

ON THE RECORD

Patrick Orman

MANCHESTER — Manchester, NH - Patrick "Kelly" Orman, 63, of Manchester, passed away on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at Catholic Medical Center.

Kelly as he was known to family and friends was born on November 19, 1961 in Ottumwa, IA; he was the son of the late Donald H. and Sandra A. (Brown) Orman.

He worked for many years in Construction for the Carpenters Union, he handled all aspects of construction throughout his career, he was a hard worker. Kelly was the kind of person that could strike up a conversation with anyone he met, he was goofy and a smooth talker, but he would do anything for anyone. He enjoyed time with his family, especially his wife Terri.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, James "Tony" Orman.

Kelly is survived by his wife, Terri (Hudson) Orman of Manchester, NH; children, Amber Rose Orman, Kayla Jade Orman, Damien Marden and Alexa Hudson and her partner, James Hardy, step daughter, Maddy Hayden, siblings, Jon "Denny" Orman of Loudon, NH; Donald "Jeff" Orman, Melanie Orman and Melissa Orman all of Concord, NH; grandson, William Patrick Campbell, sister-in-law, Lori Nelson and her husband Richard as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

There are no services scheduled at this time. The Roan Family Funeral Home in Pembroke, NH is assisting the family with arrangements. To share a memory or offer a condolence please visit www.roanfamilyfuneral.com



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Gov. Kim Reynolds said Friday that eliminating Iowa's income tax may not be on the table before she leaves office — but that she plans to focus on reducing property taxes in the 2026 legislative session.

In her public statement following the adjournment of the 2025 legislative session, Reynolds did not bring up income taxes as a goal for 2026. Instead, she highlighted her plans to work on "reducing Iowans' property tax burden" next year.

During an interview on "Iowa Press," moderator Kay Henderson of Radio Iowa asked Reynolds if she had abandoned the goal to end Iowa's income tax or planned to move on cutting both income and property taxes in 2026. Reynolds said, "that would be aggressive."

"I want to create a foundation that when I do leave, the next Republican governor that sits in that chair will be able to continue to reduce the individual income tax rate," Reynolds said. "But I do need to focus on property taxes. That is what we hear about all the time."

Reynolds announced in April she will not seek reelection in the 2026 general election. During her tenure as governor, Reynolds has put a major focus on cutting taxes, particularly focusing on Iowa's income taxes. Iowa's individual income tax rate fell to a flat 3.8% rate in January following a law the governor signed in 2024 that sped up 2022 cuts to individual and corporate income taxes.

While Reynolds has celebrated these reductions, she has also said in previous years that she wanted to go further and completely eliminate the state's income tax. At a Cato Institute forum in 2023, Reynolds said her goal was to "get to zero individual income tax rate by the end of this second term."

The governor said in 2025, legislators had "asked to take the lead" on property taxes, but that she planned to be more involved in this

work and finding a solution to reduce property tax costs through discussions with local governments and other stakeholders over the summer.

Republican legislative leaders, Sen. Dan Dawson, R-Council Bluffs and Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, the Ways and Means Committee chairs in the Senate and House, had introduced a bill in 2025 to eliminate Iowa's "rollback" system for calculating property taxes and instead move to a "revenue-restricted" system that would limit most property tax levy rates to 2% growth each year. The proposal, which went through multiple iterations but failed to come to a floor vote, also included other measures intended to lower property taxes like a shift of \$426 million in K-12 funding from property taxes to the state.

Reynolds said she did not believe that shifting funding to the state necessarily would be the correct solution, as "it's still taxpayer dollars" that would come from state taxes instead of local property taxes to back this K-12 funding. She said her focus on putting together a package to cut property taxes would involve looking at "how we deliver services to our citizens."

She said it's not feasible for Iowa communities to have "level of government that we have and expect the property taxes to go lower." She said her discussions will involve ways Iowa can streamline government to cut costs, but will also likely involve changes to how Iowa local governments have operated in the past 40 years.

