

Brand Statement

Frankenmuth News is a 113-year-old newspaper that serves as the primary local news source for Frankenmuth, Mich.

The Problem

The newspaper needs a redesign. Its current design includes a cluttered masthead, tight spacing between stories, no story type separation and clustered ad placement.

The Facts

14 YEARS

The design has been active since July 2005.

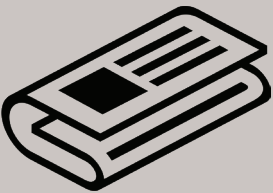
SINCE 1906

The paper has served Frankenmuth citizens and surrounding city subscribers.

The Big Idea

The solution is to modernize the paper to have more story spacing, content separation, better ad accommodation and a clearer color scheme, giving Frankenmuth News readers a comprehensive newspaper design.

The Details



OBJECTIVE

Provide easily accessible news content to people in the area of all genders and ages through a redesign.



COMPETITION

MLive offers sporadic city coverage. The revamp will show that Frankenmuth News beats its competition in content and presentation.

The Plan

Content will be aggregated from the newspaper to create a four-page, 11x14" design model.

The model will include a feature story center spread with original reporting and photography placed in an established features section.

The Budget

\$500 Design work cost

\$150 Production cost
(100 copies at \$1.50 each)

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FHS could lose football rival in TVC realignment

Nearly 40 years ago, the Tri-Valley Conference had a humble start, with eight schools as charter members in 1979.

Over the years, it split into two divisions and ultimately 24 school districts called the conference home in three different divisions, mostly based on enrollment and geography.

With Shepherd and Pinconning announcing their intentions to leave the league, the TVC will be left with 18 schools.

The TVC superintendents met last Friday, June 22, to make plans for divisional realignment for the 2019-2020 school year - after Shepherd and Pinconning leave for the Jack Pine Conference in fall 2019.

The superintendents came up with a new, two division alignment. The two divisions have yet to be named.

The eight-school division will have Alma, Freeland, Standish-Sterling and Swan Valley joining current East Division members Birch Run, Bridgeport, Essexville Garber and Frankenmuth.

The 10-school division will include Bullock Creek, Carrollton, Hemlock, Ithaca, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Millington, Nouvel Catholic Central, St. Charles, St. Louis and Valley Lutheran.

Eight teams are ideal for the nine-week prep football season, leaving a season opener and closer for a nonconference opponent. However, in Frankenmuth's case, that could mean an end to playing Millington - which is akin to eliminating the Michigan-Ohio State battle at the end of the season.

"To play Millington, that would have to be nonconference. That is if the other division decides to have open dates," FHS football Head Coach Phil Martin said.

With 10 teams, it is conceivable each team would play each other one time - all league contests.

FSD Superintendent Adele Martin said determinations were made at this time so that planning and scheduling for the 2019-2020 season could begin coming together. Alma High School is assuming leadership of the league for this coming school year.

For 2018-19, the East Division will include Birch Run, Bridgeport, Carrollton, Essexville Garber, Frankenmuth and Millington. The Central Division will feature Alma, Freeland, Midland, Bullock Creek, Swan Valley, Shepherd and Standish-Sterling. The West Division will be comprised of Hemlock, Ithaca, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Nouvel Catholic Central, Pinconning, St. Charles, St. Louis and Valley Lutheran. For an overall, 20-school league.

Nouvel is a first-year member. Since 2008, eight schools have left the TVC, including Vassar (2008), Breckenridge, Merrill and Orisville-Lakeville in 2016, and Chesaning, Caro, North Branch and Ovid-Elsie in 2018. Shepherd and Pinconning will make it 10 in 10 years in 2019.

Ramifications for Frankenmuth include increased travel to Alma and Standish, Freeland and Swan Valley are fairly close in proximity.

For football, the recent rivalry with Freeland in week nine will end as they will be a league foe. The Falcons and Eagles have met week nine for the past three years and nearly all had playoff implications. The Eagles will open the regular season hosting Bay City Central and will close at Freeland.

