

Doubts persist about female nominee in 2020

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PLYMOUTH, N.H. — In a perfect world, Susan Stepp, a 73-year-old retiree, would be voting for Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren in New Hampshire's Democratic presidential primary Tuesday, she says. But that won't be happening.

"I am not sure a woman is the best candidate to go up against Trump," Stepp said recently as she stood in the back of a conference room listening to tech entrepreneur Andrew Yang as part of her hunt for the best candidate to challenge the Republican incumbent.

Stepp's concern has coursed through the Democratic primary for months, registering in polling, interviews and, now, the first votes cast. In Iowa's caucuses last Monday, many Democrats did not prioritize breaking the gender barrier to the Oval Office and they viewed being a woman as a hindrance rather than an advantage in the race.

Only about one-third of Iowa caucusgoers backed a female candidate. Topping the caucus field were two men, former South Bend, Indiana, mayor Pete Buttigieg and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Women were only slightly more likely than men to back one of the three women in the race, according to AP Vote-Cast, a survey of more than 3,000 Iowa voters.

Most Iowa Democrats said it was important for a woman to be president in their lifetimes. But many voters, including about half of all women, said a female nominee would have a harder time beating Donald Trump in November.

"He will just use that against her, like he did Hillary," Stepp



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A woman caucusing for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., sits in the Warren section at the Precinct 68 caucus at the Knapp Center on the Drake University campus as the night of caucusing gets underway Monday in Des Moines.

said, looking back to Trump's 2016 race against Hillary Clinton in 2016. "He doesn't debate. He just insults. I don't think he would have that same effect if he went up against a strong man," Stepp said she plans to vote for Sanders.

Those perceptions present an undeniable headwind for the women in the race, who have spent months making the case that a woman can win. As they seek success in New Hampshire, both Warren and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar must work to energize voters about the chance to make history and persuade them it is possible this year, in this race against this president.

"In 2020, we can and should have a woman for president," Warren said at a CNN town hall this past week, days after taking third in Iowa. Klobuchar came in

fifth. The Associated Press has not called a winner in the Iowa caucus because the race is too close to call.

Iowans appeared open to that message. Most Democratic voters in the state, 72%, said they thought it is important for the U.S. to elect a woman president in their lifetimes, and that included roughly two-thirds of men.

But most were resolved to put it off for another election. That was true of men and women. The survey found 34% of women voted for Warren, Klobuchar or the longshot candidacy of Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, compared with 28% of men.

Overall, many Democratic voters thought it would be harder for a woman to beat Trump. About half of women said they thought a female nominee would have a

harder time, compared with about 4 in 10 men. Men who harbored that concern were significantly less likely to vote for a woman than a man.

Experts say the findings are in line with traditional patterns in voting by gender — women usually don't coalesce around one of their own. "Nobody's going to win an election by unifying women because women are not a unified bloc," said Kathy Dolan, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Analysts say it's no surprise that women express more anxiety about a woman defeating Trump, given that through personal experience, they're familiar with the barriers of sexism.

"Women are more likely to have experienced or observed gender discrimination or sexism," said Jill

Lawless, a political scientist at the University of Virginia.

Notably, experts said, there's no data showing that women underperform or outperform men in general elections. But Lawless noted that having to fight that perception that a woman cannot win may actually work against the female candidates in this race.

"Anytime they're trying to convince voters that a woman can beat Donald Trump, they're not talking about health care or foreign affairs," she said.

Warren spent months trying to avoid the gender issue, seeing questions about pervasive sexism in politics as a lose-lose proposition. Either she acknowledged that being a woman created all kinds of challenges because of inherent bias, and appeared to be whining about it, or she said it wasn't a problem and would therefore seem out of touch, she told aides.

But, since the New Year, Warren has shifted her strategy dramatically, taking the issue head on. She raised it directly in asserting that Sanders had suggested a woman couldn't win the White House, and, after they clashed about it during a debate in Iowa, refused to shake his hand on national television.

In the final days before Iowa, Warren began talking about a woman's electability. She now repeats at every campaign stop that women have performed better in recent elections than men, underscoring the role of female candidates who helped Democrats retake control of the House in 2018.

"The world has changed since 2016," Warren said during a rally this past week in Keene, New Hampshire. "Women have been outperforming men in competitive races. Can women win? You bet women can win."

States use Catholic clergy abuse lists to screen applicants

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In the wake of revelations that scores of Roman Catholic priests and religious workers credibly accused of child sexual abuse are living unsupervised in communities across the country, state officials face a quandary: Should they screen former clergy members who seek licenses for jobs that put them in contact with children? And, if so, how?

An Associated Press investigation last fall found nearly 200 accused clergy members had been granted teaching, mental health or social work licenses, with roughly six dozen still holding valid licenses to work in those fields in 2019.

Since then, at least 20 states have started using church-released lists of priests and employees who faced credible allegations to screen applicants or check for current state teaching, foster care and therapy licenses — and, in some cases, have revoked credentials.

As part of the church's attempt to be more transparent about its ongoing sexual abuse crisis, more than 170 dioceses and religious orders have publicly released lists of clergy members they found to be credibly accused of abuses ranging from rape to child pornography.

Over 5,300 priests, clergy members and a handful of lay employees — more than 2,000 of them still living — are on the lists. But because most were never convicted of a crime, the allegations of child abuse never appeared in licensing background checks, the AP's investigation revealed.

Church and law enforcement officials have said there is little they can do to monitor or restrict the nearly 1,700 mostly former clergy members the AP found living without supervision because many voluntarily left the church or were laicized, which means they are permanently restricted from the priesthood and return to private citizenship.

For close to two decades, the group Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests has been advocating for church officials to report allegations to law enforcement, child protection and other state agencies, but it says state agencies haven't figured out their role



STEVE MELLON, POST-GAZETTE VIA AP

Those affected by clergy sexual abuse comfort each other as Attorney General Josh Shapiro speaks at a news conference Aug. 14, 2018 in the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg, Pa. The landmark grand jury report looked at how abuse allegations were handled in six dioceses.

in responding to the clergy abuse scandal.

"These agencies need to refocus their priorities," said David Clohessy, the former executive director of SNAP, who now leads the group's St. Louis chapter. "They're here to protect the public from predators, not to make getting a license to be a shrink or doctor easier."

AP reporters called agencies in all 50 states, determining that dozens have started discussions, checked their lists of licenses for named clergy or begun using the diocesan lists released in their areas to flag applications.

The license reviews and background check changes have come across all areas of state licensing — from foster care to education boards.

In Ohio, Gov. Mike DeWine ordered the state Department of Job and Family Services to review how county-level child service agencies and private placement agencies could incorporate the diocesan lists into background checks used to determine where children are placed.

Conducting a comprehensive review is complicated because no official national master database of accused clergy exists, meaning states have to choose how many of the more than 170 lists to consult.

Pennsylvania's education licensing department has conducted perhaps the most comprehensive search of its licensing database, checking for nearly 500 clergy members' names that were released in three state or local grand jury reports over the last decade.

The department revoked

or accepted the surrender of three licenses from former clergy members and is investigating a dozen other licensees. But the first effort did not encompass lay church employees named on diocesan lists and former priests who might have moved to Pennsylvania from other states and sought licenses. Dylan Klapmeier, spokesman for the Montana Department of Public Instruction, said his agency checked its list of credentialed teachers against the names issued by two Montana dioceses and found no matches. He lamented the lack of a national list to further consult, noting that "there are lots of places to hide here."

For many education or licensing departments, using the diocesan lists can be difficult because of state statutes governing what can be considered when deciding to issue or revoke a license. Some agencies allow only for criminal background checks, while others also permit a check of the state's child abuse and neglect database.

A half-dozen child and family services departments responsible for licensing and screening foster parents told the AP that they have checked the local diocesan lists to see if any former priests were approved foster care providers.

Among license providers, it's easiest for state education departments to use the lists to remove licenses or background new applicants.

At least 20 state educational licensing agencies the AP contacted had checked the credibly accused clergy lists released in their states

against the rosters of licensed school workers, with at least eight finding former priests with active or expired licenses. Many of those states have acted to remove those licenses or

put holds on them to prevent their renewal.

While most states have not yet considered law changes, at least 20 state attorneys general are conducting investigations of

how church officials handled abuse allegations, including reporting them to civil law enforcement, largely in the wake of Pennsylvania's 2018 grand jury report.

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House delays vote on commercial surrogacy ban

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PIERRE — The South Dakota House has delayed a vote on banning commercial surrogacy after legislators attempted to hoghouse the bill with a study on surrogacy instead of a ban.

The House was about 10 minutes into its debate on Dell Rapids Republican Rep. Jon Hansen's House Bill 1096 when Rep. Tim Rounds, R-Pierre, introduced an amendment replacing the bill's text with a new bill calling for lawmakers to study the issue before the 2021 legislative session.

After several legislators spoke about Rounds' amendment, Rep. Drew Den-

ner, R-Aberdeen, called for the legislative rule delaying a vote on an amendment for at least one legislative day, and that call was supported by the required minimum of one-fifth of the House members. No discussion took place on it, and the date for continuing the discussion wasn't set on Tuesday.

Some have said that the bill goes too far, and some are saying it doesn't go far enough, Rounds said. Legislators should study the issue because they're dealing with the "life of an unborn child," he said. He said he's concerned that passing HB 1096 will push surrogacy underground where money exchanges hands under the table. Perspective parents could adopt, but some want their own biological child, he said.

Rep. Timothy Johns, R-Lead, urged his fellow House members to study the issue during the interim and pass HB 1096 in the meantime to stop surrogacy until legislators can study it. Rep. Jess Olson, R-Rapid City, called for legislators to vote against Rounds' amendment, saying that HB 1096 doesn't make surrogacy illegal, but it puts surrogacy into the "right hands" of nonprofit organizations.

"It should be a choice you pursue, but not for profit," she said.

Prior to Rounds' amendment proposal, Hansen asked the legislators to consider two statements: The custody of human beings shouldn't be dictated by a contract, and the creation of a child involving a contract and money leads to

the child being discarded if the child isn't what the intended parents wanted, said Hansen.

He said his heart goes out to anyone struggling with fertility, and altruistic surrogacy or adoption may be the answer for them. But determining custody of a child with contract law is wrong, he said. The state regulates adoption and custody of children in divorces "because human beings are not for sale," Hansen said.

Rep. Isaac Latterell, R-Tea, said the testimony he heard in the House Judiciary Committee was "crazy," and showed what has and can happen in the state regarding surrogacy. From what he heard during the committee's hearing, he said HB 1096 "doesn't go far enough."

Maryland man held in California bus shooting

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LOS ANGELES — A gunman who killed a woman and wounded five others on a Greyhound bus in Southern California was cursing and muttering incoherently before the attack, passengers and authorities said.

Investigators were trying to determine a motive for the apparently random assault Monday that left two people in critical condition.

Anthony Devonte Williams, 33, of Capitol Heights, Maryland, was arrested after passengers managed to disarm him and get him off the bus, California Highway Patrol Sgt. Brian Pennings said.

"There's no indication that he knew anybody on there," Pennings said.

Williams was booked into jail on suspicion of murder and attempted murder. He was being held without bail.

The Kern County coroner's office said Tuesday that Lurbis Elena Vence, 51, of Molino, Colombia, died in the attack.

The packed bus was heading from Los Angeles to San Francisco when shots were fired about 1:30 a.m. Monday on Interstate 5 near Lebec, about 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

The driver and 42 passengers were

aboard, including 6- and 8-year-old children who were not hurt.

Passenger Mark Grabban, 29, said the gunman had been sitting with his leg sticking out into the aisle, muttering to himself incoherently.

"He was just saying weird stuff like, 'You don't know me like that,' 'Wait till we get to the station,' 'Get away from the dude in the striped shirt,'" Grabban said in a series of Instagram messages.

Suddenly, the man started cursing and shooting, Grabban said. Grabban hid beneath the seat in front of him. He said the gunman fired eight or nine shots that "seemed to go on forever." He added: "I was waiting for one to hit me."

Then, silence fell. The injured passengers began moaning, and others started panicking.

The driver had pulled to the shoulder of the freeway, where authorities said some passengers managed to get the man off the bus. "Due to some very heroic acts by the passengers, they were able to overcome this subject and disarm him," Pennings said. "They were able to escort him off of the bus."

Grabban said the driver of the stopped vehicle asked over the loudspeaker if anyone had been hurt and did not immediately pull away.

"Everyone was screaming at him to drive off," Grabban said.

Some hospitals wary as transplant rules update

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WASHINGTON — Long-delayed rules that will share scarce donated livers more broadly go into effect Tuesday, to the dismay of some hospitals in Tennessee, Kansas and other states that fear their patients may lose out.

Where you live makes a difference in how sick you have to be to get an organ transplant, and wealthier patients sometimes travel to other states to get on shorter waiting lists. The new rules are an attempt to ease that geographic disparity by giving the sickest patients first chance at a donated liver even if it has to be flown about 500 miles to reach them. The aim is to make the wait for livers, and eventually all organs, less dependent on your ZIP code. The United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the nation's transplant system, says the policy will save lives.

"We're hopeful this can make it more equal and help everybody who's waiting," said Dr. Julie Heimbach, a Mayo Clinic transplant surgeon and past chair of UNOS' liver committee.

Under the new policy, patients near death within 500 nautical miles (575 statute miles) of a donor hospital will be offered a matching liver first. If there are no takers, it will be offered next to progressively less sick patients at different distances within that circle.

The flip side: Patients who aren't as sick living in areas where there are more organ donors, such as parts of the

South and Midwest, likely will wait longer as livers once used locally are shipped to urban centers where the shortage is more severe.

"This is very alarming," said Billie Cole of Knoxville, Tennessee, whose husband Bruce is on the liver waiting list at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

A lawsuit filed by about a dozen hospitals in the South and Midwest forced the new rules to be put on hold last spring just nine days after they began. Last month, U.S. District Judge Amy Totenberg called the case "difficult and wrenching" but issued a ruling clearing the way for the rules to begin again.

More than 12,700 people are on the waiting list for a new liver. Just 8,372 received transplants from a deceased donor last year. On average, three people die every day waiting.

For years, organs from the dead have been offered first to the sickest patients in the same general area as the donation, even if someone sicker outside the local boundary is a good match. The problem: Some parts of the country have fewer available organs and higher demand for them than others. Someone in California or New York, among the toughest places to get a new liver, tends to be sicker before getting a transplant than someone in Kansas.

An Associated Press analysis recently found some of the groups that collect organs at death secure donors at half the rate of others, missed opportunities that could have saved lives.

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co-sponsors, would create and fund Oceti Sakowin community-based schools. The bill initially called for the creation of charter schools, schools that are publicly funded but run independent of their local K-12 districts through agreements (charters) with local government entities. It was amended in committee to change the language to “community-based schools.”

“All we’re asking is let us be who we are,” Heinert said, defending the bill in the Senate Education Committee.

The committee voted unanimously last week to defer the bill to give Heinert and supporters time to address the concerns of public school and state officials who testified to oppose the bill. The next hearing is scheduled for Feb. 13.

But even if the bill dies, the movement to create a NACA-inspired, community-based school in South Dakota is moving forward.

“Indian education efforts have been failing students in our state forever,” said Sarah Pierce, former educator and advocate with the South Dakota Education Equity Coalition. “At this point,

we’ve got nothing to lose and have everything to gain from taking a risk such as this, and I don’t perceive it as a risk.”

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In its first decade in operation, NACA doubled its graduation rate, and South Dakotans hope that replicating their model in the state would prompt similar success for its Native American students, who currently have about a 54% graduation rate, according to the most recent South Dakota education department data.

South Dakota’s ties to NACA date back to its creation. Duta Flying Earth, a SD native, helped start the flagship school in Albuquerque and is now its acting executive director.

In recent years, South Dakota has had a few NACA Inspired Schools Network fellows. The network’s director of operations for the Oceti Sakowin team, Matthew Kull, also lives and works in the state.

Kull’s hope is that bringing a NACA-inspired school to South Dakota will create a more sustainable path to closing achievement gaps because it’s more than past attempts at providing one-time funding or grants to address the problem. And SB 66 would provide the funding.

