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"A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE" WRITTEN BY ARTHUR MILLER IS BEING PRESENTED BY THE RMHS DRAMA CLUB CAST (above) at the Performing Arts Center tonight and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:00. Among the leads (below L-R) are Casey Viera, Katrina Mirogiannis, Anthony Dispena, Owen Lannon and Jenni Wheeler. (See story below) (David Maroney photos)



A promising 2020 presidential campaign for women falls short

By JOCELYN NOVECK and MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — At her home in suburban Detroit, Jill Warren spent Thursday morning glued to

her phone, searching for news about the woman she fiercely believed should be the next president of the United States: Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Voter Warren had known that candidate Warren (no

relation) was lagging badly and would likely drop out. Still, the news of the Massachusetts senator's departure from the presidential primaries was devastating — not only because of how the senator's message had resonated with her but because the exit was a final blow to hopes, once so bright, that a woman would be chosen to face President Donald Trump in November.

"It's a day for many people of mourning, just true mourning and grieving," said Jill Warren, a 61-year-old semi-retired nonprofit consultant.

"The ascendancy of old white dudes is not over," she said.

Elizabeth Warren's exit, coming after the one-time front-runner couldn't win a single Super Tuesday state, brought home a new and painful reality to some voters: If 2019 was the Year of the Woman, with a record number of women sworn into Congress and a record number launching presidential campaigns, 2020 was another

Year of the Man in presidential politics.

Polling during a string of primaries has revealed the durability of doubts about female candidates and electability. At least half of Democratic primary voters believe a woman would have a harder time than a man beating Trump, according to AP VoteCast polling in four states that voted Tuesday. What's more, women are somewhat more likely than men to say so. That comes even as solid majorities of

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Town launches information webpage

Town of Reading Coronavirus update

READING — Over the past several weeks, town officials have been monitoring the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) as it moved from China and across the globe.

On January 23, 2020 the town created a central location under Public Health for related information, and since then there have been many conversations and informal planning sessions

among town staff. On this past Monday, March 2, in response to the latest information released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Town activated a formal Emergency Operations Center (EOC) where all town departments, the school and light departments, and Austin Prep participated in the first of what

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At 10 and under NE championships

YMCA mixed relay teams set New England records

READING — The 10 and Under Boston YMCA Bluefins based out of the Burbank Y in Reading participated in the 2020 NE SSA 10 and Under Challenge 2/21-2/23 at the University of New Hampshire.

This is the championship meet for 10 and under swimmers in USA swimming in the New England region. The team (combined girls and boys) finished in 2nd place overall with the boys finishing first and the girls finishing 7th.

The boys placed first in all relays (400 free, 200 free, and 200 medley). The girls placed 3rd in the 400 free, 5th in the 200 medley relay and 4th in the 200 free relay.

The mixed relay team of Alex Barone, Samantha Barton, Kian Grabar and Emma Santoro placed first and broke two New England records in the 200 mixed free and 200 mixed medley relay events! Congratulations to Kian Grabar and Alex Barone who won overall 2nd and 3rd place at the meet across 9 individual events each. All swimmers swam personal bests times.

Participating in the meet were: Alex Barone, James Cook, Kian Grabar, Calvin Holmes, Malcolm Kelton, Sam Barton, Allie DeGray, Juliet McGourty, Reese Paulsen, Emma Santoro, head coach Mark Taffe and assistant Jeff Holmes.



READING YMCA BLUEFINNS RECORD BREAKERS (L-R) are Emma Santoro, Samantha Barton, Kian Grabar and Alex Barone with coach Mark Taffe. (Courtesy photo)

Drama Club's "A View From the Bridge" this weekend

READING — The RMHS Drama Club will present their production of Arthur Miller's classic A View From the Bridge this weekend. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, plus a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Set in 1950's working class Brooklyn, this slice of life drama follows the Carbone family as they experience first hand the stigmas

of immigration, the hopes of independence, and the limitations of the American Dream.