Rivalries will be renewed with Swan Valley, which was one of the eight original TVC members, just like Muth. With Standish-Sterling joining the eight-team division, a rivalry will likely spark with Garber

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DANCING DOLLARS! The Dancing with the Local Stars committee gathered at the site of the under-construction Frankenmuth Spray Park, located in Memorial Park. The nearly \$1 million project is spearheaded by the Frankenmuth Jaycees, with fundraising coming from various community organizations and residents. The committee met on Thursday, June 21, to officially award the Jaycees with a check for \$102,000. The funds were raised in the last four years of Dancing with the Local Stars, held at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. The committee would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this fundraiser happen since it began in 2015. "This event would not have been possible without the dedication and effort put in by our dancers, judges, DJ, master of ceremonies, donors, attendees and our committee these past years," Dancing with the Local Stars Committee Chair Karen Zeindler said. There will be one more Dancing with the Local Stars event, set for Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the Lodge. All proceeds will continue to be earmarked to improve recreation in Frankenmuth. (News photo)



FRANKENMUTH NATIVE JEFF GRAINGER ... brought his Frank Sinatra Experience to the Palmer Schau Platz last Sunday evening, kicking off the 2018 Concerts in the Park Series organized by the Frankenmuth Women's Club. A large crowd showed up for the two-hour show, which was held under bright skies and temperate conditions. The club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with different concerts every Sunday beginning at 7pm through August 12. (News photo)



KAYAKS, CANOES, PONTOONS AND SWIMMERS ... took part in the eighth annual Tuscola to Frankenmuth Paddle and Swim Relay last Saturday morning. Nearly 40 participants took part in the event, on a cloudy, misty morning. The event is sanctioned by the Cass River Greenway Committee. (Photo courtesy/Betty Gojings)

Volksläufe eve to have plenty of activities

The Frankenmuth Jaycees are making final preparations for the 43rd annual Volksläufe, set for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 3-4, originating in Heritage Park.

This year's event, chaired by Annie Novotney and co-chaired by Danielle Daugharty, will fall in the middle of the week. Middle of the week race days typically draw more runners and walkers, as people tend to stay closer to home rather than travel north.

"The People's Race" will have five different offerings for runners and walkers. The 10K run will begin at 8am, followed by the 20K run at 8:10am, the 5K run at 10am, the 5K walk at 10:02am and the 2K family fun run at 11am.

"Pre-registration is around 1,200 people, which is on par from last year. We'll have over 2,000 signed up," Novotney said.

Following is chronological break down of the Volksläufe events.

July 3

Race registration will be open in Heritage Park from 5-10pm inside the Harvey Kern Community Pavilion. The Runners Marketplace will also be inside the pavilion, open 5-10pm. The marketplace

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Fans embrace Vintage Base Ball Fest

The setting was perfect for the first-ever Michigan Vintage Base Ball Festival in Frankenmuth.

Four fields were used for the 30-team tournament, with the Frankenmuth River Place field having views of Bavarian architecture while the other three fields, located on Curtis Road, showed rolling terrain and an agricultural background.

Organizer Matthew Barnard, who is also captain of the Bavarian Base Ball Club of Frankenmuth, was pleased with the event, which began with a single captains' contest Friday evening and finished up Sunday afternoon.

Area rain seemed to dodge the area, leaving just a misty Sunday.

"I don't know how the rain split up and went around Frankenmuth, but I think it is safe to say God is a base ball fan," Barnard quipped.

While the games are competitive, the event is run more like a festival, with no true champion crowned. Sportsmanship and gentlemanly play are valued, as are player nicknames and the period lingo which dates back to the 1860s. No gloves are used and pitching is underhanded.

Quite a few spectators or "cranks" watched the games.

There was no-stop action Saturday and Sunday as all four fields were in play.

"For a first-year event, it really couldn't have gone much better. The weather worked itself out. Vintage base ball can be quite competitive in Michigan, so it was nice to have an event that took some of the pressure off and let the clubs meet new clubs," Barnard said. "Many new base ball relationships have started from the festival."

Barnard also wishes to thank his sponsors, the Emil Rummel Agency, River Place and Fabiano Brothers Distributing.

"They all pitched in to help make this happen," Michael Zehnder was a fantastic host. That man really cares about Frankenmuth and was willing to go out on a limb and support something he has never heard of or seen and let me just do something in my head. Michael Zehnder already had a great vintage gentlemanly manner that fits vintage base ball ... he just didn't know it," Barnard stated.

As for a second local festival, Barnard said time will tell. He

is also looking for area men to join the Bavarian BBC of Frankenmuth.