In the community-based school mod-

el proposed, the per-student allocation – funding that public schools get based on the number of students they have enrolled – would follow each student who chooses to transfer to the community-based school.

For example, if a student at Rapid City Central opted instead to attend the public community-based school, the community-based school would receive funding for that student instead of Rapid City Central.

The money follows the students, Kull said.

“It’s going to be a continued stream of revenue,” he said.

State officials oppose community-based schools

Opponents of the legislation say this model would detract from traditional public schools.

Tiffany Sanderson, who testified in committee on behalf of the Governor’s Office, called the bill a “diversion of funds,” and Wade Pogany, lobbyist for the Associated School Boards of South Dakota, said it would effectively set up a separate public school system.”

Other opponents expressed concern that more state officials and stakeholders weren’t involved in the bill’s drafting. Some expressed concerns that the bill

doesn’t do enough to address specific education standards, teacher quality, and health and immunization requirements for students.

Those concerns were what prompted the committee to delay voting on the bill.

Opponents nearly all said they agree more needs to be done to help Native American students in the state, but they agreed this bill isn’t the way to go.

Heinert took issue with this argument. In a frustrated plea to his fellow committee members, he said continuing to do the same thing isn’t going to change results for Native American kids in the state.

“SB 66 is about having another opportunity to teach kids in a culturally relevant manner ... this is about identity,” he said.

Whatever happens with the bill, Pierce will keep fighting for students.

It’s hard to make change if not all leadership is on board, she said, and a community-based school creates an environment where the school is governed entirely by people who have a shared goal to integrate culture.

“If this could already have been done, we would’ve found a way to do it,” she said, adding later, “At the end of the day, it’s going to be a way to increase self-esteem, self-awareness and self-actualization.”

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The Answer Man
Steve Pokin
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Answer Man: What is the history of the stone column off of East St. Louis Street near the Convention Center? It appears to be historic.

— Jeff Houghton, of Springfield

I have to admit, Jeff, I've driven past this structure countless times without noticing it.

The stone column is connected to the Kentwood Arms, a historic hotel immediately to the west.

I'll first give you a little history to explain the connection.

The Kentwood Arms, 700 St. Louis St., was built in 1926 by developer J.T. Woodruff. It is a Missouri State University residence hall today.

According to Thomas Peters, MSU dean of library services, the name "Kentwood" is a blend of "Woodruff" and "Kent." Henry Thompson Kent was an attorney and lawmaker from St. Louis, who might have been an investor in the hotel.

Woodruff sold the building to Earl Moulder in 1939.

In turn, in 1968 Moulder sold it to C. Arch Bay, a local real estate developer who also happened to be Springfield postmaster from 1953 to 1982.

I'll step off the timeline at this point to introduce Terry Reynolds, who is a granddaughter of C. Arch Bay, who died in 1993.

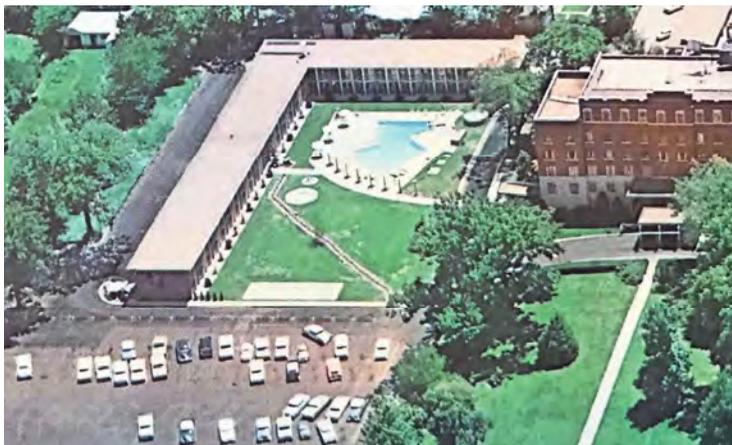
Reynolds, 65, owns the C. Arch Bay real estate company and — after I sent her a photo — remembers the column.

The reason it seems out-of-place today, Reynolds tells me, is because the location where the Convention Center is now is where the "East Hotel," also known as "Kentwood Arms Motor Inn," was once located.

It's the existence of the "East Hotel" that seems to have been forgotten, in large part because it was torn down.

Reynolds tells me the two-story hotel was in existence as part of the Kentwood Arms when her grandfather bought the property in 1968.

I found a postcard showing both hotels. The postcard was in a display case in the lobby of the residence hall. It says: "Kentwood Arms Motor Hotel, Springfield, MO. 175 rooms, air conditioning, radio and TV, two pools with diving, restaurant, cocktail lounge, shuffle-



This undated postcard shows (on the right) the Kentwood Arms Hotel, now a Missouri State Universe residence hall. The hotel on the left was once referred to as the "East Hotel," which was owned by the same family. The East Hotel was razed and replaced with the Convention Center at 730 St. Louis St. PHOTOS BY STEVE POKIN/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

board, putting green, banquet room and meeting rooms."

The stone column marked the entrance to the parking lot to the "East Hotel," which was set back from St. Louis Street the same way the convention center is.

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Hammons quickly had the "East Hotel" razed so he could build the convention center, which was completed in 1990. But with a nod toward history, he apparently spared the stone column.

In 1984, Hammons sold the Kentwood Arms, which holds a prominent place in Springfield lore, to what was then Southwest Missouri State University. It's now Missouri State University.

Famous visitors to the hotel include Harry Truman; Patricia Nixon, wife of president Richard Nixon; comedian Bob Hope; and comedian Groucho Marx.

Keep those questions coming. Send them to *The Answer Man* at 417-836-1253, spokin@gannett.com, on Twitter @stevepokinNL or by mail to 651 Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65806.



Answer Man: This stone column outside the Convention Center at 730 St. Louis St. certainly looks out of place. What's its history?

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Cox denies claims in missing-fetus lawsuit

Austin Huguleit
Springfield News-Leader
USA TODAY NETWORK

CoxHealth is rejecting key allegations of wrongdoing by a local couple whose stillborn son's remains went missing at Cox South last year.

In a recent filing in Greene County Circuit Court, attorneys for the hospital went over the claims in Brianna and Kyle Dudley's lawsuit one-by-one and conceded some basic facts, including that Lucas Dudley had complications in utero and was indeed stillborn.

But the attorneys pointedly denied claims the hospital violated the Dudleys' right to lay their son to rest and allowed his body to be stolen or otherwise mishandled, as the Dudleys' claim.

The legal response also rejected the Dudleys' claim that they are entitled to punitive damages in the case.

The attorneys, Kent Hyde and Tyler Strodman of the local firm Hyde, Love and Overby, also raised some perfunctory defenses, including a statement that the Dudleys sued in a way that should prevent their case from proceeding even if their claims are true.

In a previous interview with the News-Leader, the Dudleys said the trouble with Cox began shortly after their son was stillborn at Cox South in November and they agreed to have an autopsy performed to figure out what went wrong.

They told the News-Leader when they were called into Cox South a week later expecting results, hospital representatives told them their child's remains were gone.

It remains unclear what exactly happened to the body.

The Dudleys said Cox representa-



Kyle and Brianna Dudley's stillborn son's remains went missing at Cox South last year. AUSTIN HUGULEIT/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

tives showed them video footage of a company contractor in a hoodie taking what Cox believed to be their son's remains out of the hospital's morgue, but Cox has never confirmed that account.

Grant Rahmeyer, the Dudleys' attorney, said Cox's risk manager later told him privately the loss of remains may have been caused by an unspecified "processing issue," but Cox has treated that claim the same way.

The Dudleys' lawsuit, filed in December, suggested the remains were "either thrown into a biological waste bin by a Cox employee or allegedly stolen by a Cox contractor."

A Springfield police investigation into the matter is currently suspended pending new leads; police have not arrested anyone in connection with the case.

Hyde and Strodman, the attorneys for CoxHealth in the case, wrote in their recent filing their client "is without sufficient information or belief to admit or deny" that allegation "and therefore denies same."

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Nation & World



Emergency workers survey damage to a home after a powerful storm swept through Westminster, Md., on Friday. DYLAN SLAGLE/THE BALTIMORE SUN VIA AP

Weather rakes Eastern US; 5 left dead in South

Rebecca Reynolds Yonker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Extreme wind gusts, blowing snow and widespread flooding made traveling treacherous Friday as a storm system moved into the northeastern United States, leaving rising water and at least five deaths in the South.

More than 400,000 homes and businesses were without power Friday after the National Weather Service warned of gusts up to 60 mph from Virginia into New England. Falling trees damaged homes and power lines in many places. North Carolina and Virginia, where hundreds of people had to be pulled from flooded homes, had the most customers without electricity, according to power outages.

With waters rising after up to 8 inches of rain in three days, the Tennessee

Valley Authority said it began making controlled releases from some of its dams in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina. That could lead to more flooding downstream, so people who live near waterways should be wary, said James Everett, senior manager of the utility's river forecast center in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The National Weather Service was using radar data and making damage assessments to confirm many reports of tornadoes, including spots in Virginia and Maryland, meteorologist Isha Renta told the AP. In the Tampa, Florida, area, tornadoes blew a tree onto a mobile home, trapping an elderly woman, and toppled a construction crane along Interstate 275.

Up to 8 inches of snow was predicted in West Virginia, and Gov. Ralph Northam declared an emergency in Virginia, where he said over 500 people were rescued from rising waters.

Impeachment loses its gravity with Trump case

Calvin Woodward
and Michael Tackett
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Years from now, will you remember where you were and what you were doing when President Donald Trump was impeached? Have you forgotten already?

The country has been on a constitutional bullet train that took off with a whistleblower's highly detailed account of wrongdoing, roared ahead through a cascade of tweets and lurched to a halt after more than four months of inquiry, angst and debate with Trump's acquittal on Wednesday. So can you point to Ukraine on a map?

American children learn almost by rote that impeachment is a gravely serious proposition, the constitutional means for removing a president from office who commits "high crimes and misdemeanors." The words of founders like Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and George Mason are invoked from more than two centuries ago to remind everyone why they thought the federal government needed to have a means to undo an election.

Long before anyone split an atom, the founders created the political equivalent of a nuclear weapon, with the fate of the nation in the balance.

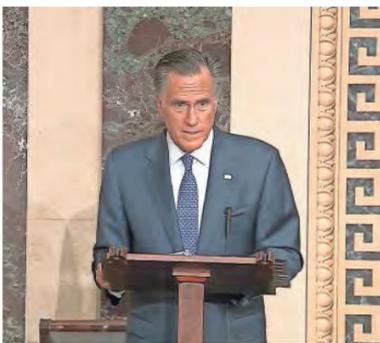
This time, it just didn't feel like it.

We were witness to history in a way few generations have been. But it was a chapter of history laced with artifice.

The roughly half of the country that wanted Trump to be impeached and begone knew his acquittal was all but preordained in the Republican-controlled Senate. Just as Trump loyalists thought the matter was a hoax inflicted by the Democratic-controlled House.

The Senate impeachment trial delivered eloquence without persuasiveness, a mystery without suspense. It delivered argument without the anguish that accompanied the other impeachment episodes in anyone's lifetime today. In the past they wept.

In 1974, Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia wept after he cast a committee vote to impeach fellow Re-



Utah Sen. Mitt Romney was the only Republican in Congress to break with the president Wednesday.

SENATE TELEVISION VIA AP

publican Richard Nixon. "For years we Republicans have campaigned against corruption and misconduct," he said. "But Watergate is our shame."

A quarter-century later, California Republican Rep. Tom Campbell verged on tears from the weight of the moment when he announced in favor of Clinton's impeachment in a near whisper.

As partisan and poisonous as that era was, too, Democrats gave their president a tongue-lashing to remember before saving his presidency. "He's not the best Democrat any of us have seen," snapped Rep. Louise Slaughter of New York.

Trump commanded fealty from his party like others also stained by impeachment or its threat never did. Only one in Congress broke with the president, and for him the anguish was plain on his face and in his voice. "The president is guilty of an appalling abuse of public trust," Utah Sen. Mitt Romney said on the Senate floor as he explained why he would vote for conviction.

As the Senate sat as both judge and jury to assess the impeachment charges against Trump — for only the third time in history and the first time for a president seeking reelection — the limits of the proceedings for addressing misconduct were clear and the artifice became ever more apparent.

It was a trial in name only.

Secret Service may leave DHS

Switch to Treasury seen as better fit for duties

Colleen Long
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The White House is throwing its support behind a plan to transfer the U.S. Secret Service back to the Treasury Department to focus better on the growing threat of online financial crimes.

Shifting the agency from within the Department of Homeland Security to the Treasury would require action from Congress, but President Donald Trump is confident enough that he plans to include the Secret Service under the Treasury in a budget proposal expected Monday, according to five administration officials with knowledge of the move. The officials spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing negotiations.

The Department of Homeland Security's intense focus on immigration has only added to the growing divide between what the Secret Service sees as its dual missions — protecting the president and investigating financial crime — and the mission of its parent department.

But there are strong concerns the Secret Service's departure could lead to the eventual dismantling of DHS, which was formed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as a counterterrorism agency bringing together security agencies across the government.

The Secret Service is best known as the agency responsible for protecting the president, but its original purpose when it was formed in 1865 was to investigate financial crimes such as the

counterfeit money proliferating during the Civil War. It was housed under the Treasury until 2003, when it was transferred to the new Department of Homeland Security.

Only about half of the Secret Service's budget is spent on protective services. It also has a robust cybercrime division, state-of-the-art forensic labs and a threat assessment center that studies how to mitigate and train against threats. The agency's annual budget of about \$2.3 billion would shift from one department to another under Trump's proposal.

In the Trump era, DHS has been highly focused on immigration, one of the Republican president's top priorities, leaving agencies unrelated to immigration out of the spotlight.

"The biggest challenge has been the president's immigration focus," Rep. Bennie Thompson, the head of the House Homeland Security Committee, told the AP. "The immigration focus takes up a lot of the resources for DHS. It's been very difficult for Secret Service to be fully funded."

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin approached the leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee with the proposal, and they were open to it.

But it may not be that simple to convince lawmakers — not all senators with a stake in the agency voiced support, and some House Democrats are strongly against it.

Rep. Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat, said he recognized the challenges the agency faces in the current climate, but jumping ship isn't the right answer and he opposed the move.

"From the standpoint of what they do, intelligence, analysis and threat mitigation, they're better situated within DHS," he said.

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Annual bike/walk challenge begins Feb. 10

By STAFF WRITER

The second annual Vermont Winter Bike/Walk Challenge will run from Feb. 10-21.

Organized by Local Motion and Go! Vermont, the challenge encourages Vermonters to use alternative and active forms of transportation, which also happen to be healthy and effective ways to reduce Vermont's carbon footprint.

To take part, participants simply record at least two walk or bike trips during the challenge period in the Go! Vermont app. Multi-modal commutes that combine walking, biking, or running with transit also count towards the Challenge.

Participants who record at least two trips will be entered for random drawings of prizes, including \$25 gift cards to Darn Tough Socks, Outdoor Gear Exchange and Gardener's supply, and season passes to Local Motion's Island Line Bike Ferry, which provides transport from the Colchester Causeway to South Hero. Opening day is scheduled for May 22.

Winter Bike-to-Work Day takes place during the challenge, on Feb. 14, giving Vermonters another reason to replace car trips by biking, walking or running.

The Go! Vermont app can be downloaded from Google Play and Apple's App Store.

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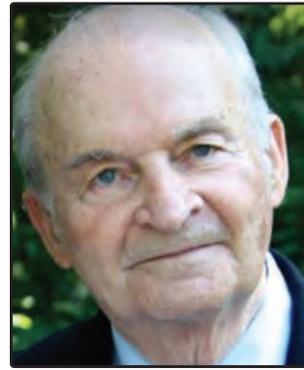
Edward G. Stell, Jr.

ST. ALBANS — Edward G. Stell, Jr., died February 2, 2020. Per Edward's wishes there will be no services. The family also invites you to view further information and share your memories by visiting www.awrfh.com.

Submit an obituary.

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Reverend Ralph Lord Roy

ST. ALBANS — The Reverend Ralph Lord Roy, age 91, of Southington, Conn., entered life eternal on February 3, 2020 at The Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain campus.

