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Jaryn Ashe of Argyle studies over-the-counter flu remedies Monday as she holds her sick 2-year-old daughter, Quinn. She appreciates the Argyle Dollar General because she would otherwise have had to spend half an hour driving to and from a store in Hudson Falls to get medication.

Dollar General: Hated and embraced

Area residents have strong opinions on fast-growing chain

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Call it love at second sight. panded into small towns eral opened in their town. throughout the region, it has

encountered opposition nearly resident Danielle Sill of Argyle, to buy brand-name candy for a everywhere.

Residents complain that they want mom-and-pop stores more suitable to the small-town atmosphere. And many say they of cheap, plastic things from in the store.

But some staunch opponents she said. As Dollar General has ex- have thawed after a Dollar Gen-

"Yeah, I was one of them," said

position effort a year ago.

"cheap" place, full of useless things that she would, at best, hate the idea of a dollar store full enjoy laughing at if she set foot

But now she's there weekly,

"It's actually really nice. It's need, closer to home. actually really organized," she said. Recently, she's been there

thinking back to her town's op-friend's birthday and to pick out a nice Valentine's Day card for She thought it would be a her mother, as well as the traditional box of chocolates.

In other words: The store has all the normal things she would

have bought elsewhere. Others have also embraced it because it has everything they

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ANALYSIS

Trump address 'won't be boring'

President speaks to Congress Tuesday

NANCY BENAC AND JILL COLVIN **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON - A presidential speech to Congress is one of those all-American moments that ooze ritual and decorum.

The House sergeant-at-arms will stand at the rear of the House of Representatives on Tuesday night and announce the arrival of Donald Trump before a joint session of Congress by intoning: "Mister Speaker, the President of the United States" just like always.

Trump will stride down the center aisle to lusty cheers and hearty handshakes from his Republican supporters. First lady Melania Trump, accompanied by special guests, will smile from the gallery above.

From there, though, the president who favors disruption over decorum can take the night in any number of directions. So can the Democrats who oppose him.

The White House is promising that Trump's first address to Congress will be a forward-looking one about the "renewal of the American spirit."

The speech offers Trump an opportunity to stand before millions of viewers around the United States and the world, and try to reframe his presidency after a chaotic opening in which he's rattled world leaders, railed against leaked information, engaged in open warfare with the press and seen his signature effort to halt some immigration thwarted by the courts.

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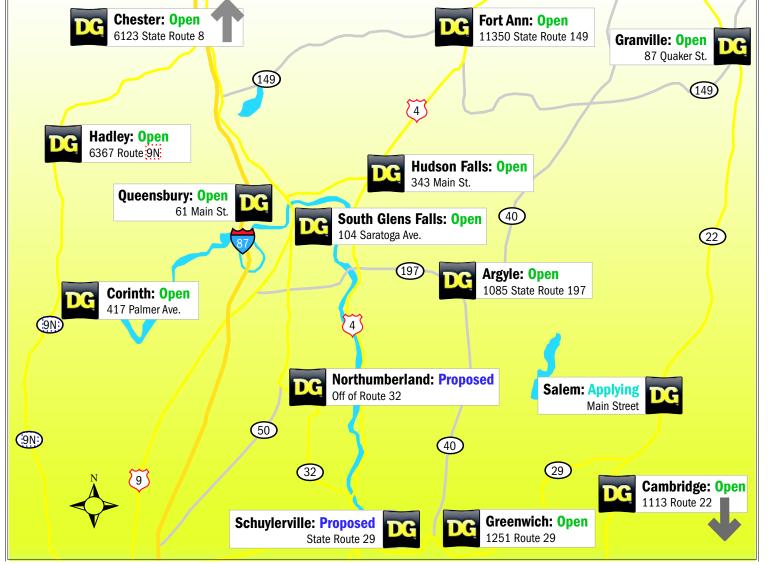
The region's economic development strategy for the past two decades has focused on taking advantage of increased transcontinental trade as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Economic development officials promoted communities along the Northway and the Canadian Pacific rail line as ideal locations for manufacturing and warehouse operations along a

north-south shipping route. President Donald Trump's intention to renegotiate NAFTA, the trade agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico that went into effect in 1994, has brought uncertainty in that strategy.

"Certainly over the last several months, those of us who understand the crucial importance of the U.S.-Canadian economic partnership have had very good reason to be concerned on a bipartisan basis about this

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