"I have many great vintage base ball ideas for Frankenmuth, but it's really up to Frankenmuth. I am still trying to get local gentlemen to come and join the club as I currently borrow from all over the state but would love for the roster to be local and with new people being exposed to our community, to make it larger and stronger, of course," Barnard said.

Persons interested in joining the club should email Barnard at muthvintageball.com.

The Bavarians still have nine dates left for 2018, including three home dates. On July 21-22, the Bavarians will welcome Fiat Rock, Franklin and Canton on Saturday, and Laper and Richmond on Saturday. On September 29, the Bavarians will wrap up the season hosting Lumber City BBC of Flint.

Road trips include July 28 at Rochester, July 29 at Northville, August 5 at Greenfield Village, August 19 at Columbus, September 15 at Bay City and September 22 at Rockford.

IMPORTANT FRANKENMUTH NEWS INFORMATION

The Frankenmuth News staff has adjusted its publishing schedule for the Fourth of July holiday.

The NEWS office will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We will open again at 8am on Thursday, July 5.

With these holiday hours, the Frankenmuth News will be printed a day later, on July 5. Newsstands will have the early edition by 2pm on July 5, all local subscribers will get their paper in the mail a day later than usual.

ALL news copy and advertising copy for the July 4 issue MUST be at the NEWS office no later than 5pm on Monday, July 2.

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Past may catch up with ABM

School facilities management firm in hot seat as board eyes in-house options

By Erin Kayata

STAMFORD — Not showing at meetings. Not providing help in emergencies. Leaving the district short-handed.

These are some of the complaints ABM, the facilities management firm for Stamford Public

Schools, has garnered in the nearly two years it has been with the district. And the Board of Education is starting to lose its patience. In an email to Superintendent Earl Kim before his evaluation at a Board of Education retreat Jan. 12, Board President Andy George addressed their concerns about

the company.

"The Board is generally displeased with facilities management, especially during the past several months," George wrote. "ABM appears to be derelict in their oversight of personnel, their response to the mold conditions experienced since August and the lack of management reporting to the Board."

George said the Board must decide what to do next with ABM, whether it's renewing their

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contract, hiring another company or considering new alternatives altogether.

Last week, Kim told the Stamford Advocate that Chief Fiscal and Operations Support Officer Clarence Zachery will be doing an evaluation and making a recommendation to the board and ABM. Kim said the board has three months to decide what to do about ABM before its contract expires at the end of June.

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Opioid lawsuits to stay separate

Tong, Conn., Mass. cases against Purdue Pharma to continue on existing tracks

By Paul Schott

STAMFORD — Connecticut Attorney General William Tong is tracking, but not contributing to, the increasingly prominent lawsuit that Massachusetts has filed against OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma — the only other state to sue both the company and its individual owners.

In the past month, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey's litigation has garnered national attention after hundreds of pages of new documents were released as part of an expanded complaint that accuses Purdue and the Sackler family members who own the firm of fomenting the opioid crisis through deceptive marketing of drugs, including OxyContin. The accusations parallel those in Connecticut's lawsuit against the company and the Sacklers, but the two states' complaints remain entirely separate.

"What it shows is the evidence is very compelling," Tong said in an interview about the Massachusetts lawsuit. "The named defendants are responsible,

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Snow shows up

City residents trudge through first snowfall of 2019



Matthew Brown / Hearst Connecticut Media

John Tuch, of Stamford, blows snow from the sidewalk in front of his property along West Main Street in Stamford on Tuesday.

Reps come out against tolls

Bipartisan group speaks out against controversial proposal

By Ignacio Laguarda

STAMFORD — A contingent of Stamford representatives from across the political spectrum are voicing their displeasure with a proposal to add tolls to the state's highways.

They introduced a resolution Monday night opposing a toll system; it will be discussed Feb. 21 at the city's transportation committee.

Rep. Steven Kolenberg, a Republican, is one of the co-sponsors on the bill. He said he has joined members of the grassroots group No Tax CT in the past to protest the idea of adding ganties to Connecticut highways to collect tolls on drivers.

The resolution was co-sponsored by Republican representatives J.R. McMullen, Dennis Mahoney and Bradley Michelson, and Democrats John Zelinsky, Jeffrey Stella, Denis Patterson and Ines Saiflic.

State Sen. Alexandra Bergstein, D-36, recently submitted a bill in Hartford to allow for the return of electronic tolls in the state.

