all 34 charges in a Manhattan courtroom was watched around the globe not just for the historic novelty of it all, but also for the potential implications for the presidential race, just over five months away.

Here is the bottom line: The direct implications are murky at best.

To state the obvious, it is better to be President Biden after the verdict than Trump, who now must worry about sentences and a likely appeal process. No one wants to be found guilty of a felony.

That said, the 2024 presidential race will offer Americans

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Former president Donald Trump, shown after hearing the verdict, still faces three other felony indictments, but the New York case may be the only one to reach a conclusion before the November election.



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Jurors deliberated for several hours Thursday before reaching the verdict as attorneys were preparing to leave for the day. Outside the courthouse, Trump opponents celebrated while his supporters digested the news.

Calls decision in hush-money case a ‘disgrace’ and vows appeal

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WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK — A New York jury on Thursday found Donald Trump guilty on 34 counts of falsifying business records to conceal a hush-money payment to an adult-film actress, delivering a historic verdict that could shape the November election and that makes Trump the first former president convicted of a crime.

The verdict is an extraordinary loss for the presumptive GOP nominee, who delivered near-daily tirades outside the courtroom throughout the trial, excoriating the justice system and declaring his innocence.

Twelve jurors, whose names

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were shielded by the judge from public view, spent a little more than a day weighing the felony counts against Trump before returning their judgment unanimously saying otherwise.

Trump, 77, faces a maximum sentence of 1½ to four years in prison after being deemed a felon in the city where he first rose to prominence. Given his age and lack of a prior criminal record, he could serve a shorter sentence or no term of incarceration at all.

New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan scheduled the former president’s sentencing for July 11, just days before

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Streak of luck ends

Before the felony conviction, the four criminal cases against Donald Trump had been stumbling badly. **A7.**

A sharp split

The reaction around New England was predictable, mirroring the country’s divide. **A8.**

The jurors

Now, they’re free to decide how much to say about their closed-door decision-making. **A8.**

Wu struggling to get residents on board with tax plan

By Niki Griswold

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In her quest to get input on Mayor Michelle Wu’s property tax plan, City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta Zapata has sought opinions from across the spectrum — from the Wu administration to fiscal watchdogs, real estate and development groups, unions, and local affordable housing advocates.

But one critical group has been harder to reach: workaday taxpayers.

“I have not heard as much communication on this from residents as I thought I would, and we have tried to get the word out,” said Coletta Zapata. “It is such a wonky thing. . . . It’s not something that everyday people who are just trying to survive are tuning in to, but it will have real impacts on their life.”

Coletta Zapata’s experience captures the broad-

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House OK’s increasing liquor licenses in Boston

205 would be added, primarily in areas that are underserved

By Diti Kohli and Shirley Leung

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The most ambitious effort to expand the number of liquor licenses in Boston since Prohibition took a big step forward Thursday, when the House approved a measure to add 205 permits, mostly in underserved neighborhoods across the city.

Supporters see the effort as a boon for communities of color and small business owners, who have difficulty obtaining permits to serve alcohol because of their prohibitively high cost of around \$500,000.

Chis Worrell, a Dorchester state representative and lead sponsor of the bill, called the proposal a “huge win” for individual businesses, and the city at large.

“This legislation will be transformative in creating economic opportunity in Boston’s communities of color and providing amenities in underserved neighborhoods,” he said. It is “key as we work to create Black and brown economic empowerment.”

The measure emerged Thursday about a year after it was filed, and weeks after the Globe launched a series on Boston’s broken liquor license system. The amended bill is a pared-down version of what was originally proposed by the City of Boston. It will now head to the Senate and, if it’s passed

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The Biden administration has decided to allow Ukraine to strike inside Russia with US-made weapons to try to blunt Russia’s attacks in the Kharkiv area. **A3.**

Takeda Pharmaceuticals’ problems demonstrate how quickly things can change for a multinational giant. **B5.**

Tufts Medicine lost nearly \$96 million in the second quarter as it continues to struggle to contain soaring labor costs. **B5.**

Experts in legal ethics were not persuaded by Justice Samuel Alito’s reasoning about not recusing himself over questionable flags. **A2.**

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