Pete's Week

Saturday, August 3 - Las Vegas - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Forum at UNLV

As Pete was scheduled to appear at the AFSCME forum in the late afternoon, he gave some press interviews earlier in the day.

KPNR: Dem Candidate Buttigieg Stresses Climate Change, Civil Rights
(podcast of on-air interview)

WeAreIOWA (video of an interview): Running in 2020: Pete Buttigieg

Nevada Independent: Buttigieg says Nevada 'absolutely' a priority in 2020, commits to no funding for Yucca Mountain

By the time Pete made his appearance at AFSCME, the news of the terrorist shooting in El Paso was on everyone's mind, so he abandoned his prepared introduction to deliver "off the cuff" remarks about the shooting. See the full video of his AFSCME appearance and news coverage below.

The Hectics Family (YouTube): "America is under attack by lethal violent white nationalist terrorism" - Mayor Pete
(full video of Pete at the AFSCME Forum)

AOL/Huffington Post: Pete Buttigieg: America 'under attack from homegrown white nationalist' terrorists

Big Think: Finally, white nationalists are being called terrorists. We need this to continue.

WSBT: Buttigieg: We can respect 2nd Amendment without it being 'a death sentence for thousands'

An El Paso television report researched Pete's tweet stating that his grandmother used to take him to take him to the Cielo Vista Walmart where the shooting took place. Here are their findings.

KFOX 14: What ties does presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg have to El Paso?

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Sunday, August 4 - Santa Fe, New Mexico - Fundraisers

Pete was scheduled to appear at two fundraisers in Santa Fe on Sunday. Here's the announcement about his upcoming visit, but I found no coverage of the private events.

**Albuquerque Journal: Buttigieg to visit Santa Fe for fundraising**

Sunday, August 4 - Media Appearances

From Santa Fe on Sunday morning, after the Dayton shooting had compounded the national angst, Pete gave interviews on Fox News and CNN.

**Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace**

Fox News: Mayor Pete calls for change after deadly shootings: 'We cannot allow the Second Amendment to be a death sentence'
(includes the video of Chris Wallace's interview of Pete)

Yahoo News: Buttigieg links El Paso terror to white nationalism 'condoned by highest level of our government'

The Hill: Buttigieg addresses backlash after police shooting: 'The badge has a history'

NY Post: Mayor Pete Buttigieg accuses NRA of creating 'false God' out of guns

Newsweek: Pete Buttigieg Calls On Trump to Leave His Golf Resort and 'Condemn' White Nationalism After El Paso Shooting

**CNN State of the Union with Jake Tapper**

CNN: Buttigieg: Now is the time for change on guns
(video of full interview)

Monday, August 5 - Interview on MSNBC

MSNBC Interview (YouTube): Buttigieg Warns 'U.S. Under Attack From Domestic White Nationalist Terror'

Tuesday, August 6 - CNN Interviews

With the release of his Action Plan for Gun Control, Pete is again interviewed by CNN's Jake Tapper, and he also appears on CNN's New Day with John Berman. (See more about the Action Plan for Gun Control on Page 5.)

CNN Politics (YouTube): Buttigieg: We say 'never again' and it always happens
(Jake Tapper interview)

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Tuesday, August 6 - CNN Interviews (continued)

Here is a series of clips from John Berman's interview of Pete on CNN's New Day.

CNN Politics: Buttigieg outlines proposals for gun control, says Trump bears 'some responsibility' for shootings (article with video clip)

The Hill: Buttigieg on Trump: 'It's too late for him not to be a white nationalist'
(article with a different video clip)

The Hill: Buttigieg releases $1B plan to address mass shooting 'national security crisis'
(includes another video clip)

Wednesday, August 7 - Orlando, Florida - Grassroots Fundraiser for Parkland Mayor Christine Hunschofsky

Fox 25 News (YouTube): Pete Buttigieg makes campaign stop in Orlando (full video)

WFTV 9: Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg rallies voters in Orlando
(news report with clips from fundraiser plus some interview clips)

WESH 2 News: Mayor Pete Buttigieg makes campaign stop in Orlando
(news report video)

Orlando Sentinel: Pete Buttigieg in Orlando: 'It would be nice if the U.S. had a president right now'
(article - with lots of quotes from Pete's speech and some background info)

Thursday, August 8 - Aventura, Florida - National Association of Black Journalists Convention

The Hill: Buttigieg: 'Systemic racism is a white problem'
(includes video of Pete's speech)

Friday, August 9 - Release of the Securing Health Care for Rural America Plan

Josh Lederman of NBC News, who has been following Pete, published a quick summary of Pete's just-released plan, "Securing Health Care for Rural America."
(See more about the Securing Health Care for Rural America plan on Page 6.)