Bergstein's proposed bill would install tolls on the main highways and set per-mile fees for cars and trucks that are comparable to surrounding



Matthew Brown / Hearst Connecticut Media
Stamford Rep. Steven Kolenberg, R-16, joins with other protesters rallying against Democratic state Sen. Alexandra Bergstein's proposal to add tolls to the state's highways.

states. It would require that the money be deposited in the state's Special Transportation Fund and in a proposed infrastructure bank.

At a meeting in Stamford last month, Bergstein said, "(Interstate) 95 is actually our biggest asset in the state and we haven't capitalized on it.

If and when ... we install electronic tolls, we can start to bring in revenue from other sources, from out-of-state drivers, from people who are willing to pay, who actually want to pay to get to their destinations faster."

Her idea is to use funding from the

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Police arrest ex-boyfriend in homicide case

By Hannah Dellinger and Robert Marchant

GREENWICH — A weeklong search for the killer of Valerie Reyes led police to Jackson Heights in Queens late Monday where they arrested Javier da Silva Rojas, an ex-boyfriend of the 24-year-old woman whose body was found in a suitcase by the side of the road in Greenwich.

Da Silva was charged with a federal count of kidnapping resulting in death, according to a spokesman for the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. The Venezuelan citizen was held without bond, after being arraigned Tuesday in federal court in White Plains.

Da Silva told police that Reyes fell and hit her head either during or after the two had sex in her New Rochelle apartment on Jan.

29, according to the arrest affidavit. He said he then sealed her mouth with packing tape, bound her legs and hands and put her in a suitcase, according to the document.

Da Silva drove the suitcase north until "after driving for some time (he) stated that he placed the suitcase in a forest" — presumably the wooded area by Glenville Road where it was found on Feb. 5.

New Rochelle Police detectives, accompanied by Greenwich Police detectives, arrested da Silva, who had fraudulently used Reyes' ATM card, in Queens, Greenwich police Capt. Robert Berry said.

Da Silva was held without bond in federal custody after his arrest. Berry said da Silva is the only suspect, but the investigation is ongoing as "there are a lot of loose ends that need to

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Inspiration Piece

ELEMENTS TO CAPTURE

The minimalist layout and content separation lines capture the essence of readability that the new Frankenmuth News redesign aims to capture.

The website, date, cost and barcode are placed in easy-to-locate areas.

Inspiration Piece

ELEMENTS TO CAPTURE

The divided layout with multiple images that serve as focal points is a design aspect that the redesign aims to embody.

The graphic of Chicago buildings creates a contrast in the paper's masthead that the redesign can follow with its own logo.

Chicago Tribune



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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

Trump leaning toward deal

He's not 'thrilled,' but hints he'll get money for wall elsewhere

By JILL COLVIN, ANDREW TAYLOR, ALAN FRAM AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under mounting pressure from his own party, President Donald Trump appeared to be grudgingly leaning toward accepting an agreement Tuesday that would head off a threatened

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Accepting the deal, worked out by congressional negotiators from both parties, would be a disappointment for a president who has repeatedly

insisted he needs \$57 billion for a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, saying the project is paramount for national security. Trump turned down a similar deal in December, forcing the 35-day partial shutdown that left hundreds of thousands of federal workers without paychecks.

Lawmakers tentatively agreed Monday night to a deal that would provide nearly \$14 billion for border barriers and keep the government funded for the



MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-APF
"The wall is getting built regardless," said President Trump during a Cabinet meeting Tuesday at the White House.

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SPRING TRAINING



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A strange, slow start

Pitchers and catchers kicked off spring training on Tuesday, with the Cubs throwing in Mesa, Ariz., and the White Sox setting up in Glendale, Ariz. Spring was once a time for teams to forget the past and focus on what's ahead. But this is the second straight season where unsigned free agents are bountiful, and many teams could completely change their outlook with one or two signings. Paul Sullivan, Chicago Sports

Drive span reopens, but case not closed

Cracks signal woes in bridges other than Lake Shore

By MARY WISNIEWSKI AND JOE MAHR
Chicago Tribune

A northbound Lake Shore Drive bridge reopened Tuesday, just 26 hours after it was closed as a result of cracked steel beams.

City officials say the bridge is again safe for drivers, and the city and state plan inspections in the next few days for similarly designed structures. But the dramatic damage raises questions about the reliability of other area bridges, especially as an increase in extreme weather creates more stress on materials.

