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Klobuchar seeks review of mu

Senator asks county prosecutor for second look at 2002 slaying that became a campaign

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Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar on Thursday asked the Hennepin County attorney to pursue "an independent investigation" into the 2002 killing of 11-year-old Tyesha Edwards amid new questions raised over

the conviction of a black teenager in the case.

The request came a month after an Associated Press investigation raised questions about the conviction of Myon Burrell, who was 16 at the time when Klobuchar was Hennepin County attorney. The case was picked up by the national media

and became a flash point of criticism by a group of Twin Cities activists during the final days of her presidential campaign.

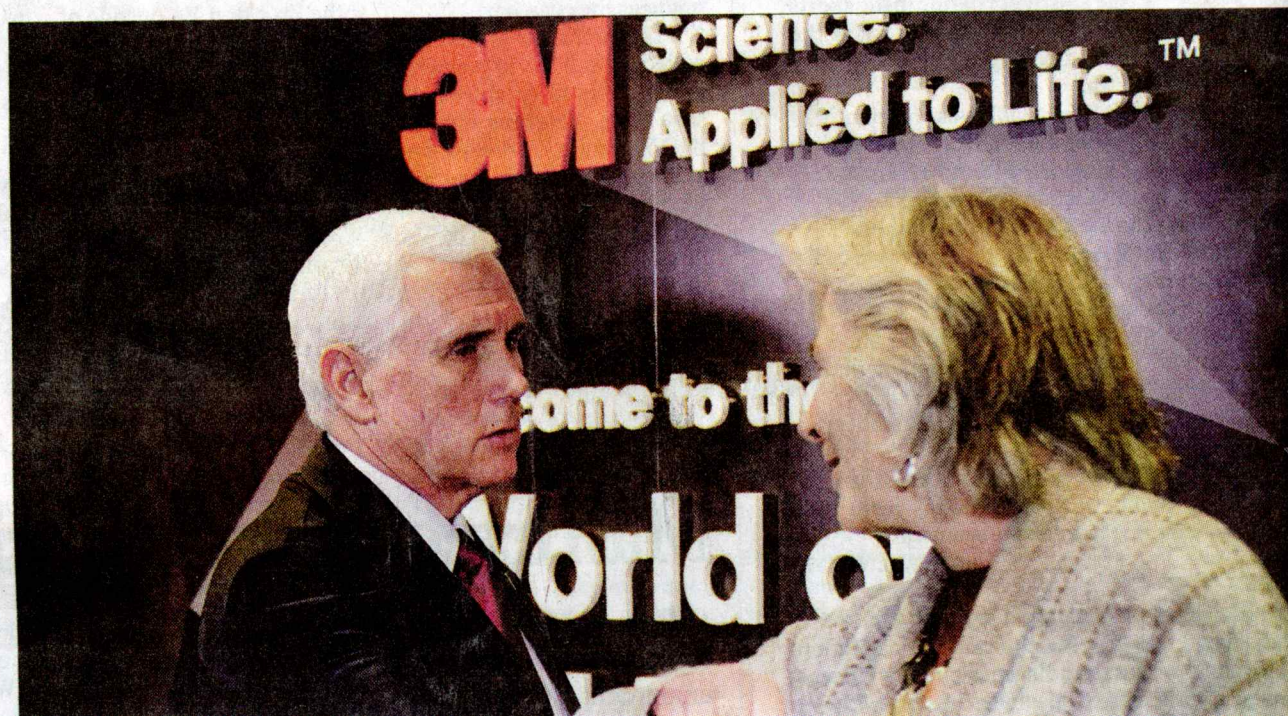
"As you are aware, significant concerns about the evidence and police investigation have been raised by a press investigation, by members of the Hennepin County community, and by

Myon's family," Klobuchar wrote to Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman. "For that reason, I believe that your office should initiate an independent review of the case and the evidence."

In a response, Freeman's office issued a statement saying that attorneys from

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"For those who we believe have been exposed, for those who are showing symptoms, we've been able to provide the testing," he added. "But as more Americans take an interest in this or have concerns about this, we want to make sure they have access to a coronavirus test as well, and we've made real progress on that in the last several days."

