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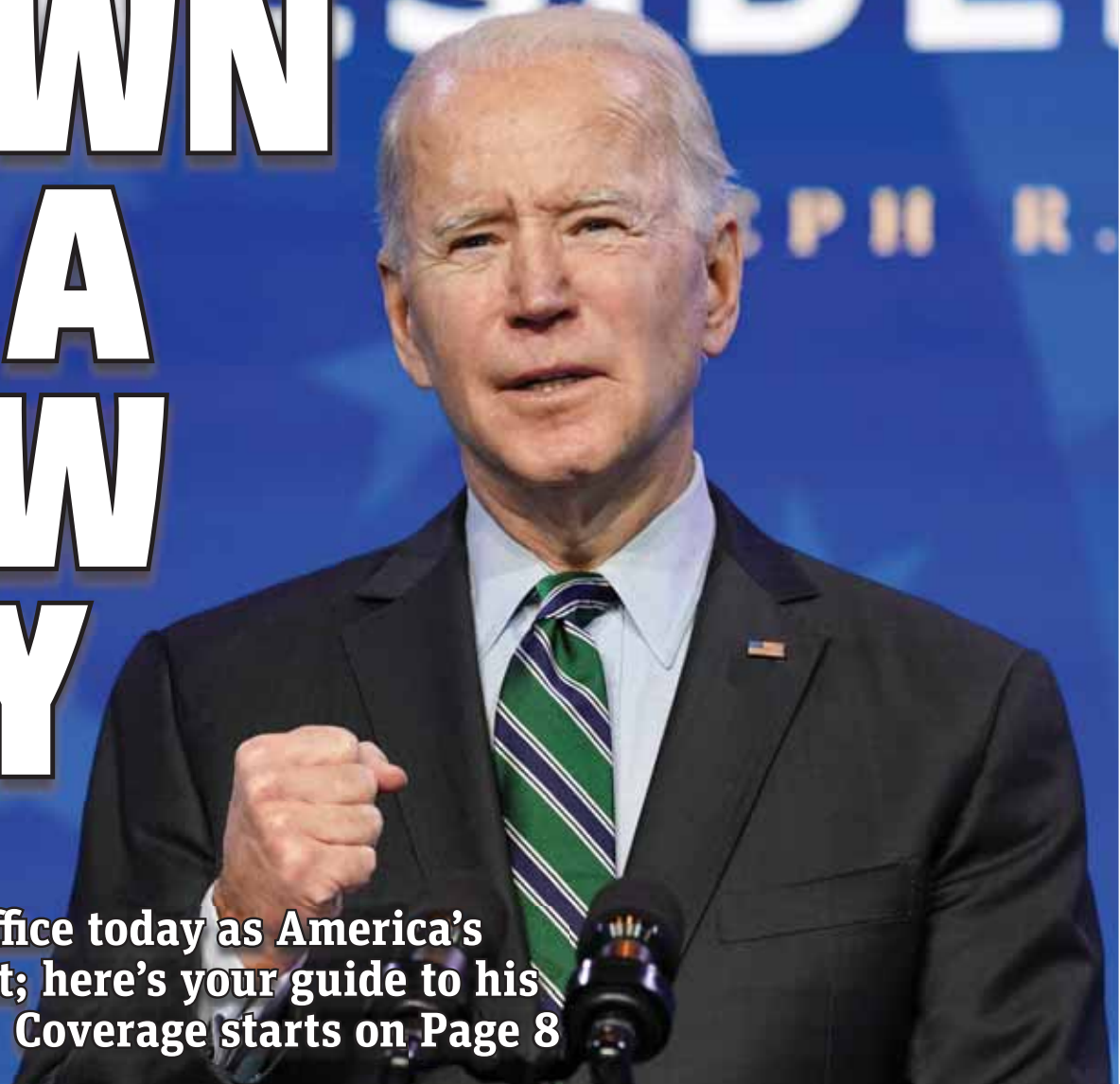
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Biden takes office today as America's 46th president; here's your guide to his inauguration Coverage starts on Page 8

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Inauguration 101: *What you need to know* about an historic day for America

DC has come to resemble a war zone. Tens of thousands of National Guard troops are now stationed in the city to ensure the transition of power from the Trump regime to the Biden administration, and to prevent another attack by insurrectionists.

President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will officially take office today, Jan. 20, on the western side of the U.S. Capitol in an inaugural ceremony tamped down by the COVID-19 pandemic and in a state of alert following the Jan. 6 attack upon the heart of American democracy.