Directed by Catherine Bertrand the Arthur Miller play runs March 6th-8th in the RMHS Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are available at the box office prior to the show. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

Fraud
9:34 am: A Summer Ave resident spoke to police and reported that they may have been a victim of fraud.
Disabled Vehicle
10:15 am: An officer assisted a motorist whose car had broken down by the corner of Franklin Street and Partridge Road.

Tree Down
2:30 pm: Police received reports that a tree was down across the road by the corner of Haverhill Street and Charles Street.

Disabled Vehicle
2:40 pm: An officer assisted a motorist whose red Subaru had broken down along Haverhill Street.

Tree Hazard
3:42 pm: Police were notified of a large tree branch hanging precariously over a walking path by the corner of Eaton Street and Elm Street.

Traffic Enforcement
7:57 pm: An officer ticketed a pair of motorists following two traffic stops by the corner of Main Street and Ash Street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

Suspicious Vehicle
8:14 am: Police received reports that a black dump

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!
SUNDAY, MARCH 8th

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY MARCH 8th
Start a new lifesaving tradition: When you set your clocks AHEAD on Sunday at 2:00 a.m., replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks supporters

To the Editor:

Thank you to all of my supporters this is the result which we have all been working for these past few months! Thank you to my family. Campaigns are a team effort and I have been blessed with a wonderful wife and daughters who have helped me along the way.

Congratulations to my opponents; you ran good campaigns and kept them focused on the issues. I look forward to working with you and the incumbents on the Select Board and collaborating on the issues. I am sure that we can help Reading continue to meet the challenges it faces every day and I look forward to what we can accomplish for Reading.

The election is over and now the work begins. We need to continue to be informed about town issues which means watching Board meetings, watching the School Committee, and Town Meeting as well. If you read the material they put out, you will be amazed at the details in there. Being informed is only half of it; talk to your friends and neighbors and engage them to help them stay informed so that when the next election rolls around, we can best support the candidate who best supports our values.

Sincerely, Carlo Bacci Reading

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truck with no plates had been parked in the lot outside the Longhorn Steakhouse off of Walkers Brook Drive for several days.

Car Break-in 10:36 am: Police spoke to a motorist who reported that someone had broken into their blue Hyundai Sonata while it was parked outside the Pleasant Street Senior Center.

Traffic Control 11:24 am: An officer stood by to help manage the flow of traffic while the DPW did some road work by the corner of Lowell Street and Deering Street.

Disturbance 12:34 pm: Police spoke to a Woburn Street resident who reported that a neighboring business was burning incense. Unwanted Guest

12:45 pm: Police spoke to someone at Bear Mountain Healthcare who reported that two men were on the property trying to discharge a patient.

Vehicle Complaint 12:57 pm: Police received a complaint that a trucker was attempting to unload his 18-wheeler on Main Street and was disrupting the flow of traffic.

Car Accident 1:33 pm: Police spoke to a Market Basket customer who reported a past car accident that had taken place in the lot outside the store.

Traffic Enforcement 4:59 pm: An officer ticketed a motorist following a traffic stop at the corner of Main Street and Franklin Street. Identity Theft

9:37 pm: Police spoke to a Sanborn Lane resident who reported that they may have been a victim of identity theft.

Women

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those voters say it's important to elect a woman president in their lifetime.

The message is clear: We want a woman, but not this time.

As she announced her departure on Thursday, Warren's voice cracked when she talked about meeting so many little girls while campaigning around the country the past year, knowing they "are going to have to wait four more years," at least, to see a woman in the White House.

And she addressed what she called the "trap question" of gender in the race. "If you say, 'Yeah, there was sexism in this race,' everyone says, 'Whiner!'" she said. "And if you say, 'No, there was no sexism,' about a bazillion women think, 'What planet do you live on?'"

How different things had looked back in the summer, when Warren and five other women — a record number — appeared on the primary debate stage over two nights in late June, demonstrating the depth and diversity of the female field. Warren and California Sen. Kamala Harris earned top reviews for their debate skills.

At the time, Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, had ventured to hope the female candidates could shake up the age-old electability question left hanging by Hillary Clinton's stinging loss to Trump in 2016. Is the country ready to elect a woman president?

