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At hospital, 99 workers get chance for buyout

Mercy is trimming costs as it merges operations in Portland and responds to weak demand for some health care services.

By **JOE LAWLOR**
Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital is offering early retirement buyouts to 99 employees in an effort to trim expenses as part of its plan to consolidate operations at its Fore River complex, hospital officials confirmed Thursday.

Employees in specific job categories who have worked for Mercy for at least 10 years and are 60 or older are eligible for the buyout, which was described as a "one-time offer" in an email sent to workers Tuesday. Employees have 45 days to decide whether to accept the buyout, which would be a week's pay for every year of employment, capped at 52 weeks.

Nurses and many other job categories are eligible for the buyouts, but doctors, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, nurse anesthetists, managers, and employees who work with patients who have eating disorders are not.

"This offer is a way for Mercy to reduce expenses consistent with our vision of the organization's future, while offering eligible employees the opportunity to consider this offer that might enable them to accelerate their financial planning for retirement," said the unsigned email from Mercy Hospital's human resources department. The hospital has about 1,500 full-time employees.

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Shawn Patrick Ouellette/Staff Photographer
Mercy Hospital says it will take about three more years to finish consolidating operations in Portland and close the State Street location, above.

Clinton assails Trump, says she'll be a unifier

Her speech draws a sharp contrast with her Republican rival for president.



Associated Press/Paul Sancya
Hillary Clinton takes the stage Thursday for her speech on the final night of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, where her audience was both the delegates and the nation's voters.

By **EVAN HALPER**
and **MARK Z. BARABAK**
Tribune Washington Bureau

PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Clinton built on a week of potent testimonials from the Democratic Party's biggest stars, crystallizing her vision for the nation as she reintroduced herself to voters Thursday night while becoming the first woman to accept a major-party nomination for president.

Clinton's speech bookended a week that started off rocky for



the party as restive delegates supporting Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders booed on the convention floor and embarrassing email disclosures forced the resignation of the party chair. But Democrats finished strong after leaders of varying factions delivered appeals for unity.

"America is once again at a moment of reckoning," Clinton said. "Powerful forces are threatening to pull us apart. Bonds of trust and respect are fraying. And just as with our founders, there are no guarantees. ... We have to decide whether we're going to work together, so we can all rise together."

She accepted her party's nomination "with humility, determination and boundless confidence in America's promise."

Clinton offered contrasts in tone, outlook and level of detail compared with vague promises made last week by Republican nominee Donald Trump.

"We're going to empower all Americans to live better lives," she said. "My primary mission as president will be to create more opportunity and more good jobs with rising wages right here in the United States, from my first day in of-

Maine delegates revel in historic moment

Hillary Clinton's fiery address thrills backers, who praise her optimistic vision for the nation.

By **NOEL K. GALLAGHER**
Staff Writer

As the Democratic National Convention reached its crescendo Thursday night, Maine delegates praised nominee Hillary Clinton as the candidate with the experience and tem-

perament to lead the country. "I'm thrilled our first female nominee for president is so unquestioningly competent and ready," said Cynthia Dill, a Clinton delegate and a former Maine state senator.

Clinton's vision for America is "optimistic" and "in stark contrast to the (Donald) Trump apocalypse,"

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Photos courtesy Maine Democratic Party

AT TOP RIGHT: Clinton delegate Cynthia Dill from Cape Elizabeth. **BOTTOM:** Maine's 17-year-old national delegate, Trevor Doiron of Jay, with Attorney General Janet Mills, both Clinton delegates.

A Mainer who showed the way

In her 30-year political career, Maine's own Margaret Chase Smith had her own noteworthy role in cracking 'the glass ceiling.' **A5**



Critical of Trump

Congressional delegation from Maine call comments to Russia 'ill-advised.' **A5**

Trump pulls back

'Of course I am being sarcastic,' the candidate tells Fox News on Thursday. **A10**

Possible drug link probed in deadly Rangeley home invasion

One person is killed and two others are seriously injured in the overnight assault, a rarity in the lakeside town.

By **RACHEL OHM**
Morning Sentinel

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

The door to the house at 2564 Main St. was open late Thursday morning and smeared with blood as Maine State Police, the Rangeley Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office investigated.

"These investigations do tend to have elements of drug involvement in them," state police Lt. Brian McDonough said during

a noontime news conference at the crime scene. "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 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. Police had questioned about a dozen people by midday Thursday, but no one was in custody and no charges had been brought.

In a statement Thursday afternoon, Maine Department of Public Safety spokesman Steve McCausland said detectives were working on processing evidence at the house and an update on the investigation wasn't expected until Friday morning.

Sue Lind, who operates a bed-and-break-

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David Leaming/Morning Sentinel
Maine State Police Lt. Brian McDonough, center, holds a news conference Thursday outside the house at 2564 Main St. where an apparent home invasion left one dead and two injured.

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