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March 14, 2023

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for the
Reconstruction of the Stanton-Summit #3 and #4 230 kV Transmission
Line in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2022-3037374**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Public Notices and Affidavits of Insertion indicating that the Public Notice for the above-referenced proceeding was published in The Scranton Times Tribune on February 24, 2023 and March 3, 2023, and in The Reading Eagle on February 26, 2023 and March 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Shafer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael J. Shafer

Enclosures

Russia sends rescue ship to space station after leaks

Capsule should arrive Sunday to aid 2 cosmonauts and NASA astronaut.

BY MARCIA DUNN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia launched a rescue ship on Friday for two cosmonauts and a NASA astronaut whose original ride home sprang a dangerous leak while parked at the International Space Station. The new, empty Soyuz cap-

sule should arrive at the orbiting lab on Sunday.

The capsule leak in December was blamed on a micrometeorite that punctured an external radiator, draining it of coolant. The same thing appeared to happen again earlier this month, this time on a docked Russian cargo ship. Camera views showed a small hole in each spacecraft.

The Russian Space Agency delayed the launch of the replacement Soyuz, looking

for any manufacturing defects. No issues were found, and the agency proceeded with Friday's pre-dawn launch from Kazakhstan of the capsule with bundles of supplies strapped into the three seats.

Officials had determined it was too risky to bring NASA's Frank Rubio and Russia's Sergey Prokopyev and Dmitri Petelin back in their damaged Soyuz next month as originally planned.

BRIEFS

NORTHEAST PA

Schools receive kitchen grants

Several school cafeterias will receive equipment upgrades, thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education announced this week it has awarded more than \$2.7 million in grant funding to 130 schools across the state.

Regional grants include: Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County, \$22,149.44 for an electric countertop kettle; Forest City Regional High School, \$26,915 for an oven; Mountain View Junior/Senior High School, \$34,741.02 for a dishwasher; Riverside Junior/Senior High School, \$30,090.11 for an indoor freezer; Riverside Elementary West, \$33,512.47 for an outdoor freezer; Tunkhannock Area Intermediate School, \$11,807.85 for a reach-in refrigerator; and Tunkhannock Primary Education Center, \$14,256.08 for a dual-temperature cabinet.

— SARAH HOFIUS HALL

SCRANTON

Man pleads guilty to drug charges

A man admitted to distributing between 500 and 1,500 grams of crystal methamphetamine in Susquehanna County between August 2019 and April 2020, authorities announced Thursday.

Clifford Johnson, 58, of Franklin Twp., entered the plea Tuesday to distribution of methamphetamine and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine before U.S. District Court Judge Robert D. Mariani, United States Attorney Gerald M. Karam announced Thursday.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the state police.

Johnson faces up to 20 years in prison, supervised release and a fine, according to authorities.

— CHRISTINE LEE

SCRANTON

Inmate pleads guilty to weapons charge

An inmate at a federal prison in Wayne County admitted to assaulting a fellow inmate with a piece of metal.

Isiah Robinson, 36, who is incarcerated at United States Penitentiary, Canaan pleaded guilty Wednesday to assault with a dangerous weapon, United States Attorney Gerard M. Karam announced.

Robinson stabbed the inmate twice in October 2020 with the metal object, known as a shank, according to authorities, causing non-life-threatening injuries that sent the inmate to the hospital.

He faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine.

The FBI and the Bureau of Prisons Special Investigative Service investigated the case.

— CHRISTINE LEE

SCRANTON

Dates set for county heritage fair

Dates have been set for this year's Lackawanna County Heritage Fair.

This year's fair will take place June 1-4 at Montage Mountain. The fair started in 2019 but took a hiatus in 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's fair will feature rides, food, vendors, live entertainment and access to Montage's water park.

The fair is seeking vendors. For more information or to apply to be a vendor, visit lackawannacountyheritagefairs.com.

— CHRISTINE LEE

RICE TWP.

I-81 crash leaves 1 dead, snarls traffic

A West Pittston woman died after being struck by a tractor-trailer on Interstate 81 in Rice Twp. early Thursday morning.

Troopers said Laura L. Yocius, 47, left her vehicle in the travel lane of the on-ramp to I-81 at the Nuangola exit for unknown reasons and began walking on the highway when she was hit by a 2022 Freightliner tractor-trailer. The crash shut down the northbound lanes of Interstate 81 for several hours.

