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TRUMP ATTACK, ONE YEAR LATER



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Secret Service agents carry then-presidential candidate Donald Trump off the stage after he was shot in the ear by a would-be assassin on July 13, 2024 in Butler, Pa. It was a turning point for the agency tasked with protecting the president.

Questions remain about Secret Service response

BY REBECCA SANTANA
Associated Press

Washington — In many ways, the assassination attempt against Donald Trump at a Pennsylvania campaign stop was a perfect storm of failings coming together that allowed 20-year-old Michael Thomas Crooks to climb on top of a nearby building and take eight shots at the once and future president.

One attendee was killed, two others wounded and a bullet grazed Trump's

ear before a Secret Service counter sniper opened fire on Crooks and killed him. That day jolted an already chaotic race for the White House and solidified Trump's iconic status in his party and beyond.

It also became a turning point for the agency tasked with protecting the president. As more details emerged about what went wrong, questions multiplied: What happened to the Secret Service's planning? Why was a rooftop with a clear line of sight to

Trump left unguarded? What motivated the shooter?

Another incident in September where a gunman camped in the shrubbery outside one of Trump's golf courses before being spotted and shot at by a Secret Service agent also raised questions about the agency's performance.

A year after Butler, multiple investigations have detailed the breakdowns that day. Under a new leader hired by

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Allies see signs of a changed man in Trump

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

Washington — President Donald Trump was on stage at the Iowa State Fairgrounds earlier this month, kicking off the country's 250th anniversary celebration, when he heard what sounded like fireworks in the distance.

"Did I hear what I think I heard?" Trump remarked as he spoke from behind a wall of thick, bulletproof glass. "Don't worry, it's only fireworks. I

hope. Famous last words," he quipped, drawing laughs and cheers.

"You always have to think positive," he went on. "I didn't like that sound, either."

The comments, just days before the first anniversary of Trump's near-assassination in Butler, Pennsylvania, served as a stark reminder of the lingering impact of the day when a gunman opened fire at a campaign rally, grazing Trump's ear and killing one of his supporters in the crowd.

The attack dramatically upended the 2024 campaign and launched a frenzied 10-day stretch that included Trump's triumphant arrival at the Republican National Convention with a bandaged ear, President Joe Biden's decision to abandon his reelection bid and the elevation of Vice President Kamala Harris as his successor.

One year after coming millimeters from a very different outcome,

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Mich. Dems see path to majority after Medicaid cuts

But Republicans bank on Trump's 'big' bill paying off for voters

BY MELISSA NANN BURKE
The Detroit News

Washington — Michigan Democrats are ratcheting up their attacks after Republican lawmakers notched a major win by passing their massive tax and spending package, promising to continue hammering their GOP colleagues for supporting the bill's unpopular provisions.

They are betting that voting for legislation that slashes Medicaid and food assistance to extend tax cuts benefiting the wealthy will make some Michigan Republicans in Congress more vulnerable in the midterm elections and potentially cost the GOP its narrow majority in the U.S. House.

"This is going to be a deciding factor in the midterms. Over two-thirds of Americans support protecting and expanding Medicaid, and this bill did the exact opposite," said Democratic U.S. Rep. Hillary Scholten, who flipped a GOP-held seat anchored by Grand Rapids in 2022.

"Do you want to vote for someone who worked hard to protect your health care or someone who worked to rip it

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Mayor hopefuls tout plans for education

BY JENNIFER CHAMBERS
The Detroit News

The Detroit mayor's office does not control the operations of K-12 schools in the city, but several mayoral candidates are pushing platforms that vow to improve education and saying it's time for the city and educators to work together.

The Detroit News spoke to six of the highest-polling hopefuls about their proposals for addressing challenges in education in Detroit, in both the Detroit Public Schools Community District and in charter schools, which are public schools but operate independently.

The district is run by an elected school board whose members are chosen by voters in the city. That power was returned to the voters in late 2005 after the state required, for six years, a system in which six board members were chosen by the mayor and one member was selected by the state superintendent.

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