The vice president's trip to 3M was part of a cross-country tour in his role leading the

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Outbreak takes a heavy toll on airline industry

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The coronavirus outbreak's effect on airlines threatens to become as severe as the blow dealt by the Great Recession.

Already, travel demand is dropping globally, and airlines are drastically reducing flight capacity while offering new waivers to passengers.

If the virus spreads more extensively, the plunge in air travel could amount to \$113 billion in lost revenue for the world's airlines, about one-fifth

of their annual total, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said Thursday. That's on par with the effect of the 2008-09 recession and worse than the SARS outbreak in 2003.

"The turn of events as a result of COVID-19 is almost without precedent. In little over two months, the industry's prospects in much of the world have taken a dramatic turn for the worse," Alexandre de Juniac, IATA's chief executive, said in a statement.

Airline stocks have fallen
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The U.S. government rushed testing kits to a cruise ship quarantined off the coast of California on Thursday as the number of new cases and deaths related to the coronavirus in the United States continued to rise.

The sense of crisis has deepened as the number of worldwide cases nears 100,000.

So far, 12 deaths in the U.S. have been linked to the virus — all but one in the Seattle area — with more than 200 confirmed cases across the country. Reports of cases in New Jersey, Maryland and Tennessee brought the number of states with infected patients to 19, and Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland declared a state of emergency. Washington state reported dozens of new cases on Thursday, and New York added 11. San Francisco reported its first two cases, and Houston its first.

Around the world, there were more than 98,000 cases and more than 3,300 deaths. A global database maintained by Johns Hopkins counts more than 53,600 recoveries from the virus. With the caseload in Europe passing 5,000 and rising fast, major conferences, trade shows, cultural events and sporting competitions have been canceled. Officials warned that the outbreaks — the largest is in Italy, but France, Germany and Spain are also being hit hard — will continue to grow.

Italy and Iran ordered all
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Muddled message

President Trump thwarts effort to convey virus facts. **A8**

More testing expected

Minnesota requested \$25 million to respond to outbreak. **B2**

Markets plunge

Dow fell almost 1,000 points as virus fears persisted. **D1**

d care subsidies 'at critical point'

Mpls. and St. Paul

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U.S., shortage of nurses

When nurses are more important any time in the recent past is a school nursing throughout the country. According to the National Association of School Nurses, schools do not employ while 35% employ nurses. That leaves personnel with little or no training to handle serious medical cases. But even schools with full-time nurses are not equipped with other personnel because there simply isn't enough for each building in districts throughout the country. "It is dangerous," said Nho, a licensed school nurse in Sacramento, Calif., "between multiple medical authorities and that schools have no full-time licensed nurse for 750 students."

Long dog has level infection

A dog in Hong Kong has a "level" infection of coronavirus that causes illness in people, in what is the first known human-to-dog transmission of the virus that has killed more than 90,000 people worldwide. The case adds to the specter that the virus might be swept into the U.S. But experts say that the virus remains unknown about its transmission, including whether it causes disease in dogs. They emphasized that one case is not yet an alarm or reassessment of interactions with dogs. The dog is owned by a man who was hospitalized with COVID-19, and it has been quarantined since Feb. 1. According to Hong Kong's Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

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Pence lauds 3M on coronavirus tour

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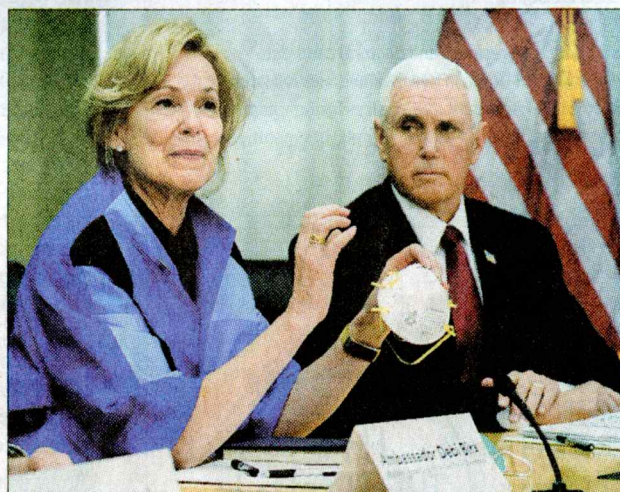
White House Coronavirus Task Force. He was met by 3M CEO Mike Roman, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz and other government and industry officials. 3M is a maker of the N95 respirator, a type of face mask used as personal protective equipment against airborne particles.

