

Security failures at rally under review

The FBI is looking at the communications between local police and Secret Service.

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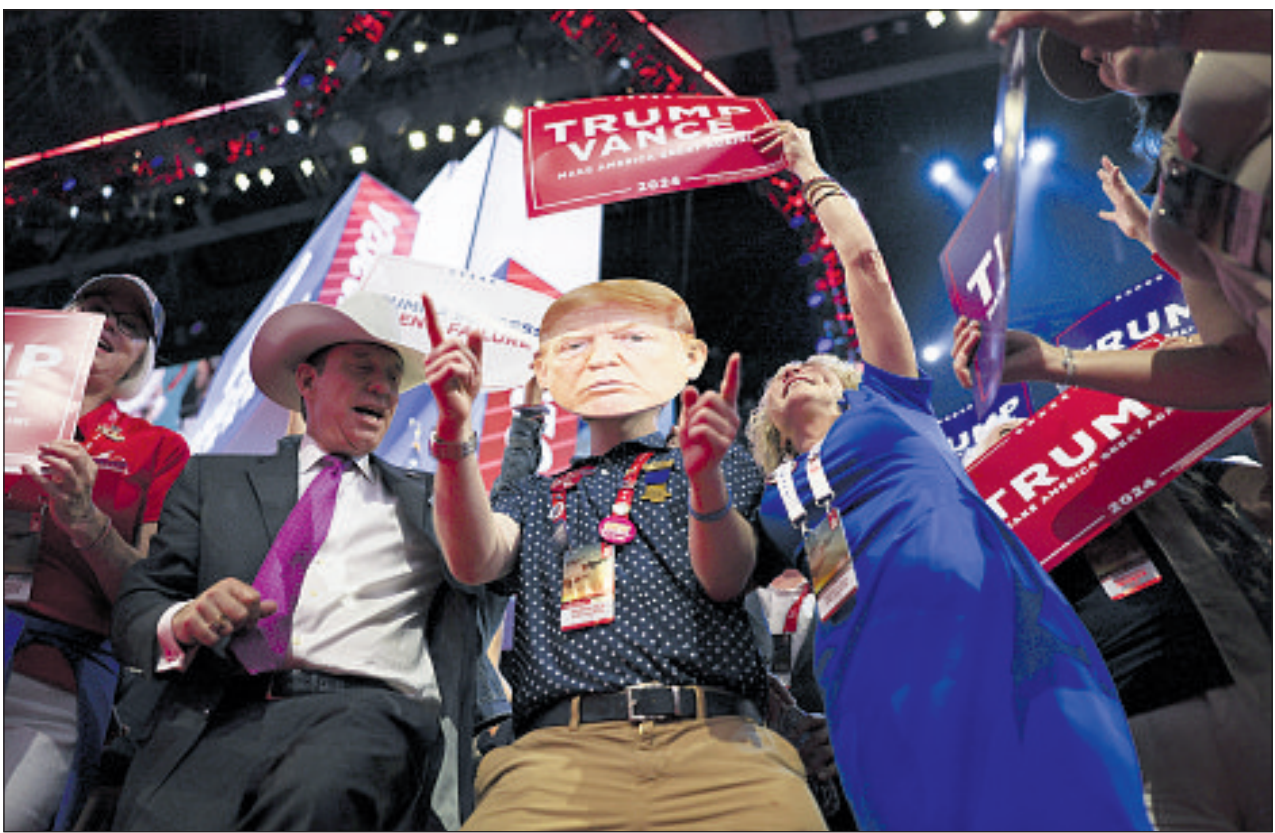
BUTLER, Pa. — A series of serious security failures led to a gunman being able to fire multiple shots at former President Trump, killing a retired fire chief and wounding two other people at a campaign rally in Butler.

Although armed security personnel responded swiftly, rushing a bloodied Trump off the stage after Saturday's assassination attempt, questions about security flaws are mounting.

