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Tami Frankmann tries on a mink fur hat inside Dittrich Furs on its final day of business in Detroit on April 25. PHOTOS BY DAVID RODRIGUEZ MUÑOZ, DETROIT FREE PRESS

CORRESPONDENTS' DINNER

Man charged in shooting at press gala

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Federal officials plan to review security protocols

WASHINGTON – The suspect accused of opening fire outside the White House Correspondents' Dinner over the weekend is being charged with attempting to assassinate President Donald Trump.

Cole Tomas Allen, 31, of Torrance, California, is also charged with transporting a firearm and ammunition across state lines with the intent to commit a felony and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence, Magistrate Judge Matthew J. Sharbaugh said. If convicted of the assassination attempt, Allen could face life behind bars, Sharbaugh said.

In separate TV interviews on April 26, Trump referenced the suspect's writings and alleged he was motivated by anti-Christian hatred. A senior law enforcement official told USA TODAY that Allen, a Caltech graduate and tutor, sent a message to family members before the event began referring to himself as a "friendly federal

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Authorities are widening the circle of people to interview, including more family members the suspect's co-workers, an official said, to build out a comprehensive profile of the suspected shooter. DAVID SWANSON/REUTERS

Pope Leo shifts focus away from sexual ethics

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REUTERS

Says there are more important things to prioritize

VATICAN CITY – Pope Leo's four-nation Africa tour featured firm denunciations by the pontiff of despotism and war and also unprecedented attacks from President Donald Trump that grabbed headlines.

But a smaller moment, in which the pope said the Catholic Church should prioritize questions of inequality and justice over those of sexual ethics, may prove to be of longer-lasting importance for the Church's 1.4 billion members, said experts.

"The unity or division of the Church should not revolve around sexual matters," Leo, the first U.S. pope, said in a news conference on



Leo

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'End of an era'

Dittrich Furs celebrates closing after 133 years in business

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On Saturday, April 25, Dittrich Furs opened its doors for the last time, ending a 133-year run that saw it become synonymous with luxury in metro Detroit and beyond.

Customers made their final purchases as current and former employees gathered to say their goodbyes at Detroit's longest-operating family-owned business.

In the time since 1893, Dittrich became a world renowned one-stop shop for fur fashion, making, cleaning and selling customized coats, hats and more.

Co-owner Jason Dittrich and his brother are the fifth generation to own the family business, Jason Dittrich told the Free Press. One of his favorite slogans the store had over the years was "generations serving generations."

"It's truly been an honor to serve the community and get and re-



Yvette Temple, vice president at Dittrich Furs, hugs Karon Martel during the final day of business in Detroit on April 25. The longtime business is closing after 133 years.

"Dittrich's is a legend. It's like Faygo pop. It's like Wonder Bread. Really, it's a shame to see them go."

Danny Dzialo
Customer

ceive the community support that we did not just now during retirement but over the last 133 years," Dittrich said. "Obviously, we wouldn't be here without them (community members.). We're eternally grateful."

In February, the Dittrich family announced it "made the decision to retire and focus on the health and well-being of our family."

Since then, customers like Danny Dzialo, also known as DannyD, have taken advantage of the retirement sale. Dzialo said Saturday morning he's been to the store six times in the last month, buying everything from 20 mink-fur teddy bears at \$15 a piece to highly discounted fur coats for \$50 each. He

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Detroit man gets 25 years after shooting over Jordans

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For years, Aaron Height kept getting into trouble with the law — shootings, drugs, assaults, robbery.

Yet, he kept winding up back on the streets, the feds say.

He kept getting bond, the feds say, even after he had shot up a house three times, struck a person in the head with a bullet, then shot up another home. Two days later came another crime, this one involving bleach and a failed execution-style shooting: he shot a

kneeling man in the chest after an argument over a pair of sneakers.

And that would ultimately cost him his freedom.

In U.S. District Court last week, Height was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for a six-week-long crime spree that authorities say ended with that near fatal shooting. According to federal prosecutors, Height got into an argument with the man over the shoes, smashed a bottle over his head, poured Comet (household cleaner) on his head wound, then ordered him to his knees before shooting him.

According to court records, in a

jail call five days after the shooting, Height confessed to the crime, saying he had caught a man with his new custom Jordans, "So I popped him in his chest. I beat him in the head with a 40 (oz.) bottle. Was going to shoot [the female] too, but she ain't have nothing to do with the (expletive)."

The victim survived. Height got released on bond, again. But the feds ended up taking over the case and prosecuting him.

"This defendant spent decades committing crimes and hurting people, and a state court still set

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