A review of Illinois Department of Transportation records found that 400 out of 3,160

bridges in the six-county area are considered "structurally deficient," meaning that they are in need of repair or possibly replacement. That's nearly 12 percent.

Problem bridges include heavily traveled spans like the Lake Shore Drive bridge over the Chicago River, which is just north of the stretch that closed Monday, and the I-80 bridges over the Des Plaines River in Joliet.

"We can't sit around and wait for something to happen," said Mark Barzkowski, a senior vice president with the F.H. Paschen construction company, which worked on the Lake Shore Drive bridge repairs. "If anything, the Lake Shore Drive bridge is a wake-up call for Chicagoland and the state of Illinois."

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ARE LOOKS NO LONGER IMPORTANT FOR FILMS?

To keep it under three hours, the Academy Awards announced plans to live-stream four categories — cinematography, editing, makeup/hair/styling and live action short film — during the commercial breaks. It may do the job. It also may send the message that nobody cares how a movie is actually made. A+E



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Students Grace Moriarty, from left, Cece Lampo, Holly Kauck and Michael Moriarty, foreground, work on a project to write obituaries for children lost to gun violence.

'NOBODY IS SAFE'

Local teens write obituaries to memorialize children killed by guns since Parkland shooting

By KATE THAYER
Chicago Tribune

Some hadn't yet celebrated their first birthday; others were on the cusp of adulthood. Some died by accident; others were killed by someone they knew; still others were killed by a stranger as they stood in the wrong place at the wrong time.

All are children dead from a gun. Over the past few months, more than 200 teens across the country,

including some in the Chicago area, are naming these children, writing obituaries for every minor who has died from a gunshot in the year since the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., that left 17 dead and sparked a youth movement on gun control. The memorials are part of a project from the nonprofit The Trace to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the shooting, which is Thursday.

Jimmy Rodgers, 15, of the Garfield Park neighborhood, has written nine obituaries. The kids vary in ages, and all lived out of state, he said. Some were teens like him; some died much younger.

The George Westinghouse College Prep sophomore said that, having lived in West side neighborhoods his whole life, he already knew the impact of guns. He said he hopes this project spreads

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Jury finds 'El Chapo' guilty on all counts

Drug lord facing a likely life sentence, prosecution says

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mexico's most notorious drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, was convicted Tuesday of running an industrial-scale smuggling operation after a three-month trial packed with Hollywood-style tales of grisly killings, political payoffs, cocaine hidden in jalapeno cans, jewel-encrusted guns and a naked escape

with his mistress through a tunnel.

Guzman listened to a drumbeat of 10 guilty verdicts on drug and conspiracy charges that could put the 61-year-old drug lord

behind bars for decades in a maximum-security U.S. prison selected to thwart another one of the breakouts that made him a folk hero in his native country.

A jury whose members' identities were kept secret as a security measure reached a verdict after deliberating six days in the expansive case. They sorted through what authorities called an "avalanche" of evidence gathered since the late 1980s that Guzman and his murderous Sinaloa drug cartel made billions in profits by smuggling tons of cocaine, heroin, meth and marijuana into the United States.

As the judge read the verdict, Guzman stared at the jury, and his wife watched the scene, both with resignation in their faces. When the jurors were discharged and Guzman stood to leave the courtroom, the couple traded thumbs-ups.

U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan lauded the jury's attention to detail and the "remarkable" approach it took toward deliberations.

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PRIEST SEXUAL ABUSE

Diocese explains why 6 men omitted from list

They failed to meet conditions for inclusion

By **JOE WOJTAS**
Day Staff Writer

The Diocese of Norwich offered an explanation Tuesday of why six priests and brothers, whom The Day has identified as being accused of sexually assaulting minors, were not included on the list of 43 names released Sunday.

The group includes Christian Brothers J. Paul McGrade and Donald P. Alford, and priests Eugene Solega, James Liberty, Donat Jette and Donald Petraitis.

Diocesan spokesman Wayne Gignac said that in order to be included on the list, the victim had to be under 18, there needed to be a formal report made to the diocese ("please refer to the January 7th letter that went out

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"This issue crosses party lines. I know Republicans who are proposing it and I know Democrats who are proposing it."

STATE REP. DEVIN CARNEY, R-23RD DISTRICT
"For many survivors, by the time they come forward, their abuser is dead and there can be no conviction."

