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Harris secures Democratic nod

Challenges of being multiracial in the US highlighted in face of Trump's messaging

By **Nell Salzman**
Chicago Tribune

Jennifer Leigh Husbands remembers the first time she was confronted with questions about whether she was Black or white. She was a student at the University of Virginia, and Husbands, whose mother was from Michigan and father from Barbados, listened to Grateful Dead music and drank beer at the time. People told her she was "playing for white." "This notion of having to prove your identity throughout your life

is something that doesn't go away in a country that is obsessed with race and deeply seeped in anti-Black racism," the Lincoln Square resident said.

Husbands, 51, said she couldn't bring herself to watch former President Donald Trump speak in Chicago on Wednesday. She had to read about it in the news. "When people like Trump say things like what he said (Wednesday), I feel like it kind of sets the conversation back 20 years,"

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Presidential hopeful has enough delegate votes to become nominee, chair declares

By **Will Weissert, Seung Min Kim and Chris Megerian**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Kamala Harris has secured enough votes from delegates to become her party's nominee for president, Democratic National Committee Chair Jaime Harrison said Friday.

The announcement was made before the online voting process ends Monday, reflecting the breakneck speed of a campaign that is eager to maintain momen-

tum after President Joe Biden ended his reelection bid and endorsed Harris as his successor less than two weeks ago.

Harris will be the first woman of color at the top of a major party's ticket, and she joined a call with supporters to say she is "honored to be the presumptive Democratic nominee."

"It's not going to be easy. But we're going to get this done," she added. "As your future president, I know we are up to this fight."

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Chicago's Shamier Little, a Lindblom grad, joins her American teammates to set mixed 4x400-meter relay world record during Olympics preliminary heat



Little wonder

By **Stacy St. Clair**
Chicago Tribune

PARIS — The U.S. mixed 4x400-meter relay team set a world track record Friday, bolstered by a blazing second leg from Chicago's Shamier Little.

The U.S. team — consisting of Vernon Norwood, Little, Bryce Deadmon and Kaylyn Brown — crossed the finish line in 3:07.41 during its preliminary heat, beating the previous record by more than a second.

The French team finished in second place, more than three seconds behind the United States. Belgium was third. The mixed relay, which made its debut at the Tokyo Games in 2021, consists of teams with two women and two men.

After the race, the American quartet acknowledged that they were aware of the old record — set by another U.S. team last year — and that they had

Shamier Little hugs Kaylyn Brown after her U.S. mixed 4x400-meter relay team with Vernon Norwood and Bryce Deadmon set a new world record of 3:07.41 in winning its qualifying heat on Friday at Stade de France during the Paris Olympics. The finals of the event are set for tonight.

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talked about it as a group. They didn't prioritize it during the preliminary round, choosing to focus instead on clean handoffs and not dropping the baton.

If anything, they thought, the record will fall in the finals Saturday night.

"I always knew we were going to run fast," Little said. "We talked about, you know, it's going to take a record to win a medal, but it took a record to win our prelim."

The United States led each leg, besting a fast field in which four national records were broken. It was Little, however, who widened the gap and gave the Americans a full-second cushion over a French team being pushed by a raucous partisan crowd.

"I was running down the back stretch in the last

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MIGRANTS IN CHICAGO

City clears more camps

Officials say timing has nothing to do with DNC optics

By **Nell Salzman**
Chicago Tribune

Jordan Parra said he didn't walk across seven countries to be kicked out of his tent in a park in Chicago.

The 27-year-old from Caracas, Venezuela, had been staying on Chicago Housing Authority land adjacent to the Near West District (12th) police station with his partner for months. They opted to sleep outside after feeling unsafe in three different city-run shelters, he said. Then in late June, he said, police officers came into the park with a bulldozer and cleared everyone out.

"What we've found here is worse than in Venezuela, because we came here with hope for a better life and had to deal with the disappointment of not even getting close," he said.

Parra showed the Tribune a video he took on his phone of a hostile interaction with Chicago police officers as he and a half-dozen others were forcibly removed from the site.

"They didn't let us take out our bags. There were suitcases inside, there were personal things, and the police didn't let us take them," Parra said.

The encampment clearing was the latest of the city's overall "encampment initiative" at eight tent cities across Chicago, according to Chicago Department of Family and Support Services spokesman Brian Berg.

The empty CHA lot by the police station had become a crowded encampment for migrants, like Parra, who opted not to stay in shelters for safety concerns and other reasons.

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Ready to live 'happii'

Despite coming up short in her women's triple jump qualifier, Chicago resident Tori Franklin wants you to know that she is finally enjoying the big moment. **Page 4**

A voice of experience

The U.S. field hockey team has only one American with Olympic experience on the bench — Northwestern coach Tracey Fuchs. **Chicago Sports, Page 1**

Disappointing end

The U.S. men's soccer team was routed by Morocco in the quarterfinals on Friday, ending a run to the knockouts for the first time since 2000. **Chicago Sports, Page 6**

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