Authorities found Yocius' unoccupied vehicle still running with the lights on and windows down, police said. The Luzerne County Coroner's Office declared Yocius dead on the scene.

The driver of the tractor trailer, Joseph S. Blessing, 56, of New Bloomfield, was not injured in the crash, troopers said. Another involved motorist, 61-year-old Daniel E. Taylor, of Carmel, New York, was also uninjured.

Police have not filed charges in the crash.

— JAMES HALPIN

WILKES-BARRE

Man gets prison for sharing child porn

A Pittston man who admitted possessing and distributing images of young children and toddlers engaging in sexual activity will serve up to six years in state prison.

Paul Andrew Schell, 37, pleaded guilty in November to 75 counts of possessing child porn and 25 counts of disseminating images of child sex acts.

Luzerne County Judge Joseph F. Sklarosky Jr. sentenced Schell on Thursday to serve three to six years in prison followed by 10 years of probation.

Prosecutors said Luzerne County detectives began investigating Schell after the messaging applications Kik

and WhatsApp reported someone had been sharing images of child sexual abuse.

Schell told the court he was "truly embarrassed" and "disgusted" by what he'd done.

Sklarosky gave Schell credit for 260 days of time served. He will also be required to register as a sex offender for 15 years.

— JAMES HALPIN

AVOCA

Police: Man had relationship with girl

An Avoca man was arraigned Thursday on child sex charges alleging he had an ongoing sexual relationship with a 13-year-old girl he met through a social media application.

Gavin James Thomas, 19, of 615 Pittston Ave., is accused of meeting the girl on Snapchat and dating her, telling her he wanted them to keep the relationship a secret.

According to the complaint filed by Luzerne County detectives, the pair had sex at the girl's home in Dallas as well as in Thomas' car in various locations throughout the Back Mountain.

At one point, the girl realized Thomas had been lying about his age and informed him she was 13 years old, police said.

Detectives charged Thomas with felony counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a child, statutory sexual assault and related counts. He remains in Luzerne County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$175,000.

— JAMES HALPIN

WILKES-BARRE

County manager job advertised

The Luzerne County Manager Search Committee has posted the job listing for the open position of full-time county manager.

County council appointed the three-member committee, which is mandated by the county charter, to find and screen qualified candidates to serve as the next full-time head of the executive branch of county government.

That position has been vacant since Randy Robertson resigned in November. Budget and Finance division head Brian Swetz is serving as acting manager.

The committee released a job advertisement on Thursday, Chairman Charles Scianra said.

The listing is live on the county website and the International City/County Management Association. The job listing will also be posted to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and NEOGov, Scianra said.

Council will hire the next manager after considering the finalists the search committee recommends.

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West Scranton

Food sale: Pyrohy and clam chowder sale, Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 540 N. Main Ave.; 570-961-1795 or 570-703-3530.

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On Ukraine, Biden eclipses allies, rivals alike

To President Emmanuel Macron of France, a suggestion: If, as a report in *The Wall Street Journal* suggests, you are convinced the war in Ukraine is destined for a bloody stalemate, and would like to encourage Ukraine to enter “peace talks” with Moscow that would leave Russia in possession of large tracts of conquered territory, why not lead by example? Publicly suggest the return of Alsace to Germany as evidence that you, too, believe that territorial sovereignty should be negotiable.

To Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany, another suggestion: If you’re going to dangle the prospect of closer ties between Ukraine and NATO (but not full membership) as a way of pushing Ukraine into a diplomatic settlement with Moscow, why not invite several battalions of Russian armor to the vicinity of Berlin? That would demonstrate that you, too, are willing to adjust the verdict of 1991 to mollify the Kremlin’s resentment, greed and paranoia.

These are preposterous suggestions. That’s the point. Those who now argue that President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine needs to be “realistic” or “pragmatic” — that is, that he should stop



BRET STEPHENS
Commentary

short of pursuing a complete Russian withdrawal from all occupied Ukrainian territories — propose a solution they would never countenance for their own countries under ordinary circumstances, let alone during a struggle for national survival.

That’s why, as the war in Ukraine enters its second year, I feel grateful for Joe Biden. Fault him all you want on many issues, particularly his gradualist approach to arming Ukraine, but on the most consequential question of our time he has the big thing right. “Appetites of the autocrat cannot be appeased,” he said last week in Warsaw, Poland. “They must be opposed.”

That’s not a voice of fusty morality. It’s one of experience, foresight, military realism and political prudence.