Pastor Roy was born in St. Albans, VT, raised in the nearby town of Swanton, son of Howard and Olive (Corliss) Roy. He was educated at Mt. Hermon School, Swarthmore College, Columbia University, and Union Theological Seminary. After his ordination as a United Methodist Minister, he served parishes in Harlem and Brooklyn, and, since 1970, in Connecticut. He was a pastor in Clinton, Milford, and

Meriden, where he retired in 1994, and then in Thomaston, East Berlin, New Haven, Hartford, and New Canaan. He loved the pastoral ministry and his parishioners, and officiated at hundreds of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals.

Pastor Roy is survived by his daughter, Joyce Roy, and her husband Raymond DePaola, of Enfield, NH, and a sister, Erma Parker, of South Daytona, FL, a special friend, Joan Bauder, and nine nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Margaret Finlay Roy, and three brothers, Wayne, Malcolm, and Howard, Jr.

Calling hours will be Friday, Feb. 7th from 4-7 p.m. at DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 15th at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 159 East Main St., Meriden. Burial will be in Swanton, VT at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Memorial United Methodist Church, 23 Grand Avenue, Swanton, VT 05488; Grace United Methodist Church, 121 Pleasant Street, Southington, CT 06489; First United Methodist Church, 159 East Main Street, Meriden, Connecticut 06450.

For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiafh.com

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Rolla "Henry" Banyea Jr.

HIGHGATE FALLS — Rolla "Henry" Banyea Jr., age 84, passed away surrounded by his family on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at his home in Highgate Falls.

He was born in Highgate on September 24, 1935 to the late Rolla Henry & Ruby (Evans) Banyea.

Henry was a lifelong resident of Highgate and was one of 5 children. He started working at the young age of 13 at local farms, graduated from Highgate High School in 1953, and joined the United States Army during the Korean conflict. He married Shirley (Duprey) on November 26, 1957. After returning from the Army, he drove his own milk truck for Hoods, owned and operated his own bus company for 30 years, and retired from the Swanton hydro plant after over 50 years. Henry loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing with his family. He was also a regular around "The Horn" and looked forward to his daily deer rides. Henry belonged to several organizations, the NRA, Highgate Rod and Gun Club, American Hunters Association and the Trapper Association, to name

a few. Henry's quick wit and his obvious love for his family will surely be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his grandchildren, Jennifer Banyea and her companion Scott Austin, Jody Banyea and his wife Ashley, Joshua Banyea and his companion Ginny Alger; great grandchildren, Dillon, Sabrina, Michael, Hailey and Jaidyn Banyea; sisters, Priscilla Greenia, and Pat Curtis; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and a special friend, Michael Wells. Besides his parents, Henry was predeceased by his wife, Shirely Banyea on January 10, 2018, son, Mark Banyea in 2009; sisters, Blanche and Beverly Banyea; and brothers-in-law, George Curtis in 1994, and Douglas Greenia.

In keeping with Henry's wishes, there will be no public services.

For those who wish, contributions in Henry's memory may be made to Vermont Turkey & Young Guns Club, C/O Steve & Joyce Lafar, 694 Gore Road, Highgate Center, VT 05459.

Condolences, photos and favorite memories may be shared through www.gossfs.com



Thank you for your service.

Saturday, February 8, 2020

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BEHIND THE BADGE



The following are incidents from the St. Albans Police Dept.'s weekly activity log. These incidents are previously unreported in the Messenger.

This reporting would be impossible without the generous cooperation of Lt. Benjamin Couture.

The SAPD responded to the following incidents between Monday, Jan. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 2.

Monday, Jan. 27

12:36 p.m. SAPD. Someone reported losing a silver money clip.

1:36 p.m. Kinney Drugs. Multiple reports of retail theft.

2:48 p.m. Rublee Street. The caller reported neighbors posting "slandering stuff."

4:57 p.m. Thunderbird Drive, near Missisquoi Valley Union School. A caller reported a car full of juveniles driving recklessly.

11:03 p.m. Northwestern Medical Center. The caller reported someone in the NMC lobby refusing to leave.

11:30 p.m. Upper Welden Street. The caller reported someone out-

side an apartment yelling, causing a disturbance.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

6:12 a.m. Lake Street, near Mylan. Someone left behind a bicycle.

8:25 a.m. Fairfax Road Maplefields. Police arrested 37-year-old Lance Crapo, of Burlington, on an active warrant and charged him with drug possession.

8:27 a.m. Huntington Street. The caller reported a loose dog in their yard.

8:53 a.m. Platt Road. The caller reported a car blocking the roadway.

6:54 p.m. Lake Street, near the Switchyard Mobil. Police charged 31-year-old Heather Sullivan, of Burlington, with larceny and trespassing.

8:25 p.m. Church Road. Police charged 61-year-old Daniel McCoy, of Fairfield, with DUI.

9:15 p.m. Federal Street, near the Breakyard. The caller reported a woman sitting at a table, "highly intoxicated."

9:39 p.m. NMC. The caller report-

ed a disturbance, a man threatening to harm people.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

12:55 a.m. NMC. Another case of a man refusing to leave NMC.

1:37 a.m. South Main and Gilman streets. Another disturbance report, this time connected to "males and females yelling."

3:12 a.m. Lake Road. The caller reported a man trespassing on the caller's property.

4:29 a.m. Bayview Drive. The caller reported an online scam.

11:01 a.m. Lakeview Terrace. An animal welfare check.

11:41 a.m. Huntington Street. Police assisted the animal control officer.

3:33 p.m. Beth El Court. The caller reported losing a blue couch.

3:49 p.m. Beverly Court. Police arrested Robbie Robtoy, 31, of St. Albans, on an active warrant.

5:17 p.m. Rice Road. The caller reported "banging" and similar "loud noises" above their apartment.

7:27 p.m. Swanton and Highgate roads. Police charged 31-year-old Tawnya Ouimet, of Highgate, with driving with a suspended license.

9:40 p.m. Fisher Pond Road. Police charged 46-year-old Andrew Benson, of Burlington, with driving with a suspended license.

Thursday, Jan. 30

12 a.m. Fairfax Road Jolley. A disturbance report, a man refusing to leave the store.

10:44 a.m. Parsons Avenue. A motor vehicle complaint: "Vehicle ran bus lights."

10:47 a.m. Lake Street, near Martha's Kitchen. A caller reported their cell phone stolen from inside a building.

12:35 p.m. Lake Street. A stalking report, a woman following a man.

2:15 p.m. Spruce Street. A case of stolen mail.

3:08 p.m. Dunsmore Road. Police charged Jesse Beyor, 32, of Swanton, with DUI.

3:47 p.m. Kingman Street. The caller found drugs in an alleyway.

4:41 p.m. Highgate Road, near Handy Toyota. The caller reported stolen catalytic converters.

5:20 p.m. South Main Street. A report of one man stalking another.

Friday, Jan. 31

7:33 a.m. Lake Street. One woman reported another threatening her.

8:57 a.m. Swanton Road. An unusual motor vehicle complaint: the caller reported a car parked outside Aubuchon Hardware with two bullet holes in it.

12:42 p.m. Lincoln Avenue. The caller reported one woman using another's identity.

1:26 p.m. Walmart. A report of a vehicle struck in the parking lot.

1:35 p.m. Fairfax Road. A case of harassment regarding a man who "made some comments" to female workers.

2:23 p.m. Beaver Pond Road. Police charged 50-year-old Angela Bouchard, of Highgate, with driving

with a suspended license.

3:46 p.m. North Main Street. The caller reported a driver hit a sign.

7:45 p.m. Federal Street, near the Breakyard. The caller reported a suspicious vehicle that had been "sitting" there for 45 minutes.

10:20 p.m. Kingman Street. Police charged 28-year-old Danielle Laureau, of Highgate, with DUI.

Saturday, Feb. 1

12:37 a.m. County Road. Police charged 30-year-old Mikal Faucher, of Isle La Motte, with DUI.

1:42 a.m. South Main Street. The caller reported another man assaulted him, including pushing him off a porch.

1:55 a.m. South Main Street. A caller reported someone assaulted her with a TV remote.

4:49 a.m. Lapan Road. Police charged 44-year-old Michael Marshall, of St. Albans, with violating court-ordered conditions of release.

9:25 a.m. South Main Street. The caller reported a BB hole in their apartment window.

1:41 p.m. Interstate Access and Fairfax roads. The caller reported a woman driving very slow, possibly texting.

3:15 p.m. Maiden Lane. The caller found a Nissan key.

4:37 p.m. Stowell Street. The caller reported a woman stole an impact gun, sockets and a Decker bag out of the caller's vehicle.

7:58 p.m. North Main Street. The caller reported finding syringes in the area.

Sunday, Feb. 2

1:19 a.m. Lake Street. The caller reported a neighbor yelling at her.

1:47 a.m. NMC. The caller reported a patient assaulted a woman.

5:47 a.m. Fairfield Street and Fairfax Road. Police charged 42-year-old Dameon Berry, of Burlington, with driving with a suspended license.

7:04 a.m. Fairfax Road Jolley. The caller reported a man driving under the influence.

8:49 a.m. Swanton Road, near Price Chopper. The caller reported a suspicious man in a car staring at a female.

12:16 p.m. Finn Avenue. The caller expressed concern for an animal's well-being.

12:46 p.m. Bellows Street. The caller reported a car parked with its lights flashing.

5:43 p.m. Fisher Pond Road. Police charged 38-year-old Eric Ovitt, of Jeffersonville, with driving with a suspended license.

8:26 p.m. Lake Street. Police charged 41-year-old Christina Johnson, of St. Albans, with driving with a suspended license.

9:28 p.m. West Shore Road. "Loud bangs in area."

9:35 p.m. Interstate 89. Police arrested 29-year-old Deven Barratte, of Swanton, on an active warrant.

11:54 p.m. Kellogg Road. The caller reported a verbal dispute between a man and a woman.

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Minneapolis man accused of threatening woman with knife

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A Minneapolis man was arrested after allegedly threatening to murder a woman with a knife Saturday evening.

Durell Marque Williamson, 30, faces felony charges of second-degree assault and threats of violence, according to a criminal complaint from Benton County.

According to the complaint, the woman called police to an apartment, saying Williamson was “tearing up her stuff” and arguing with her. When police arrived, she told them he had attempted to open a gun case to get

a firearm.

The woman told police Williamson failed to open the case and instead picked up a kitchen knife, according to the complaint. She said he then cut himself while swinging the knife in her direction.

According to the complaint, she said Williamson then “began wiping his blood on the walls, carpet, door and other items.” Police observed blood throughout the apartment and outside the door.

Williamson is scheduled to appear in court on March 12.



Williamson



Minnesota Wild singer John deCausemaker performs as Sartell and Buffalo youth teams stand for the national anthem on Monday at Bernick's Arena in Sartell. ERIK NEWLAND/ST. CLOUD TIMES

Woman says Big Lake resident threatened her with a shotgun

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SAUK RAPIDS – A 40-year-old Big Lake man is accused of threatening a woman with a gun, according to a criminal complaint filed Tuesday in Benton County District Court.

Rogelio Delagarza III was charged with one felony count of second-degree assault and one felony count of threats of violence.

According to the complaint, a woman told police Delagarza pointed a shotgun at her and threatened her at a residence in the 900 block of Benton Drive

North on Sunday.

The woman said she thought Delagarza was going to kill her.

Officers obtained a search warrant and found a shotgun and a rifle.

Delagarza made his first court appearance Tuesday, where a judge ruled he could be released on a \$15,000 unconditional bond or a \$5,000 bond with conditions he not leave Minnesota and comply with a no-contact order.

Delagarza's next court date is scheduled for Feb. 18.



Delagarza

Man accused of hitting woman while driving with kids in car

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A 33-year-old South Haven man is accused of assaulting a woman while driving with children in the vehicle, according to a criminal complaint filed Monday in Stearns County District Court.

Reese Allan Hooper Jr. was charged with one felony count of third-degree assault and two misdemeanor counts of domestic assault.

According to the complaint, police were dispatched to a report of a domestic assault on Saturday.

Police spoke to a woman at a business on 33rd Street South who had “blood coming from her mouth, swollen lips, and blood on her clothing,” the complaint states.

The woman said while she was riding in a car with Hooper, she realized

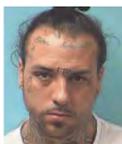
she forgot her credit card, prompting Hooper to hit her in the face with a closed fist numerous times.

She said Hooper was “swerving all over the road as he assaulted her” and “pulled over at one point to continue to hit her,” the complaint states. The woman said Hooper also threatened to kill her.

Three children told police they saw Hooper hit the woman. One of the children said they were afraid “everyone was going to die as (Hooper) would jerk the vehicle as he hit (the woman) and at times almost went into the snow,” the complaint states.

The woman was treated at St. Cloud Hospital for her injuries.

Hooper's first court appearance was scheduled for Tuesday.



Hooper

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Thorny issues await new legislative session

Steve Karnowski ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PAUL — Minnesota lawmakers are getting set to open their 2020 legislative session, with Democrats and Republicans uneasily sharing power and another high-stakes election only months away.

The political climate as the session opens Tuesday suggests that there will be little headway made on divisive issues such as gun safety and recreational marijuana, though there could be progress helping diabetics who struggle to afford lifesaving insulin, which was a major issue left over from the 2019 session.

The session is expected to focus on finding a compromise on a public infrastructure projects bill that would close the big gap between what members of each party want to spend.

Bonding

A borrowing package known as a bonding bill traditionally tops the agenda in election years. Democratic Gov. Tim Walz has already proposed a \$2 billion list of infrastructure projects. Republican Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka would rather the state spend less than \$1 billion, while Democrats who control the House are talking about spending as much as \$3.5 billion.

Final bonding bills are typically the product of tough, closed-door negotiations late in the session. The governor and legislative leaders say they'd like to keep the process transparent this time, but they gave no guarantees.

"We're still sausage makers working in a sausage factory, and there's definitely more room for improvement," Democratic House Speaker Melissa Hortman said.

Bonding bills take a three-fifths majority to pass, so Republican support would be needed in both chambers.

Surplus

The state has a projected \$1.3 billion budget surplus. Walz said he wants to stash part it in the state's rainy day fund and use most of the rest to service the debt on his bonding proposal.

House Democrats want to spend as much as \$500 million for a one-time bump in spending on early childhood



Democratic Secretary of State Steve Simon and a bipartisan group of lawmakers want to move quickly on a bill to protect the privacy of Minnesotans who vote in the 2020 Super Tuesday presidential primary March 3. JIM MONE/AP FILE

education and child care.

Republicans want to use the money for tax cuts, such as fully exempting Social Security income. But Walz said most people's Social Security income is already exempt.

Insulin prices

Lawmakers came close last year to approving free emergency insulin supplies. But the deal fell apart at the end of the session. Months of talks since then have failed to yield an agreement. Still, insulin is seen as one of the better opportunities for bipartisan compromise this session.

"We really owe it to folks to get this and get it done as soon as possible," Walz said.

House Democrats have taken their emergency insulin plan and combined it with a Senate GOP plan for free long-term insulin supplies for qualifying patients. The sticking point remains who pays. Democrats say insulin makers created the problem and should shoulder most of the costs. Republicans say a solution would be easier if Democrats weren't so bent on punishing the industry.

Guns

One of the top priorities of House Democrats is passing laws that would require universal background checks on gun transfers and allow courts to temporarily

take guns away from people who are judged to be an immediate risk to themselves or others. Hortman said similar laws enacted in Republican-led states are already reducing gun violence, including suicides.

"So we are standing in the moderate middle on gun violence prevention and we are waiting for Republicans to join us," Hortman said.

Senate Republicans remain adamantly opposed to both gun control proposals. Gazelka said he doesn't plan to call either for a vote. A better chance for bipartisan cooperation could be increasing penalties for straw buyers of firearms who pass them to people who can't legally have guns, he said.

"Right now that's just a misdemeanor, and we think that should be a felony," Gazelka said. "We think that's something that we could actually do."

Pot

Democratic leaders behind a push for legalizing recreational marijuana acknowledge that it probably won't pass this year. Although it might not even get a House floor vote, they plan to get the discussion going in earnest.