The Biden-Harris term begins at noon on Jan. 20, the official end of the era for outgoing President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, whom Biden and Harris defeated in last November's election.

Since the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, instigated by Trump and carried out by thousands of his supporters, much of Washington,

Aside from a few distinguished guests, including members of Congress, the Supreme Court, former presidents, and the Biden and Harris families, there won't be very many spectators in attendance to witness the **Inaugural Ceremony** — as crowd size is severely restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet the ceremony, which will begin late morning Wednesday, will feature the pomp, circumstance and tradition of inaugurations past.

The program will feature New York natives Lady Gaga, who will sing the national anthem, and Jennifer Lopez, who will provide a musical performance. Speakers will



President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris celebrate their victory with their families in Wilmington, Delaware on Nov. 7, 2020.,

also include Georgia firefighter **Andrea Hall** and 2017 National Youth Poet Laureate **Amanda Gorman** of Los Angeles.

Father **Leo O'Donovan**, former president of Georgetown University, and Reverend **Dr. Silvester Beaman** of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will offer prayers.

At about noon, Biden and Harris will take their oaths. Supreme Court Associate Justice **Sonia Sotomayor** of the Bronx will administer the oath to Vice Presi-

dent-elect Harris, who will become the first woman ever to hold the office.

Supreme Court Chief Justice **John Roberts** will then administer the oath of office to President-elect Biden. America's new president will then deliver his inaugural address; according to published reports, Biden and his staff are preparing an address focused on national unity in reflecting the ceremony's theme, "America United."

I do solemnly swear that

I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

— *Presidential Oath of Office*

Thereafter, the new president and vice president, along with new First Lady **Dr. Jill Biden** and Second Gentleman **Doug Emhoff**, will participate in another inaugural custom on the East side of the Capitol: the **Pass in Review**, in which they'll

review members of the military to reflect the transfer of power. The Bidens, Harris and Emhoff will then head over to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and will be joined by former Presidents **Barack Obama**, **George W. Bush** and **Bill Clinton**.

The new president will then be escorted to the White House; there won't be an in-person inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Avenue this time due to COVID-19. Instead, a virtual "**Parade Across America**" will take place on Wednesday afternoon at about 3:15 p.m., featuring performances from all 56 states and territories within the United States.

In lieu of the traditional Inaugural Ball, also scrapped due to COVID-19, the Inauguration Day festivities will conclude with a prime-time television special, "**Celebrating America**," at 8:30 p.m. hosted by actor **Tom Hanks**. Both Biden and Harris will provide remarks during the program.

Here are a few ways you can watch the Biden/Harris inauguration



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Tomorrow, millions of Americans will tune in to watch President-elect Joe Biden and Vice Presi-

dent-elect Kamala Harris be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.

The ceremony will begin at 12 p.m. ET on Jan. 20. Aside from some guests, the inauguration will have no spectators this year due to the

COVID-19 pandemic. The event will also be under heavy guard as a result of the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

Major networks such as CBS, NBC, Fox, ABC and CNN will be airing

the historic event. For those who don't have cable, the event will be live-streamed for free on YouTube and bideninaugural.org.

Though you can watch on your own in the comfort of your home, there are a few ways you can watch with the New York City community. Here are a couple of inauguration day watch events that you can take part in on Wednesday.

Columbia Democrats Inauguration Celebration, Virtual

Join the Columbia University Democrats as they livestream the inauguration. The stream will begin at 11:30 a.m. over Zoom, the link to which is on their Facebook event. After watching the ceremony, the group will conduct a phone campaign regarding the upcoming impeachment proceedings in the Senate.

help themselves to free coffee and tea. The offer will be available until 9 p.m. on Wednesday night.

Presidential Inauguration Watch Party - Pace University, Virtual

Pace University is hosting a watch party over Zoom that anyone can join, though be sure to RSVP beforehand. The stream, which is hosted by the university's Center for Community Action and Research and the Office of Multicultural Affairs PLV and NYC, will kick off at 11:30 a.m.

Free Coffee/Tea Inauguration Watch Party, planted, 361 6th Ave., Manhattan

Starting at 11 a.m., planted is kicking off an inauguration watch party in their heated outdoor terrace. Those who come by to watch the inauguration can

Inauguration Watch Party, Virtual

Starting at 11:30 a.m. The Democratic Na-



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