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A day later, Trump hesitated to decry riot

Outtakes from recording could emerge Thursday in Jan. 6 panel hearing

BY AMY GARDNER, JOSH DAWSEY AND PAUL KANE

One day after the last rioter had left the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, President Donald Trump's advisers urged him to give an address to the nation to condemn the violence, demand accountability for those who had stormed the halls of Congress and declare the 2020 election to be decided.

He struggled to do it. Over the course of an hour of trying to tape the message, Trump resisted holding the rioters to account, tried to call them patriots, and refused to say the election was over, according to individuals familiar with the work of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack.

The public could get its first glimpse of outtakes from that recording Thursday night, when the committee plans to offer a bold conclusion in its eighth hearing: Not only did Trump do nothing despite repeated entreaties by senior aides to help end the violence, but he sat back and enjoyed watching it. He reluctantly

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ELECTION 2022

Looking to go national, Hogan takes a loss in Md.

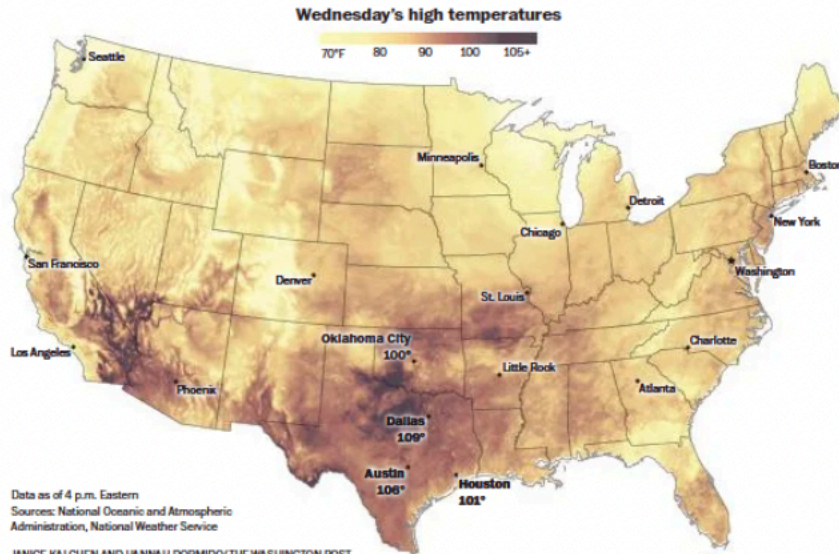
BY ERIN COX

Wednesday morning was grim in Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's orbit.

As he travels the country to test his chances as a presidential contender who could lead the Republican Party in a more inclusive direction, voters in his home state repudiated the pragmatic conservatism Hogan is trying to sell. Instead of electing his hand-picked protégé, who espoused the themes he cherishes, they handed victory to Del. Dan Cox, a far-right candidate backed by former president Donald Trump whom Hogan labeled "a QAnon whack job."

Cox, who questioned whether there was an insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, and has called public schools "indoctrination centers," represents everything Hogan has railed against in his dozens of TV

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100-plus for millions

As extreme heat spreads across U.S. and Europe, Biden hints at climate action to come

BY MATTHEW CAPPUCCI AND MERYL KORNFELD

Extreme temperatures haunted two continents on Wednesday, with more than 100 million people in the United States facing excessive-heat conditions and a heat wave that had scorched Western Europe taking aim at Central Europe.

As 100-degree temperatures became uncomfortably routine on both sides of the Atlantic, President Biden said climate change presented a "clear and present danger" to the world. But days after suffering a major setback in Congress on his climate policies, he limited his announcements to a measure expanding offshore wind energy projects,



A roofing crew performs repairs in Eads, Colo., where temperatures approached triple digits. Exceptionally hot weather is expected to persist in the days ahead.

while promising other, unspecified actions down the road.

"Let me be clear: Climate change is an emergency," Biden said during a visit to Somerset, Mass. "In the coming weeks I'm going to use my power to turn these words into formal, official government actions. When it comes to fighting climate change, I will not take no for an answer."

Yet the weather made clear that it would wait for no policy. In the United States, temperature records were obliterated in the

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Europe sweaters: The continent remains under a heat dome. [A5](#)

After Uvalde, doubts intensify about tiny police forces

Nearly half of all local law enforcement agencies in the United States have fewer than 10 officers

BY STEVE THOMPSON

The criticism heaped on a six-member school police force in Uvalde, Tex., after its response to a mass shooter this spring has drawn attention to a ubiquitous American institution: the tiny police department.

While supporters of such agencies say they provide a personal touch that bigger police departments can't match, critics say they often lack the training, expertise and accountability expected in today's world of heavily armed criminals and heightened scrutiny of officers.

In Uvalde, it took more than an hour after the first officers arrived for law enforcement to enter the classroom and kill a gunman who fatally shot 19 chil-



Police Chief Earl Fox, outside Crofton Town Hall in Maryland, runs a three-officer department in Anne Arundel County.

dren and two teachers. The chief of the school police force has borne the brunt of the blame, though larger agencies are also being strongly criticized. Police departments with fewer than 10 officers have also made headlines in Pennsylvania, Maryland and elsewhere in recent years for hiring and misconduct issues.

As the nation wrestles with what policing should look like in the 21st century, many question whether these smallest of police departments—which function in nearly every state, employ more than 20,000 officers nationwide and provide the first line of defense for millions of Americans—can adequately carry out their mission. Officials in some states have pushed to consolidate the

Same-sex marriage vote gains traction

SHIFT IN GOP RAISES BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Senate Democrats eager to raise bill securing right

BY MATT VISER, MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR, PAUL KANE AND LEIGH ANN CALDWELL

Senate Democrats on Wednesday signaled an eagerness to swiftly vote on legislation that would protect same-sex marriage, offering an early window into the party's plans to solidify individual rights in the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

The shifting terrain — with several Senate Republicans voicing support for the legislation a day after the House passed a similar bill with the support of 47 Republicans — came as a surprise to members of both parties and seemed to offer a rare pocket of bipartisan support in a political arena increasingly polarized on social issues.

White House officials suddenly saw an area where they could demonstrate action to a base that is frustrated and at times demoralized. After decades of not legislatively protecting federal abortion rights — saying the issue was a settled matter already decided by the courts — Democrats now see a way to protect same-sex marriage from potential legal challenges.

Republicans, on the other

In Germany, trying to save gas for the winter ahead

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS AND VANESSA GUINAN-BANK

BERLIN — Nuremberg has stopped illuminating its historic buildings, Hamburg landlords are rationing hot water, and Berlin may turn off nonessential traffic lights at night. In Potsdam, even the temperatures on Germany's beloved saunas have been turned down.

"It's better to have a cold shower in summer than a cold apartment in winter," said Jürgen Krogmann, the mayor of Oldenburg, a city in northwestern Germany whose 30-point energy-saving plan includes shutting off hot water in municipal buildings, putting an end to warm showers in public sports facilities and nixing air conditioning in public buildings even during this week's heat wave.

"It is about not being blackmailed by [Russian President

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