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U.S. President Donald Trump delivers his speech as Vice-President Mike Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi listen.

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# Gates foundation opens wallet for U of M researcher

**KEVIN ROLLASON** 

WHEN it comes to breast milk, Meghan Azad is the \$6.5-million researcher.

That's how much the Winnipeg researcher has been granted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to create a new global health initiative to examine — more in-depth than ever before — how breast milk helps babies grow and fight illnesses.

"It's the largest grant I've ever received," Azad said Tuesday. "The way (the foundation) works is, they find you. They found out about my breast milk research.

"I had to pinch myself for a few days."

Azad — an assistant professor at the University of Manitoba, as well as the Canada Research Chair in developmental origins of chronic disease and a research scientist at the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba — will combine her work with that of other researchers in maternal nutrition and infant growth in Tanzania, Pakistan, Nepal

and Burkina Faso.

During the next three years, researchers in the new International Milk Composition Consortium will collect samples of breast milk from 1,200 mother-infant pairs to be analyzed at the U of M.

As well, Azad said the research grant means her current study, involving 3,500 Canadian infants, will be completed. She currently has only been able to look at about 1,000 of those samples taken during the last five years.

"We don't need a very large volume, we only need one millilitre... mom expresses enough milk (for us) and then the rest to baby," she said.

The consortium researchers will get two samples of breast milk: one when the baby is two months of age; the other when the child is six months old, Azad said.

They will then look at all the components of the breast milk samples, including fat, protein and hormones.

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Researcher Meghan Azad received \$6.5M from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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for a Trump-era news cycle ems permanently set to hyperthe breakneck pace of events ting the first week of February a singular backdrop for the nt's address.

ber: Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido, who has been trying for months to win face time with Trump, his most important international ally.

The president offered Guaido exactly the sort of endorsement he's been looking for as he struggles to oust President Nicolas Maduro from power. Trump called Guaido "the true and legitimate president of Venezuela."

"Mr. President, please take this message back to your homeland," Trump said. "All Americans are united with the Venezuelan people in their righteous struggle for freedom! Socialism destroys nations. But always remember, freedom unifies the soul."

Trump entered the night on a roll, with his impeachment acquittal imminent, his job approval numbers ticking ferent from the solid economy he inherited from president Barack Obama. Economic growth was 2.3 per cent in 2019, matching the average pace since the Great Recession ended a decade ago in the first year of Obama's eightyear presidency.

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While the White House said the president would have a message of unity, he also spent time on issues that have created great division and resonated with his political base. He attacked Democrats' health care proposals for being too intrusive and again highlighted his signature issue

ing white as tribute to the suffragettes who helped win the vote for women, while a number in the party were wearing red, white and blue-striped lapel pins to highlight climate change, saying Trump has rolled back environmental safeguards and given free rein to polluters.

Several Democratic lawmakers. including California Rep. Maxine Waters and New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, announced in advance of the speech that they would be skipping it, with the high-profile New York freshman tweeting that she would "not use my presence at a state ceremony to normalize Trump's lawless conduct & subversion of the Constitution."

— The Associated Press

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"I think we're going to find out a lot of new information. By looking at it in totality, it will give us new answers... (Breast milk) is so fundamentally important to infant health and yet we know surprisingly little about breast milk composition and its variation around the world," Azad said.

"This project will help us learn about how human milk helps healthy babies develop and grow up healthy."

Azad has never met Bill or Melinda Gates, but hopes to someday. (Bill Gates is a co-founder of software giant Microsoft Corp., and has been ranked by Forbes magazine for more than two decades as one of the richest people in the world.)

"The University of Manitoba thanks the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for this commitment to improving the health of children and mothers around the globe," Digvir Jayas, U of M vicepresident, research and international, said in a statement.

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### ARNING OUT

### **IEIR BLOOD**

versity of Winnipeg lent Avery Keen inteers Tuesday as part blood typing event to ourage students to ome donors. Students their fingers pricked learned about their d type and the ation process. They ld also book ointments to give blood ne event.



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of Young Street.

The driver of the vehicle continued flee from police until abandoning it Roslyn Crescent and running from t scene.

A canine unit tracked the driver, a a woman was later arrested on the 1 block of Balmoral Street.

Chantelle Louise Kryminski, 27, Winnipeg, has been charged with criminal offences. Jason Frederick Mo 27, of Little Grand Rapids First Natio has been charged with eight criminal fences.

Both accused were detained in custoo

## UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE

**Kaye's Auction House** 263 Stanley St. (WPG.) Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM

(Viewing after 2:00 p.m. Same Day of Sale ONLY

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