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HIGH: 42 LOW: 18 Partly sunny; cooler.	HIGH: 42 LOW: 17 Sunny, but cold.	HIGH: 50 LOW: 29 Becoming cloudy.

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LOVE FOR THE LORD

Dighton's Rev. Holst returns to pulpit to celebrate his 100th birthday

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DIGHTON — In the United States, a country with a population of over 320 million, there are only 72,000 people who have lived for over 100 years. On Sunday, parishioners at the Dighton Community Church were lucky enough to hear from one of them.

The Rev. Leonard Holst, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday today, visited his former church to deliver a message to parishioners.

"I just wanted to climb the stairs for one last time," said Holst, after climbing up to the elevated pulpit.

Holst served as the 36th minister at Dighton Community Church from 1988 to 2001. In 1777, the church was used as a child-baptizing congregation under the ministry of the Rev. Ezra Stiles, although it developed into a Unitarian denomination until 1971.

The church's current minister, the Rev. Dave Stewart, said that he was honored to have Holst speak on Sunday. As a result, Stewart said that the service saw at least 15 more attendees than usual.

Stewart called Holst one of the last "gentleman-statesman" ministers, with many current clergy members being baby boomers.

"Rev. Holst was very beloved as a minister here, which is impressive considering he didn't come here at a young age," said Stewart.

"He's always had a very good and kind nature and has always been an encouragement to me — we call, chat,

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HE SAID IT

"Today, churches themselves have forgotten the purpose of a church. They go for decorations, they go for entertainment, they go for pretty music — but they miss the center of the Gospel: that Jesus Christ died on a cross to save us."

— The Rev. Leonard Holst



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Above, the Rev. Leonard Holst, left, prays during Communion, with the Rev. Dave Stewart at right, at Dighton Community Church.

At left, Patricia Biziak, walks up the aisle with Holst. The reverend will be turning 100 years old today, and marked the occasion by speaking from the pulpit one more time.

Senate tax bill would delay biz cut

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WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans revealed the details of their sweeping tax legislation Thursday, including a one-year delay in plans for a major corporate tax cut despite strident opposition from the White House and others in their own party. Their bill would leave the prized mortgage interest deduction untouched for homeowners in a concession to the powerful real estate lobby but would ignore a House compromise on the hot-button issue of state and local tax deductions.

On the other side of the Capitol, the House Ways and Means Committee approved its own version of the legislation on a party-line 24-16 vote, amid intense political pressure on the GOP to push forward on the first major rewrite of the U.S. tax code in three decades. It's President Donald Trump's top priority and a goal many Republicans believe has grown even more urgent in the wake of election losses on Tuesday that displayed an energized Democratic electorate.

Yet as the Senate Finance Committee unveiled its bill, a few stark differences emerged with the version approved by the House tax-writing committee, underscoring the challenges ahead in getting both chambers to agree on the complex and far-reaching legislation that would affect nearly every American.

Democrats are strongly opposed to the GOP rewrite, so the Republicans must find agreement among themselves to have any hope of passage.

The Senate bill would fully repeal the state and local deduction claimed by many taxpayers, an idea that has drawn vigorous opposition from House Republicans in New York and New Jersey

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Area churches say security always a concern

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TAUNTON — Sunday's mass shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, was a stark reminder that even places of worship are not exempt from the possibility of becoming targets of senseless acts of violence.

At several churches in Taunton, officials said

they are not specifically concerned about a mass-shooting situation. Still, the safety and security of parishioners and employees has always been a concern for local churches, even before the news of recent church shootings like those in Charleston, South Carolina or Antioch, Tennessee.

"Safety is always of the utmost importance at St. Thomas," said Len

Walker, senior warden at the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.

"If someone wanted to do that (commit a mass shooting), extra security would not guarantee that it would prevent that person from finding a way."

Speaking from the perspective of his church, Walker said that he does not see a direct connection between mass shootings in

Texas and places of worship in Massachusetts like St. Thomas, pointing to the difference of attitudes towards gun ownership between the two states.

Massachusetts has been considered to have some of the strictest measures in the country with regards to background checks and applying for a firearms license.

Jim Doherty, pastor at

St. Mary's Church, also said that he does not see a direct connection between the Texas shooting and the implementation of more security measures at places of worship.

"I don't see it as an issue in this area," Doherty said, in reference to gun safety in Taunton-area churches.

"It's a complete mystery

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MAKING THE DEAL

Young homebuyers can be intimidated by the process. **HOMES, B10**

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Smooth sailing for Raynham's Farm2Cup juicery

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RAYNHAM — If you want to get totally juiced and not worry about getting pulled over by the cops, you might want to stop by the commercial plaza at 290 Broadway.

Owner Erin Paiva says customer response has been positive since she opened her Farm2Cup Juicery six weeks ago.

The Taunton native originally titled her all-natural, juice, smoothie and sandwich shop Juice Farm.

But after being informed the name was already copyrighted by a Las Vegas, cold-pressed juice company, Paiva pivoted and renamed her business.

Farm2Cup, she says, is an

entirely appropriate moniker.

Paiva said she rises early each day to buy fresh produce from local farms and sellers, such as Freedom Food Farm in Raynham and Farmer's Outlet on Route 44 in East Taunton.

In terms of capital expense, Paiva says buying direct from local producers is cheaper than relying on a food distributor.

"It cuts out the middle man," she said.

Like any other entrepreneur, Paiva says she was aware of the risks of flying solo and starting one's own business.

"I had to walk away from a good job," she said, referring to her previous position as manager of eight Dunkin'

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Owner Erin Paiva recently held a grand opening for her Farm2Cup juicery and sandwich business on Broadway in Raynham.

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