■ **Experience**, because the world has come to know Vladimir Putin very well over his 23 years in power. We know he does not honor the terms of any agreements to which Rus-



DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

President Joe Biden reaffirms U.S. support for Ukraine on Feb. 21 in Warsaw.

sia is bound, from the Cold War-era INF Treaty to the more recent Minsk agreements. We know that he has launched unprovoked invasions in the past and will, if not checked, launch them again in the future.

■ **Foresight**, because a negotiated settlement would create more problems than it would solve. Iran would see that nuclear blackmail works. China would draw the lesson that, if there are limits to what the United States and our allies are prepared to do for Ukraine (which fights for itself and shares a land border with

NATO), there will be much sharper limits to what we are prepared to do for Taiwan. Russia would conclude that, fumbled though its invasion was, it nonetheless gained territory, froze the conflict in place, and could still have another go at Ukraine in a few years.

■ **Military realism**, because the lesson of the first year of war is that Moscow can be defeated. The Russian army was beaten in the battle for Kyiv, the counteroffensive near Kharkiv, and the fight for Kherson. The Ukrainians did all this without the benefit of Western tanks, Predator drones or fight-

er jets. Imagine how swiftly they could win if they had all three in adequate quantities.

■ As for **prudence**, musing about the need for negotiations harms Ukraine’s solidarity and morale, both key factors for its survival and success. An overwhelming majority of Ukrainians want to retake all the territory seized by Russia, including Crimea. How is it pragmatic or realistic to demand that Zelenskyy ignore the wishes of his own people, forsake their sacrifices, and abandon the Ukrainians still living under Russian occupation?

Calls for negotiation also undermine public support for Ukraine in the United States. When it comes to foreign policy, Americans sooner will pay heavily for great causes and high principles than they will for smaller causes and realpolitik. To arm and finance Ukraine in its fight for freedom and independence against an evil tyrant is a great cause. To arm and finance it for the sake of a shaky cease-fire is a small one.

That political fact should weigh on the minds of Biden’s foreign policy team. Public support for Ukraine is eroding, particularly among Republicans, and conservatives who know better, including Gov.

Ron DeSantis of Florida, are shamefully hedging their bets.

Biden likes to say that the United States will support Ukraine for as long as it takes. But that promise could expire Jan. 20, 2025, if he doesn’t win a second term. He owes it to his own legacy not to hazard what is potentially the most historic accomplishment of his presidency on next year’s race.

That’s why it makes no sense for the administration to slow-roll arms deliveries to Ukraine or drop heavy hints that Ukraine is unlikely ever to retake Crimea. Biden’s goal for 2023 should be clear and direct: victory for Ukraine. He can accomplish it through the rapid delivery of game-changing military equipment combined with a diplomatic offensive in which we propose Ukrainian membership in NATO if Russia doesn’t withdraw. Maybe that could even give Putin his off-ramp for surrender.

After a year of war, I’m more confident than ever that Biden will make the right choice. That’s more than can be said for Macron, Scholz and the other pale shadows of what passes for statesmanship in the free world.

BRET STEPHENS writes for *The New York Times*.

Even from gulag, Navalny towers over Putin

If Vladimir Putin has left you despising Russians as brutes, cowards or warmongers, consider a tall, ailing man locked in an isolation cell in Russia.

Alexei Navalny, Russia’s leading dissident and opposition leader, may be something of a Mandela of our age. Poisoned, imprisoned, brutalized, Navalny stands unbroken in his cell: still mocking Putin and scathing in his denunciation of the invasion of Ukraine.

He is a Kremlin nightmare. Navalny ran for president until he was blocked, and his exposés about a \$1 billion Putin pleasure palace infuriated the Russian leader. Navalny not only survived assassination attempts but when sent to the gulag tried to unionize prisoners and guards. He has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize and is now star of a film that is a finalist for an Oscar.

I can’t interview Navalny in prison, so I spoke to his 21-year-old daughter, Dasha Navalnaya (the feminine form of the family name). She’s a junior at Stanford University, and while navigating exams and term papers, she also campaigns for her dad and promotes a superb documentary about him, “Navalny.” It won the award for best documentary at the British Academy Film Awards and is a finalist for an Oscar for best documentary.

“I sort of perceive the documentary as this ‘get out of death’ card,” she told me in flawless, lightly accented



NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF
Commentary

English. “The more awareness that we create, the less Putin and his posse would be tempted to kill my dad.”