"It's disruptive, but that means people are going to probably be a little uncomfortable, and we'll have the conversation," Reynolds said. "And I'm not going to wait until January to have it. We're going to have it all summer as we're working on it."

Most of the governor's priorities, which she laid out during her Condition of the State address in January,

were met before the 2025 session ended earlier this month. Measures like restricting cellphone use in classrooms, increasing medical residency slots and making changes to Iowa's rural health care system and backfilling some natural disaster aid for Iowa areas impacted by 2024 extreme weather all passed this session.

DISASTER AID

When asked by moderators about the proposed elimination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the federal agency that played a large role in Iowa's recovery efforts after the 2024 natural disasters, Reynolds said there still needs to "be a partnership" with the federal government but that she sees areas for improvement in FEMA's response system.

"I'm telling you, it takes way too long, it's way too bureaucratic," Reynolds said. "You know, we've got people on the ground that can act quickly. We were able to stand up some really unique programs because they gave us the flexibility to do that. That's what states do, that's what we could do. So I think it really is something we need to take a look at."

CHILD CARE

Some of Reynolds' proposals, like measures on child care infrastructure and energy programs, did not make it to her desk.

The child care bill included a provision to shift funding from the existing Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) and federal Child Care and Development Fund Wrap Around Child Care funds to a new \$16 million grant pilot program for preschool providers and child care centers. The focus would be on providing full-day care for children.

Though the legislation did not pass this session, Reynolds moved forward Tuesday to establish a Continuum of Care grant with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services releasing an initial Request for Proposal for the grant. The governor

also extended the child care assistance pilot program, allowing child care workers to receive child care assistance for their own children.

CARBON PIPELINES

One bill that Reynolds has not weighed in on is House File 639, the legislation proposing multiple changes related to the use of eminent domain in carbon sequestration pipeline projects. The bill passed the Senate following heated debate during the last week of session. Republican leaders in the House, including House Speaker Pat Grassley, have said they believe Reynolds will sign the bill into law despite opposition from the ethanol industry and some high-profile Republicans.

June 14 is the deadline for Reynolds to sign bills from the 2025 session into law; if she does not sign or veto a bill by this deadline, it is considered a "pocket veto" and not enacted. The governor said on "Iowa Press" she is meeting with stakeholders to discuss the legislation, but is still in the process of researching and considering the impacts of the bill with her policy team and with advocates both for and against the measure.

"Almost every meeting has led to some additional research on my team, I have legal counsel looking at it," Reynolds said. "So it's been a really good process, and we're going to continue that through at least the next week. So I want to make sure that I have given individual stakeholders the opportunity to weigh in, so that I can, again, make the best, informed decision that I can based on information I've heard."

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Egyptian archaeologists discover three tombs in Luxor

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CAIRO — Egypt unveiled three new tombs of prominent statesman in the Dra Abu al-Naga necropolis in Luxor, officials said Monday.

Egyptian archaeologists have discovered tombs dating back to the New Kingdom period (1550–1070 B.C.) and identified the names and titles of their owners through inscriptions found within, according to a statement by the tourism and antiquities ministry.

Mohamed Ismail Khaled, secretary-general of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, said in the statement that further study of other tombs' inscriptions is needed to gain a deeper understanding of the tombs' owners.

The ministry released pictures of items discovered in the tombs, including artifacts and statues. The discovery comes in the lead-up to the highly anticipated full opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum, which is expected this summer, though a final official date is yet to be confirmed. The museum will showcase more than 100,000 artifacts from Egypt's rich ancient heritage.

One of the tombs discovered in Luxor on Monday belonged to Amum-em-Ipet, from the Ramesside period, who worked in the estate of Amun. His tomb was mostly destroyed and what remained were depictions of the funeral furniture carriers and a banquet.

Amum-em-Ipet's tomb begins with a small courtyard leading to an entrance and then a square hall ending with a niche, whose western wall was destroyed.