But this week, Walsh was left to muse on how early Democratic primary voters were acting out of fear and caution and were buying "a false narrative over there that women candidates are too risky."

"This was the year that the Democrats were hell-bent on winning," Walsh said. "A woman was defeated in 2016. There was all this talk after that, trying to explain, 'How did Donald Trump happen?' And this caution and fear has largely motivated us to the place we are right now."

All this, Walsh said, despite the great political suc-

cess by female candidates in 2018, in Congress and in statewide races, showing that "as we have always said, when women run they win at about the same rate as men do in comparable races. We saw it across the board in 2018 and frankly in 2016, when more people voted for Clinton than Trump."

But the women in the race this time could not compete. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar peaked with a third-place finish in New Hampshire but fell fast after failing to build the sort of racially diverse coalition needed to win a Democratic primary. Warren's third-place showing in Iowa was her best, despite building a large national operation and surging last summer to the top tier. Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard remains in the race but has picked up only two delegates, huddled behind the two men leading the race, former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Warren in particular came to embrace her role as the choice for voters, particularly female voters, who thought it time for a woman to be president. But there was little evidence that female voters were prioritizing gender this time around; Biden pulled ahead with female voters in most states Tuesday — including in Massachusetts, Warren's home state.

As they carpooled over to a Klobuchar event earlier this week in Denver, next to the football stadium where the Broncos play, Linda Dee and Linda Rosales wondered when their candidate might leave the race.

By the time they arrived at Monday's rally, Klobuchar had dropped out. "It looks like we're coming down to two old white guys," said Rosales, a 64-year-old retired lab worker. "I'm disappointed."

She and Dee left with a free green Amy 2020 T-shirt.

To be sure, many voters say progress still has been made, even though a woman won't be at the top of the ticket. And there is a broad expectation that both

Sanders and Biden will feel pressure to name a woman as their running mate.

Still, the frustration among some voters was palpable. A younger Warren supporter, LaShyra Nolen, the first black woman to be elected student council president at Harvard Medical School, said it's not enough to have women on the ballot. Voters then need to step up and support them, she said.

"I still do believe we are living in a society that is ridden by patriarchal control and inequality," said Nolen, 24, of Los Angeles. For some, the dimming of women's political fortunes felt like a marker of a fading movement. The #MeToo movement may have toppled powerful figures across industries, but some of the momentum behind gender equality is tapering off, believes Kaitlin Cornuelle, a 29-year-old director and writer in Los Angeles.

That may have an impact on how engaged women — voters critical to Democrats' calculus in November — will be next fall, she said.

"It makes me really frustrated that we have three men who are in their late 70s, early 80s that cannot relate to me and cannot relate to most of the people in this crowd," Cornuelle said, referring to those gathered around her at a Warren rally ahead of Super Tuesday.

Others were quick to point out one of Warren's clear contributions to the race — a sharp confrontation with billionaire former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg over his treatment of female employees.

"Of course, she was the one to eviscerate Bloomberg," said Iris Williamson, a 26-year-old teacher from Brooklyn, who noted with sadness that Warren didn't seem to get credit with voters for the move. "Leave it to women to expose people for who they are and then not be rewarded for their work."

Williamson worried how students at her all-girls school will process the re-

sults of the primaries. "I think they would question why there is such a bent toward choosing a white man all the time," she said.

It's not only women mourning the loss of female presidential candidates. Axel Marc Oaks Takács, a 36-year-old religious studies professor at Seton Hall University and Warren supporter, prompted an online debate as the results came in Tuesday evening, questioning why voters think Biden has a better chance against Trump than Clinton did in 2016.

"Let's be honest, Biden and Clinton are both establishment Democrat candidates with effectively the same policies," he wrote, asking if "patriarchy, sexism and misogyny" weren't largely to blame.

Lucienne Beard, executive director of the Alice Paul Institute, a Mount Laurel, New Jersey, nonprofit, feels that female presidential candidates still struggle to attract the same money, visibility and media coverage as men. And when they do, the focus is too often on their delivery.