Lederman also reports that Pete will be spending most of his time in rural Iowa this week. Pete also appeared with 21 other candidates at Friday's traditional Wing Ding in Clear Lake, and he's scheduled to make his "rite of passage" speech at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines on Tuesday.

NBC News: Buttigieg unveils rural health plan as he starts Iowa swing

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Friday, August 9 - Clear Lake, IA - Iowa Democratic Wing Ding

On Friday, Pete joined 22 candidates at the Iowa Democratic Wingding 2019.

Here’s the YouTube video of Pete’s 5-minute speech.

DM Register: Full speech: Pete Buttigieg speaks at the Iowa Democratic Wing Ding

According to several accounts, Pete was the star of the show! Here's what the New York Times and the AP had to say:

NYTimes: At Iowa’s Wing Ding Dinner, Democrats Assail G.O.P. on Gun Control

Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Ind., who received rapturous applause from the crowd, focused his remarks on turning the page from the Trump presidency, describing white nationalism as a “national security threat.” ...“We’ve got to win not just the era but the future of this country,” Mr. Buttigieg said. “We are going to fix things in this country, we are going to do it together.”

AP: Update on Speakers at the Wing Ding Dinner

Pete Buttigieg says President Donald Trump is "coddling white nationalism," and the South Bend, Indiana, mayor is calling on Iowa voters to help him "change the channel." ... Buttigieg has received a strong response from the crowd at the Wing Ding fundraiser, with loud applause continuing through his fiery speech. ... He says "white nationalism is a national security threat," telling the assembled Democratic activists and operatives to reclaim values like freedom and patriotism from conservatives. ... Buttigieg says, "We've gotta do something completely different." He says he doesn't know if the Trump White House is a "horror show" or a "reality show," but the country needs new programing.

Even the usually reserved Dan Balz writes a rave review.

Washington Post: Iowa is awash in candidates but don’t expect clarity until the very end

Most candidates were well-received by an audience, whose energy highlighted the intense, early interest in the presidential race. But South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg won the applause meter test with a scorching speech that raised the decibel level in the Surf Ballroom.

Saturday, August 10 - Austin, (Sioux County) Iowa

KXAN: Presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg to visit Austin for fundraiser

Statesman: In Austin, Pete Buttigieg says he’s the candidate who is not like the others

KVUE: Presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg marches with Austin mayor at Austin Pride Parade
(article and video with clips from Pete’s speech in Austin)

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**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, August 13 - Des Moines - Pete at the Iowa State Fair Soapbox!**  
1:15 - 2:15 CDT. [Watch it live on You Tube.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=example_video)  
*Washington Post: The Iowa State Fair can make — or break — a presidential candidate*

**Wednesday, August 14 - Iowa**  
Meet Pete in Muscatine!  
Cedar County Town Hall with Mayor Pete!  
Lee County Town Hall with Pete Buttigieg  
Burlington Town Hall with Pete Buttigieg

**Thursday, August 15 - Iowa**  
Fairfield Town Hall with Pete Buttigieg  
Pete Buttigieg at Hotel Ottumwa  
Oskaloosa Town Hall with Pete Buttigieg

**Saturday, August 17 - South Carolina**  
Town Hall with Pete in Beaufort, SC  
Rural Roundtable with Pete in Pineville, SC  
Town Hall with Pete at the College of Charleston

**Sunday, August 18 - South Carolina**  
Town Hall with Pete in Hartsville, SC

**Friday, August 23 - Saturday, August 25 - Pete in New Hampshire**  
*WMUR 9 NH Primary Source: Pete Buttigieg plans August, September visits to NH*

**Action Plan to Combat Gun Violence**

Take a look at Pete's action plan, along with some media coverage.

*Medium: An Action Plan to Combat the National Threat Posed by Hate and the Gun Lobby* (full text)  
*The Hill: Buttigieg releases $1B plan to address mass shooting 'national security crisis*  
*UPI: Buttigieg pitches $1B plan to restrict guns, fight domestic terrorism*  
*Courthouse News Service: Buttigieg Lays Out Plan for Gun Control After Mass Shootings*  
*Vox: Pete Buttigieg's plan to combat domestic terrorists and pass gun control laws, explained*  
*NY Times: Where the 2020 Democrats Stand on Gun Control*

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Securing a Healthy Future for Rural America Plan

On Friday, Pete released his Rural America Health Plan, with detailed objectives for improving the health and longevity of this often overlooked segment of our society. Here are the promo and two versions of Pete's plan. The first is an illustrated overview, with links to the full text.

