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Ann Marie Dargon, who has served as Westport's superintendent since 2013, will not have her contract renewed. The school board cited its decision to focus on leadership at the high and middle school levels in its decision.

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Contract not renewed for Westport's school chief

Board is eyeing different direction with leadership

Jeffrey D. Wagner
Correspondent

WESTPORT — The School Committee on Tuesday voted not to renew Superintendent Ann Marie Dargon's contract, which expires in June.

School Committee Chairwoman Margot DesJardins said the committee decided that due to Dargon's strengths at the elementary levels, the committee decided that its next leader should have strengths at the higher education levels of middle and high school. The dis-

trict has been plagued by low enrollment at the high school level the past few years and is trying to build a new grades-5-through-12 building.

Voters will be asked early next year to approve a new school building.

According to Dargon's contract, the committee needed to make a decision on Dargon's employment by Dec. 31. DesJardins said the committee on Tuesday night met in executive session and made the decision to part ways with Dargon

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Man shot dead in standoff with police on I-95 in Providence

Katie Mulvaney, Amanda Milkovits and Jacqueline Tempera
The Providence Journal

PROVIDENCE — A day of chaos sparked by the theft of a state police cruiser early Thursday ended with one man dead, a woman hospitalized, and the man accused of stealing the cruiser still at large.

The events began

around 9 a.m., with the report of a stolen state police cruiser. They culminated with Providence and Rhode Island State Police surrounding a white pickup truck, and multiple officers firing into the truck at close range.

According to state police Col. Ann Assumpico, an unnamed trooper was driving

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IT'S ALL GOOD



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Ken Fiola, the Fall River Office of Economic Development executive vice president, talks about the recent audit of the organization, prompted by allegations of insolvency made during the recent election. He and other FROED officials maintain that FROED is not insolvent whatsoever.

After city elections, FROED says everything going well

Kevin P. O'Connor
Herald News Staff Reporter

FALL RIVER — Ken Fiola said he has no plans to quit, would not get a \$700,000 severance payment if he was fired and also denied that FROED is broke or fails to pay its bills.

All of those denials and more came at Thursday's meeting of the Fall River Office of Economic Development, the first meeting held since the re-election of Mayor Jasiel Correia II on Tuesday.

FROED and the mayor are feuding. The mayor evicted the organization from its office in Government Center, hit the office with a bill for \$113,000 in back rent and stripped FROED from its role directing economic development for the city.

That happened in April, when Correia said the city would appoint an economic development director and use the \$300,000 federal grant money that went to FROED to pay for the position.

No one has been appointed to the job yet.

In the meantime, Correia claimed Fiola had a clause in his contract that would pay him \$700,000 if he was terminated, that FROED was insolvent and that it failed in

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Senate GOP tax bill would delay business cut

Andrew Taylor and Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

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

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From left, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin make statements to reporters as work gets underway on the Senate's version of the GOP tax reform bill in Washington on Thursday.

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President Donald Trump told China's President Xi Jinping that he believed the two could solve the world's problems if they worked together. **A5**



STATE

SEVERE DAMAGE:

A Boston University brain researcher who studied Aaron Hernandez's brain said it showed significant damage in key areas that govern behavior. **A2**

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