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Biden: Inflation battle to be 'top priority'

WASHINGTON (The Washington Post) — President Joe Biden on Tuesday night sought to assuage Americans about the trajectory of the U.S. economy, pledging in his first-ever State of the Union address that his "top priority is getting prices under control."

Speaking from the dais of the House, Biden began by emphasizing that jobs have returned, wages have risen and the country has resumed many of its daily rhythms under his watch, roughly two years after the coronavirus pandemic touched off the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

But the president also acknowledged that millions of Americans still

face financial hardships, particularly as the cost of groceries, gasoline, cars and rents have skyrocketed in what has become the fastest period of inflation in four decades. On a day when geopolitical tumult threatened additional shocks, Biden promised fresh vigilance in Washington to protect families at risk of falling further behind.

"With all the bright spots in our economy, record job growth and higher wages, too many families are struggling to keep up with their bills," Biden said. "Inflation is robbing them of the gains they might otherwise feel."

"I get it," Biden continued. "That's why my top priority is getting prices under control."

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Congress to support a series of economic initiatives, including efforts to provide monthly tax payments for families with children, reforms

to lower prescription drug prices for seniors, and legislation to raise the minimum wage for millions of workers. The president vocalized anew his plans to address logjams in "global supply" chains that have driven up demand for some goods, like automobiles, leading to higher prices. And he promised to combat corporate conglomerates, which he said may be squeezing consumers through price gouging.

Many of Biden's ideas originated in a slew of blueprints he has unveiled since assuming the presidency, including a signature initiative known as the Build Back Better Act, which ultimately faltered last year because of divisions among Democrats.

Abbott, O'Rourke to face off in contest for Texas governor

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott won his party's nomination on Tuesday to seek a third term in office, setting up a November contest with Democratic former Congressman Beto O'Rourke, U.S. media reported.

Abbott, who was endorsed by former President Donald Trump, easily turned back several right-wing challengers, will enter the general election as a favorite over O'Rourke, the state's most prominent Democrat, is seeking to become the first Democratic governor of Texas in nearly three decades.

Texas voters were also selecting their parties' nominees on Tuesday for the U.S. House of Representatives. The first-in-the-nation nominating contests could offer clues about the

mood of American voters ahead of the Nov. 8 elections that will determine control Congress for the rest of President Joe Biden's four-year term.

The election is also the first test of new Republican-backed voting restrictions passed in response to Trump's false claims of election fraud.

As of Tuesday evening, there were no reports of long delays or major problems at polling places, following weeks in which several counties recorded an unprecedented number of rejected mail-in ballots due to new identification requirements.

Texas Secretary of State John Scott said Harris County, the state's largest and home to one in six Texans, had informed his office that it would be unable to tally all votes within 24 hours

of the polls closing, as required by law.

The delay is due to "damaged ballot sheets" that must be copied before they can be scanned, Scott said in a statement, adding that his office would offer assistance as needed.

A Harris County election office spokeswoman declined immediate comment.


Midterm elections typically serve as a referendum on the sitting president, and Republicans are favored to win a majority in at least one of the two chambers of Congress that Democrats control by razor-thin margins. That would allow Republicans to block Biden's legislative agenda and launch investigations that could damage his administration.

Biden, whose public approval

remains at a low 43%, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll completed on Tuesday, delivered his annual State of the Union address in the evening.


The Republican race for attorney general may provide an early measure of Trump's power among the party's faithful. Ken Paxton, the incumbent, is running for a third term with Trump's backing, despite his pending 2015 indictment for securities fraud and a separate federal investigation into allegations of bribery. Paxton has denied any wrongdoing.

He held an early lead over Land Commissioner George P. Bush, grandson of former President George H.W. Bush, firebrand U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert and former state Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman.



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Board of Commissioners Meeting
Friday, March 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM.
This meeting is open to the public via Zoom.

Topic: GHURA BOC Mtg. March 11, 2022
Time: Mar. 11, 2022 12:00 PM Guam, Port Moresby
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AGENDA:
I. ROLL CALL
II. BOARD MEETING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS
III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES – February 25, 2022
IV. OLD BUSINESS
1. LIHTC 2021 Application, Panel Results and Recommendation (Ongoing Discussion)
Ref: Minute No. 183/21 & 184/21
V. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS
1. MIS Status of Agency Transparency and Open Government Law
VI. GENERAL DISCUSSION / ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Next proposed scheduled Board Meeting – Friday, April 8, 2022
VII. ADJOURNMENT

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INVITATION FOR BID:

BID NO:	IFB-PAG-005-22
FOR:	ALL EQUIPMENT PARTS BID
PRE-BID CONFERENCE	10:00 a.m., TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE:	2:00 p.m., MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022
LOCATION TO SUBMIT:	PAG PROCUREMENT OFFICE, 1 st FLOOR, ADMIN. BLDG.
BID OPENING LOCATION:	PAG, BOARD ROOM 1 st FLOOR, ADMIN.

The Port Authority of Guam (PAG) is issuing this Invitation for Bid for all equipment parts bid. A PDF copy of the bid packet is available to download at www.portofguam.com, or a hard copy can be obtained at the PAG Procurement Office located on the 1st floor of the PAG Admin Bldg. from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, until Monday, March 21st, 2022.

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/s/ RORY J. RESPICIO
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