"It just seems like we can't accept hearing a woman's voice talking about these things. Instead we focus on her presentation: 'Is she a nasty boss?' Or being 'too teacherly?' It's like we can't win for trying," she said.

"I wish I could say it surprised me," she said. "The further we come, the goals just keep moving. We'll elect anything before a woman."

If anyone knows about painful losses it might be Clinton, who won popular vote in 2016 but not the job.

"There still is a double standard. There are still a lot of biases about women becoming president. But I made a lot of progress, and I was thrilled that so many women ran this time," Clinton, who did not endorse anyone in the primary, told The Associated Press on Wednesday at a New York screening of an upcoming documentary on her life.

"We just have to keep going until we crack that final big glass ceiling."

Virus

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will be ongoing planning and response meetings for the foreseeable future.

Town officials also participated in a statewide call led by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) on Monday, March 2nd, during which MDPH officials provided cities, towns, and the health care community an update on the virus.

"In addition to the information we have received and reviewed from the Centers for Disease Control, Department of Public Health, our local Public Health Department and Town Departments we are speaking with our regional partners in other communities. Through this process we will be in a stronger position to respond if a local response is needed," said Fire Chief/Emergency

Management Director Greg Burns.

This week the Town added a new button on the Readingma.gov homepage for Coronavirus information, with direct links to the CDC COVID-19 page, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Coronavirus page, printable fact sheets for home and workplaces, numerous other links and documents

for residents and businesses to take proactive precautions.

"We are at a low-risk situation currently but we don't know what the future holds. At this stage we suggest that all residents and businesses become familiar with the literature provided through these links, wash your hands frequently and work with your employer to be able to stay home if you are sick. If residents don't feel well they should contact their own health care provider or medical facility," said Town Manager Bob LeLacheur. "Town services are not currently impacted and we will be sure to advise the community should that situation change."

Local residents can visit Reading's dedicated Coronavirus webpage here: https://www.readingma.gov/public-health-services/news/information-on-novel-coronavirus-outbreak.

The MDPH and CDC websites are updated on a regular basis, and additional local information will be posted on this page as it becomes available.

Reading residents may subscribe to Public Health alerts to receive notifications whenever the page is updated.

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Pleasant Street Center weekly calendar

READING - Here is next week's Pleasant Street Center's Senior Calendar. Be sure to reserve your lunch the day before by noon.
Each day, you may choose a hot lunch or a cold lunch. Suggested donation \$2.00.

ABBREVIATIONS
CG = Cedar Glen, FTD = Frank Tanner Drive. Everything in Bold means Transportation is available
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The Pleasant Street Center is located at 49 Pleasant Street and can be contacted at 781-942-6796 or email pleasantstreetcenter@ci.reading.ma.us

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 9:00 Zumba 9:00 SHINE 11:00 Yoga 11:45 Movie & Pizza 12:30 Cribbage	10 9:00 Computers 10:00 Body/Brain Office hours 11:45 Lunch 1:00 Bingo 1:30 Walking Club 1:50 Reflexology	11 9:00 Zumba 9:30 Knitting 10:00 Computers 10:00 Billiards 10:00 Low Vision 11:15 Chair Yoga 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Cooking Demo 1:00 Hummabub 1:30 Parkinson Group	12 9:00 Zumba 9:00 AARP Tax Appointments 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Mahjong 1:00 Line Dancing	13 9:00 BEST 9:30 Trip 10:30 Walking Club 10:30 Yoga Demo 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Senator Lewis 1:00 Clean & Sober
Box Lunch BDQ pulled pork or salad w/ grilled chicken		1:30 Tai Chi Quan Crisco chicken or roast beef	Meal/af or tuna salad sandwich	Mae n' cheese or veg. chef salad

Religious news

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD is a warm, welcoming, multi-generational Episcopal Church located at 95 Woburn Street in Reading. All are welcome to worship. The Reverend Brian Raiche is Rector and Reverend Peter Jeffrey is Deacon.