Navalny, 46, is a lawyer with a large following in Russia for his withering reports about Russian corruption and about Putin, whom he calls a “madman.” Attackers presumably linked to the Russian government twice hurled chemical dye on him, damaging his right eye, and in 2020 he collapsed on a plane. He almost died but was evacuated to Germany, where scientists determined he had been poisoned by a Novichok nerve agent, used by Russia’s government for high-priority assassination targets.

The documentary follows Navalny’s recovery and the detective work to track down the Russian officials who apparently poisoned him. The film presents the extraordinary scene in which Navalny telephoned one of his would-be assassins and, pretending to be another Russian official, got him to explain how the poisoning was carried out.

It seemed clear that Putin

wanted Navalny dead. But in early 2021, Navalny flew back to Moscow. For Dasha, who had worried since she was 12 about her dad being assassinated, and who had learned of his poisoning from Twitter, that wasn’t necessarily her first choice.

“My personal preference would have been that he stayed with me,” Dasha told me. “But I never questioned his decision to go back.”

“I’m super worried about him always, as a daughter,” she said. “I have it in the back of my head that maybe he shouldn’t be doing this. But it’s what he’s passionate about, and for the greater good of the country.”

When Navalny returned, the government arrested him. The family is allowed to communicate with him only by letters.

“He is sort of living vicariously through me, through a college experience in America, which is very fun for him,” she said wistfully.

The authorities have tried to break Navalny in prison. His back has been painful since the poisoning, so they had him sit on a stool that magnified the pain. And now he is in continuous isolation.

Some critics have argued that Navalny is a xenophobic nationalist unworthy of admiration. In 2007, Navalny made two over-the-top, offensive video



KELSEY MCCLELLAN/NEW YORK TIMES

Dasha Navalnaya, daughter of Alexei Navalny, at Stanford University on Feb. 22.

clips, each a minute or less, that could be seen as vilifying immigrants, and for several years after that he participated in a

nationalist march. Then he seemed to move on, and in 2014 he denounced Russia’s invasion of Crimea.

People are complicated, but Navalny seems so committed to democratic and European values that he is risking his life for them.

The government moved Navalny last month to continuous confinement in an isolation cell, and he faces additional charges that could leave him in prison for 35 years. At Stanford, Dasha tries not to think too much about the danger her father faces.

Navalny still has managed to get material out to his team for his social media accounts

and he is as untamed as ever.

To mark the anniversary of Russia’s all-out invasion of Ukraine, Navalny published a trenchant critique of Putin’s “unjust war of aggression against Ukraine” and argued that “Russia is suffering a military defeat.”

Somehow, he maintains his sense of humor.

“I laugh at least thrice a day, even when I’m all alone in the cell,” he tweeted recently in a riff about the awful music and food in the prison. “I’m the merriest person at a funeral.”

NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF writes for *The New York Times*.

TOMORROW'S COLUMNISTS

Random Notes on politics
Thomas L. Friedman
Rick Reilly

McClinton just starting

BY JOYCE M. DAVIS
PENNLIVE

State Rep. Joanna McClinton made history at just the right time — on the last day of Black History month, with Women’s History Month dawning the next day.

McClinton’s stepping into the role of speaker of the House is a first for a woman of any color, culture or creed.

McClinton has overcome obstacles that would have daunted lesser souls. The representative of Pennsylvania’s 191st state House District in West Philadelphia has been through some stuff.

Her political opponents won a small victory in blocking her ascent a few weeks ago. But they were clearly outmaneuvered. They lost the war that made McClinton’s victory this week even sweeter.

But it’s what the new speaker of the House does with her victory that will matter most.

At 40, McClinton is wise enough to know she has to deal with some pretty stuck-in-the-mud kind of people in the legislature. They’ve been in the mud so long that some have fallen asleep there. And they don’t want to be woke.

McClinton has to figure out a way to work with them or continue to outmaneuver them.

But she knows that. She didn’t make a name for herself in the history books by being anybody’s fool. And the former public defender has been in the Legislature long enough, she knows who’s who and how to get around them.

Even when Rep. Mark Rozzi took the speaker position in January that she felt she should have had, McClinton kept her cool, smiled and applauded for the cameras — ever the team player. But it’s clear there was a plan that culminated with her victory.

Now, McClinton has to step up to the occasion.

She says she represents a fresh start and wants to bring civility to the speakership. Those are welcome words.