House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler and Senate Minority Leader Jeff Hayden said their bill will reflect lessons learned from every state that has legalized recreational marijuana so far. They said they're more than happy to make it an election issue if Republicans block

the discussion.

Gazelka said he's open to looking for ways to reduce the costs of Minnesota's medical marijuana program, which is among the most restrictive in the country, but only as long as it doesn't open the door to legalizing recreational marijuana.

Human services

Republican leaders want to see big changes at the Department of Human Services, which has been rocked by what the Legislative Auditor calls "troubling dysfunction."

There has already been discussion about breaking up the agency — the largest in state government — to make it more governable. Walz hired outside experts to study whether that's a solution.

"If Republicans are interested having a substantive discussion on how we can serve Minnesotans better, we're all in," Hortman said. "If they want to create a political football to beat up Tim Walz, we're not playing."

Elections

Democratic Secretary of State Steve Simon and a bipartisan group of lawmakers want to swiftly enact a bill to protect the privacy of Minnesotans who vote in the Super Tuesday presidential primary March 3. Minnesota doesn't have party registration, but current state law requires Simon to give the major parties lists of names and party preferences of presidential primary voters. The bill would prevent the parties from using that data for anything but verification.

They say it's urgent because some citizens are reluctant to vote in the state's first presidential primary since 1992 if their data is going to be shared.

While there's some GOP support, one influential Republican, Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer of Big Lake, a former secretary of state whose committee oversees election laws, may have the power to stop it.

Crime

Republicans have been sounding alarms about rising crime on Metro Transit light-rail trains and buses. Train drivers testified recently that they often fear for their safety.

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Minnesota firms so far coping in China

Business conducted despite travel restrictions

By Deanna Weniger
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It's business as usual, almost, for Minnesota companies in China, despite travel restrictions over the deadly coronavirus.

"Our plants remain operational, but we have asked our employees in our Cargill Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing offices to extend their holiday leave until Feb. 9, in alignment with CDC guidance," said Daniel Sullivan, spokesman for Minnetonka-based Cargill, which employs 10,000 people in 50 locations in China.

As news broke Tuesday that Hyundai will suspend auto production in South Korea because the coronavirus outbreak has disrupted the supply of parts (making it the first major car maker to do so outside of China), Minnesota companies remained cautiously optimistic.

"I don't hear that it's affecting businesses at this point," said Larry Mahoney, founder and CEO of St. Paul-based Asia Direct Resource Inc. "The unknown is how bad will it get and how long will it last, but I think businesses can weather this storm pretty well."

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Company reps who travel frequently between China and the U.S. are finding ways to work around the U.S. State Department's restrictions by relying more on technology for communication, depending more on in-country management and shuffling start dates for new installations.

On Sunday, the State Department announced stricter travel guidelines as China struggles to stem the spreading virus, which has infected more than 24,300 people in Asia and killed at least 490.

Any returning U.S. citizen who has been in Hubei Province — ground zero for the virus — in the previous 14 days could be held in a mandatory quarantine for up to two weeks. Any returning U.S. citizen who has been in other parts of mainland China will be screened and released to quarantine themselves.

Additionally, President Donald Trump has suspended the entry into the U.S. of foreign nationals who pose a risk of transmitting the virus. All those other than immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents will be denied entry.

INCONVENIENCE FOR NOW

Travel to and from China is critical for several Minnesota companies, such as Medtronic, Ecolab, Hormel, Cargill, Target and Best Buy, which exported \$2.8 billion in goods to China in 2018 and supported 26,900 American jobs in 2017, according to the U.S.-China Business Council.

For Mahoney, whose company pairs factories in China with customers in the U.S., the travel restrictions are inconvenient, but not a deal-breaker.

"Right now, I'm in the process of installing three new projects in China," he explained. "Typically, I would travel to China and be part of that installation process. It would be very common for my customer to come over to China and see the factory that will be making his products. Those kinds of things will stop. I'm not going to China, but I don't need to. I've got a big staff there and they can handle it all very well remotely. The technology is there to support the transfer."

KEEPING EMPLOYEES HEALTHY

What companies are con-

cerned about is the health of their employees. None of the Minnesota companies interviewed for this article knew any employee who had been infected with the virus so far. The extreme restrictions China has put on its own people traveling around the country gives them hope that the health crisis will not last unbearably long.

"Our top concern at Medtronic is the health and well-being of our employees across the globe," said Ben Petok, spokesman for Medtronic, a medical device company with executive offices in Fridley. "There is currently no known impact of the virus on Medtronic employees, and we continue to monitor and assess business impact daily as events evolve."

Optical and medical devices are Minnesota's biggest export to China, totaling \$808 million in 2018 alone, according to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

GOOD NEIGHBORS IN CHINA

Some companies are using their resources to help those affected by the virus.

"We are offering support services for any employees who have been exposed to coronavirus or have traveled to Wuhan, and are working to procure face masks for our employees, their families and local communities as a preventative measure," Sullivan said.

The company has pledged nearly \$300,000 to relief efforts through the Chinese Red Cross.

St. Paul's Ecolab, which has more than 3,000 associates in China, is using its know-how to help.

"We are actively offering our expertise in infection prevention and providing information and products, including hand hygiene solutions and cleaners and disinfectants to help our customers in China reduce the risks associated with this coronavirus outbreak," said company spokesman Roman Blahoski. "We have also taken several steps to help ensure the safety of our associates in China, including shipping large quantities of face masks and other personal safety products for their use. And we have put our own travel restrictions in place."

3M, headquartered in Maplewood, makes hygienic face masks many are seen wearing to protect themselves. Because of growing demand, the company is increasing the production of respirators and other personal protective equipment.

3M also has more than 6,000 employees in China. "3M has donated medical supplies such as respirators, surgical masks and hand sanitizer in affected areas in China," the company said in a statement. "We will continue to work with our humanitarian aid partners such as Wuhan Red Cross, Direct Relief and MAP International to provide needed equipment."

TARIFF DISPUTE DIDN'T HELP

It's been a tough couple of years for companies doing business in China. Besides the coronavirus headaches, the Trump administration first implemented steel and aluminum tariffs in March 2018, followed by more tariffs on billions of Chinese goods in a retaliatory back-and-forth with the country. The 2018 state figures show an estimated \$2.2 billion in exports may be affected by the tariffs.

Those numbers may be overestimated, state officials said, especially now since trade relations seem to be thawing.

Both sides recently signed the Phase One Deal, which officially agreed to rollback tariffs, expansion of trade purchases, and renewed commitments on intellectual property, technology transfer and currency practices.

China outbreak causing business blues

Quarantine's effect ripples around the globe

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — Global business is catching a chill from China's virus outbreak.

Mink breeders in Denmark called off a fur auction because Chinese buyers can't attend due to travel curbs imposed to contain the disease.

Airlines have canceled 25,000 flights to and within China after ticket sales collapsed, according to travel data provider OAG. General Motors Co. and other automakers are telling employees to limit travel to China, their biggest market.

On Tuesday, the Chinese gambling enclave of Macau announced it was closing casinos for two weeks as a precaution. The territory is a big moneymaker for U.S. casino operators Wynn Resorts Ltd. and Las Vegas Sands Corp.

Hyundai Motors, meanwhile, said it is suspending production in South Korea due to disruptions in the supply of parts as a result of the outbreak. It said it is seeking alternative suppliers in other regions.

China has reported 490 deaths and 24,324 confirmed cases. Outside mainland China, at least 180 cases have been confirmed, including two fatalities, the one in Hong Kong and another in the Philippines.

BUYER AND SUPPLIER

If much of industrial China remains on lockdown for the next few weeks, a very real possibility, Western retailers, auto companies and manufacturers that depend on Chinese imports will start to run out of the goods they depend on.

In order to meet deadlines for summer goods, retail experts say that Chinese factories would need to start ramping up production by March 15. If Chinese factories were instead to remain idle through May 1, it would likely cripple retailers' crucial back-to-school and fall seasons.

"There's complete uncertainty," said Steve Pasierb, CEO of the Toy Industry Association. "This could be huge if it goes on for months."

But global companies also increasingly rely on China, the world's No. 2 economy, as a major buyer of food, cars, movie tickets and other goods. But that has left them more exposed than ever to the pain of its latest abrupt slump.

The Singapore Air Show, due to open next week, announced Tuesday it is canceling a business conference due to the absence of Chinese participants.

Tourism revenue in Thailand and other Asian destinations that rely on China for up to 30 percent of their foreign visitors plunged after Beijing canceled group tours. Businesspeople were told to put off foreign trips.

Italy could lose up to 4.5 billion euros (\$5 billion) in tourism revenue this year as virus fears keep visitors away, polling agency Demoskopika said in a study released Tuesday.

In Milan's luxury Montepulciano shopping district, dozens of luxury brands decked out their windows for Chinese New Year. But wealthy Chinese shoppers have failed to arrive in their usual numbers.

Chinese visitors are responsible for about one-third of all luxury purchases globally. In Italy, they spend more than Russians, Arabs and Americans combined.

Chinese authorities have suspended most access to Wuhan, a manufacturing center at the center of the outbreak, and surrounding cities in Hubei province with a total of 50 million people.

The partial shutdown has already harmed the production of TV display panels and raised prices, according to a report by research group IHS Markit. The city has five factories making liquid crystal displays, known as LCDs, and organic light-emitting diodes, known as OLEDs, both of which are used for television and laptop monitors. China



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A man wearing a face mask rides an escalator last month at a nearly empty shopping mall in Beijing.

accounts for more than half of the global production capacity for making these display panels.

The eastern city of Hangzhou, the home of e-commerce giant Alibaba Group and a center for telecom technology companies, imposed restrictions on movement in the city and said checkpoints will be set up to examine passersby for the infection's fever.

In the meantime, economists are sharply downgrading the outlook for China's economy, the world's second-biggest. Tommy Wu and Louis Kuijs of Oxford Economics have slashed their forecast for Chinese economic growth this year from 6% to 5.4%. They expect most of the damage to be inflicted in the first three months of 2020.

China already was dealing with the impact of a tariff war with Washington and a separate outbreak of African swine fever that does not infect people but has disrupted pork supplies, causing food prices to soar.

Streets and subways in many cities are still largely

empty even after most of China officially returned to work this week. Thousands of restaurants and cinemas have been closed to prevent crowds from gathering. Hollywood studios lost Lunar New Year ticket sales, usually a revenue high point for the industry.

Officials express confidence China can weather the latest trouble but forecasters say it could knock up to 1 percentage point off this year's growth, which might fall to as low as 5.2 percent. The economy already was expected to slow after hitting a multi-decade low of 6.1 percent last year.

Forecasters including Barclays and Morgan Stanley say the outbreak could depress this year's global economic growth by 0.2 to 0.4 percentage points.

China suffered similar woes during the 2003 outbreak of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome. Growth rebounded quickly afterward, and the global impact was limited.

This time, even if China recovers quickly, the world-

wide impact could be bigger than SARS, forecasters say. That is because China now accounts for 16.3 percent of global economic activity, more than triple 2003's share of 4.3 percent, according to the International Monetary Fund.

The anti-virus measures will drag down Chinese activity this quarter, which "will pose pressure on the global economy and spark fears in financial markets," Louis Kuijs, head of Asia economics for Oxford Economics, said in a report.

China is the world's biggest importer of many commodities, including oil. The price of Brent crude, the benchmark for international oil trading, has fallen to about \$55 per barrel from \$70 in early January, partly due to weak Chinese demand.

Lower oil prices mean cheaper gas for Western consumers but they hurt exporters such as Indonesia that use the revenues to help pay for schools, health care and social services.

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On Trump's list: Take back suburbs, court black votes

After acquittal, president turns focus to reelection

By Maggie Haberman, Annie Karni and Jonathan Martin
New York Times

WASHINGTON — Buoyed by his impeachment acquittal and the muddled Democratic primary race, President Donald Trump and his campaign are turning to address his reelection bid's greatest weaknesses with an aggressive, well-funded but uncertain effort to win back suburban voters turned off by his policies and behavior.

His campaign is aiming to regain these voters in battleground states like Pennsylvania and Michigan, after losing many of them to Democrats in the 2018 midterms. Advisers hope to expand the electoral map for November by winning moderate-leaning states like Minnesota and New Hampshire. And the White House is gearing up to help with policy issues directed at swing states, such as the new trade deal with Mexico and Canada and paid family leave for federal workers.

Trump campaign officials are also stockpiling cash to help with these efforts, with \$200 million in the bank now and fundraising continuing at a brisk pace. They have put up television ads relatively early in the race, allocating \$6 million for the final three months of 2019 to highlight a booming economy and the low unemployment numbers.

Among the goals is trying to appeal to black voters and suburban and upper-income white voters with ads such as a spot focusing on criminal justice reform that first aired during the Super Bowl and is continuing on cable channels with large female audiences, like Bravo and Lifetime.

Yet Trump's messaging, like so much else about his approach to politics, is contradictory. For all the focus on appealing to moderates, the campaign is also engaging the president's hard-core supporters with Facebook ads warning of the danger of unauthorized "aliens" and their "invasion" of the U.S., and decrying "the impeachment hoax," while also promoting polarizing pol-



President Donald Trump speaks at the North Carolina Opportunity Now Summit at Friday in Charlotte, N.C.

icies like curtailing immigration.

Those inflammatory, targeted ads are ones that suburban voters may never see, a reflection of the campaign's broad strategy: Keep his conservative base energized and chip away at his problems in the suburbs and communities of color.

The challenge facing Trump's advisers remains the same as it has been since 2017: The president is among the most deeply divisive leaders in the nation's history, whose conduct has helped accelerate a realignment of moderate suburban voters toward Democrats. These voters have been the cornerstone of Democrats' electoral revival since 2016, helping them flip governorships and propelling their capture of the House.

Trump cannot win a second term without attracting more suburban voters and independents in a handful of states he carried in 2016, but he is highly averse to staying on script and delivering a consistent message aimed at moderate voters rather than his hard-core admirers, or his own need to get things off his chest. Trump's advisers argue that the suburban voters who eschewed

Republicans in the 2018 midterms will vote differently when the president's name is on the ballot.

"Suburban women is where he has a challenge," said Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D.

"I think the biggest problem that he has with suburban women is the part that so many in his base like about him," Cramer said. "His rhetoric, his punching down at his opponents. It's so different than anything they've seen."

Scott Reed, the top political adviser to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, nodded to the fleeting nature of Trump-era politics as he assessed the electoral landscape for the president.

"Politics in Trumpville are great right now, but these days, a week feels like three months and we have a long way to go," Reed said.

With the Democrats enmeshed in the start of their primary season, Trump is beginning his own new phase: He has reasons to feel reassured about his prospects as he turns more fully to his reelection effort, and the apparatus of the White House and the Republican Party are more able to focus on win-

ning him a second term.

Trump's approval ratings have inched up and he's now around where the last three incumbent presidents were at the start of their own, successful, reelections. And the economy shows no signs of slowing.

"The White House and the campaign should focus 100 percent on the economic growth and opportunity society Trump is creating for America," Reed said, somewhat hopefully.

But greater confidence and a freer hand can lead Trump to take risks: His phone call with the Ukrainian president on July 25, 2019, which ultimately helped lead to his impeachment in the House, came after he had seen the end of the two-year investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller. Just this past week, Trump fired from the White House two witnesses and an ambassador who testified in the House impeachment inquiry, including Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a decorated war veteran, prompting outrage from Democrats and private concern among some Republican lawmakers.

Trump advisers are focused not just on the three states that elected Trump in 2016 — Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania — but also the forever battleground of Florida, and battleground states with competitive Senate races that could help the Democratic nominee in Georgia, Arizona and North Carolina.

The campaign also sees opportunities for pickups in New Hampshire and especially in Minnesota, states that have voted for Democrats in recent presidential races but where the margins were close in 2016. But while the campaign manager Brad Parscale has insisted New Mexico is within reach, other Trump advisers say there's been little movement, in part because of the president's disinterest in taking the day trips he favors to the western part of the country.

TRUMP DEFENDS FIRING VINDMAN

Trump on Saturday defended his decision to fire Vindman, the national security aide who was marched out of the White House on Friday by security officers, calling the decorated Army officer who testified at a House impeachment hearing "very insubordinate."