For more information, please visit the church website: www.goodshepherdreading.org. Phone: 781-944-1572. Email: office@goodshepherdreading.org. Please also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/egsreading and on Twitter @egsreading.

Sunday Worship Holy Eucharist, Rite 1: Sundays at 8:00 AM; Holy Eucharist, Rite 2: Sundays at 10:00 AM
Sunday School is available for all young children starting at 9:50 AM. For more information, please visit www.goodshepherdreading.org/sunday-school.

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Phone: (781) 944-1572

The Bargain Box Thrift Shop provides affordable access to clothing, toys, books and household items for those in need as well as great bargain shopping opportunities for parishioners and neighbors. Hours: Fridays, 10 AM - 3 PM and Saturdays, 10 AM - 1 PM. For more information, please visit <https://www.goodshepherdreading.org/bargain-box.html>.

AT THE OLD SOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (at the head of Reading Square) Phone (781) 944-2636. On Sunday morning, Mar. 8, worship will begin at 10:00 in the sanctuary. On this Second Sunday in Lent, Rev. Jamie Michaels will bring the message. The scripture reading will be Genesis 12:1-4a.

Sunday School for Grades 6-9 begins at 9:00 and Sunday School for Preschool-Grade 5 begins at 10:00. Child-care is available for infants to age 3.

The building is handicapped accessible and the elevator is available for those going to the sanctuary. Office hours: 9-1 Mon.-Thurs. Website: oldsouthumc.org.

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Learn more about our church at www.churchofreading.org and about our denomination at www.ucc.org. Follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/churchofreading](https://www.facebook.com/churchofreading)). Contact us by phone at 781-944-0265, by e-mail at pastorfcrc@gmail.com or for office email & rental inquiries, officefcrc@gmail.com. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10 a.m. followed by coffee hour, Intergenerational worship and Nursery program.

WAKEFIELD/LYNNFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 273 Vernon St., Wakefield, WLUWC273@gmail.com Pastor: Rev. Glenn Mortimer
Sunday Worship Services 10:30am. Worship, Sunday School & Choir followed by Coffee & Conversation

Here at the Methodist church we know Kindness Matters so here there are many ways to share kindness and get involved! "Mission Possible" is our Church Kindness Outreach Program for Volunteer & Service Opportunities, Social Groups, Ministries & Committees.

Pastor, Rev. Glenn Mortimer, and his wife Elizabeth are trained musicians which they incorporate into special church services for all to enjoy!

We are also a Project Linus Blanket Drop-off location. We accept handmade blankets for Greater Boston Project Linus ALL Year Round.

For more information about our church, please call the church office at (781) 245-1359 or email us at WLUWC273@gmail.com.

The Reading Catholic Church
St. Agnes and St. Athanasius Churches
Very Rev. Stephen Rock, Pastor
Rev. Victor Vitug, Parochial Vicar
<http://readingcatholic.org/>

St. Agnes Church, 186 Woburn Street, 781-944-0490
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am (Family Liturgy), 11:00am, 5:30pm (Sept - May)

Weekday Masses: 9:00am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday
St. Athanasius Church, 300 Haverhill Street, 781-944-0330

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday, 4:00pm; Sunday Mass at 10:00am

Weekday Masses: 9:00am on Tuesday and Thursday (Morning prayer precedes Masses at 8:50am)
First Saturday of Month: 9:00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 2:45pm to 3:45pm

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Worship Director - Dr. Kellie Tropeano
Children's Director - Mrs. Jessica Bims
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. Church office email: office@fbcreading.org

Check our website for more information about our Children's Ministry, AWANA Clubs, VBS, MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), Youth Groups, GriefShare, Adult Choir, Missions Trips, Senior Adult Ministry.

First Parish Congregational Church, One Church Street Wakefield 781-245-1644 office@fpccwakefield.org
Sundays Traditional worship 9:30 a.m., Contemporary worship 11 a.m.

TEMPLE EMMAUEL OF WAKEFIELD is an independent temple located at 120 Chestnut St., Wakefield. Rabbi Mark Newton continues to serve as spiritual leader. Ken Goldenberg is the current Temple President.