GAIL HOWARD, OF SURVIVORS NETWORK OF THOSE ABUSED BY PRIESTS

Bills could help victims file suit, press charges

Statute of limitations is relatively short in state

By **JOE WOJTAS**
Day Staff Writer

Over the past several years, bills introduced by state legislators to extend or eliminate the state's rather short statute of limitations for filing charges in sexual assault cases were not approved.

But this year, supporters of the

measure hope the recent release by the Archdiocese of Hartford and the Diocese of Norwich of the names of 91 priests who have been credibly accused of sexually assaulting children and teens will not only result in one of the bills becoming law but also eliminating the statute of limitations for filing civil lawsuits.

If both occur, living priests could face criminal charges and the diocese

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FIRST SNOW: BETTER LATE THAN NEVER



John Stallard and his son, Oscar, of New London spend time sledding Tuesday at Mitchell College in New London. Stallard said they wanted to take advantage of the first time this year that the snow was deep enough to go sledding. For more on Tuesday's snowfall, see **C1**.

DANA JENSEN/THE DAY

Lamont says Connecticut needs to go on a 'deficit diet'

Governor expects to be cutting down borrowing

By **KEITH M. PHANEUF**
The Connecticut Merger

Southbury — Gov. Ned Lamont pledged Tuesday to slam the brakes on state borrowing, proposing a "debt diet" that could drain significant resources from municipal school construction and capital projects at state universities.

It also would make it difficult in 2020 for Lamont's fellow Democrats in the legislature to obtain borrowing for small, community-based projects — labeled "pork-barrel spending" by critics — as they run for re-election.

The new governor also warned Tuesday that his first budget pro-

\$1.59 billion
Average annual amount of general obligation bonding since 2012

\$960 million
Lamont's proposed annual cap on general obligation bonds

posal, due out in eight days, would not shrink spending as much as he'd hoped, conceding the state's huge pension and other, related debt is a larger problem than he anticipated.

Between 2012 and 2019, the state issued an average of \$1.59 billion an-

nually in general obligation bonds, the principal means used to finance capital projects and are repaid with resources from the budget's general fund, which receives most tax and fee receipts.

Lamont's proposal will cap general obligation borrowing at \$960 million per year. That is about 50 percent of the now \$1.9-billion general obligation bonding cap that legislators from both parties approved in late 2017.

The majority of that, \$1.59 billion, went toward education proj-

ects, either to build or renovate local schools or to construct dormitories, classrooms, research labs and other facilities at the University of Connecticut, the state universities and the community colleges. For more than two decades, Connecticut governors and legislatures chiefly have utilized the state's credit card to invest in this area.

Lamont said this practice will not end but things will be different. "There will be some screaming and we don't have a choice," the governor said, adding he expects his "debt diet" would reduce the debt service line items in the state budget by about \$50 million per year. "We cannot keep paying those accelerating fixed costs."

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Trump leans toward signing deal

He says he's not 'thrilled' but predicts no new shutdown

By **JILL COLVIN, ANDREW TAYLOR, ALAN FRAM and JONATHAN LEHIRE**
Associated Press

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WEATHER
Today, clouds, then partly cloudy and breezy. High 42. Thursday, sunny, breezy, cool. High 40. **A6**

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DRUG LORD 'EL CHAPO' FOUND GUILTY, FACES LIFE

Joaquín Archivaldo Guzmán Loera, the infamous drug lord known as "El Chapo," was found guilty Tuesday on all counts and faces a lifetime in prison, ending a remarkable fall for a kingpin who spent years evading law enforcement officials while they say he continued amassing power and wealth as a sprawling empire.

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TRUMP MAY GET A PARADE, BUT JUST DON'T CALL IT THAT

Washington — President Donald Trump may get his parade after all. Just don't call it a parade.

Trump said Tuesday that he's exploring the idea of holding a parade called "Salute to America" around July 4. The Lincoln Memorial is under consideration for the event, which he said would be more like a "gathering." He'd also like the event to become a tradition.

"We're thinking about doing, on the 4th of July or thereabouts, a parade. A Salute to America" parade," Trump said at the White House. "It will be a — really, a gathering, as opposed to a parade. I'd guess you'd have to say, Perhaps at the Lincoln Memorial."

