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Happy Tuesday

And happy New Hampshire primary day! The second test of the presidential race begins this morning and tonight we'll see who the Granite State favors. Political insiders say they believe Sen. Bernie Sanders -- the polls favor him strongly -- while Donald Trump will get his first win after his Iowa loss. [Politico]

Topping the news: Senate President Wayne Niederhauser weighed in on the LDS Church’s opposition to Sen. Mark Madsen's medical marijuana bill. [Trib] [DNews][Fox13] [APviaKUTV]

-> Carolyn Tuft, a victim of the Trolley Square shooting, pleaded with Utah Lawmakers to expand Medicaid. [Trib] [DNews]

-> Some 65 percent of Utahns like the job that Sen. Mike Lee is doing while 59 percent say the same thing about Sen. Orrin Hatch. [UtahPolicy]

Tweets of the day: From @JPFrenie: "Hey guys isn't it pretty cool that for once a Republican had a gaffe and it wasn't a sexist, corrupt or terrible thing to say."
From @RyanLizza: "Best detail I've heard from the Sanders campaign trail : one of his two press buses is nut-free"

Happy Birthday: To Dave Hultgren.

Tune in: On Tuesday at 12:15 p.m., Rep. Mike Noel joins Jennifer Napier-Pearce to discuss his plan to manage federal lands and other developments in the public lands debate. Watch Trib Talk on sltrib.com. You can also join the discussion by sending questions and comments to the hashtag #TribTalk on Twitter or texting 801-609-8059.

From Capitol Hill: The Senate passed a proposal to ship $40 million to charter schools,
despite objections that it would cut too much out of the public education fund. [Trib]

> Teachers who work in places with a high American Indian population may make more money under a bill that is on its way to the House. [KUER]

> Weber State University officials are asking lawmakers for $30 million to fund a remodel of its Social Science building. [Trib] [DNews]

> A bill to allow all-day kindergarten passed the House. [Trib]

> A bill to allow for the release of daily election vote counts passed the Senate and will be sent to the governor. [Trib]

> House Minority Leader Brad King says his GOP counterparts are attempting a "power grab" by changing the make up of two committees. [UtahPolicy]

> Mapleton Republican Rep. Francis Gibson requested $27 million from the Social Services Appropriations committee to fight against homelessness in the state. [Trib]

> Salt Lake City Democratic Sen. Jim Dabakis introduced a bill to take down Utah's "Zion curtains." [Fox13]

> A House committee approved a bill to allow wine tasting at liquor distilleries. [Trib] [DNews]

> Former Gov. Mike Leavitt warned lawmakers if they didn't act to save the Utah Foster Care Foundation, the state could repeat past mistakes. [Trib]

> Rep. Ray Ward's bill to allow Medicaid to only cover anti-psychotic medications that are on the preferred drug list was held in committee. [DNews]

> Huntsville Republican Gage Froerer unveiled a bill to allow some medical offices to donate unused pills to the poor. [DNews]

> In an Op-Ed, Eugene Volokh claims that Rep. David Lifferth's 'anti-doxxing' bill violates the 1st amendment. [WaPost]

> Here is today's legislative committee schedule. [Trib]

**In other news:** The trial of Jeremy Johnson and two others involved in an alleged fraud began today. [Trib] [KUTV]

> Tesoro will pay $7,000 to the state to compensate for damages from a fuel spill in Rosewood Park on Jan. 30, 2015. [Trib]

> An attorney for a former Monticello police officer charged with witness tampering and aggravated burglary told a judge a plea bargain is likely in the case. [Trib] [KUTV]

> Environmental and other activists slammed Rocky Mountain Power's plan to reduce emissions, saying it would punish consumers. [Trib]

> Utah’s Jared Whitley writes about his experience stumping for Sen. Marco Rubio in New Hampshire. [UtahPolicy]

> Megan Grunwald will appeal her conviction for her role in a chase that left a Utah County police officer dead. [APviaTrib]

> The LDS Church is taking steps to prevent its missionaries from contracting the Zika virus. [Trib]

> Pat Bagley offers his take on the LDS Church's involvement in the medical marijuana debate. [Trib]

> Paul Rolly discusses Oregon Militia leader Ammon Bundy's role in videos that tried to show the Bureau of Land Management starting a fire. [Trib]
Nationally: As the New Hampshire primary begins, the candidates aren't being shy about throwing insults at each other. [WaPost]
-> Spencer Zwick, a top fundraiser for Mitt Romney, pledged a contribution to Chris Christie but ended up backing out. [WaPost]
-> Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he's considering running as an independent for the 2016 presidential race. [CNN] [USAToday]
-> President Obama is asking Congress for $1.8 billion to fight the Zika virus. [APviaKUTV]

Where are they?

- Rep. Mia Love heads to a Financial Services Committee retreat, meets with constituents and with members of the delegation. She also votes.
- Gov. Gary Herbert meets with the Utah Israel Economic Council, legislators and legislative leaders. He also participates in the Utah Health Policy Project and a basketball game between legislators and members of the media.
- Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox attends a Legislative Coordination meeting and chats with legislators and legislative leaders. He also visits elementary schools, plays basketball with legislators and members of the media and hosts a KSL radio show.
- State Auditor John Dougall sits down with various county officials, Jon Pierpont, Executive Director of Department of Workforce Services, and Keith Squires, Department of Public Safety.
- SL Co. Mayor Ben McAdams goes to the Salt Lake County Sustainability Fair, a Utah Refugee Board meeting and a County Council meeting.

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