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derstorm, high 81. **Tonight**, humid,
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MENENDEZ PLANS TO QUIT SENATE

**Bowing to Party Pressure
After a Conviction**

**By NICHOLAS FANDOS
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Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey announced on Tuesday that he would resign from Congress effective in late August, bowing to intense pressure from Democratic colleagues who had pushed him to step down or face an expulsion vote after his conviction in a vast international bribery scheme.

Mr. Menendez has maintained his innocence and vowed to appeal a guilty verdict returned last week by a federal jury in Manhattan. But with the Senate Ethics Committee fast-tracking a vote to expel him, he opted to quit his term months early, rather than



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Senator Robert Menendez faced a possible expulsion vote.

force an ugly intraparty fight that threatened to make him the first senator ousted since the Civil War.

Mr. Menendez conveyed his resignation in a letter to Gov. Philip D. Murphy of New Jersey, shortly after he shared the news with what remained of his staff. Mr. Murphy, a Democrat, said he would promptly appoint a replacement who would serve until January.

In the letter, Mr. Menendez, 70, said he had concluded that his presence in the Senate would only complicate his efforts to clear his name and salvage his legacy. However, he notably left open the possibility that he might remain a

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For New Rival, Trump’s Gibes May Coarsen

**By MAGGIE HABERMAN
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Donald J. Trump and his political team spent nearly two years tailoring a campaign to defeat an old white male president who is conspicuously frail and who most Americans had told pollsters they doubted could handle another four-year term.

Suddenly, Mr. Trump faces a starkly different opponent: a vice president who is a Black woman, who is nearly 20 years younger, and who brings her own strengths and weaknesses but who adds new uncertainty into what had been a remarkably static race.

Allies of Vice President Kamala Harris have already telegraphed that she will run a campaign framed around a “prosecutor versus felon” theme, highlighting her experience as a prosecutor and underscoring the fact that Mr. Trump has been indicted in multiple jurisdictions and convicted of 34 felonies.

The prosecutor-versus-felon approach may appeal to undecided voters who had been sour on both Mr. Trump and President Biden. It may also goad Mr. Trump, who reacts strongly to criticism, into resurrecting the language he has used against other Black female prosecutors, such as Letitia James in New York and Fani Willis in Georgia, both of whom he has called “racist” and attacked in personal terms.

In a preview of what’s to come, Ms. Harris made the prosecutor’s attack line explicit during an appearance on Monday, describing her past as the district attorney of San Francisco and the attorney general of California.

“In those roles I took on perpetrators of all kinds: predators who abused women, fraudsters who ripped off consumers, cheaters who broke the rules for their own gain. So hear me when I say, I know Donald Trump’s type,” she said.

Mr. Trump has been trying to soften some of his harshest rhetoric

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Eager for First Female President, But Wary of Same Old Hurdles

**This article is by Patricia Mazzei,
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MIAMI — In the eight years since Hillary Clinton failed to win the American presidency, the work force for the first time grew to include more college-educated women than college-educated men. The #MeToo movement exposed sexual harassment and toppled powerful men. The Supreme Court overturned the federal right to abortion.

Will any — or all — of it make a difference for Vice President Kamala Harris?

Ms. Harris seems almost certain to become the Democratic Party’s presidential nominee after President Biden’s decision not to seek re-election. As such, she faces, fairly or not, some of the same electability questions that Mrs. Clinton confronted in a nation that, unlike many of its peers around the globe, has yet to pick a woman as its leader.

A presidential contest pitting Ms. Harris against former President Donald J. Trump would represent a rematch of sorts: Mr. Trump would again have to run against a woman who held a top administration position and served in the Senate. He defeated Mrs. Clinton in 2016 in spite of her winning the popular vote by a wide margin.

But the dynamics would be unquestionably different. Ms. Harris has neither the political legacy

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A Harrowing Olympic Event: Airport Check-In

By ANDREW KEH

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Olympic shooters have time-tested mental exercises they use to get through some of the most stressful moments of their careers: They exhale deeply to steady their nerves. They assess the targets ahead of them. They trust in the preparation that got them there.