Acting Interior Secretary David Bernhardt was put in charge of planning what Trump said "could be a very exciting day."

— Associated Press

Camels on the lam



Two camels sit Tuesday in Sahuarita, Ariz. Pima County sheriff's deputies were called to a residence Monday and found the camels roaming. They have been returned home.

Inspiration Piece

ELEMENTS TO CAPTURE

This newspaper front page embodies the separation aimed for in the redesign. Sections are labeled with content previews that help differentiate sections from each other.

The paper follows a comprehensive color scheme with the same colors being used more than once.

Inspiration Piece

ELEMENTS TO CAPTURE

The story previews at the bottom of the page present the opportunity to divide stories into sections and would give the redesign a more professional feel.

The textual differentiation between story headlines, i.e. italicized and regular font choices, is something Frankenthumb News can use to establish contrast between stories.

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Craving Relief, Early Tax Filers Are Frustrated

Some Plan on Refunds but Must Pay I.R.S.

By TARA SIEGEL BERNARD
The tax preparers at H&R Block had to take a new class before their busy season started this year: empathy training.

They listened to a mock exchange between an employee and a customer whose refund would not just shrink but disappear. The fictitious client had received a \$1,500 refund last year, but this year would owe \$375.

The playacting was prescient. The tax overhaul that took effect last year promised relief, but now that returns are being filed, some people are baffled. They're getting smaller refunds — or sometimes having to write a check — even though nothing in their situation seems to have changed.

The average refund among early filers was down 8.4 percent, according to the Internal Revenue Service. The smaller checks, in some cases, stem from the loss of certain deductions. For others, it's because less money is being withheld from their paychecks. The I.R.S., in trying to more closely match the amount held out of paychecks with the amount that taxpayers will owe, changed its withholding tables.

The result is that taxpayers may be paying less over all but still getting a bill after filing their return. That has caught many people off guard.

Ashley Alt, who works in information technology in Illinois, said she was floored when her tax program spit out her \$4,800 bill. "I was expecting to get less of a refund or maybe owe a little bit," she said. "I did not expect to owe two months of take-home pay."

The overhaul has been President Trump's signature accomplishment. It lowered tax rates for

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President Trump at a meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday. "Am I happy at first glance?" he said of a border deal. "I just got to see it."

Untouchable No More, El Chapo Is Found Guilty

By ALAN FEUER
The Mexican crime lord known as El Chapo was convicted on Tuesday after a three-month drug trial in New York that exposed the inner workings of his sprawling



Guzman

cartel, which over decades shipped tons of drugs into the United States and plagued Mexico with relentless bloodshed and corruption.

The guilty verdict against the kingpin, whose real name is Joaquin Guzman Loera, ended the career of a legendary outlaw who also served as a dark folk hero in Mexico, notorious for his innovative smuggling tactics, his violence against competitors, his storied prison breaks and his nearly unstoppable ability to evade the Mexican authorities.

As Judge Brian M. Cogan read the jury's charge sheet in open court — 10 straight guilty verdicts on all 10 counts of the indictment — Mr. Guzman sat listening to a translator looking stunned. When the reading of the verdict was complete, Mr. Guzman leaned back to glance at his wife, Emma Coronel Alsayago, who flashed him a thumbs-up with tears in her eyes.

The jury's decision came more than a week after the panel started deliberations at the trial. Federal District Court in Brooklyn where prosecutors presented a mountain of evidence against the cartel leader, including testimony from 56 witnesses, 14 of whom once worked with Mr. Guzman.

Mr. Guzman now faces life in prison at his sentencing hearing, scheduled for June 25. Speaking to reporters outside the courthouse, Richard P. Donoghue, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York, called the guilty verdict a victory for law enforcement; for Mexico, where 100,000 people had died because of drug violence; and for families who had lost someone to the "black hole of addiction."

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Trials in Turkey Rip Open Scars Of Failed Coup

By CARLOTTA GALLI
SILIVRI, Turkey — Turkish courts are weeks from concluding some 200 mass trials intended to draw a line under the most traumatic event of Turkey's recent history: the failed 2016 coup that killed 231 people, mostly civilians, and wounded more than 2,000.

So far, nearly 3,000 security personnel and civilians have been convicted, and the sweeping verdicts have been welcomed by the government and its supporters as justice served.