Trump denigrated Vindman, a veteran of the Iraq War who appeared in November before the House Intelligence Committee under subpoena and described the July 25 telephone call in which the president pressured President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine to announce investigations into former Vice President Joe Biden and other Democrats.

"Fake News @CNN & MSNBC keep talking about 'Lt. Col. Vindman as though I should think only how wonderful he was,'" Trump wrote on Twitter, without explaining why he put the colonel's rank in quote marks.

"Actually, I don't know him, never spoke to him, or met him (I don't believe)," the president continued, "but, he was very insubordinate, reported contents of my 'perfect' calls incorrectly, & was given a horrendous report by his superior, the man he reported to, who publicly stated that Vindman had problems with judgement, adhering to the chain of command and leaking information. In other words, 'OUT'."

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The autograph session in the Securian Financial Club with former Minnesota Olympians and former NHL/North Stars/Fighting Saints/Slap Shot is available for all kids.

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Coronavirus: OHA on what you need to know

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It is the latest killer virus that health officials in Oregon and across the nation are closely watching and bracing for.

The Coronavirus has killed at least 170 people and sickened thousands of others, mainly in China. The virus first emerged in December in China. There have been six cases of coronavirus reported in the United States in Chicago, Washington, Arizona, Southern California, according to health officials.

Ruark contacted Jonathan Modie, spokesman for the Oregon Health Authority to

learn more about this virus and its impact here.

Ruark: Briefly tell us what is the coronavirus and where did it originate?

Modie: The new coronavirus is a virus that causes mild to severe illness in the lungs. People who are ill with the virus may have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing. We do not know how long it takes for signs of illness to show up after someone is exposed to novel coronavirus. With other coronaviruses, signs of illness usually show up 2-14 days after a person is exposed to the virus.

The first reported case of this virus in the United States was January 21, 2020, in Washington State. The case

had recently traveled from Wuhan, China. Cases have been found in other countries, primarily in travelers who had been to Wuhan. Most cases have been in Wuhan, a city of 11 million in China. We expect case counts and fatality rates will continue to change. CDC and WHO, as well as China's National Health Commission, will offer national and international case numbers.

Ruark: How does this virus spread and who is at most risk from this virus?

Modie: We are still learning about how this new coronavirus spreads. Other coronaviruses are spread through animals or droplets from the coughs and sneezes of people

who have the illness. Early information suggests that older adults and people with underlying health conditions may have a higher risk of severe illness and complications from this virus.

Ruark: Have there been any suspected or diagnosed cases or deaths from coronavirus in Oregon?

Modie: No.

Ruark: What is the OHA doing to track this virus?

Modie: OHA has activated an Incident Management Team to coordinate response activities, and it has been meeting regularly every week to gather and report updates on developments in the United States and abroad. OHA also has activated a virtual Joint Information Center to coordinate with county, university, tribal and hospital public information officers. OHA forwarded at least two CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) advisories to local and tribal health partners, hospitals, infection preventionists and other health partners over the past two weeks to share information on the outbreak, including number of reported cases, where cases originated, symptoms to look for, recommended interventions based on patient scenarios (eg, someone who plans to travel to Wuhan City, China; someone who is returning from

there; someone displaying symptoms, etc.), and recommendations for health care facilities for implementing infection control procedures.

OHA also has reached out to its airport partners to let them know we are ready to support if needed, and we updated our website (<http://healthoregon.org/coronavirus>) to include a novel coronavirus section with latest Oregon information. Finally, we have conducted social media in English and Chinese to alert travelers to the outbreak and CDC travel guidance.

Ruark: What is the OHA's recommendation to help us avoid this virus?

Modie: Risk of getting the disease is related to exposure. At this time, CDC has not seen novel coronavirus spreading in communities in the US. Based on that information, we currently believe that the risk to most Oregonians is low. That said, until other prevention tools are available, we recommend that people practice everyday precautions to prevent any illness and follow CDC's travel guidance if they are worried about becoming ill:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects.

Ruark: What is the treatment if someone is infected with this virus? Treatment for patients with 2019-nCoV is supportive care only.

Modie: There are currently no known disease-specific treatments.

Ruark: What is the OHA's fear or concern about this specific virus?

Modie: Preparing for and responding to infectious disease outbreaks to protect the public is something we do every day at the Oregon Health Authority. The situation is changing quickly, so we will continue to reassess risks to Oregonians and update the public if that assessment changes. When a new disease emerges, there are often many unanswered questions, such as the incubation period and the route of transmission.

While in the early stages as we are now with the novel coronavirus, it is critical to have plans in place for preventing spread, informing health care professionals how to protect themselves and other patients, and protecting the public.

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TILLAMOOK HIGH SCHOOL 2020 CHARITY DRIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7	Concessions by All Classes at Basketball Games @ THS
Freshmen	Half Time at BBX Game; Half Time Hoop Shoot; \$1 per shot
Sophomores	50/50 Raffle at Concessions; \$1 per ticket & \$5 for 6 tickets
Juniors	Flashlight Tag @ THS 8pm-9:30pm; \$5
	Pork Loin Dinner @ THS Cafeteria; 4pm-8pm; \$15
Seniors	East Elementary Activity "Party w/the Seniors" @ East School; 3:30pm-5pm; \$5 per East Student
	Dutch Bro Takeover; 3pm-6pm
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8	
Freshmen	Spaghetti Dinner @ THS Cafeteria; 4pm-8pm; \$8
	5K Run for the Kids @ THS Bud's Fitness Trail; 8am; \$15 per runner
	Rummage Sale @ POTB Officer's Mess Hall; 9am-4pm; By Donation
Sophomores	Car Wash @ Main Street Pizza; 9am-4pm
	Father-Daughter Dance @ THS New Gym; 6pm-8pm; \$10 per person or \$25 per family
	Breakfast @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall; 8am-10am; Adults \$7, Children \$5
Juniors	Concessions @ THS Wrestling Tournament
	Princess for a Day @ Inner Beauty Salon (across from Fred Meyers); 9am-12pm; \$35 per Child
	Paint Night @ OSU Extension Office; 2pm-4pm; \$40 per Person; Call 520.719.0683 to Register
Seniors	High Tea & Quilt Auction plus Silent Auction @ Methodist Church; 11am-3pm; Adult \$12, Senior \$11, Child \$6
	Concessions @ THS Wrestling Tournament
	Bunco @ POTB Office Meeting Room; 5pm-7pm; \$20 per player; Cool Prizes! Questions? Call 503.812.5469
	Car Wash @ All Star Appliance; 10am-4pm; By Donation
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9	
Freshmen	Car Wash @ Allen's Auto Detail; 9am-3pm
	Pancake Breakfast @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall; 7am-11am; By Donation
	Pulled Pork Dinner w/Silent Auction @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall; 4pm-8pm; \$10
	Rummage Sale @ POTB Officer's Mess Hall; 9am-3pm; By Donation
Sophomores	The Fern Restaurant Takeover; 5pm-8pm
	Car Wash @ Main Street Pizza; 9am-4pm
Juniors	Car Wash @ Farmer's Co-Op; 10am-4pm
	Floral Design Class @ The Blue Heron; 2pm-4pm; \$35 per Person; Call 520.719.0683
Seniors	Kid's Wrestling Tournament @ THS; Weigh-in 7am-8am; \$15 per Wrestler; Questions call 503.812.5469
	Cornhole Tournament @ THS New Gym; 2pm; \$30 per 2 Person Team; Prizes; Questions call 503.812.7379
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
All School Event: Donkey Basketball @ THS Gym; 7pm; Adult \$9, Students \$7; THS Staff Team vs Tillamook Sheriff Dept	
Juniors	Softball Clinic for 6th-8th Graders @ THS New Gym; 4pm-6pm; \$15 per Child
	Cosmic Bowling @ Tillamook Bowling Lanes; 4pm-6pm
Seniors	Fish Peddler Take-Over @ Fish Peddler in Bay City; 4-7pm; \$150 Hayes Oyster Dr. Bay City, OR; Open Menu
	Southern BBQ Dinner (Chicken & Ribs) @ THS Cafeteria; 4pm-7:30pm; Adults \$12, Seniors \$11, Child under 12 \$8
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11	
Freshmen	Rotary Cake Auction @ Elk's Lodge; Noon
Juniors	Hart Dinner w/Silent Auction @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall; 4:30pm-7:30pm
	Jello Wrestling @ Tillamook Fairgrounds; 6pm-8pm; \$10 per Person; Call 775.357.4388
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12	
Freshmen	Denny's Restaurant Takeover 5pm-10pm
	Hawaiian Dinner w/Silent Auction @ Nazarene Church; 5pm-8pm; \$15
Sophomores	Zombie Run @ THS Football Field; 6pm-8pm; \$10 per Person; Ages Kindergarten-Grade 8
Juniors	Liberty Elementary Movie Night @ Liberty School; 6pm-8pm; No Charge (other than concessions available)
Seniors	Kiwanis Cake Auction @ The Rendezvous; Noon
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13	
Freshmen	Junior High Glow Dance & Concessions @ THS New Gym; 8pm-10pm; \$5
Sophomores	Tri Tip Dinner w/Silent Auction @ Nazarene Church; 4:30pm-7:30pm; Couple \$28, Single \$15
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14: NO SCHOOL	
Freshmen	Boxed Lunches (Delivered) \$8
Sophomores	Hire a Sophomore - Clean Yards 8am-2pm
	Rummage Sale @ THS; 10am-4pm
	30 & Up Dance @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall; 6pm-8pm; Couple \$20, Single \$15
Juniors	Chalk Couture @ The Blue Heron; 5pm-7pm; \$35; Call 775.357.4388
	Valentine's Day Babysitting @ First Christian Church; 6pm-8pm; \$15; Call 775.357.4388
Seniors	Steak Dinner w/Silent Auction @ Nazarene Church; 4pm-7:30pm; Couple \$30, Single \$17, Child under 12 \$10
	Chairs & More 4 Charity Oral Auction @ Nazarene Church; 6pm; For more information call 503.812.5469
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15	
Freshmen	Concessions @ THS Wrestling Tournament
	Car Wash @ All Star Appliance; 9am-3pm; By Donation
	Turkey Dinner w/Silent Auction @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall; 4pm; \$15
	Mother-Son Dance @ Fairgrounds; 6pm-9pm; \$10 each or \$25 for family of three or more
Sophomores	Concessions @ THS Wrestling Tournament
	Breakfast @ THS
	Car Wash @ Allen's Auto Detail; 9am-4pm
	Las Margaritas Takeover; 4pm-8pm
Juniors	Car Wash @ Main Street Pizza; 10am-4pm
	Pet Wash @ Allen's Auto Detail; 8am-2pm
	Cheer & Dance Camp @ YMCA; 2pm-4pm; \$15 per Child
	One Mile Buddy Run; 9am start @ Courthouse; \$20; To register call 520.719.0684
Seniors	Take n Bake Dinners Pickup @ THS Cafeteria; 2pm-4pm; \$16 each or 2 for \$30; To order call 503.812.8046
	Rummage Sale @ East Elementary Gym; 9am-4pm
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
All School Event: Mr. THS @ THS Auditorium; 7pm	
Freshmen	Skate & Carnival Party @ Tillamook (Fairgrounds); 5pm-7pm; \$5 per Skater; 25 per game
	Car Wash @ E & E Auto Body; 9am-3pm
Sophomores	Car Wash @ Allen's Auto Detail
	Bake Sale @ The Fern Cafe; 10am-3pm
Juniors	Basketball Camp for Kindergarten-Grade 8 @ THS; 2pm-4pm; \$10 per person
	French Toast Breakfast @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall; 8am-12pm; Adult \$10, Child \$7
Seniors	"Ride for the Kids" Horse Playday @ Tillamook Fairgrounds Pavilion; 10am; \$35 per rider
	Car Wash @ Farmer's Co-Op; 10am-4pm; By Donation
	Parmesan Chicken Dinner w/Silent Auction @ Pacific House; 4pm-7:30pm; Couple \$25, Single \$15, Child under 12 \$8
	Rummage Sale @ East Elementary Gym; 9am-4pm
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17: NO SCHOOL	
All School Event: Stud Muffin Volleyball @ THS Main Gym; 7pm; By Donation; Concessions by All Classes	
Freshmen	Pig n Blanket, 7 Layer Dip, Krispy Kreme Pickup
	Cinnamon Rolls @ Parish Hall; Pick up 10am-2pm
	Taco Dinner @ THS; 4pm-7pm; \$8
	Duck Derby @ YMCA; \$15
Sophomores	Car Wash @ Farmer's Co-Op; 9am-Noon
	Craft Camp for Kindergarten-Grade 8 @ THS; 12pm-2pm; \$8 per Child
	Elks Bingo Nite & Baked Goods @ Elks Lodge; 5:30pm-8pm
Juniors	Volleyball Camp for Grades 6-8 @ THS; 2pm
Seniors	The Great Marble Hunt Wrap Up @ THS Kevin Barnes Visual Arts Center; 6pm

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FRESHMAN: Amy Braden 503.812.1660	SOPHOMORE: Wendi Madsen 480.289.0647
*Jackie Fox 503.812.2787	*Valogram Cookies; \$3.50 per cookie, \$6/two, \$30/dozen
*Boxed Lunches; \$8; 503.812.1660	contact Michelle Pifer 503.812.3856
*Doornbecher Hoodies; \$30; Sizes S-2XL; 503.812.1660	*Scrap Metal; 503.812.0958 or 541.554.5568
*Cinnamon Rolls; 4 for \$8; 503.812.1660	*Pop Cans; 503.812.1563
*Pig n Blankets; 6 for \$12; 503.812.1660	*50/50 Raffle; \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6
*Scented Socks; 503.812.1660	*Cow Poop Bingo; \$10 per ticket; Winner gets cash prize
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*Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; \$12 per dozen; 503.812.1660	
*7 Layer Dip; \$15; 503.812.1660	
*Valogram Balloons; \$6; 503.812.1660	
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*Who's Chowder; \$20; 719.0683	email: thetakenbake@gmail.com or call 503.812.8046
*Breakfast Burrito; 5 ea or 6 for \$30; 520.719.0683	*Valogram Rice Krispie Treat; \$3 ea; call 503.812.9986
*Cookie-in-a-Jar Sales; \$10; 520.719.0683	or email: seniogram20@gmail.com
*Pop Cans & Scrap Metal; 503.801.6916	*French Bread Pizza; \$12 ea or 2/20; call 503.812.6883
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	*Scrap Metal; 503.812.0173
	*Hire a Senior; 503.812.5469

Tillamook Bay Community College offers new online degree options

To better serve the growing number of students who work fulltime and need flexibility to attend courses, Tillamook Bay Community College is offering three new options to complete a degree online. Students can now complete an Associate of Art Oregon Transfer (AAOT), Associate of Science (AS), and an Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree completely online. The three degrees join the Business Administration degree that has been online since 2015.

"Of all the new online degree options, we are most excited to offer students the ability to complete the AAOT online," said TBCC Chief Academic Officer Dr. Teresa Rivenes. "The AAOT is a great choice for students who plan to transfer to a four-year degree program. If you graduate with an AAOT you will have

met most, if not all, of the lower division General Education Requirements to transfer to an Oregon public university with junior status," she said.

"We recognize that to meet our student's needs, we need to be innovative in how we provide college learning. Whether that means adding more evening and online courses, or hybrid classes where part of the course is taught in a classroom and the rest is online — our goal is to make getting a degree at TBCC possible for anyone," Rivenes said.

Registration for Spring Term opens Feb. 24. Visit www.tillamookbaycc.edu for a list of degree and certificate options. Contact the student services team for help to get started at 503-842-8222 ext. 1100, or studentservices@tillamookbaycc.edu.

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Kathleen J. Stewart

Aug. 6, 1956 - Feb. 5, 2020

Kathleen J. Stewart was born in Tillamook on Aug. 6, 1956 and passed away a short 63 years later on Feb. 5, 2020 after a short battle with lung cancer.

Some of Kathy's jobs were housekeeping and bookkeeping. She loved to knit & us all looked forward to her baked goods: Christmas cookies and candies were her specialty.