Weekly Shabbat services are held on Fridays at 8 p.m. and on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
Interfaith families welcome.



Driving Transportation to Zero

More news on how Massachusetts might achieve a goal of "net zero" statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 came from Hiroshima University last month. Researchers in Japan modeled the influence of electric vehicles on transport and energy and found that when electric vehicles (EVs) are powered with renewable energy and when the government implements strong carbon policies, we can combat climate change without sacrificing economic growth.

This is good news since the transportation sector generates the largest share of greenhouse gas emissions in the US, nearly 29% according to EPA. "Greenhouse gas emissions from transportation primarily come from burning fossil fuel for our cars, trucks, ships, trains, and planes. Over 90 percent of the fuel used for transportation is petroleum based, which includes primarily gasoline and diesel."

The second highest emitter according to EPA, is electricity production (27.5 percent of 2017 greenhouse gas emissions). In the US, "Approximately 62.9 percent of our electricity comes from burning fossil fuels."

This comes at a time when the Massachusetts House is considering Senate bill S.2476 (amended to S.2498) "An Act to accelerate the transition of cars, trucks and buses to carbon-free power," described in a February 'Green Sense' column.

February also brought a new report from the Environment America Research & Policy Center (EARPC) and Frontier Group describing "How we can build a zero-carbon transportation future - all while cleaning our air and creating safer, healthier communities." Titled "Destination: Zero Carbon: Three strategies to transform transportation in America," the report proposes new policy solutions for the factors underlying high transportation emissions.

"America's transportation system is due for a zero-carbon upgrade," said Tony Dutzik, chair of EARPC's climate team in a press release. "With clean, electric cars and buses, and safe streets for walking and biking, we can take a big bite out of America's contribution to global warming. This report shows how it can be done," outlining three goals that are achievable "with proven policies and existing technology."

All new light-duty cars and trucks sold after 2035 should be electric vehicles (EVs)
- U.S. transit agencies and school districts should replace all transit and school buses with clean electric buses by 2030.

- The U.S. should at least double the number of people who travel by foot, bike or transit by 2030."

While the researchers from Hiroshima University were modeling economics and carbon, the EARPC report looked at health benefits as well. They both focused in on using renewable energy to power vehicles. "Phasing out fossil fuel vehicles can enable the U.S. vehicle fleet to operate with zero greenhouse gas emissions from driving or charging, if such a shift is accompanied by a transition to a grid powered by clean, renewable energy. Electric vehicles also benefit public health, as they do not emit tailpipe emissions like particulate matter and nitrogen oxides that cause cancer, asthma and other health problems."

The report goes beyond the benefits of EVs, however, suggesting that people should opt for non-motorized travel when possible. "Walking and biking infrastructure has been shown to benefit communities in a variety of ways, including increased safety, economic benefits for local businesses, improved health and happiness, and more freedom for older adults and people with mobility challenges."

And, they note, as of the end of 2018, "Nearly 1,500 communities across the country - primarily towns and small suburbs - had adopted "complete streets" policies to make streets safer and more accessible to people using a variety of travel modes." Reading's complete streets policy was adopted in 2014.

This report is particularly relevant right now "in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic because 12 governors are currently considering the Transportation and Climate Initiative, a regional program being developed to help reduce climate pollution and build a modern, clean transportation system."

"Whether we are commuting to work or visiting family across town, we need to make more of our trips carbon-free," said Morgan Folger, clean cars campaign director with Environment America Research & Policy Center. "Climate change is the most urgent challenge of our generation, and, while there's no excuse for waiting to act in any sector, this is especially true with transportation." (See <https://environmentamericacenter.org/news>).

By Reading Climate Committee associate Gina Snyder

Bentley University Dean's List

WALTHAM - Bentley University President, Alison Davis-Blake, recently announced the names of local residents who were honored for their outstanding academic achievement in the Fall 2019 semester. Included on the list is Reading student Weston Robinson.