But the process has also widened political divisions in Turkey and deepened a sense of persecution among government opponents, who say the mass trials are emblematic of an increasingly arbitrary system of justice under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

More than two years after the coup attempt, Mr. Erdogan's government continues to press its pursuit and prosecution of those suspected of being in league with the man it accuses of organizing the plot, the Muslim cleric Fetullah Gulen.

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Congress is poised to help veterans sickened by exposure to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Why Amazon Is Facing Fury In New York

By J. DAVID GOODMAN
A state senator joined anti-Amazon activists on the streets of Queens. A city councilman rallied against the company as a union-busting corporate behemoth. Even the governor, a supporter of Amazon's move into New York, faulted the company for not siding the public on the deal.

On the road to becoming one of the world's most valuable companies, Amazon has weathered resistance as it expanded across the globe. It expected to do the same in New York City, where the company has announced plans for a sprawling corporate campus in Long Island City for more than 25,000 workers.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio, famous antagonists, had promised executives they could smooth the road in a city that has never been afraid to turn down big projects, including a highway down the West Side of Manhattan in 1965 and an Olympic stadium in 2005.

But just as those Democratic leaders were negotiating the deal, the world changed: in western Queens, in New York State and in the Democratic Party nationwide.

With its plan to locate new offices along the Queens waterfront, Amazon inserted itself into a fractious political landscape that

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Easing Sting of 'Our Generation's Agent Orange'

By JENNIFER STEINHAUER
WASHINGTON — Every where he went in Iraq during his yearlong deployment, Ryan Robinson saw the burning trash pits. Sometimes, like in Ramadi, they were as large as a municipal pond, filled with abandoned destroyed military vehicles, synthetic piping and discarded combat meals. Sometimes he tossed garbage on them himself.

"The smell was horrendous," said Mr. Robinson, who was in Iraq from 2006 to 2007. About nine years after returning home to Indiana, where he worked as a corrections officer, he began to suffer headaches and other health problems, which doctors attributed to post-traumatic stress. After having a seizure while driving on Christmas Day last year, though, he was told he had glioblastoma, an aggressive

brain tumor. Of the ailments endured by the newest generation of veterans — post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, lost limbs and more — among the least understood are those possibly related to exposure to toxic substances in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially from those fires known as burn pits.

Now, with the largest freshman class in the history of the service, Congress is poised to help veterans sickened by exposure to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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G.O.P. PRESSURES TRUMP TO ACCEPT DEAL ON BORDER

'I'M NOT HAPPY,' HE SAYS

Still Seeking Wall Funds, but Seeming to Reject a New Shutdown

By PETER BAKER and GLENN THURSH
WASHINGTON — President Trump appeared poised on Tuesday to end two months of scorched-earth confrontation without the money he demanded for a border wall as Republicans pressured him to accept a bipartisan spending deal rather than close the government again on Friday.

Mr. Trump pronounced himself unsatisfied with the agreement brokered by House and Senate negotiators, and he refused to publicly comment on signing it. But he all but ruled out another government shutdown and also promised that he would find "other methods" to finance a border barrier, adding aides and also promising that he would grudgingly go along with the deal.

"Am I happy at first glance?" the president said, speaking with reporters at the beginning of a cabinet meeting. "I just got to see it. The answer is no, I'm not, I'm not happy."

But he said he was "moving things around" in the budget from "far less important areas" to finance a wall even without explicit congressional approval, and he expressed no desire to repeat the standoff that shuttered many federal agencies for 23 days. "I don't think you're going to see a shutdown," he said.

Hours later after a further briefing, Mr. Trump seemed to signal acceptance of the agreement, saying that it "will be hooked up with lots of money from other sources" and provide plenty of resources for border security even if not for the wall itself. "Regardless of Wall money," he wrote on Twitter on Tuesday evening, "it is being built as we speak!"

The compromise measure, as scribbled by senior members of both parties on Monday night, includes just \$1.375 billion for new fencing along the border with Mexico, far short of the \$5.7 billion Mr. Trump sought for a steel or concrete wall — and less even than the deal that he rejected in December, prompting the longest government shutdown in American history.

The new measure will be taken up as early as Wednesday by the House, which is controlled by Democrats, followed by the Senate, which is run by Republicans. While some conservatives denounced it as a sellout, Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the

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A hobbyist in Queens turned deadly as the police confronted a suspect they later discovered was holding a fake gun. PAGE A19.

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