Kathy is survived by her life partner Steve Kaman and her two daughters: Jen-



nifer and Amy. She had two siblings: Carol Porter (Gene)

and Jim Luna (Sharon), two nieces, a nephew and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Bob and Charlita Stewart of Beaver. Her sweet smile and contagious laugh will be greatly missed.

At her request there will be no service. There will be a scattering of ashes in spring or summer. Lastly, Kathy was a friend to all and will be greatly missed!

Shirley Reba (Arnold) McRae

Shirley Reba (Arnold) McRae was born in Englewood, Tennessee, to Joseph and Ethel Arnold. On Feb. 4, 2020, at age 84, she died at home with family by her side.

During her eighth grade year, her family moved to Garibaldi. She was part of the first graduating class at Neah-Kah-Nie High School. In 1954, Ed and Shirley married in Portland.

They were survived by their five children: Scott McRae (Jerrie), Jeanne Perry, Janny Hall (Harvey), Sam McRae (Angel), and Sean McRae (Alicia) as well as grandchildren and



great-grandchildren, and also survived by her brother B.L. Arnold and other family members.

Ed and Shirley began a relationship with Jesus Christ

early on in their marriage and raised their family to know Him throughout their years together. Shirley's focus was on their family and in serving at their church. Additionally, she enjoyed connecting with her friends, shopping, crafts, and travel. She and Ed were able to go to Scotland, on cruises and to many destinations within the United States. Many times, they visited her family in Tennessee.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at North Coast Christian Church in Garibaldi. Waud's Funeral home is handling the arrangements.

Gail Ann Finnell

Sept. 18, 1948 - Jan. 12, 2020

In loving memory: Gail Ann Finnell, 71, of Tillamook Oregon passed away Jan. 12, after a short battle of lung and brain cancer. She proceeds her late husband Jack D. Finnell Jr. They were married June 18, 1979 in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Born Sept. 18, 1948 in Wasco, California, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Betty Jo Preston. She is survived by three brothers: Michael and Vicky Lunsford of Paradise, California; Gary and Candi Preston; and Wes and Dru Preston of Tillamook, Oregon.

Surviving children:



Michele Wayne and Andrew O'Connor, Daniel Wayne and Shirley Mularky, and Steve Gunter Jr. She had 14 grandchildren: Jessica, Jennifer, Jake, Jeff, Sunday, Devin,

Heather, Amy, Aliester, Kaylynn, Kristopher, Katrina, Nathan and Natasha and 16 great grandchildren.

Gail loved good food, baking, good music, concerts, and solving the world's problems with her good friends. She worked for Sears and Roebuck, Thriftway, Raymond Wyss Properties axnd Wheeler Dealer in sales.

This is a family-friendly celebration of Life on Feb. 22, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alderbrook Grange Hall, located 5995 Alderbrook Road, Tillamook for good food, good music and great friends and family.

Raymond Alise Steyaert Sr.

May 6, 1929 - Feb. 9, 2020

Raymond Alise Steyaert Sr. was born May 6, 1929 in Sherwood, Oregon to Frank and Anna Steyaert and passed away Feb. 9, 2020 in Tillamook, Oregon at the age of 90.

Raymond married Laura

Janet Gruhlke and was married 53 before she passed away in 2007.

He had a love for the outdoors and enjoyed sport and commercial fishing and gardening.

Raymond is survived by

his son Raymond Steyaert Jr. and his wife Kathy, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many loving friends.

Arrangements in care of Waud's Funeral Home, Tillamook.

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Tides of Change, Tillamook County Pioneer Museum host Community for Change event

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The Tides of Change, in partnership with the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum (TCPM), will host a Community for Change fundraiser celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum in downtown Tillamook.

This is the first time Tides of Change has had this event. Valerie Bundy, executive director of Tides of Change, said the TCPM offered to host this event and silent auction on their behalf.

Admission to the event is \$10 in advance, with tickets available at the TCPM office in downtown Tillamook. Tickets are also available at the door for \$15. Children under 12 years old have free admission. Only 100 tickets are available for this event, so advance purchase is encouraged.

This is a family-friendly event and will have activities and auction items that are geared towards youth engagement and entertainment.

Bundy said they have an assortment of silent auction items. There is a fishing trip,



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guided kayak tour, numerous pieces of art from local artists, tickets to Oregon State vs. Colorado State, and much more.

The event will feature visual displays and excerpts from the TCPM Women's Suffrage exhibit.

"As an organization that predominantly serves women, the Women's Suffrage aligns with our work," Bundy said. "I don't believe that domestic and sexual violence agencies, like ours, would be able to exist had women's rights continued to be ignored. Women gaining the right to vote allowed for our voices to be heard."

Proceeds from this event go directly to Tides of Change and will support the vital

community services provided by them, including advocacy, community education and trainings, shelter services and survivor assistance programs.

"The money is used to help provide services for survivors of domestic/dating violence, sexual violence, stalking and trafficking," Bundy said.

Bundy said they hope to raise \$4,000 at the event.

Tides of Change is a non-profit organization made up of committed individuals from all walks of life, both paid staff and volunteers. They are all working together to provide hope, safety and support to all survivors in the community. For more information about this event or the services offered, call their main office at 503-842-9486.

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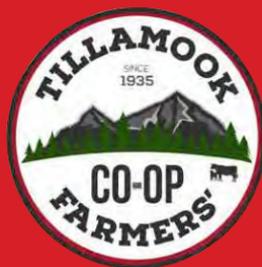
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15th Annual Deborah Lisi-Baker Youth Leader Awards Presented

On Jan. 22, the Vermont Center for Independent Living honored some young people who are striving to make the world a better place. The 15th Annual Deborah Lisi-Baker Youth Leader Awards went to Jamie Heath of Barre, Joseph McCoy of Manchester, Celilo Bauman-Swain of Charlotte and members of the Youth Advocacy Council.

VCIL's board created the Deborah Lisi-Baker Youth Leader Award in 2006 in honor of the disability rights organization's then-executive director and in honor of emerging leaders who are moving forward the promise of disability rights and the independent living movement.

VCIL Executive Director Sarah Launderville noted that this year, she was excited to see a record number of nominations for the award. "It warms my heart to be able to do a presentation with so many people today."

Lisi-Baker said, "It is such an honor and so exciting to be in a room full of advocates and young people who are changing our world." She added that the honorees show a real commitment not only to inclusion but to transforming our culture and our community.

Jamie Heath

Each of the award winners has a unique and compelling story. Jamie had a couple of strokes as a child and fell into a deep depression. Looking to lift her spirits, Jamie's family applied to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Her dream was to swim with sea turtles in Hawaii. In April 2015, that wish came true. She is now thriving as a sophomore at Norwich.

Heath was nominated for the award by Greg and Toni Morgan of Essex Junction. Greg is one of VCIL's founders.

In 2017 Jamie Hathaway, the CEO of Make-A-Wish Vermont, asked if Heath wanted to write a book about her story. One thing led to another and seven months later, a children's book called "Wishes Are Medicine," illustrated by Leonard Kenyon, was created. "I just love the way it came out and I'm so thankful for everything," Heath said.

Since then, Heath has spoken at over 30 events for Make-A-Wish. She noted, "I was the second person in Vermont to be nominated to go to the Make-A-Wish national conference and talk in front of a thousand people."

In handing out the award, Lisi-Baker commented on Jamie's swim with turtles and the connection between animals and healing for people. "It's such a critical thing and it affects people with diverse disabilities, including people with depression. Those connections that we have with other living things can be part of a transformation and healing that needs to happen."

Joseph McCoy

Joseph McCoy has worked hard to make sports inclusive for everyone at his school. The senior is a talented three-sport athlete at

Burr and Burton Academy and athletics are very important to him and his family. He attended a student leadership conference last June and came back inspired to begin to make change in his own school and community. And make change he did. This year marks the second season of unified basketball at his school. He was quick to acknowledge a team of people who helped him achieve his goal, including, among others, Meg and Don Benasich and the local Special Olympics organization.

McCoy said, "What is so special about unified basketball is just seeing athletes with disabilities and other high school athletes come together and play as one. The unity and inclusion are remarkable."

Celilo Bauman-Swain

Celilo Bauman-Swain is on the Vermont Coalition for Ethnic and Social Equity in Schools working group. Amanda Garces is the founder of the coalition and nominated Celilo for the award. Garces said, "What you're bringing to the table is really amazing and powerful as a voice for youth."

Lisi-Baker also serves on the coalition and was blown away by Celilo's application to join the working group. Lisi-Baker said, "I still remember reading in her application that Celilo said, 'I love my state. I love living here, but I have spent most of my time in school feeling oppressed. And I want to be in a place where being deaf...is not a cause of oppression—that I don't have to feel like I lose myself when I go to school.'"

Youth Advocacy Council

The 14 members of the Youth Advocacy Council received Deborah Lisi-Baker Youth Leader Awards, and Rachel Stevens and Julia Bruner attended the award ceremony on Jan. 22. The council is composed of youths and young adults between the ages of 15 and 26 who expressed interest in participating in leadership training and in opportunities to impact how Vermont prepares students with disabilities for life after high school.

Lisi-Baker said, "They lead by picking a focus for community service and they select a particular issue. It could be harassment or bullying. It could be building transition resources so that youths with disabilities can move into adult life more prepared and with more support and better partnerships to work for them."

The council has enjoyed many successes over the past year, including meeting with Gov. Scott and organizing a youth summit.

Tara Howe, transition program director for VocRehab Vermont, nominated the Youth Advocacy Council members for the award, and she herself was honored with one of VCIL's Ally of Accessibility awards. Launderville thanked Howe for her leadership in making the council a reality. "We owe a lot of gratitude to you."

Time is Running Out: VSAC Scholarships Close Feb. 12

The deadline to apply for one of the 150 scholarships managed by Vermont Student Assistance Corp. closes soon – Feb. 12. Don't miss out on over \$5 million in awards to help Vermonters pay for their education and training after high school.

Last year, VSAC made almost 3,200 awards to Vermonters worth \$5.4 million.

Scholarships—like grants—are financial aid that you do not need to pay back. VSAC scholarships are offered by many different groups, organizations, and even individuals. They are offered for all kinds of achievements—and to all kinds of students. And they're usually competitive, with eligible applicants competing for a limited number of awards.

New scholarships for academic year 2020-21 include:

- Up to \$1,000 for the Green Up Vermont Scholarship sponsored by Vermont Green Up to an undergraduate student who has demonstrated active participation in Vermont Green Up day.

- Up to \$2,000 from the Dwight and Doris Hitchcock Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior residing in the towns of Athens, Grafton or Bellows Falls seeking an associate or bachelor's degree.

- Up to \$50,000 annually from the John Cooper Hubbard Scholarship to students seeking a degree or certification in nursing or medical studies.

- Up to \$1,000 from the Scott A. Lawrence Memorial Scholarship to a student residing in Westminster, Rockingham, Grafton or

Bellows Falls who will graduate (or have graduated from) Bellows Falls Union High School. Preference given to students majoring in business administration.

- Up to six scholarships of up to \$1,500 each from the Let's Grow Kids Scholarship for Aspiring Early Educators Scholarships to current college or graduating high school seniors seeking an associate or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or a related field.

- Up to \$2,000 from the Harold and Sally Mitchell Scholarship to a student residing in Athens, Grafton or Bellows Falls seeking a certification in a vocational or technical field.

- Three new scholarships from the Northgate Residents Ownership Corporation (NROC) for students who have lived at Northgate Apartments in Burlington, at least six months prior to applying. The three scholarships have different eligibility criteria, but include students seeking a degree in arts, students enrolled in a certificate or non-degree program, and students enrolling at least half time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program.

- Up to \$3,000 from the Carolyn Barra Scholarship to one Essex High School student who has demonstrated activity in performing arts (drama, music, etc.).

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Union Mutual Triples Previous Fundraising Record for Special Olympics Vermont Penguin Plunge

Union Mutual was proudly represented by over 60 employees, independent agency partners, vendors, friends, and family members in the Penguin Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Vermont on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at the Burlington Waterfront.

With the widespread support of hundreds of donors, the "Union Mutual Popsicles" were able to set yet another new high-water mark for the event's fundraising with a grand total of over \$131,500. The previous team fundraising record was \$44,932, set by Union Mutual in 2019.

"Union Mutual is thrilled to continue its partnership with Special Olympics Vermont and help make the 2020 Penguin Plunge a huge success. We are truly humbled with the level of support our employees, agency partners, friends and families generated. Both of our organizations strive to do the best we can to better the lives of those within our communities and we look forward to collaborating with each other for years to come," Union Mutual President & CEO Michael Nobles said.

The Union Mutual Popsicles consisted of 64 employees, agency partners, friends and family who braved the 30-degree air and 34-degree water temperatures as they "Plunged" into the icy waters of Lake Champlain.

"We are in awe of the fundraising efforts of our Union Mutual Popsicles!" Union Mutual Director of Marketing Alexis Burrall said. "It is a true testament to the strong relationships and civic-minded spirit of our insurance community."

Led by Union Mutual employee Jeff McLaughlin, Special Olympian Connor

Turnbaugh and Nobles (who was also once again the event's lead fundraiser), the Popsicles helped the more than 1,200 participants raise over \$610,000 for Special Olympics Vermont.

"Special Olympics Vermont had a hugely successful, record-breaking 25th annual Penguin Plunge, largely due to the unbelievable efforts of the Union Mutual team. Their ability to go so far above and beyond, raising \$131,000 for SOVT athletes and programming is beyond anything we could've imagined. We deeply appreciate Union Mutual's tremendous year-round support," Special Olympics Vermont President & CEO Missy Shea said. "We are especially grateful for the way Union Mutual fully embraces and advocates for our mission of sport and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities. We cannot say thanks enough to Michael Nobles and the entire Union Mutual Popsicles for being leaders for inclusion in the State of Vermont!"

Union Mutual is the proud lead sponsor of the Special Olympics Vermont Summer Games.

Union Mutual of Vermont Companies, founded in 1874, is a property casualty insurance group consisting of Union Mutual Fire Insurance and New England Guaranty Insurance Company Inc., both based in Montpelier, Vermont; and Community Mutual Insurance Company, based in Troy, New York. The three companies write a total of \$185 million in direct premium annually through independent agents throughout New England and New York, and are all rated A-(Excellent) by A.M. Best.

North Barre Rink Open House

Barre Elks Lodge #1535 members applied for and received a \$2500 Promise Grant, one of only 500 grants available from the Elks National Foundation. The Promise Grant is designed to meet a need in the community that benefits local youth. Members of Barre Lodge selected North Barre Rink as a great opportunity to utilize grant funds.

North Barre Rink has been around for almost 70 years and is run and maintained solely by volunteers. Last year, after the season ended, a call for volunteers and financial support was issued to paint and replace boards around the rink, level areas of the ground, replace hockey goal nets and purchase a new snowblower. Everything has been completed with the exception of a new snowblower.

Join us at a FREE Open House Sunday February 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. There will



be coffee, hot cocoa, popcorn, snacks and giveaways for kids. Thygesen Sports will be offering free skate rentals from 10 a.m. to noon. Elroy the Elk will be there skating and available for photos. This event is open to all ages with special emphasis on local youth. In case of inclement weather on February 16, the event will be held Sunday March 1 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Gifford Seeks Applicants for \$1,000 Levesque Award - Community Orgs Encouraged to Apply by Feb. 17

Gifford seeks applicants for the 2020 Philip D. Levesque Memorial Community Award, a \$1,000 grant given annually to a local organization involved in the arts, health, community development, education, or the environment.

The Gifford Board of Trustees established the award in 1994 in memory of Levesque, Gifford's president and chief executive officer from 1973-1994.

"Philip Levesque was an admired leader who was dedicated to serving our communities in the White River Valley," said Gifford Director of Development Ashley Lincoln. "His legacy of generosity continues with this award, and we look forward to reviewing applications from the many community-focused organizations in our area."

Previous award recipients include VerShare, Bethel Recreation Department, Safeline, Stagecoach, Orange County Parent Child Center, Quin Town Senior Center, South Royalton School Recycle Compost and Volunteer Program, Bluebird Recovery Program, Kimball Library, Bethel

Playground Project, Chelsea Little League Field, Rochester Chamber Music Society, Royalton Memorial Library, Tunbridge Library, White River Craft Center, Interfaith Caregivers, Chelsea Family Center, Granville Volunteer Fire Department, HealthHub School Clinic, and the Rochester, Hancock and Granville Food Shelf.