With a blend of business, technology and the arts and sciences, Bentley pro-

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Jean Whitaker Westwater

Former Reading Conservation Commission member



MASHPEE — Jean Whitaker Westwater, 93, died peacefully on Monday, March 2 surrounded by loving family members. Daughter of Lorine (Wilson) and Alfred D. Whitaker. Jean grew up in Rumford, Rhode Island and attended East Providence High School.

After graduating from the University of Rhode Island in 1948, she taught elementary school while living in Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

Jean married William A. Westwater in 1949, and they lived in Orono, Maine, and Boston for the first few years of their marriage.

They moved to Reading in 1950 where they raised their daughters Liz and Julia. Jean realized the importance of and was com-

mitted to protecting the environment, which led her to being an active member of the Reading Conservation Commission. She was also a Girl Scout leader, a Sunday school teacher at the First Congregational Church, and a member of the Garden Club and College Club.

In 1983, Jean and Bill moved to Little Compton, Rhode Island where she was an active member of the United Congregational Church volunteering in the Thursday Thrift Shop for many years and serving as chair of the flower committee.

Jean was an avid gardener with a real talent for floral arranging and a member of the Sogkonate Garden Club. In retirement, Jean and Bill took the road and traveled extensively around the globe.

Jean and Bill moved to Mashpee, Massachusetts in 2011 to be closer to their daughters and their families. They joined the Waquoit Congregational Church where they were warmly welcomed.

Jean was intelligent, generous, and feisty. She cared deeply about issues of women's equality and was devoted to her extended family. Even though she lived in Massachusetts for over 30 years, she was always a proud

DEATH NOTICES

WESTWATER — Jean Whitaker of Mashpee at age 93 on Monday, March 2. Daughter of Lorine (Wilson) and Alfred D. Whitaker. Beloved wife of William A. Westwater. Mother of Elizabeth Westwater and her spouse, Robert Weekes; her daughter, Julia Westwater and her spouse, Jayne Doucette; and her granddaughter, Naomi Westwater Weekes and her spouse, Daniel Blahnik as well as many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 11am on May 2 at the Waquoit Congregational Church in Waquoit. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jean's memory may be made to the 300 Committee Land Trust (<https://300committee.org/>).

Rhode Islander at heart. Jean leaves her daughter, Elizabeth Westwater and her spouse, Robert Weekes; her daughter, Julia Westwater and her spouse, Jayne Doucette; and her granddaughter, Naomi Westwater Weekes and her spouse, Daniel Blahnik as well as many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

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Henry Cobb, architect of Boston's Hancock Tower, dies at 93

NEW YORK (AP) — still widely known as the Architect Henry N. Cobb, who designed the tallest building in New England, has died. He was 93.

Cobb died Monday at his Manhattan home, according to his firm, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners.

The most celebrated building of Cobb's 70-year career was the 800-foot-tall glass skyscraper now called 200 Clarendon but

two of those qualities, but you don't get all. You did with Harry."

Cobb was born in Boston on April 8, 1926, and grew up in Brookline. He studied at Harvard's Graduate School of Design where he first met prominent architect I.M. Pei, who was his teacher, The New York Times reported.

Cobb moved to New York in 1950 to start his career in skyscraper architecture but ended up designing multiple buildings in Boston, including Harbor Towers and the John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse and Harborpark.

Cobb also designed the Place Ville Marie in Montreal, the campus of the State University of New York Fredonia, and the Johnson & Johnson world headquarters in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Though the Hancock Tower — often confused with Chicago's John Hancock Center — ended up becoming a Boston icon on par with the Old North Church, it wasn't immediately accepted.

Many people protested plans because it was close to beloved Copley Square. Then, as construction neared completion in 1972, glass panels weighing as much as 500 pounds (230 kilograms) each started falling from the facade.

Many Bostonians called the falling glass "retribution for overreaching," Cobb told The New York Times in 2010.

The firm ordered replacement glass, but the bad publicity and litigation costs nearly drove the Pei firm to financial ruin. Cobb focused primarily on designing office buildings as the firm rebounded.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; three daughters; and three grandchildren.