The other tombs date back to the 18th Dynasty and include one belonging to a man named Baki, who served as a supervisor of the grain silo. Another tomb contains the burial of an individual named "S," who held multiple roles — he was a supervisor at the Temple of Amun in the oasis, a writer and the mayor of the northern oases.

Baki's tomb has a courtyard leading to the main entrance of the tomb as well as a long corridor-like courtyard. It also has a transverse hall leading to another longitudinal hall that leads up to an unfinished chamber that contains a burial well.

Meanwhile, the other tomb that belongs to "S" has a small courtyard with a well, the tomb's main entrance, and a transverse hall that leads to an incomplete longitudinal hall.

Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Sherif Fathi described the discovery as a significant scientific and archaeological achievement, noting that it is one of the areas poised to greatly boost cultural tourism and attract more visitors with an interest in Egypt's rich heritage.

In January, Egypt made several discoveries near the famed city of Luxor, including ancient rock-cut tombs and burial shafts dating back 3,600 years. They were unearthed at the causeway of Queen Hatshepsut's funerary temple at Deir al-Bahri on the Nile's West Bank.

Late last year, Egyptian and American archaeologists excavated an ancient tomb with 11 sealed burials near Luxor. The tomb, which dates to the Middle Kingdom, was found in the South Asasif necropolis, next to the Temple of Hatshepsut.

Former US Rep. Charles Rangel of New York dies at 94

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NEW YORK — Former U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, an outspoken, gravel-voiced Harlem Democrat who spent nearly five decades on Capitol Hill and was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, died Monday at age 94.

His family confirmed the death in a statement provided by City College of New York spokesperson Michelle Stent. He died at a hospital in New York, Stent said.

A veteran of the Korean War, he defeated legendary Harlem politician Adam Clayton Powell in 1970 to start his congressional career. During the next 40-plus years, he became a legend himself — a founding member of the Congressional

Black Caucus, dean of the New York congressional delegation, and in 2007, the first African American to chair the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

He stepped down from that committee amid an ethics cloud, and the House censured him in 2010. But he continued to serve in Congress until his retirement in 2017.

Rangel was the last surviving member of the Gang of Four — African American political figures who wielded great power in New York City and state politics. The others were David Dinkins, New York City's first Black mayor; Percy Sutton, who was Manhattan Borough president; and Basil Paterson, a deputy mayor and New York secretary of state.

Few could forget Rangel after hearing him talk. His distinctive gravel-toned voice and wry sense of humor were a memo-

orable mix.

That voice — one of the most liberal in the House — was loudest in opposition to the Iraq War, which he branded a "death tax" on poor people and minorities. In 2004, he tried to end the war by offering a bill to restart the military service draft. Republicans called his bluff and brought the bill to a vote. Even Rangel voted against it.

A year later, Rangel's fight over the war became bitterly personal with then-Vice President Dick Cheney.

Rangel said Cheney, who has a history of heart trouble, might be too sick to perform his job.

"I would like to believe he's sick rather than just mean and evil," Rangel said. After several such verbal jabs, Cheney hit back, saying Rangel was "losing it."

The charismatic Harlem lawmaker rarely backed down

from a fight after he first entered the House in 1971 as a dragon slayer of sorts, having unseated Powell in the Democratic congressional primary in 1970. The flamboyant elder Powell, a city political icon first elected to the House in 1944, was ill and haunted by scandal at the time.

Rangel became leader of the main tax-writing committee of the House, which has jurisdiction over programs including Social Security and Medicare, after the 2006 midterm elections when Democrats ended 12 years of Republican control of the chamber. But in 2010, a House ethics committee conducted a hearing on 13 counts of alleged financial and fundraising misconduct over issues surrounding financial disclosures and use of congressional resources.

The 2028 podcast primary is underway as Democrats try to reshape their image

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The Democrats' 2028 podcast primary is well underway.

From Govs. Gavin Newsom of California, Andy Beshear of Kentucky and Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan to former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, potential presidential contenders are following the lead of President Donald Trump, who frequently went on podcasts appealing to younger men during his 2024 campaign.