Applications for the 2020 award must be made in writing by Monday, Feb. 17, and include a detailed one-page description of a community project, estimated budget and timeline for project completion, expected results and benefits, and a copy of the organization's 501 (c) (3) certificate. Completed applications may be sent to The Philip D. Levesque Memorial Fund, Gifford Medical Center Development Office, 44. S. Main St., Randolph, VT 05060.

A committee of hospital staff and Levesque's family will review applications and select a winner. The 2020 award recipient will be announced March 14 at Gifford's Annual Meeting. For more information, call 802-728-2380 or email alincoln@giffordmed.org.

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Dock dock lawsuit in hands of appeals court

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A long-contested dock case landed before the Minnesota Court of Appeals last Thursday, Jan. 30 in St. Paul.

The case involves Waconia residents Jayson and Cristine Dock, who filed an appeal July 16, 2019, to a ruling a district court judge handed down May 2 over a dock the city of Waconia said violates its ordinance (No. 707) prohibiting the construction of perma-

nent docks on lake/wetland lots within the city. The dock in question was erected in 2017.

In legal action, the city sought a permanent injunction against the Docks and asked for judgment ordering removal of what has been constructed. In its May ruling, the district court ruled in favor of the city, calling the ordinance valid and ordering that the dock be removed.

In hearing documents presented to the appeals court, the Docks' legal counsel contin-

ues to contest the validity of the ordinance arguing that it is "flawed" and "illegally implemented" because the city did not comply with all applicable statutory requirements. The appeal also argues that the city may not enforce the ordinance because the dock in question is "neither a permanent dock or a seasonal dock."

The appellants' reply brief also asserts a remand of vested rights defense over whether the dock was substantially com-

pleted at the time the law was changed. And finally, an argument that the Docks' abuse of process claim is valid and that the city held an ulterior motive in its proceedings.

In its response brief requesting the appeals court affirm the district court order, the city's legal counsel argues that the city properly enacted Ordinance 707 pursuant to Minnesota statute, pointing to specific statutory city powers for establishing harbor and dock limits, and that appel-

lants have constructed and are maintaining a permanent dock in violation of the ordinance.

The respondent's brief also argues that the appellants waived any affirmative defense of vested rights in an earlier move for summary judgment on all claims and that issue is not properly before the court. And finally, that their abuse of process claim is barred by statutory and official immunity.

The appeals court has 90 days to rule on the matter.

Giant cribbage tournament to return to Benton Lake

The Benton Lake Watershed Conservancy of Cologne, is hosting the 2nd Annual Ice Cribbage Tournament - and more - on Feb. 22 on the frozen surface of Benton Lake. The event will feature the largest on-ice cribbage board, which will stretch more than 190 feet across the lake's surface.

The goal of the family-friendly event is to

draw attention to the work that is taking place to clean up Benton Lake and to raise money to continue that process. Tournament play will happen on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020. Registration for cribbage begins at Noon, with play scheduled to start by 1 p.m. There is a \$10 fee to play in the tournament, and each player will play a total of nine

games against nine different players. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of \$150, \$100 and \$50 respectively. The first-place winner will also receive a custom-made cribbage board, courtesy of Modern Design of Cologne. People are welcome and encouraged to join the event, even if they will not be playing cribbage.

In addition to the cribbage tournament, which will be played inside a large heated tent, participants and visitors will also enjoy the following activities: ice fishing for kids (with prizes), family snow sculpture competition (with cash prize), hockey rink, lake updates from Carver County, food and drinks, fire pits on the lake, raffle

and free door prizes. The additional activities are designed to appeal to all age groups and interests. According to John Hendel, Event Organizer, "This event being held to help us raise funds to continue to improve the quality of our lake. We are hoping the variety of events will bring in a big crowd".

The Ice Cribbage

Tournament on Benton Lake is hosted by the Benton Lake Watershed Conservancy. For more information about the event - including the activities and raffle prize list - visit the event's Facebook page: Ice Cribbage Tournament @icecribbage.

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Take a look at this cribbage board, billed as the largest cribbage tournament on ice (Submitted photos)

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SOUP-ER BOWL AT TRINITY

“On “Soup-er Bowl Sunday” the Trinity Waconia community came together to collect funds for the Waconia United Food Shelf. Our “chef” helpers collected donations in their soup pots which totaled over \$1,200.00, a Super Day for sure! (Submitted photos)

Waconia city council adopts 2040 comprehensive plan

BY AL LOHMAN

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A two and-a-half-year process culminated last Monday night, Feb. 3, when the Waconia City Council adopted the city’s 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The plan attempts to project and guide what Waconia will look like 10-20 years from now in terms of land use, housing, transportation, parks, trails, utilities and other factors. It renders a vision for how Waconia is likely to grow, change and develop, and is used by property owners and developers when considering the future use of property within the city. Each city in the seven-county metro area is required by the Metropolitan Council to update their comprehensive plan every 10 years.

The city of Waconia’s plan was last updated in 2008 and was set to be filed again in late 2018 following extensive reviews and updates when an extension was proposed due to emerging developments at Lake Waconia Regional Park and property on the east side of the lake near Island View Golf Course.

The extension was intended to enable city planners and decision makers to further evaluate how those properties and potentially others should be designated in the city’s land use plan. A revised plan was filed in early 2019, and after extensive reviews and some revisions the Met Council approved the plan last month.

City officials call the plan a “smart-growth” approach, targeting development contiguous to existing utilities to effectively manage infrastructure costs, such as sewer, water, other utilities and roads.

It was formally adopted last week and will be revisited in the next 8-10 years – possibly sooner if conditions such as population growth or policy changes considerably in the coming years.

In related business, at a work session the city council also took a long-term look at potential stormwater projects and road plans for County Road 92 and County Highway 10.

The focus of stormwater infrastructure improvements is primarily in the downtown area where infrastructure is older and was installed before there were more sophisticated water man-

agement techniques and technologies.

The goal of the improvements is to reduce flooding potential, avoid ponding, and keep sediment and pollutants out of the lake, according to Public Services Director Craig Eldred. Some of the work could include upsizing storm sewer pipes, additional inlets, retrofitting water quality treatment devices, rain gardens, or other structural treatments.

The package of projects outlined in the plan could keep construction crews and resources occupied for the next 12 years, Eldred said. The plan also will serve as a guide to meet stormwater regulations established by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Carver County.

In terms of roads, the council reviewed alignment plans for a future segment of County Road 92 south of Highway 5 and a potential new segment of County Highway 10 on the west edge of town.

County Road 92 will eventually make its way past Airport Road to Highway 10, and the city is working with county road engineers to provide input on road alignment and traffic controls.

The council also has authorized an align-

ment study for a new segment of Highway 10 south of Highway 5 to 102nd Street. That roadway will be driven south of the high school.

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City manager search will take 6 months or longer

LONG PROCESS: Krol officially hired to help find replacement for Finn; mayor ideally hopes to find local person for position

By CRAIG FOX
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WATERTOWN — Hiring a new city manager will take six months or more, according to Mayor Jeffrey E. Smith.

Mayor Smith said Tuesday that the process to hire a new city manager could take until June or July.

“Historically, that’s what it takes,” he said.

City Council members Monday night unanimously agreed to again hire retired Ogdensburg City Manager John C. Krol to help find a new manager.

He’ll be responsible for finalizing a new job description, publicizing the opening in state and national trade publications, reviewing applications and weeding out non-qualified applicants for the council.

He’ll come up with a list of people for telephone and in-person interviews before council decides on a replacement for former City Manager Rick Finn, who abruptly resigned on Jan. 24.

Ideally, the mayor would like to find a local person to become the new city manager, but “we need to find the

best candidate,” he said.

Mr. Krol, Waddington, will be paid \$12,000 to recruit candidates for the job. He served in a similar capacity in 2012, when former City Manager Sharon Addison was hired, and when Mr. Finn was appointed in 2018.

Mr. Krol also held the interim city manager job until Ms. Addison came on board, and he was at one time offered the city manager job but turned it down.

Mr. Finn resigned after the completion of an investigation into a workplace harassment complaint filed by city Parks and Recreation Superintendent Erin Gardner.

The City Council had determined that Mr. Finn’s alleged behavior did not rise to the level of having created a hostile work environment, but that “other concerns and issues arose during the investigation which are of concern to both Mr. Finn and the City Council.”

Kenneth A. Mix, retired planning and community development coordinator, has been named as the interim city manager.



Krol



Dozens of people walk around inside the Winter Carnival ice palace Saturday afternoon in Saranac Lake. The annual Winter Carnival will continue in the Adirondacks through next weekend. Sydney Schaefer/Watertown Daily Times

Winter Carnival off to hot start

SARANAC LAKE: Annual gala includes ice palace, fun runs, Arctic golf, other activities

By GRIFFIN KELLY

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SARANAC LAKE — Winter Carnival is here, and many will agree it’s off to a great start. This past weekend, Saranac Lake saw fun runs, curling exhibitions, Arctic golf, snow Frisbee, skating on Lake Colby and, of course, fireworks.

On Saturday morning, Winter Carnival King Joseph Szwed and Queen Nancy Howard Heath watched the NBT Bank fun run, then posed for photos on the Ice Palace thrones.

From the outside, Winter Carnival, especially the Royal Court, can absolutely look ridiculous. It’s a bunch of people dressing up in robes, crowns and boujee fur coats.



A family poses for a photo together in front of the Winter Carnival ice palace Saturday afternoon in Saranac Lake. The annual Winter Carnival will continue in the Adirondacks through next weekend. Sydney Schaefer/Watertown Daily Times

However, that’s just the fun, goofy part. The reason these people get selected to the court is for their many years of dedicated community service.

Szwed volunteers with Meals on Wheels, the Out of Darkness suicide prevention walk and the Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon.

Heath is part of the Bloomingdale Fire Department Women’s Auxiliary and the Saranac Lake Pee Wee

Hockey Association, and she serves as a eucharistic minister at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church.

“It’s a big kudo from your community,” Heath said. “When I was first told, I was overwhelmed. I started to cry. But then I composed myself and said ‘thank you’ repeatedly. It took a while for it to sink in. To me it’s one of the highest honors you can have in Saranac Lake.”

The high school court arrived at the Ice Palace dressed in fur coats that would make Cruella de Vil envious.

Olivia Bell’s coat had seen better days. From the front it looked great, but the back was full of tears and holes.

“I look like I was attacked by a bear,” she said.

Sylvie Linck showed off the inside of her coat, which was signed by previous court members — Hannah Latour in 2017, Anna Mader in 2015 and Alex Clark in 2016. She said she wants to add her own.

Winter Carnival has two sides. One side is family-friendly and full of fun activities for parents and kids. The other side can involve a fair amount of debauchery. Where are the teens in the midst of all this?

“I feel like the teenagers do all the little kid stuff, too,” Emily Muncil said. “I don’t think there is a big drinking thing for us.”

Griffin Smith said a lot of the teens volunteer for events or dress up as Carnival characters during the week.

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Souper Bowl of Caring raises \$1,175 for Massena food sites

ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: Soup & sandwich fundraiser in 21st year

By BOB BECKSTEAD
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MASSENA — The Kansas City Chiefs won Sunday’s Super Bowl matchup against the San Francisco 49ers, and local food pantries in Massena were the winners of the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday at St. John’s Episcopal Church.

For the 21st year, parishioners were invited to donate money as they left the church or went to the parish hall after services to enjoy a light homemade meal of soup and sandwiches. Three types of soups and three types of sandwiches were available.

“We have kettles in church and on the way to a soup and sandwich luncheon,” said the Rev. Sonya A. Boyce, rector at St. John’s.

When the last soup and sandwich were gone, the church had raised \$1,175 for local food pantries, bringing its 21-year total to \$13,751.95.

“It is totally amazing. Talk about God being involved,” the Rev. Mrs. Boyce said. “Thirty-two people in church and you raise \$1,175. It’s getting to the point where we’re not surprised.”

“We only had 32 adults. That’s counting Jim (Phillips), the organist. People pay to get out of the church. I have kettles in the back and front for people to put in their donation,” said Earl Jackson, who has headed the fundraiser for all 21 years.

“It is his ministry. He has a



Rev. Sonya A. Boyce, rector at St. John’s Episcopal Church, and Earl Jackson, who has headed the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser for the 21 years it’s been held at the church. Photo courtesy of St. John’s Episcopal Church

■ **Watertown Urban Mission gets big donation from Concordia Lutheran Church’s annual Chili Cook-off. A10**

heart for the needy,” the Rev. Mrs. Boyce said. “His thing is, ‘People will give. We just have to ask them.’”

Mr. Jackson said the church got involved after it received a notice in the mail about the Souper Bowl of Caring. The national movement started in 1989 with the senior high youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. They invited other area churches to join their team and 22 Columbia churches raised \$5,700 for area non-profits that year.

St. John’s Episcopal Church joined the effort in 2000. It raised \$60 the first year. It raised \$900 in 2019, bringing the total to \$12,576.95 before counting this year’s collection. The biggest years were 2012, when \$1,450 was raised, and 2013, when \$1,455 was raised.

“We had more people back in 2012 and 2013. Every year I got over \$1,400. We have had some great years,” Mr. Jackson said.

Money raised was initially donated to the Massena Neighborhood Center and then expanded to also include St. Vincent de Paul.

“We usually split the money half and half between the Neighborhood Center and St. Vincent de Paul,” the Rev. Mrs. Boyce said.

The fundraiser will be expanded next year when the Greater Massena Ministerial Association joins the effort.

“We’re the only church in Massena that really participates to this extent. Now that I’m a part of GMMA, it is such a great way to give money to food pantries,” she said.

“She mentioned that they’d like to get other churches involved,” Mr. Jackson said.

So, beginning in 2021, St. John’s will serve as the host and, when other churches dismiss after services, they’re invited to come to St. John’s for lunch and to make a donation. With the extra donations, they may be able to expand to other food pantries.

Plastic

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reducing plastic waste, which animals can ingest. About 50 percent of plastic bags used nationwide become litter, and New Yorkers have used 23 billion annually, according to the governor's office.

The plastic bag ban applies to stores, or any individual person, that are required by law to collect taxes. Despite the ban, the state requires stores to continue accepting consumers' plastic bags and film plastics, such as plastic wrap over various products and bread bags, for recycling, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Judy Olsen, who was also shopping at Tops this week, said she approves the plastic bags ban, but will miss having them for her bathroom wastebasket, cleaning up dog droppings and "other extra things around the house." She purchased reusable bags from stores and canvas bags from yard sales for shopping, but said she forgets them whenever she shops at ALDI.

"If you haven't grabbed a couple, you should," she said.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Not all plastic bags have been forbidden for distribution in stores. According to the DEC, trash bags, food storage bags, thin plastic bags for newspapers and bags for holding uncooked meat, produce and prescriptions are among the permissible bags.

Watertown florist Scott A. Gray, who owns Gray's Flower Shop in Watertown and Carthage, said he worried about whether he could still give customers their arrangements in dry cleaner bags, which protect them against the rain and other inclement weather. Mr. Gray, who also chairs the Jefferson County Legislature, only found out recently that dry cleaner bags are exempt.

"As only Albany can do, it (state lawmakers) has

overcomplicated this," Mr. Gray said.

Anthony J. Doldo, who owns the General Store in Watertown, said he questioned whether he could provide customers with plastic carry-out bags for their Krispy Krunchy Chicken, a national brand of takeout fried chicken sold in convenience stores like his. Krispy Krunchy Chicken representatives originally informed Mr. Doldo that he could use plastic bags, but he said they have since questioned it.

According to the DEC, exempt bags include any "provided by a restaurant, tavern, or similar food service establishment, as defined in the state sanitary code, to carry out or deliver food."

"As a consumer, the only thing I've ever seen is the switch that goes on March first," Mr. Doldo, also a county legislator, said. "They don't educate the public on (the specifics) very well."

The DEC, in cooperation with agency partners, plans to launch an informative campaign about the upcoming ban through community and media outreach, it wrote in a background statement. The department also plans to distribute reusable bags to low- and moderate-income residents.