ARCHITECT HENRY N. COBB, ACROSS FROM THE JOHN HANCOCK TOWER IN BOSTON IN 1977. Cobb, an architect who designed the tallest building in New England, has died at the age of 93. Cobb worked on numerous buildings throughout his 70 year career. His most celebrated being the 800-foot-tall glass skyscraper 200 Clarendon, the former John Hancock Tower in Boston. Cobb died Monday, March 2, 2020, at his Manhattan home, according to his firm, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners. (AP Photo/Chet Magnuson, File)

Former Fox White House reporter Wendell Goler dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Wendell Goler, a longtime White House correspondent for Fox News Channel who reported on government since the presidency of Ronald Reagan, has died at age 70.

He died this week of apparent kidney failure, said a former Fox colleague, Brit Hume.

Goler was a Fox News original, joining the network at its inception in 1996 and working his way up to senior White House foreign affairs correspondent. He retired in

2014. He worked for The Associated Press and Washington-area television stations before joining Fox.

He was a panelist for Republican presidential debates in South Carolina in 2007, and interviewed Hillary Clinton when she was secretary of state, and former First Lady Laura Bush.

"Wendell was a gifted correspondent, a wonderful colleague and a Fox News original whose reporting was respected on both sides of the aisle,"

said Suzanne Scott, CEO of Fox News Media. "We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Marge and his entire family."

Goler jokingly referred to himself as a "dinosaur" upon his retirement but said he was glad to work during a golden era in broadcasting.

Hume called Goler a valued friend who "did consistently solid and his reports were always well-crafted, clear and easy to follow."

Businessman, ex-congressman Amory Houghton Jr., at 93



AMORY HOUGHTON, JR.

CORNING, N.Y. (AP) — Amory Houghton Jr., who led his family's glass company in upstate New York and later spent nearly two decades in Congress as a Republican with a reputation for breaking with his party, died Wednesday. He was 93.

Houghton, who was known as simply "Amo," was first elected at age 60, after spending nearly two decades as chief executive of Corning Glass Works, which was started by his great-grandfather in 1851 and became one of the world's biggest glass makers.

Houghton died at his home in Corning, New York, the company, now Corning Inc., announced in a post on its website. A cause of death was not given.

The descendant of businessmen and ambassadors, Houghton was elected in 1986 to represent the Corning area and its blue-collar families that would be hit hard by an economic downturn. Considered a moderate Republican who was able to get along with politicians across the aisle, Houghton was reelected eight times.

Among the richest politicians of the time, due to Corning stock and other investments, he was a fiscal conservative and social-policy moderate who often strayed from the party line during times of contention and war.

Houghton's committee assignments included Foreign Affairs, Budget and Ways and Means. He also served as the chairman of the Faith and Politics Institute with Rep. John Lewis, a close friend and Georgia Democrat.

In 1998, Houghton opposed Republican legislation put forward to amend the Constitution to allow organized prayer in public schools.

Staying true to his political approach, Houghton began to organize bipartisan retreats for politicians and their families "so that they could get to know each other on a human level, beyond the inflexibility of what politics has become," his obituary

He retired from Congress in 2004.

Born in Corning on Aug. 7, 1926, his political blood ran deep. His grandfather, Alanson Bigelow Houghton, was a member of Congress, served as ambassador to Germany under President Warren G. Harding and to Britain under Calvin Coolidge, and was president of Corning. His father, Amory Houghton Sr., would become president and chairman of Corning and later ambassador to France under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Houghton's mother, Laura Richardson, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, was a philanthropist and former chairwoman of the Girl Scouts of America.

The soon-to-be glass magnate served in the Marine Corps during World War II and later received both a bachelor's degree and MBA from Harvard. He began working at Corning as an engineer soon after and rose to the roles of chairman and chief executive in 12 years. He served as CEO from 1961 to 1983.

Houghton's first marriage, to Ruth West, ended in divorce. His second wife, Priscilla Blackett Dewey, died in 2012.

Houghton is survived by two daughters, two each other on a human level, beyond the inflexibility of what politics has become," his obituary

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