Liberal strategists acknowledge Trump showed that Democratic candidates need to master the podcast space, which is typically looser and more freewheeling than a press conference or a traditional media interview.

"The way that politicians communicate and need to be seen by their audience is changing," said Liz Minnella, who fundraised for Democratic nominee Kamala Harris and this year launched Connect

Forward, a group to support liberal influencers. "I hate to give him credit, but he found a way to connect with people, talk to them like human beings in non-political speak."

Newsom, long derided by conservatives as a San Francisco liberal, has welcomed conservatives onto his podcast and agreed with them on issues such as trans participation in women's sports. Beshear, a lower-profile Democrat in a red state, hosted his teenagers to teach him how to use the youth slang "skibidi."

The likely 2028 contenders have produced many hours of content already. Here's a look at key moments and what we've learned about the field so far.

ANDY BESHEAR'S 'BE YOU, BOO'

Launching "The Andy Beshear Podcast" earlier this year, the Kentucky governor now has hosted a donor, a former ambassador, businessmen he calls friends and U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who ran for the 2020 Democratic presi-

dential nomination.

He even brought on his two children to explain slang words high schoolers are using, asking them to explain to him how to use terms like "skibidi" to say something looks good, or "doing it for the plot" to say you'll be taking a risk on something despite a potentially bad outcome.

From his first episode, the 47-year-old politician outlines some rules and says the first is "be authentic, you be you, boo."

The governor did not respond to a request for comment on his strategy, but has mostly taken a position of dissecting and broadcasting opposition to Trump's policies, such as potential cuts to Medicaid and the use of the Signal messaging app by the president's national security team to discuss sensitive military operations.

In one of Beshear's most recent episodes earlier this month, his producer asks the governor a frequent listener's question: Will you run for president?

"If it were three years ago, this was something that we

would have never thought about," Beshear said, sitting beside his wife, Britanny. "But I'm committed to not leaving a broken country to my kids or anyone else's. Now, what that looks like going forward, I don't know. My job right now is to try to lift up as many leaders as possible all across the country that are hopefully focused on the right things with the right message to re-earn the faith of the American people."

GRETCHEN WHITMER TALKS ABOUT THE HUG

Whitmer recently appeared on "Pod Save America" for a shorter interview than other contenders have done on podcasts. Whitmer had received some backlash for sharing a hug with the president last month as he arrived in her home state, less than a month after she shielded her face from cameras during an Oval Office appearance alongside Trump.

Whitmer and Trump announced a new fighter jet

mission at a National Guard base outside Detroit that is seen as a major economic driver for the area.

"This is a BFD," she said on the podcast, referencing if not outright saying a profane phrase that starts with "big" and ends with "deal."

"It doesn't mean I've abandoned any of my values. It doesn't mean that I'm not going to stand my ground and fight where we have to, but this is one of those moments where as a public servant you're reminded your job is to put service above self and that's what it was all about."

GAVIN NEWSOM GIVES MIC TO MAGA FIGURES

In February, California's governor launched "This is Gavin Newsom" as what he called a mechanism for talking "directly with people I disagree with, with people I look up to, and you — the listeners."

Thus far, he's had a wide array of guests, including former Trump strategist Steve Bannon and conservative

influencer Charlie Kirk, as well as Klobuchar and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, Harris' 2024 running mate.

The conversations have mostly been chummy. Newsom — who has in recent weeks broken with California's legislature and faced liberal criticism for his positioning on trans issues, immigration and homelessness — has fielded backlash for giving a platform to some of his party's biggest critics.

Newsom has also drawn criticism for opposing the participation of trans athletes in women's sports.

"I think it's an issue of fairness, I completely agree with you on that," Newsom told Kirk in his debut episode. "It is an issue of fairness — it's deeply unfair."

The diverse guest list could be part of Newsom's attempt to self-brand as a centrist ahead of a possible 2028 run, hearing out conservative critics while trying to assume his party's mantle.