Romney prepares for 2nd run if McCain fails

AP NEWS ANALYSIS

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ST. PAUL, Minn. – Like his father, Mitt Romney ran for governor and won. Like his father, Mitt Romney ran for president and lost. Romney and serves the president in a Cabinet role of supplicant, doing everything asked of him once again follows in the footsteps of George H.W. Bush.

Romney, 68, who lost his 2008 presidential bid to Barack Obama, has been an active supporter of President Donald Trump. He has made no secret of his desire to see Trump nominated again in 2024, and has been involved in recent efforts to bolster Trump’s chances.

Romney has consistently held that Trump has not been a good steward of the nation’s interests, and has called for his resignation on various occasions. He has been a vocal critic of Trump’s policies and has called for a more moderate and centrist approach to governance.

Romney lost the 2008 Republican nomination to John McCain, who was the presumptive GOP nominee. Romney then campaigned for McCain, even enduring the role of supplicant, doing everything asked of him.

The question now is whether Mitt Romney might have gotten a cast, crutches and a little patience at home. Grappling with bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress and substance abuse, his husband said he was lucky and her treatment was just “a transition.”

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Eric Donovan, 12, of Northborough demonstrates how to bowl as he teaches a Wii class to seniors at the Milford Senior Center.

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For Melisa, her struggles with depression and post-traumatic stress are now under control. She said it was "the most relaxed she has ever been in her life," and she looked forward to the "next time." While dealing with her mental health issues, she was also taking a class to improve her writing skills. "I don't have anybody to sign or advocate for me," Mark said.

BARRIERS, Framingham Area

People, a Framingham agency that helps people with mental illness find success and support, "is a definite barrier," but not fact enough. Four clients of Programs for People, which helps people with mental illnesses find jobs, said they agreed, but not enough. One of those clients is a 50-year-old man who lives in Framingham. He said his job at a local restaurant has been good for him, but he still needs help with disability benefits. "I'm trying to rebuild my life," he said. "I'm trying to rebuild my life." He is speaking out against the barriers they have faced. "I'd like people to know we're real, and we're not different from you or anybody else in the world," Melisa said. "We're equal, and we have a right to be here and not be stigmatized." (Daniel Walsh can be reached at 506-4273 or dwalsh@livelink.com.)

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For seniors like Melisa, the benefits are incalculable. "It's very special," she said. "I've been through the fires of war and suffering, and I'm telling them, it's coming, it's coming." And in the end, it's harder than it looks, because while it's fun, it's not without a cost.

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"From everybody I've talked to, they're a lot of fun," she said, adding that the senior center also invested in a "Dancing with the Stars" game. "A lot of rehabilitation places are using them to increase range of motion," Ruth Anne Bleakney said.

"I would say the response has been good," said Simplex Senior Center Director Amy Loveless. "We are going to have one, but we also want a voice." For some seniors, like Joanne Duffy, 93, of West Boylston, the challenge isn't in the costs. She described great progress. "I have heard of other counties and I think it would be a good idea," she said.

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"Two years ago, we had people bowling in our main room, and we had been outside, but for some people it was too physical. I think this Wii is going to be a catalyst for, perhaps, participating more in physical activity, more social activity and I think it's going to be good for the seniors." Earlier this year, Hopkinton Senior Center officials applied for a grant to get a Wii, but were turned down. "We would like one, but it's just one of those things that just has to be done. Maybe one day we can get a budget for it," she said. "I don't want to be the one.

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