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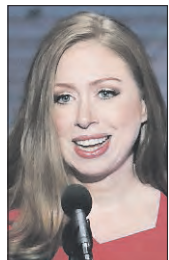
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Clinton: America at 'moment of reckoning'

Democratic nominee promises steady hand during acceptance speech

BY KATHLEEN HENNESSEY AND BRADLEY KLAPPER
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Four days of testimonials led to this: Hillary Clinton making her own case.



CHELSEA CLINTON

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Minorities frustrated with 'Bernie or Bust' movement. **A3**

The former first lady, U.S. senator and secretary of state stepped out of the shadows of presidents past and present on Thursday for her chance to persuade Americans that she is the best choice to helm a nation looking for a new era of leadership.

"We are clear-eyed about what our country is up against," Clinton said in excerpts released ahead of her speech Thursday accepting the Democratic presidential nomination. "But we are not afraid. We will rise to the challenge, just as we always have."

Confronting a "moment of reckoning," she cast herself as a unifier for divided times and a tested, steady hand to lead in a volatile world.

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Collins, King pan Trump's email remark

Republican appeared to urge Russia to hack Clinton emails

BY SCOTT THISTLE
Portland Press Herald

Members of Maine's congressional delegation or their representatives criticized statements by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump encouraging Russia to hack into the email accounts of his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

Maine's two U.S. senators, Republican Susan Collins and Independent Angus King, were both out of reach on Thursday, according to staff members. But representatives provided statements Thursday making it clear they are among the political leaders troubled by Trump's comments.

Annie Clark, a spokeswoman for Collins, called Trump's statements "ill-advised" but pointed out he has tried to clarify his point. "And he now wisely appears to be walking them back," Clark said.

Collins has said she always has supported her party's nominee for president but that she is struggling with her decisions about whether she will vote for Trump, based on some of his controversial statements.

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DEADLY HOME INVASION



Staff photo by David Leaming

Maine State Police Lt. Brian McDonough, center, speaks about a possible home invasion Thursday that resulted in the death of one man and serious injuries to two others at the home, which stands in the background off Main Street in Rangeley. Maj. Brian Scott, left, and Rangeley police Chief Russell French attended the news conference.



Staff photo by David Leaming

Maine State Police Sgt. Scott Bryant enters the department's Major Crimes Unit van on Thursday near the scene of a possible home invasion that left one man dead and two injured in Rangeley.

Police: 1 dead, 2 injured at Rangeley house

BY RACHEL OHM
Staff Writer

RANGELEY — One man died and two others were injured seriously Thursday in an apparent early morning home invasion on Main Street that might have been drug-related, police said.

"These investigations do tend to have elements of drug involvement in them," said Lt. Brian McDonough, of the Maine State Police, at a news conference around noon at 2564 Main St., where the incident occurred. "We can't confirm that in this case yet, but that's obviously one of the things we're going to be looking into."

Police said Thursday that they had not yet identified the man who died or where

he was from. They said only that he did not live at the residence. In a statement later Thursday afternoon, Maine Department of Public Safety spokesman Steve McCausland said detectives were working on processing evidence at the house and no further updates were expected until Friday morning.

"It's still early and there's not a whole lot we can get into at this point," McDonough said at the noon news conference Thursday.

Sue Lind, who operates a bed-and-breakfast across the street, said that in the 12 years she has lived in Rangeley she can't recall anyone ever having been killed.

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Welfare reform among laws to take effect Friday

Rules set penalties for spending benefits on alcohol, tobacco, lottery; group to study logistics of enforcement

BY MARINA VILLENEUVE
Associated Press

AUGUSTA — A new welfare law championed by Republicans and Democrats as a way to restore credibility in the state's administration of federal benefits comes into effect this week.

The law sets penalties for people who spend cash welfare benefits on alcohol, tobacco, lottery tickets, bail, firearms, vacations, adult entertainment and tattoos. It tasks a state working group with studying how to block electronic benefits cards from buying prohibited items in the first place and how much such a system would cost.

Maine joins states including Kansas, New York and Massachusetts that also have restricted the use of public assistance funds since the recession.

The progressive group Maine People's Alliance said it lobbies for improving poor people's access to good-paying jobs and transportation instead of



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"scapegoating" them.

"This is not going to help anyone get out of poverty," said Alliance spokesman Mike Tipping, who added that children will suffer most from the penalties and that it might cost the state more to tweak electronic benefits transfer, or EBT, cards.

The law's fiscal note says any savings will stay in the block grant that Maine receives to administer the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, which allows recipients to withdraw cash.

Democratic sponsor Sen. Nate

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Libby, of Lewiston, acknowledged there's no way to police cash benefits to a degree. He said the best solution is removing some cash from the welfare system.

Republican Gov. Paul LePage's spokesman Peter Steele pointed out that the governor first proposed such reform in 2014. Democrats had called his measure unenforceable and instead passed a law prohibiting EBT transactions at smoke shops.

This year, Republicans and Democrats disagreed about how strong penalties should be. The compromise law's penalties range from up to three months of suspended benefits on the first offense to up to two

years of suspended benefits on third and subsequent offenses.

Other laws coming into effect Friday include those related to:

- A study of the fiscal costs of establishing a presidential primary system in Maine.

- A fund supporting business development projects that have estimated costs of at least \$50 million or that create or retain at least 250 full-time jobs.

- A new program providing interest-free loans to Maine students who receive science, technology, engineering or math degrees and pursue such careers in the state.

- A new program to help senior citizens and poor people access heat pumps.

There also are several laws concerning the opioid crisis, including one of the strictest opioid prescribing laws in the country and another authorizing pharmacists to dispense naloxone, a drug used to combat opioid overdose, to people at risk of overdosing.

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