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An Iowa Bernie Bro talks about his candidate



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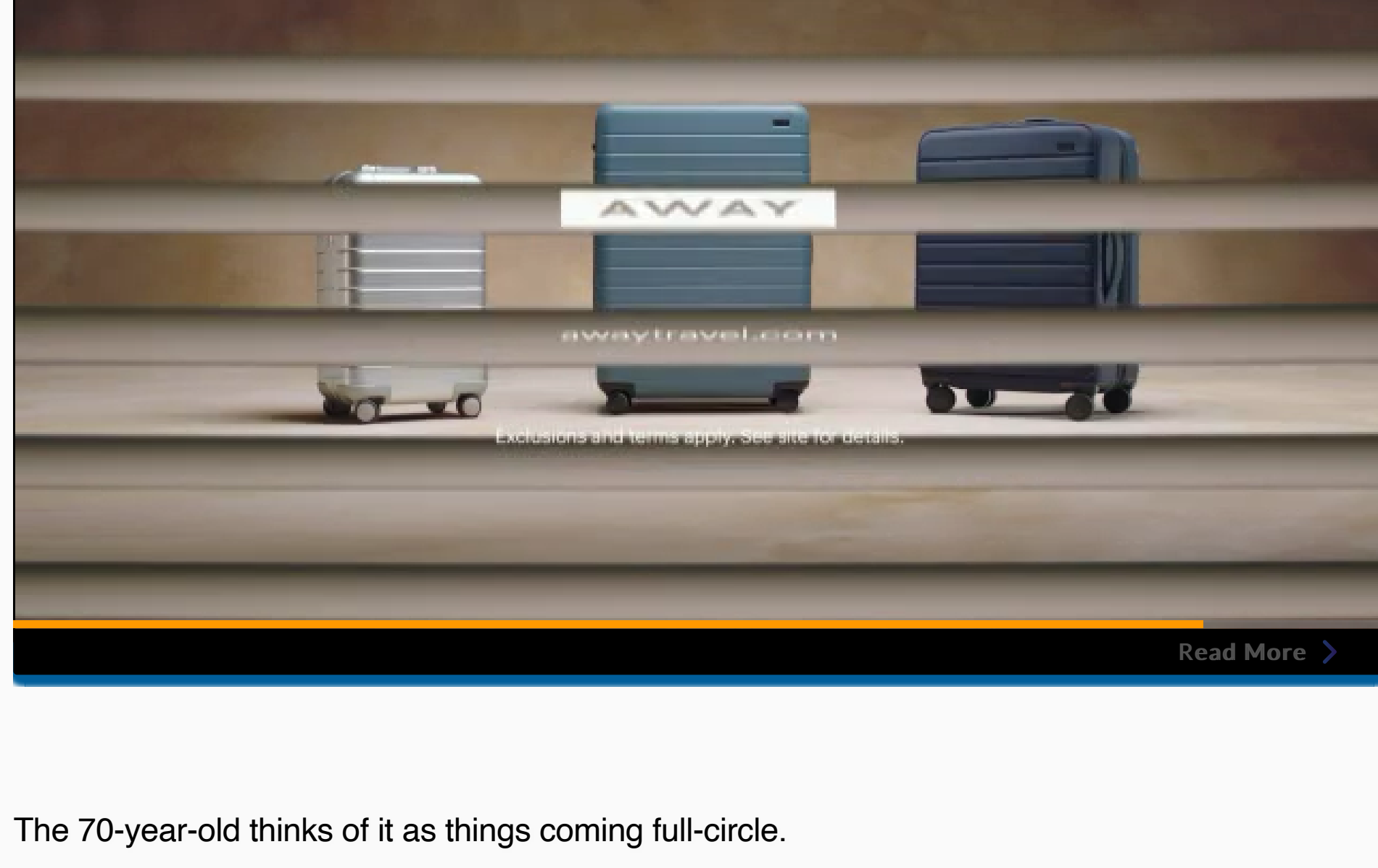
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DES MOINES, Iowa — When you walk into Dartanian Brown's house, there's brownies on the counter and soup on the stove.

On the day of the Iowa caucuses, there's also a Bernie Sanders sign in his yard.

Brown has made his house a staging office and training ground for canvassing for the Sanders campaign.

"That's what democracy looks like," he said. "That's also what democracy smells like."



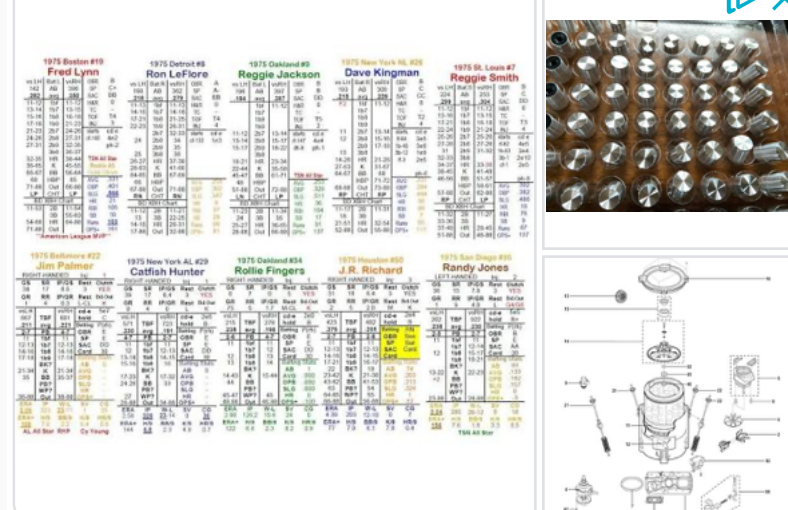
The 70-year-old thinks of it as things coming full-circle.

"I've been gone for 30 years," Brown said. "When I came back, I said, 'Where are my people?' And it was gratifying to find them coalesced around this movement, around Bernie."

A lifelong musician, Brown graduated from high school in Des Moines in 1967 and went to college at Drake University. After living near San Francisco for 30 years, Brown came back to Des Moines to take care of his mother and teach music classes.

He's seen Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg and Julian Castro come campaigning. It didn't take Brown long to decide that Sanders was his choice for 2020.

"The consistency of his viewpoint ... is clear, always, and he manages to see the entire fabric of the American experience," Brown said. "We have the people, and I think that at this point in history, that needs to be the deciding factor."



When the Sanders campaign came asking for help, Brown was all too happy to oblige.

College students and high schoolers have been looking for ways to get involved with the Sanders campaign. Brown has even gotten calls from middle schoolers who are interested in helping out.

"It's been totally inspiring to see kids from around the nation ... intent on making a change," he said.

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We are saddened that Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA) leadership continues to perpetuate false claims about our hospital, and continues to strike during a global pandemic, rather than negotiate a new contract in good faith. We conducted a thorough review of quality and safety metrics, and even had an independent third party validate a multi-year review of nurse staffing. Saint Vincent Hospital has always been transparent with the community it serves, with over 127 years as a trusted healthcare provider.

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What we respectfully ask of you, our nurses:

Please ask the MNA leadership to come back to the table to bargain in good faith with Saint Vincent Hospital. There is overwhelming evidence that the request for staffing and safety are more than reasonable and we have offered some concessions to reach a solution. The wage and benefit offer is generous and fair. We would welcome the opportunity to put aside demands for mandated ratios that did not succeed in the 2018 ballot initiative, and focus on what it will take to reach a solution at Saint Vincent Hospital that will ensure we maintain the record of high quality care we have delivered together into the future.

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