Pete for America (You Tube Promo): Securing Health Care for Rural America
Pete for America (overview): Securing a Healthy Future for Rural America
Pete for America (full text): Securing a Healthy Future for Rural America

And here's some of the coverage:

Politico: How Pete Buttigieg would overhaul rural health
The Hill: Buttigieg unveils plan to improve health care in rural areas
Yahoo News: Pete Buttigieg Unveils ‘Medicare for All Who Want It’ Plan
Reuters: Democrat Buttigieg unveils healthcare plan for rural Americans, tribes

Team Pete Continues to Grow

Crain's Chicago Business: Buttigieg's Chicago office in growth mode
Politico: Buttigieg campaign hires CISO, citing cybersecurity emphasis
(CISO = Chief Information Security Officer)
The Press Herald: Buttigieg hires faith outreach director for campaign
Washington Post: Pete Buttigieg hires the first faith outreach director of the 2020 campaign
WMUR: NH Primary Source: Buttigieg presidential campaign adds 5 NH staffers, bringing total to 40
The Daily Beast: Team Buttigieg Aggressively Courts Superdelegates in Prep for a Contested Convention

Fundraising

Politico: Rookie bundlers power Buttigieg fundraising surge
Becker's Hospital Review: Trump, Buttigieg lead 2020 candidates in donations from healthcare sector
NY Times: 6 Things We Learned About the 2020 Race From Our Fund-Raising Maps
Forbes: Here Are The Democratic Presidential Candidates With The Most Donations From Billionaires

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Polls

Real Clear Politics

It’s been an incredibly busy week for pollsters, with so many listed by the Real Clear Politics Polls I’ll hit only the highlights. On the whole, the national polls show no significant changes. Joe Biden remains firmly in first place, with a wider margin in some polls than in others. Warren, who has been gaining in the polls, most often places second as Sanders has been slipping in a number of polls. However, the second and third place slots continue to see-saw between the two, depending on the poll. Harris is also continuing to slip since the second debate, while Pete has been edging up a little to go ahead of her in the Texas poll, and they’re at a statistical tie in Friday's Survey/USA national poll: Biden 28, Sanders 20, Warren 19, Harris 9, Pete 8.

Here also is commentary on Wednesday's Economist/YouGov poll in which Pete and Harris are also statistically tied for fourth.

The Hill: Poll: Biden leads 2020 Democratic field by 6 points, followed by Warren

State polls also revealed no significant surprises. Pete continues to hold a solid 5th place in Pennsylvania and North Carolina, and even in Texas and California where of course native sons and a daughter have the edge. Tuesday's Boston Globe/Suffolk New Hampshire poll again held no surprises: Biden 21, Sanders 17, Warren 14, Harris 8, Pete 6 (again perhaps a statistical tie?).

Iowa

The Monmouth Iowa poll, published Friday, shows Sanders slipping to 4th, with Pete hard on his heels: Biden 29, Warren 19, Harris 11, Sanders 9, Pete 8. The Washington Post's Jennifer Rubin points out that Pete and Sanders are in a statistical tie for 4th. Washington Post | Jennifer Rubin Op/Ed: There are some surprises in Iowa

Speaking of Iowa: Take a look at the Iowa Corn Kernel Poll, where Pete is placing second among the Democratic candidates so far -- but it will be a week before the corn kernel polls close, months before the Iowa caucuses select their nominee, and many months before the Democratic nominee is chosen.

Washington Post: 2020 Power Ranking

Biden, Warren, Harris, and Sanders remain in the 1st - 4th places respectively, while Pete and Cory Booker have switched places again, with Pete now in 5th, Cory in 6th. Beto O'Rourke has moved up 3 places to 7th.

Political Forecast Election Predictions (You Tube) August 9th
(an analysis of polls with findings quite different from those in Real Clear Politics)

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Gun Violence/Racism/Immigration

The whole world knows the news of the horrific massacres in El Paso and Dayton on Saturday, August 2, and of the 2020 Democratic candidates' charges that Trump's racist rhetoric fuels incidents like these. The El Paso shooter's manifesto plagiarising Trump's rhetoric, the killer's choice of the Walmart known to cater to Mexicans and Mexican-Americans, his targeting of those who looked Mexican and letting others go -- all point to domestic terrorism. The Dayton shooter, who was also armed with an assault weapon and intended to destroy as many people as possible, had a history of instability. This shooting might have been prevented had effective background checks and red flag laws been in place. Still, the country remains deeply divided on these issues.