Pence credited 3M for going to full production level for respiratory masks as the virus started spreading in January. "You are playing a vital role in the health of our nation," he said. He added that the risk for the average American "remains low" and recounted steps the administration has taken, including travel restrictions and quarantines.

He offered condolences for the 11 U.S. deaths to date but said "the good news is that the vast majority of those who contracted the coronavirus in our country" have gotten treatment and are recovering.

Pence was next scheduled to head to Washington state to speak with officials about the coronavirus. That trip forced him to cancel a campaign event later Thursday in St. Paul with Second Lady Karen Pence.

The vice president's visit came as Minnesota lawmakers have been holding hearings on the state's response to a potential regional outbreak of COVID-19, the illness the



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Dr. Deborah Birx, White House coronavirus coordinator, with Vice President Mike Pence, displayed a 3M N95 face mask.

coronavirus causes. The Minnesota Health Department has asked the Legislature for \$25 million in emergency funding in response to the virus, which has spread around the globe from China.

Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said Thursday that Minnesota's public health laboratory can conduct tests and has been doing so since Monday. But she added that the state does not yet have the capacity to test everyone who wants to be tested. As Pence departed 3M, he reached out for a handshake with Malcolm, who instead offered an elbow bump to avoid spreading germs.

In Congress, the Senate approved an \$8.3 bil-

lion emergency spending bill Thursday to combat the new virus, a day after the bill passed the House.

At 3M, Walz used the vice president's visit to underscore the multilayered approach to confronting the virus.

"The vice president being here speaks to that, of understanding that governors and state public health officials are going to be the ones that are going to have to be administering back so that collaboration is happening," Walz said.

Although stores have seen a run on face masks in recent weeks, health officials warn that they are intended for health care professionals caring for sick patients and gen-

erally not effective in preventing the public from catching coronavirus.

Addressing the "average American," Pence said unless people are ill, they have no reason to buy a mask. That will mean more are available for patients and health care workers, he added.

"The reality is that despite that we now have cases ... the risk to the average healthy American of contracting coronavirus remains low," Pence said. There will be more cases, he added, but said it seemed to be affecting older populations, noting increased inspections of nursing homes.

"At the president's direction we're going to continue to lean into this," he told reporters.

Accompanying Pence were Stephen Hahn, commissioner for the Food and Drug Administration, Dr. Deborah Birx, White House coronavirus coordinator, and Malcolm. The 3M executives meeting with Pence were Mojdeh Poul, executive vice president for the Health Care Business Group, Michael Vale, executive vice president of the Safety and Industrial Business Group, Denise Rutherford, senior vice president for corporate affairs and Omar Vargas, vice president for global government affairs.

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Airlines feel brunt of virus outbreak

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nearly 25% since the outbreak began, more than they did at a similar point in the SARS crisis when cases were confined mainly to Hong Kong and southern China.

Corporations are imposing bans on nonessential business

20% and its domestic flights by 10% in April. The Chicago-based airline enacted a hiring freeze and asked employees to volunteer for unpaid leave.

"This has the potential to be the worst-ever incident to impact the aviation industry — bigger than SARS, bigger

nice, expected perks for leisure travelers, but at a cost to the carriers. Airlines typically can cover the cost of flying an international route solely through the sale of first-class and premium cabin fares, while the economy class acts as a profit center.

fee. That move, announced Wednesday, is in addition to travel waivers the airline has issued for all international flights booked before March 1.

"Delta maintains an ongoing relationship with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World