Some shoppers, including Ms. Vespa and Ms. Olsen, said this week they felt they learned enough information about the legislation for their shopping needs, even if they had not known everything about it.

"I feel like all of the information is out there," Ms. Olsen said.

NICKEL FEE

The law banning plastic bags also allows counties and cities to enact a mandatory five-cent fee on each paper bag a customer takes. Retailers must collect the fees, which the DEC has called "paper carry-out bag reduction fee(s)," on behalf of the municipalities.

While some have elected to adopt a policy, Jefferson,



Plastics bags at the self check-out inside the Walmart on Arsenal Street in Watertown. Sydney Schaefer/Watertown Daily Times



A woman holds a cluster of plastic bags Saturday at Walmart. Sydney Schaefer/Watertown Daily Times

Lewis and St. Lawrence counties, as well as the cities of Watertown and Ogdensburg, have not. Lewis County

Manager Ryan M. Piche said lawmakers decided against enacting the fee because they

"felt it would be an additional burden on taxpayers in Lewis County" and the Department

STATES WITH PLASTIC BAG BANS

Plastic bag bans in effect:

- Hawaii
- California

Bans will soon take effect:

- New York
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Maine
- Oregon
- Vermont

of Social Services.

"It's not something that has been an item anybody here wants to discuss," said Ogdensburg City Manager Sarah Purdy, adding that officials don't want to enact a policy that would "cost residents even more."

Counties and cities receive 40 percent, or two cents per bag, according to the DEC. The revenue from the paper

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In the Senate, she has worked across the aisle to make hearing aids available over the counter, increase access to care for our veterans, fight the opioid epidemic and more. And, not for nothing, she's gotten more than a dozen of her proposals signed into law even with Majority Leader Mitch McConnell leading the Senate and President Donald Trump in the White House.

The key to Warren's success is she understands you don't go to the bargaining table with half a loaf. You need to be clear about what

you're fighting for — and we know that Elizabeth Warren is ready to fight for all of us. We need her in office fighting for an economy — and a government — that works for everyone.

SHARON NORDGREN
Hanover

GEORGE SYKES
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The writers represent Hanover and Lebanon, respectively, in the New Hampshire House.

Biden and Klobuchar might be just the ticket

I have been having a recurring "nightmare" that history will repeat itself. In the 1972 presidential campaign, Sen. Edmund Muskie from Maine was a solid candidate and the front-runner going into the Iowa caucuses. Sen. George McGovern from South Dakota, initially a dark-horse candidate, made a strong showing, which gave his more left-leaning campaign national attention and some momentum. Muskie won the caucuses and the New Hampshire primary by small margins. However, his campaign was damaged when the *Manchester Union Leader* accused Muskie's wife of being a drunkard and racist and published the so-called "Canuck letter," which reportedly disparaged French Canadians. Later, during the Watergate investigation, the FBI revealed evidence that the letter was forged and part of President Richard Nixon's "dirty tricks" campaign against Democrats. However, the damage was done and Muskie dropped out of the campaign.

The very liberal, antiwar McGovern went on to become the Democratic Party's standard bearer and Democrats enthusiastically united behind him. As a young Democrat at the time, I was thrilled and worked for his election against Nixon. Sadly, McGovern lost 49 states.

I hope the Democrats in this campaign recognize the similarities with 1972 when choosing a candi-

date to defeat the current president, who is proving to be more powerful than Richard Nixon and even more dangerous to our system of government. Our country is large, with a very diverse population. We need an intelligent government, led by a proven team that can appeal to the varied constituencies that make up our nation and is flexible enough to lead and solve problems and is capable of uniting us to forge that more perfect union.

To that end, I encourage Democrats to consider a ticket of former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

BERNIE BENN
Union Village

Inspired by Buttigieg

I first saw former Mayor Pete Buttigieg at his August town hall in Hanover. As I left, I said to myself, "I'm going to work on his campaign." It seemed like a big decision based on the fact that a few months ago, I had not heard of him. I knew I wanted to campaign for him because I had never felt so calm and safe in front of a politician. When I talked with my friends and family about how Buttigieg made me feel, I noticed a pattern: He made us all feel safe. We all trust him.

Recently, I wondered where this sense of comfort came from. The last candidate I trusted and felt inspired by was Jack Kennedy. They both have a certain indescribable pizzazz. While Buttigieg's policy preferences are excellent, it is his relaxed and self-confident behavior that won my support.

Why does Buttigieg stand out to me more than other candidates? Years ago, I was interested in how politicians' facial expressions and body language influence voters. As a Dartmouth professor of government (emeritus), I'm trained to distinguish genuine, relaxed leaders from tense people trying to act like leaders. Buttigieg caught my trained eye with his genuine, gentle interactions with voters.

Scientific studies show the effects of politicians' nonverbal be-

havior on viewers are far stronger than usually realized. Whether conscious or not, viewers tend to have emotional responses parallel to the facial expressions they're watching. When combined with agreement on policies, positive emotions increase likelihood of commitment.

I can see this theory in Mayor Pete's interactions with other people. When Buttigieg is in the middle of a crowd, he elicits comfort and respect among his supporters. It's obvious that he loves face-to-face contact with voters (unlike other politicians, who are happier on a podium). In a crowd, Buttigieg is relaxed and evidently interested in personally meeting others. He wants to convince others, and is enjoying himself. I respect his calming rhetoric and comforting tone. That's why I trust Pete Buttigieg.

ROGER MASTERS
Hanover

Gabbard soldiers on

In response to Taz Sibley's Forum letter ("Tulsi Gabbard's campaign has given me new hope," Jan. 30): Hallelujah, brother. I couldn't agree more. Gabbard has been minimized by the media, ignored by the Democratic National Committee, harassed by Hillary Clinton and still soldiers on. She polls as high or higher than Andrew Yang, Deval Patrick or Mike Bloomberg and yet CNN won't even return her phone calls. This coming election is all about the people picking the candidate who is best for the position of president of the United States. This election is not about who the media thinks should be elected.

I ask all New Hampshire voters to do their homework and investigate all the candidates. In the end, I think they will agree that Gabbard is the right candidate. If you would like to meet Gabbard, hear what she has to offer, ask her direct questions and receive a direct answer, I urge you to go to the Fireside Inn on Thursday, at 6 p.m., and experience what I, Sibley and thousands of other New Hampshire residents have experienced: Tulsi Gab-

bard, the next president of the United States.

GARY L. HUTCHINS
Enfield

It all leads to McConnell

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is showing his true colors during the impeachment trial. He's working desperately to ensure that President Donald Trump's interests are protected. He has acted to block access to witnesses and documents. He has said there will be "no difference between the president's position and our position," and prejudged the trial's outcome, saying there was "no chance" the Senate would vote to convict. Despite taking an oath to uphold "impartial justice," McConnell undermines the core principle behind the rule of law that justice is blind and partisan identity should not influence a trial's outcome.

McConnell's actions should be no surprise. He has been called "the gravedigger of democracy." McConnell expanded Newt Gingrich's notion of tribal politics, announcing that his goal was to ensure that Barack Obama would be a one-term president. McConnell and his colleagues embarked on a strategy of obstruction. He refused to consider any Obama nominee for the Supreme Court vacancy after Antonin Scalia's death. He flouted Senate norms with the secretive effort to repeal Obamacare. He refuses to take up the gun safety legislation passed by the House.

Though the House passed more than 400 bills last year, about 80 percent of them are gathering dust in the Senate.

What to do? All roads lead to Mitch McConnell. In the words of *New York Times* columnist Gail Collins, the country's been Mitchified. Let's hope he'll be defeated in Kentucky's 2020 election. Let's urge our senators to support their Republican colleagues in pressing McConnell to act on the stalled bills.

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Democrats on edge after election season's ragged launch

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cratic field has begun. Though The Associated Press has been unable to declare a winner in last Monday's Iowa caucuses, Sanders and Buttigieg, a former mayor of South Bend, Ind., emerged in an effective tie. Biden, the longtime national front-runner, finished a distant fourth in Iowa. He's now facing a money crunch, a staff shakeup, and a looming challenge from billionaire Michael Bloomberg. The former New York City mayor isn't competing in the early states, but is spending hundreds of millions of dollars in later contests.

Sandwiched in between is Warren, who finished third in Iowa and is struggling for a breakout moment. Some Democrats argue that she's been discounted prematurely, and suggest sexism is at play.

"We're going to decide after one night in which she placed third, and a strong third, we're going to decide there are four candidates left, one of whom finished fourth and one of whom wasn't even running in Iowa," said Christina Reynolds, vice president of communications at Emily's List, a political action committee that supports pro-choice Democratic women candidates. "It is sadly not surprising because unfortunately it's happened way too much in this campaign."

Even with the technical glitches and delayed results, Iowa appears to have rewarded Sanders and Buttigieg with a burst of momentum heading into New Hampshire. Both, however, face questions about their viability.

Some party leaders privately view Sanders as a risky nominee in swing states, and for House and Senate candidates in places such as Col-



Candidates Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., shakes hands with Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., as former Vice President Joe Biden watches on stage on Friday before the start of a Democratic presidential primary debate in Manchester.

orado and Arizona. Sanders is attuned to that concern and has made an appeal for party unity a central part of his pitch in recent weeks.

Buttigieg, the youngest candidate in the race at 38, has made a compelling case for generational change, but there are questions about his experience and his appeal to minority voters who are the backbone of the Democratic Party. He struggled in Friday's debate in New Hampshire when challenged on the incarceration rates for black residents of South Bend, where he was mayor for eight years. It's the highest electoral office

he's held. New Hampshire is the next chance for Sanders and Buttigieg to project strength.

For now, Trump is relishing what he views as a deeply flawed Democratic field and a political terrain that appears to be shifting in his favor.

Expectations are particularly high for Sanders, who won the state by more than 20 percentage points in 2016 over Hillary Clinton, the eventual nominee. Sanders struggled in the later, more diverse states, and has spent the past four years courting voters and community leaders in those places in hopes of avoiding a repeat.

The prominence of Iowa and New Hampshire has long been criticized by Democrats who argue that two small and predominantly white states

set the tone for the nominating contest. That criticism skyrocketed after this week's caucus failures. But no Democrat has become the nominee without winning at least one of the first two states since Bill Clinton in 1992.

Biden is all but conceding that he will have to follow that same path if he is to become the nominee. After a disappointing fourth place finish in Iowa, Biden said in Friday's debate that he expects to take a hit in New Hampshire as well.

After the Iowa debacle, Bloomberg's team announced plans to double the \$300 million it already has spent on television advertisements, and campaign strategists are signaling that they expect Biden to crater in the coming weeks.

"I don't think that, quite frankly, anyone that has not won one of those two states, other than Mike, will go on to be the nominee," said Kevin Sheekey, Bloomberg's campaign manager.

Bloomberg is courting Biden donors — for support, not money — as well as moderate lawmakers who worry that Sanders or another liberal would put their House seats in swing districts at risk. In the past week, Bloomberg's team announced endorsements from

New Jersey Rep. Mikie Sherrill, who was also being pursued by Biden, and Michigan Rep. Haley Stevens. Both flipped Republican-held House seats in 2018.

Bloomberg's eye-popping ad spending has caught the attention of Trump, who is closely following the Democratic race. The president regularly quizzes advisers about the strengths and weaknesses of his possible opponents, according to aides.

For now, he's relishing what he views as a deeply flawed Democratic field and a political terrain that appears to be shifting in his favor. Though he will face re-election as an impeached president, the congressional investigation and trial has only strengthened his hold on the GOP and done nothing to hurt his overall approval rating with voters.

The economy, which can be a bulwark or an anchor for a president, continues to grow. An employment report out Friday showed more 225,000 jobs created in January.

Trump remains reviled by most Democrats, and many in the party believed heading into the election year that disdain for Trump would be a chief motivator for its voters. Yet the Iowa caucuses showed no sign of heightened enthusiasm.

Iowa officials predicted the turnout would rival 2008, when Obama and Hillary Clinton were competing and 238,000 people caucused in the Democratic contest. The final 2020 tally: 176,000.

"That's a disappointment and I think all of us probably could have done a better job of bringing out our supporters," said Sanders. He has argued that his popularity with young people could juice voter turnout in a matchup against Trump.

New Hampshire Democratic officials are predicting a large turnout in Tuesday's primary, which could also serve as a moment for an anxious party to hit the reset button after a ragged start to the election year.

"People are understanding just how important it is to get this right," said Maria Cardona, a member of the Democratic National Committee's rules and bylaws committee.

DEBATE

Buttigieg, Sanders beat back attacks

MANCHESTER (AP) — Democratic presidential front-runners Bernie Sanders and Pete Buttigieg beat back a barrage of attacks during a debate as rivals raised persistent questions about their ideology and experience, hoping to sow doubts about their ability to defeat President Donald Trump.

Reeling from a weak finish in this week's Iowa caucuses, former Vice President Joe Biden was a chief aggressor throughout Friday night. He questioned Sanders' status as a democratic socialist and said Buttigieg, the 38-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Ind., doesn't have the background to lead in a complicated world. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, who is struggling to break into the top tier, voiced similar criticisms.

But Sanders and Buttigieg, who are essentially tied in Iowa, largely brushed off the broadsides.

"Donald Trump lies all the time," Sanders said in response to suggestions that Trump would use his self-described identity as a democratic socialist to brand him — and all Democrats — as radical.

Buttigieg sought to turn skepticism of his resume into a positive, portraying himself as a fresh face from outside Washington with experience in dealing with real-life problems and ready to lead a weary nation in a new direction.

"I'm interested in the style of the politics we need to put forward to actually finally turn the page," Buttigieg said. He added a jab at Biden: "I freely admit that if you're looking for the person with the most years of Washington establishment experience under their belt, you've got your candidate, and of course it's not me."

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ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- A \$220 million settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit brought against National Milk Producers Federation, Agri-Mark, Inc., Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., and Land O'Lakes, Inc. (collectively "Defendants"). The lawsuit claimed that an effort known as Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) operated a Herd Retirement Program that was a conspiracy to reduce milk output that violated the law. The Defendants deny doing anything wrong. The Court has not decided who is right.

The Court decided that the Class includes all persons and entities in the United States that purchased butter and/or cheese directly from one or more Members of Defendant, Cooperatives Working Together and/or their subsidiaries, during the period from December 6, 2008 to July 31, 2013 who did not timely opt-out of the Class. Those that are included are called "Class Members." To be eligible for a payment, a Class Member must have purchased butter or cheese made by a CWT Member. Class Members who are consumers must have purchased butter or cheese made by a CWT Member at one of the dairy co-op stores. Go to www.ButterandCheeseClassAction.com for a list of CWT Members along with their store names and locations.

The settlement provides that payments to Class Members will be allocated: 37% to the Butter Sub-Class, and 63% to the Cheese Sub-Class. Total payments will be \$220 million plus interest, minus: attorneys' fees and expenses; payments to the Named Plaintiffs; notice and administration costs; and taxes.

Class Members who received emailed or mailed Notice do not need to do anything at this time to be eligible to receive a payment. Once the Court has approved the Claim Form, a deadline will be set for Class Members to submit claims. Class Members who received a Notice in the mail will be mailed a Claim Form automatically.

Those who *did not* receive a Notice in the mail, and think they are a potential Class Member, should identify themselves or their company to the Settlement Administrator as a potential Class Member by letter to the following address: Butter and Cheese Class Action, PO Box 4290, Portland, OR 97208-4290, email to: info@butterandcheeseaction.com, or register on the website, so they can obtain a Claim Form, once it is available. Class Members will be bound by all orders and judgments of the Court. Unless a Class Member wants to object to the settlement, **THEY DO NOT HAVE TO DO ANYTHING NOW.**

Instructions for objecting can be found at the website or by calling the toll-free number below. Class Members must mail their objection postmarked by **March 17, 2020**. The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing on **April 27, 2020**, to decide whether to approve the Settlement and any requests for fees and expenses. If there are objections, the Court will consider them at the hearing. Class Members do not need to attend the hearing. Class Members who wish to appear at the hearing must file a "Notice of Intention to Appear" with the Court and they may hire their own attorney to appear in Court for them at their own expense. Detailed information is available at www.ButterandCheeseClassAction.com and toll-free at 1-855-804-8574.

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