Among the issues that have been exposed:

- How the gunman was able to gain access to the roof of a nearby building and why authorities were not able to stop him before he opened fire: The building was meant to be covered by local law enforcement because it was not in the immediate vicinity of the venue, according to law enforcement sources not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation. But the gunman was able to get to the roof and was visible for some time.
- When authorities learned of the threat: Videos show that some in the crowd noticed the gunman and tried to get the attention of law enforcement more than a minute before he fired at Trump. Local police say an officer got onto the roof just before the shooting but had to retreat because the gunman moved to shoot at him.
- Whether Secret Service sharpshooters could have fired on the gunman before he launched his attack. Video

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ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

JOYFUL AT GOP CONVENTION

Nebraska delegates dance to a happy tune at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee on Tuesday, buoyed by the appearance of nominee and former President Trump the night before.

Town of assassination attempt grapples with infamy and grief

Although it's in swing state Pennsylvania, Butler is 'MAGA red'

BY SUMMER LIN AND NOAH GOLDBERG

BUTLER, Pa. — About 15 minutes before former President Trump took the stage for his Saturday rally in Butler, he shook hands with Jonathan Longo, the mayor of nearby Slippery Rock.

"You did a great job," Trump said. He had watched Longo's pre-rally speech from a livestream while aboard Trump Force One, his Boeing 757. "I listened to every word. Keep that up. How's it going out there?"

"Mr. President, Butler County is going to deliver Pennsylvania to you," Longo replied. "We're working hard."

Later, Longo was sitting about 15 feet from Trump's lectern when he recognized the crack of gunfire from

[See **Butler**, A9]



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LORI SARVER bought half a dozen T-shirts at a roadside store selling Trump merchandise in Butler County, Pa., on Monday.

Son rises over California

Golden State delegates talk politics with Eric Trump at the GOP convention. **NATION, A4**

'Cholo nerd's' take on 'hillbilly'

J.D. Vance is really a *convenenciero*, person with no principles, Gustavo Arellano writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Summer fees rise, parents priced out

Busy families scramble for seasonal child care — often at a high cost

BY KATE SEQUEIRA AND JENNY GOLD

Kristen Dang's tenuous planned child-care schedule is in full summer swing — a costly, worry-inducing logistical feat that has tested her maternal prowess. And she considers herself among the fortunate.

She nabbed a coveted six weeks of camp for her soon-to-be 9-year-old son, Brady, at the Reseda Recreation Center. In March, Dang's husband waited three hours in line to secure an \$80-a-week spot in the L.A. Department of Parks and Recreation program.

The two weeks they were shut out at the park will be filled with surf and baseball camps, but those take up only part of the workday and cost a stinging \$900 total. Pick-up and drop-off schedules vary day by day as the parents juggle work schedules.

Come August, Dang must fill two empty weeks. Grandma will step in for one. Then Dang likely will take Brady to work with her at a private school's IT department

[See **Summer**, A12]



DANIA MAXWELL Los Angeles Times

MANY schools are using funding from a \$4-billion state program for summer programs, but some still have hundreds of students on their wait lists.

X, SpaceX to move to Texas, Musk says

Billionaire cites street crime, transgender school law in decision to relocate companies.

BY LAURENCE DARMIENTO

Elon Musk said Tuesday on X that he is moving the headquarters of both SpaceX and the social media platform formerly known as Twitter to Texas —

citing several criticisms he has of California and doing business in San Francisco.

Pointing to a new state law that bans teachers from telling families about student gender identity changes, Musk tweeted that he is moving the headquarters of SpaceX from Hawthorne to the company's launch test site in Texas.

The move would be a blow to Southern California, where SpaceX has helped to anchor a burgeoning space

[See **Musk**, A5]

PROTECTING STUDENTS: Newsom signs a bill shielding gender identity information. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Jury convicts Sen. Menendez

The New Jersey Democrat is found guilty of accepting bribes of gold and cash. **NATION, A4**

Weather

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