



TRUMP IMPEACHED

Partisan House vote makes president third to face Senate trial

By Jonathan Tamari
 THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

WASHINGTON — A starkly divided House of Representatives Wednesday impeached President Donald J. Trump, making him only the third U.S. president ever to suffer that fate.

In votes that concluded at 8:34 p.m. and 8:51, the House approved two articles of impeachment, one for abuse of power and one for obstruction of Congress, almost 21 years to the day after Bill Clinton was impeached. Many lawmakers voted with red or green paper slips, rare in a chamber that usually votes electronically. They appeared to want to save the papers as mementos.

The votes, almost strictly along party lines, came after a daylong debate that reflected the national divisions — over the president's conduct, but also over basic facts — that have come to define American politics.

Nearly every Democrat supported both articles of impeachment, charging Trump for his actions in pressing Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden while withholding vital military aid and a coveted White House visit. One of the party's presidential candidates, however, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, voted "present." Every Republican opposed the impeachment in a show of support for the president.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, wearing a black dress and a gold pin of the Mace of

the Republic, a symbol of the House's authority, opened by saying lawmakers had gathered to "exercise one of the most solemn powers that this body can take."

"If we do not act now, we will be derelict in our duty," Pelosi said. "It is tragic that the president's reckless actions make impeachment necessary. He gave us no choice."

She said "it is a matter of fact" that Trump "is an ongoing threat to our national security and the integrity of our elections, the basis of our democracy."

A short time later, Trump responded on Twitter: "SUCH ATROCIOUS LIES BY THE RADICAL LEFT, DO NOTHING

PLEASE SEE TRUMP, PAGE 5



SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump addresses his impeachment during a campaign rally at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich., on Wednesday.

Local nonprofit gets complaints



NEWS-SENTINEL PHOTOGRAPHS BY BEA AHBECK

The Community Partnership for Families San Joaquin's Alejandra Navarro and Lynsay Nuss are pictured in Lodi on Tuesday.

Many claim new Lodi site is drawing in homeless

By Oula Miquel
 NEWS-SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

Since moving into a new office in Downtown Lodi, Community Partnership for Families San Joaquin staff members have received ongoing complaints alleging the organization's presence has caused a spike in the homeless population at the location.

CPFSJ Executive Director Meredith Baker and Community Development Manager Lynsay Nuss met with Lodi City Council members and city staff during last Tuesday's shirt-sleeve meeting held at the nonprofit's new location.

The organization relocated to 118 N. Church St. in June after the Worknet Human Development Building on East Oak Street was put on the market. When Baker learned of the sale, she said CPFSJ was already looking at other properties.

"We have been looking



The Community Partnership for Families San Joaquin's career and family navigator Francisca Aguilar helps a client in Lodi on Tuesday.

for our own family resource center location for years, so when this space (North Church Street) popped up we grabbed it up as soon as we could," Baker said.

While the new space has allowed CPFSJ staff to provide a multitude of services to its clients — including youth and family case management, employment navigation, court navigation,

family needs assessment, food distribution, and clothing distribution — staff members feel the space is too small for the organization, which has seen more clients in recent months.

"When we moved here we were nervous about the change in location and the access for families, but in our first month we had just as many intakes and assess-

ments as we did in previous months," Baker said.

Baker said the current space has allowed the nonprofit to operate a Head Start program and homework help for students, and it gets used by local nonprofits. Baker says the organization's new centralized location has resulted in more families and homeless individuals seeking services.

"In the past, we had not been an access point for the homeless because we were not in a downtown location. Since moving we have been assisting individuals and determining what resources are available to them," Baker said.

CPFSJ does not currently receive funding from the San Joaquin Continuum of Care — a program focused on homelessness — because its mission is to connect families with service programs.

PLEASE SEE OFFICE, PAGE 5

Teen arrested in 2018 Lodi murder and home robbery

By Wes Bowers
 NEWS-SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

Lodi Police Department detectives have made another arrest this week in connection with a 2018 home invasion robbery and murder on Louie Avenue.

With help from the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office and the AB109 Task Force, Lodi detectives arrested an 18-year-old male on Tuesday at about 4:30 p.m.

The teen was identified as being involved in the Nov. 4, 2018 homicide that occurred in the 400 block of Louie Avenue.

Because the teen was 16 years old at the time of the murder, he was booked into San Joaquin County Juvenile Hall. He was charged with murder, rob-

bery, conspiracy and using a firearm during the commission of a felony, police said.

"My family, Nick's auntie and cousins thank you Lodi Police Department for your determination to continue investigating and making an arrest," Nena Amata commented on the department's Facebook post late Wednesday.

"Now we look for justice," she added.

Police said at about 12:30 a.m. on Nov. 4, three armed males entered the home in an apparent home invasion robbery and ultimately shot and killed 26-year-old Nickolaus Martinez. A 17-year-old boy was taken to a local hospital with a gunshot wound to the hand.

PLEASE SEE MURDER, PAGE 5

Adventist Health to manage Stockton's Dameron Hospital

By Wes Bowers
 NEWS-SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

STOCKTON — In an effort to increase health care access for San Joaquin County residents, Adventist Health has agreed to take over management of Dameron Hospital on Jan. 1.

"We're really excited to be partnering with Dameron to secure the hospital's future and ensure it provides health care for years to come," Adventist Health Lodi Memorial President Daniel Wolcott said Wednesday.

"This strengthens our presence in San Joaquin County, and we're looking forward to serving a portion of the community beyond Lodi."

Adventist Health was selected to manage the 202-bed health care facility because of its commitment to the community, a quality it shares with the hospital, Dameron president and chief executive officer Lorraine Auerbach said.

"Dameron is a free-standing hospital, and freestanding hospitals struggle with a lot of things," Auerbach said. "It's hard to compete (with other health care facilities), and it's hard to get reasonable costs for patients. We've been looking for a partner for many years, and our board made a commitment to ensure the hospital's future within the community."

PLEASE SEE HOSPITAL, PAGE 5

Index

Local 2
 Opinion 4

Obituaries 5
 Business 6

Comics 7
 Sports 9-11

Classifieds 12
 Panorama 14

Weather

59 high
 45 low

Mainly cloudy today with some sun Friday and Saturday. Rain on Sunday. Full report, Page 14.



The Reader's Choice!
 Honor your favorite businesses by voting for them to be the Best of Lodi.

Nominations continue until 11:59pm on December 28, 2019.
 Come back on December 29, 2019 to start voting for all of your favorite Lodi businesses.