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HARWELDEN MANSION

EXPANSION PLANNED



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Harwelden Mansion has six suites for overnight stays. A plan submitted for rezoning consideration calls for increasing that number to 40.

Rezoning request envisions adding guest room buildings and pool

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Tulsa World

Teresa Knox on Monday explained her plans to expand operations at the historic Harwelden Mansion, an opportunity she said is intended to ensure that the Tulsa treasure remains a viable enterprise for another 100 years.

A rezoning request submitted to the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission last week envisions adding multiple standalone guest room buildings and a pool. A restaurant would be added to the mansion.

"It's a cultural and really now a

hospitality asset for Tulsa, and we want that for generations to come," said Knox, who owns the property with her husband, Ivan Acosta. "But the preservation of the Harwelden Mansion is very important to me."

Currently, Knox said, the property has only six suites for overnight stays. The plan — which she stressed could change — calls for increasing that number to 40.

"There is a huge demand for overnight accommodations in a green space," Knox said. "That's why we have some wonderful people that stay with us."

"Obviously, we cater to locals. That's very, very important to me, but we have a lot of out-of-town guests. A lot of celebrity guests, artists that record with us at the Church Studio stay there, and there aren't enough guest rooms to accommodate them."

The planned additions to the property would also free up more opportunities for locals wishing to stay at the mansion and for more daily activities, such as afternoon teas, that would be open to the public, Knox said.

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Republicans in Senate fight over milk money

Panel advances bill to extend inspections, double producer fee

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No milk was spilled but the discussion did get a little raw Monday morning in the Senate Agriculture and Wildlife Committee.

Committee Chairman Casey Murdock, R-Felt, needed help from the Senate's senior leadership and the two Democrats on his committee to pass Senate Bill 2071, a fairly simple measure intended to ensure continued inspection of the state's milk production.

The bill extends inspections from commercially produced cattle and goat milk to that of all "hooved mammals" and doubles the fee charged producers from 1 cent per hundredweight to 2 cents.

Murdock said the change in language was to conform with federal regulation, while the increase in fee would make the milk inspections self-supporting.

Much of the opposition, at least ostensibly, was attributed to the higher fee. But undertones of a movement to promote raw, unpasteurized milk as a sort of super food and the power struggle within the majority GOP caucus were also discernable.

At least two senators, Republicans Randy Grellner of Cushing and Jonathan Wingard of Ada, suggested with their questions that the dangers of raw milk are overstated.

Meanwhile, Sen. David Bullard, R-Durant, considered a leader of a faction seeking to wrest control of the Senate from President Pro Tem Lonnie Paxton, R-Tuttle, hammered at the fee

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WINTER WEATHER

Massive snowstorm slams millions in northeast

Classes and flights canceled as people advised to stay home

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — A massive snowstorm pummeled the northeast United States from Maryland to Maine on Monday, forcing millions of people to stay home amid strong wind and blizzard warnings,

transportation shutdowns, and school and business closures.

The storm dumped up to 2 feet of snow in parts of the metropolitan northeast as accumulations from an earlier snowfall had just melted away — except for gray mountainous piles in parking lots and along the side of roads.

Officials declared emergencies from Delaware to Massachusetts and hundreds of thousands of people grappled with power failure from downed electrical lines.

Even as the snow moved northward and tapered off in other areas, the National

Weather Service said it is tracking another storm that could bring more snow to the region this week.

The weather service referred to Monday's storm as a "classic bomb cyclone/nor'easter off the Northeast coast." A bomb cyclone happens when a storm's pressure falls by a certain amount within a 24-hour period, occurring mainly in the fall and winter when frigid Arctic air can reach the south and clash with warmer temperatures.



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A worker shovels snow Monday in Times Square in New York.

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