Here are just a few of the countless articles I found about these horrific tragedies and the ways people are coping with the tide of domestic terrorism.

NY Times | Richard Parker Op/Ed: When Hate Came to El Paso
LA Times: For Latinos, El Paso is a devastating new low in a Trump era
NY Times | Janet Murguía Op/Ed: The El Paso Shooting Is the Violence Latinos Have Been Dreading

The Washington Post reported that Ohio Representative Mike Turner, formerly a staunch opponent of gun control, issued this statement a couple of days after his daughter, who had been socializing just across the street from Ned Peppers at the time of the Dayton shooting, ran all the way home to escape the mayhem.

Congressman Mike Turner: TURNER Supports Restricting Military Style Weapon Sales, Magazine Limits, & Red Flag Legislation

But, as Maureen Dowd writes in her appraisal of Quentin Tarrantino's portrayal of "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," many still yearn for the past, when white men ruled.

NY Times | Maureen Dowd: Requiem for White Men

Red flag laws are included as just one part of Pete's action plan for gun control. California's red flag law, passed after the Parkland shooting, has already proven most effective. Here, courtesy of Voice of San Diego, are two articles describing San Diego city attorney Mara Elliott's success in confiscating guns using California's red flag law.

San Francisco Chronicle: California gun confiscations increase sharply under restraining-order law
LA Times: San Diego's city attorney is taking away hundreds of guns from those who shouldn't have them

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Impeachment

A quick word to keep you posted. Somewhat under the radar in order to protect members who are battling for re-election in conservative districts, House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold (Jerry) Nadler, after consulting with Speaker Pelosi, began an impeachment inquiry shortly before their summer break. To be clear, an impeachment inquiry is simply a first step in determining whether or not to begin the impeachment process. Chairman Nadler took this step in order to obtain documents and interview witnesses that the administration has been blocking. An impeachment inquiry enforces Congress's right to have this information.

Washington Post | The Fix | Amber Phillips: The impeachment inquiry Trump feared is already here

Washington Post: Democrats ask federal judge to force testimony from ex-White House counsel McGahn

Wall Street Journal: Banks Hand Over Documents on Russians Possibly Linked to Trump

Washington Post: FBI releases records of Justice Dept. official Bruce Ohr interviews about Russia probe

Climate Change

So much more news on climate change this week! Here are a couple of articles based on a report from the United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Washington Post: Changing climate imperils global food and water supplies, new U.N. study finds

NY Times: Climate Change Threatens the World’s Food Supply, United Nations Warns

And here's a first-hand report on the problems American farmers are already facing.

NY Times | Alan Sano Op/Ed: Farmers Don’t Need to Read the Science. We Are Living It. (Note: Alan Sano owns and operates Sano Farms in California’s San Joaquin Valley)

As if climate change were not already taxing our country’s farmers, Trump tariffs are finishing them off. This Washington Post Magazine feature tells that part of the story.

Washington Post: Left behind, Farmers fight to save their land in rural Minnesota as trade war intensifies

The 2020 candidates are invited to participate in at least three forums on climate change in September, but some wonder if that is enough.

The Hill: Town halls are not the answer, DNC must sanction an official climate debate

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South Bend News

**NBC News: Buttigieg campaign slams lawsuit against South Bend program aiding undocumented immigrants**

This headline is a bit misleading. The campaign is speaking out against Judicial Watch, a conservative group that is suing the City of South Bend over its "Community Resident Card" program, which provides undocumented immigrants with an ID to use for conducting daily business in their community. The program was set up to be run by a private nonprofit organization in order to maintain the security of the data the immigrants submit to qualify for a card. Mayor Pete has ordered that city departments honor the cards, and he encourages local businesses to accept the cards.

Fortunately, the recent national exposure of this program has not deterred residents from participating.

**South Bend Tribune: South Bend residents apply for ID card that's in the news**

And here's an update on the community's attempts to improve relations with police.

**South Bend Tribune: ‘People want accountability, transparency.' Community talks about policing in South Bend**

This little tidbit is a panacea for all of the divisiveness, violence, and anger so prevalent in the news these days. What's not to love about South Bend and its mayor?

**Newsweek: Pete Buttigieg Retweets Video of Raccoons' Daring Rescue from South Bend Warehouse Fire**

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