

BIDEN DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER

Former president weighs treatment options to fight 'aggressive form' of disease

By Naftali Bendavid and Mariana Alfaro The Washington Post

Former president Joe Biden has been diagnosed with a relatively aggressive form of prostate cancer, his office said Sunday, adding that the disease is subject to "effective management" and that Mr. Biden's family is deciding on treatment options.

"Last week, President Joe Biden was seen for a new finding of a prostate nodule after experiencing increasing urinary symptoms," said a statement from Mr. Biden's personal office. "On Friday, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, characterized by a Gleason score of 9 (Grade Group 5) with metastasis to the bone(s)." The statement acknowledged that the diagnosis "represents a

more aggressive form of the disease," but added that "the cancer appears to be hormone-sensitive which allows for effective management." It added, "The President and his family are reviewing treatment options with his physicians."

The news comes at an extraordinary moment for Mr. Biden, 82, and his party, as Democrats in recent days have been second-guessing their handling of the 2024 election, especially the aging Mr. Biden's insistence on running for re-election

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Former President Joe Biden was diagnosed with prostate cancer on Friday, according to a statement from his personal office Sunday, and it has spread to his bones.



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Pope Leo XIV, left, receives the pallium, or lambswool stole, a symbol of the papacy, from Cardinal Mario Zenari during a Mass on Sunday for the formal inauguration of Pope Leo XIV's pontificate, in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

MESSAGE OF UNITY

Pope Leo XIV officially begins his papacy with an inaugural Mass

By Nicole Winfield Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Leo XIV vowed Sunday to work for unity in a polarized Catholic Church and world, as history's first American pope offered a message of healing during an inaugural Mass in St. Peter's Square before an estimated 200,000 pilgrims, presidents, patriarchs and princes.

Pope Leo officially opened his pontificate by taking his first popemobile tour through

the piazza, a rite of passage that has become synonymous with the papacy's global reach and mediatic draw. The 69-year-old Augustinian missionary smiled and waved from the back of the truck to people waving U.S., Peruvian and other national flags, and stopped to bless some babies in the crowd.

During the Mass, Pope Leo appeared to choke up when the two potent symbols of the papacy were placed on him — the lambswool stole over his shoulders and the fisherman's ring on his finger — as if the weight of re-

sponsibility of leading the 1.4-billion strong church had just sunk in.

He turned his hand to look at the ring and then clasped his hands in front of him in prayer.

Vice President JD Vance, one of the last foreign officials to see Pope Francis before he died, led the American delegation honoring the Chicago-born Leo. Mr. Vance paid his respects at Francis' tomb after arriving in

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

2 heated contests will alter contour

Votes on vital matters could hinge on primary

By Steve Bohnel Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Tuesday is the day for two down-ballot yet important races on the primary ballot in some areas of Allegheny County — one where elected office holders have control over a budget of over \$3 billion, and a say over matters like operations at the county jail, property reassessments, and how to help city officials address homelessness.

Many of the Allegheny County Council primary races on Tuesday are unopposed.

But in two districts — District 1, covering the western side of Allegheny County, and District 9, covering many Mon Valley communities — Democrats Jack Betkowski and Bob Macey are stepping down. Those are the only competitive council races where multiple Democratic candidates are vying to replace them.

PRIMARY ELECTION

Primary Election Day is Tuesday. For more about local races, including the race for Pittsburgh mayor, visit [post-gazette.com](#).

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Bipartisan legislation targets drug cartels

McCormick, Kelly team on Mexico bill

By Benjamin Kail Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Dave McCormick continues to seek ways to block the flow of narcotics such as fentanyl into Pennsylvania and the U.S., partnering

this week with Democratic Sen. Mark Kelly, of Arizona, on legislation calling on the State Department to devise a better strategy on American investment in dismantling Mexican drug cartels.

The bipartisan Mexico Security



McCormick

Assistance Accountability Act, introduced by the senators Thursday, requires State Department officials to ensure American taxpayers are getting a solid return on their investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in Mexico.

The legislation requires State Department officials to develop a strategy — including clear priorities, milestones and methods to track results — for funds meant to boost Mexico's military and public

security capacity and to "combat public corruption and impunity," the lawmakers said in a news release.

"For far too long, the Mexican drug cartels have poisoned communities in Pennsylvania and across the country with deadly fentanyl, killing more than 4,000 Pennsylvanians each year," Mr. McCormick, R-Pa., said in a

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PEDAL FOR A PURPOSE

Micah Hurd is greeted by volunteers holding medals Sunday as he finishes the third annual 'Rush to Crush Cancer' bike ride on the South Side. More than 1,000 participated in the annual event, which raises money for cancer research. **Story, A-4**

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