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Jovana Raphaeo watches a solar eclipse through protective glasses Aug. 21, 2017, in Nashville, Tenn. Today, North America will experience its second total solar eclipse in seven years, with skywatchers in Mexico the first to see the eclipse on the mainland.

COMMUNITY

Partial eclipse is a sight to behold, just not directly

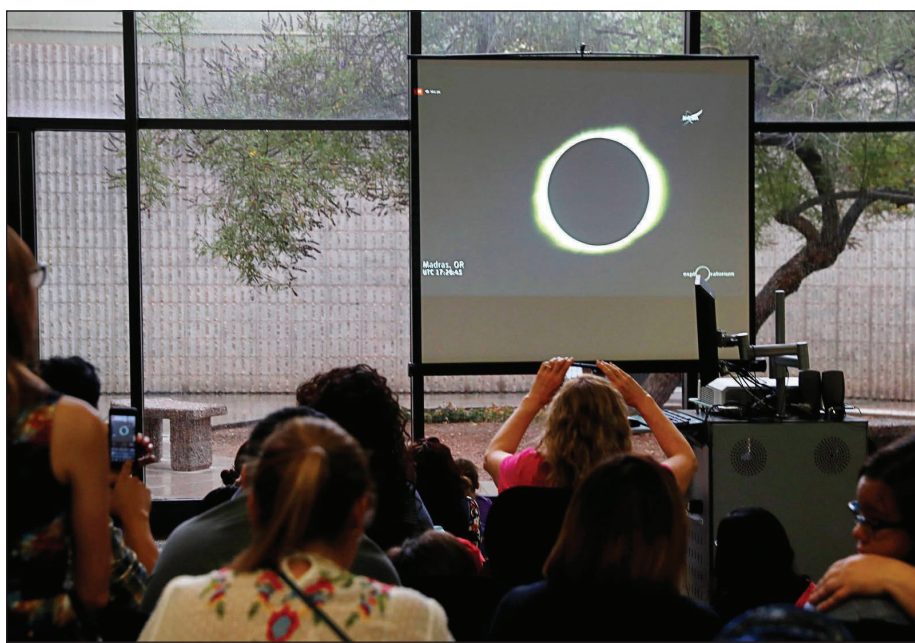
BY EMMA BROCATO

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Las Vegas isn't on the direct path of today's solar eclipse, but the partial covering will still be a sight worth seeing, says Francisco Silva, vice president for outreach at the Las Vegas Astronomical Society.

He said Southern Nevada would experience approximately 51% totality with the eclipse — when the moon slides between Earth and the sun to cast a shadow. The partial eclipse as viewed from Las Vegas will last from 10:12 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with its peak at 11:20 a.m.

"I have seen several of these, yet I cannot explain it in words that make sense," says Silva, who is also a solar system ambassador for NASA. "Your brain (goes) into a totally different phase and it's amazing ... just a totally amazing experience."



STEVE MARCUS FILE (2017)

People watch a live feed of a solar eclipse during a viewing event Aug. 21, 2017, at the College of Southern Nevada Cheyenne campus. Rainy weather obscured the viewing in Las Vegas.

The total eclipse's path will begin along Mexico's Pacific coast, cross into Texas and 14 other U.S. states before exiting over Canada. Totality will begin at 1:27 p.m. CDT in Texas and end at 3:35 p.m. EDT in Maine.

As the eclipse traverses its path of

totality, the moon will shroud the sun for up to 4 minutes, 28 seconds directly over two major cities: Dallas and Cleveland. About 44 million people live within the path of totality, with another couple

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ELECTION 2024

Bad news for Biden: Young voters concerned about economy

BY JARRELL DILLARD

Bloomberg News (TNS)

They're weighed down by student debt. They're shut out of the housing market. They're hit by higher costs of living. And they want President Joe Biden to listen.

At a time when Donald Trump is cutting into Biden's 2020 advantage with young adults, the growing list of grievances among voters under age 30 is a worrying sign for Biden as he seeks a second term.



Biden

People in that age cohort are more than twice as likely to cite the economy as their top concern compared with older adults in recent Gallup data. And while all voters are more worried about the economy now than they were heading into the 2020 presidential election, the pessimism has spiked the most among those age 18-29.

That concern is being reflected in polls. Trump is currently leading the president 47% to 40% with voters 18-34 in swing states, according to a March Bloomberg News/Morning Consult poll. By contrast, Biden won 61% of voters under 30 last cycle.

Though the November election is months off and attitudes can shift, there's no doubt Biden will need support from Generation Z and Millennial voters to win.

Incumbents get the blame when voters are dissatisfied with the economy. The challenge for Biden is that even though economic growth has been solid in the past year, the job market is robust and the inflation rate is cooling, poll after poll shows many people don't feel like it.

Younger Americans have a long list of headwinds: stunted action on student-loan forgiveness, the highest interest rates since they've been in diapers and expensive rents.

Older Americans, who are more likely to live in houses they own with low mortgage rates and who have benefited from years of housing and stock market appreciation, are less pessimistic about the economy. The contrasting way generations emerged financially from the coronavirus pandemic may provide a playbook for Biden on how to hone his political message to young adults.

Christian Martin, a 22-year-old college senior from Atlanta, said he hasn't yet felt the impact of Biden's economic policies. He's worried about making

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CRIME

Lawyer gambled a gilded career to represent Trump



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Former President Donald Trump is joined by his lawyer, Todd Blanche, right, before a hearing Feb. 15 at the State Supreme Court in Manhattan. Trump faces four criminal cases, and Blanche is at the center of his defense team.

BY MAGGIE HABERMAN, BEN PROTSS AND ALAN FEUER
The New York Times Company

Just over a year ago, Todd Blanche was a registered New York Democrat and a partner at Wall Street's oldest law firm, where the nation's corporate elite go for legal help. Now, he is a registered Florida Republican who runs his own firm, where the biggest client is a man both famous and infamous for his legal troubles: former President Donald Trump.

Blanche recently bought a home in Palm Beach County near Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. He brought his family to Trump's campaign celebration there on Super Tuesday. And during Trump's first criminal trial, set to begin April 15 in Manhattan, he will use space at 40 Wall St., the former president's office tower near the courthouse.

After a well-credentialed career as a federal prosecutor

and a white-collar defense lawyer, Blanche, 49, has bet his professional future on representing Trump, the first former U.S. president to be indicted.

It was a striking career move — forfeiting a lucrative law firm partnership to represent a man notorious for cycling through lawyers and ignoring their bills — that has baffled Blanche's former colleagues at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

Many have privately questioned, at social events and in informal alumni gatherings, why he would upend his life and risk his reputation for Trump, whose refusal to acknowledge his loss in the 2020 election has become a chasm in the U.S. political and legal systems. Many prominent lawyers have refused to represent the former president, they note, and three of Trump's former lawyers are now witnesses against him.

Blanche's decision to defend

Trump in three of the former president's four criminal cases has pushed the lawyer outside his comfort zone. He developed a reputation as a skilled courtroom prosecutor — working in the same office as Alvin Bragg, now the Manhattan district attorney prosecuting Trump — but has far less experience at the defense table. Trump's Manhattan case will be only his second criminal trial as a defense lawyer, and one of his few state court engagements.

Despite the risks, Blanche has much to gain from Trump. No longer just another high-priced defense lawyer in a city full of them, Blanche is handling the country's most significant criminal case, raising his profile and creating a question about whether a door would open for him in a second Trump administration.

He jokes about having his eye on an ambassadorship to Italy,

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