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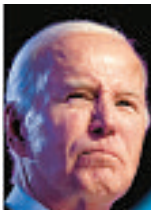


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Biden, Trump looking to Nov.

As 2 candidates take on role of nominee, Haley vows to fight

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barely 400,000 votes have been cast in two rural Republican primaries over the span of eight days. But both Donald Trump and President Joe Biden are behaving like their parties' nominees already.

Trump's double-digit victory Tuesday in independent-minded New Hampshire, where he was considered more vulnerable than perhaps anywhere else, was a rhetorical tipping point for both Democrats and Republicans.

"It is now clear that Donald Trump will be the Republican nominee. And my message to the country is the stakes could not be higher," President Joe Biden said hours after Trump's victory Tuesday night.

Trump's team largely agreed, even as he raged about his former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley's unwillingness to leave the race altogether.

"I say the general election begins tonight," said Trump-adversary-turned-advocate Vivek Ramaswamy, who was standing at the former president's side during his New Hampshire victory speech. "And this man will win it in a landslide."

The bluster is just a sliver of what's to come over the next 10 months. Both parties are building out sprawling political operations backed by billions of dollars in advertising to shape the all-but-certain general election rematch between the current president and his predecessor.

It is a matchup that many voters and some elected officials

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INSIDE

A city crackdown on dollar stores?

An City Council ordinance restricting where dollar stores can be built in Chicago would prohibit operators from adding new "small-box retailers" within a mile of dollar stores they own. It would also require new stores to display placards with maintenance and emergency information. The crackdown is an effort to rein in the harmful effects dollar stores have on food access in poor neighborhoods while pushing operators to better maintain the stores, the sponsoring alderman said. **Business**

Harbaugh leaves Michigan for NFL

Jim Harbaugh will be the head coach of the Los Angeles Chargers, leaving Michigan and returning to the NFL after capping his ninth season as coach of college football's winningest program with the school's first national championship since 1997. **Chicago Sports**

MIGRANTS IN CHICAGO



Mayor Brandon Johnson speaks after a City Council meeting on Wednesday at City Hall. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Johnson calls on state to put shelters outside city

Mayor sidesteps questions about Feb. 1 deadline for asylum-seekers to vacate current lodging

By Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Brandon Johnson's ongoing calls for Gov. J.B. Pritzker to build more migrant shelters took a new turn Wednesday as he indicated additional sites should be located outside Chicago, even with state funding.

Speaking to reporters after presiding over the City Council meeting, the mayor did not

directly answer questions about the fate of the next round of migrants whose 60-day deadline to vacate city-run shelters arrives Feb. 1, with harsh winter weather expected to remain.

Instead, he pivoted to place the onus on the state to construct more such sites — and pushed for them to be built elsewhere.

"What the state committed to doing back in November, that process has not moved as quickly

as this (60-day) policy will hold," Johnson said. "This policy was really attached to a larger operation that included ... 2,200 beds. That's what the state of Illinois committed to doing."

Pritzker on Monday said the Johnson administration had not told the state "where they would like us to put our resources" to build new shelters, "so we can't help if they don't identify those locations."

Johnson countered Wednesday that "the state has received a number of locations that they can build a shelter at." He did not elab-

orate. But city officials said they have recommended to Pritzker's administration potential sites outside Chicago, sometimes with specific buildings in mind.

"And you know, again, just keep in mind that the state of Illinois can build a shelter anywhere in the state of Illinois. So, the state does not have to build a shelter in Chicago," he said.

For the Pritzker administration, though, the main focus is the city. "The vast majority of this mission

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New to Chicago, migrant family left in mourning after their 11-month-old baby is killed in car crash

‘WE’D JUST BEGUN HERE’

Venezuelan migrant Jhonathan Aleman, 28, looks at the crib of his youngest son, Theo, who died after a car accident last Friday.

CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

By Nell Salzman | Chicago Tribune

At a tidy home in Chicago Lawn, an empty baby chair faces a small rectangular kitchen table. Plastic garlands and ornaments are still hung around the living room from the family's first Christmas in the United States.

The family of four — migrants from Venezuela just getting their footing in Chicago — had their lives suddenly altered in a fatal car crash Friday afternoon when their 11-month-old baby died.

The family was coming home from an appointment with their lawyer around 3 p.m. when a car heading in the same direction struck them on southbound I-290. Yusmelis Gonzalez, 31, and their baby, Theo Aleman Gonzalez, were rushed to the hospital. Theo succumbed to his injuries early

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NORTHWESTERN

Conservative group alleges antisemitism on campus

Feds probe possible Title VI violations

By Alysa Guffey and
Angie Leventis Lourgos
Chicago Tribune

The U.S. Department of Education has launched an investigation into accusations of antisemitism at Northwestern University, as similar allegations continue to rock colleges and universities across the country in the wake of the Israel-Hamas war.

A complaint against Northwestern was filed earlier this month by Zachary Marschall of Campus Reform, a Virginia-based organization that describes itself as a "conservative watchdog" that "exposes liberal bias and abuse on the nation's college campuses."

The education department's Office for Civil Rights opened an investigation into Northwestern on Tuesday, according to the agency's website. The complaint alleges that Northwestern "discriminated against students on the basis of national origin (shared Jewish ancestry) by failing to respond appropriately to incidents of harassment in October, November and December," according to a letter from the

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TODAY'S WEATHER



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