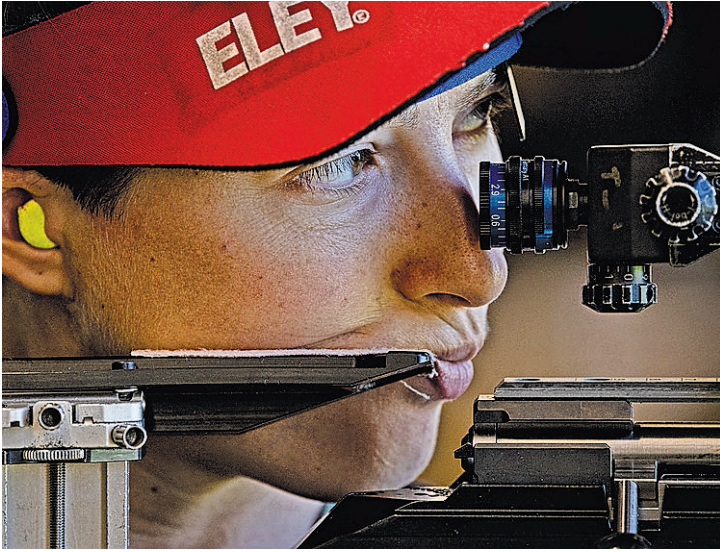
Then, finally, they’re ready to check in at the airport.

Before the members of the U.S. shooting team got a chance to fire their rifles, pistols and shotguns this month in the Paris Games, they had to get them there first. And while international air travel is already among the most universally exasperating experiences on earth, imagine doing it with a bunch of guns and ammunition in your luggage.

“I’ve learned the hard way about saying, ‘Oh, this is going pretty smooth,’” said Sagen Maddalena, 30, an American rifle shooter who will be competing at her second Olympics. “You can get there six hours before the flight leaves, and it feels like you’re running to the plane every time.”

For globe-trotting shooters like Maddalena, the airport is the crucible before the competition, a logistical bugbear with more hurdles than a track meet.

There’s the gear (heavily regulated and physically heavy). There are the airline firearm protocols (byzantine and inconsis-



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A desk agent once “physically freaked out” when Sagen Maddalena, a U.S. shooter, notified her about the guns in her bags.

tently applied). And then there is the paperwork required to merely possess guns in various countries (voluminous).

There is also the ever-present fear, worst of all, that some of their meticulously bespoke equipment could get misplaced altogether — a rare but real outcome that has temporarily derailed some shooters’ careers.

Add to all of this the obvious anxiety involved in taking a weapon to an airport, and it is no wonder many elite shooters approach travel with a creeping sense of dread.

“We just accept that when we get to the airport, it’s going to be a nightmare,” said Ivan Roe, 28, a rifle shooter attending his first Games this year.

The smallest slip-up can spell disaster.

It was an innocent mistake, for instance, that once saw Will Shaner, 23, a gold medalist in the 10-meter air rifle event at the last Summer Games, spend hours inside a glorified holding cell at Munich Airport. His travel itinerary had changed at the last minute, causing his gun permit to expire

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Bus After Bus, Texas Changed U.S. Migration

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EAGLE PASS, Texas — The autumn of 2021 delivered a shock to the state of Texas. More than 9,000 migrants crossed the border on a September day into the town of Del Rio and huddled in a tent camp under a bridge. Thousands more came later that week from countries all over the world, challenging the town’s ability to handle them.

The following spring, Texas opened a new frontier of its own. On April 13, a bus pulled into Union Station in Washington, D.C., carrying 24 migrants who had been offered a free ride from the border city of Eagle Pass, Texas, chartered by the state’s Division of Emergency Management. More buses arrived in the capital over the next several days.

Washington’s mayor, Muriel Bowser, suggested that many of the migrants had been “tricked” into riding the buses by the Texas governor, Greg Abbott. The White House called it a “political stunt.”

In the two years since Mr. Abbott dispatched the first buses from Texas, the busing program has turned into a significant part

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Business owners had hoped the Games would bring crowds, but some areas have become dead zones. PAGE B1

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