McClinton will only do her good name a disservice and tarnish her spot in history if she tries to go toe to toe with the kind of mean-spirited malice we’ve seen all too often represented among Pennsylvania legislators. Instead, we urge McClinton to follow Michelle Obama’s mantra: “When they go low, we go high.”

McClinton said she’s taking

her cues from Benjamin Franklin to K. Leroy Irvis, the first Black man to serve as speaker. Irvis is remembered as a professional. That’s not a bad way for McClinton to be remembered.

Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge Lydia Kirkland said she has watched McClinton rise from being a lowly public defender to become a “phenomenal warrior.”

That’s laudable, but many voters would welcome a little dignity and propriety from their elected officials after so many years of gutter politics. McClinton would do Pennsylvanians a great service by showing them the path toward common decency. Her admirers want to see a strong, capable Black woman waltzing around her enemies without sinking into their muck.

OK, it’s asking a lot, we concede. Many rightly would argue these are a whole lot of extraordinary expectations being placed on a Black woman, as usual. But if anyone can do it, McClinton can.

McClinton has spent her whole life meeting extraordinary expectations that culminated this week in her becoming speaker. It’s highly likely that she’s not done yet.

JOYCE M. DAVIS is PennLive’s Outreach and Opinion Editor.

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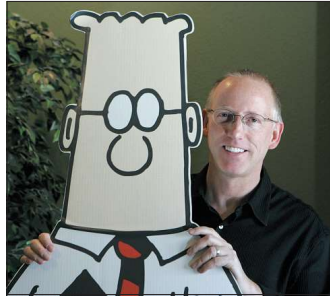
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NATION

Media drop Dilbert after Black 'hate group' remark



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Scott Adams, creator of the comic strip Dilbert, described people who are Black as members of "a racist hate group" during an online video show.

By David A. Lieb
The Associated Press

Several prominent media publishers across the U.S. are dropping the Dilbert comic strip after its creator described people who are Black as members of "a racist hate group" during an online video show.

Various media officials denounced the comments by Dilbert creator Scott Adams as racist, hateful and discriminatory while saying they would no longer provide a platform for his work.

Andrews McMeel Syndication, which distributes Dilbert, did not immediately respond Saturday to requests for comment from Adams or from the syndicator about his remarks.

Dilbert is a long-running comic that pokes fun at office-place culture.

The backlash began following an episode this past week of the YouTube show, "Real Coffee with Scott Adams." Among other topics, Adams referenced a Rasmussen Reports survey that had asked whether people agreed with the statement "It's OK to be white."

Most agreed, but Adams noted that 20% of Black respondents disagreed and others weren't sure.

The Anti-Defamation League says the phrase was popularized in 2017 as a trolling campaign by members of the discussion forum 4chan but then began being used by some white supremacists.

Adams, who is white, repeatedly referred to people who are Black as members of a "hate group" or a "racist hate group" and said he would no longer "help Black Americans." He urged white people "to get the hell away from Black people."

The San Antonio Express-News, which is part of Hearst Newspapers, said Saturday that it will drop the Dilbert comic strip, effective Monday, "because of hateful and discriminatory public comments by its creator."

The USA Today Network tweeted Friday that it also will stop publishing Dilbert "due to recent discriminatory comments by its creator."

The Plain Dealer in

Cleveland and other publications that are part of Advance Local media also announced that they are dropping Dilbert.

"This is a decision based on the principles of this news organization and the community we serve," wrote Chris Quinn, editor of The Plain Dealer. "We are not a home for those who espouse racism. We certainly do not want to provide them with financial support."

Christopher Kelly, vice president of content for NJ Advance Media, wrote that the news organization believes in "the free and fair exchange of ideas."

"But when those ideas cross into hate speech, a line must be drawn," Kelly wrote.

NATION

Rights to 'Crying Indian' to go to Native American group

By Terry Tang
The Associated Press

Since its debut in 1971, an anti-pollution ad showing a man in Native American attire shed a single tear at the sight of smokestacks and litter taking over a once unblemished landscape has become an indelible piece of TV pop culture.

It's been referenced over the decades since on shows like "The Simpsons" and "South Park" and in internet memes. But now a Native American advocacy group that was given the rights to the long-parodied public service announcement is retiring it, saying it has always been inappropriate.

The so-called "Crying Indian" with his buckskins and long braids made the late actor Iron Eyes Cody a recognizable face in households nationwide.

But to many Native Americans, the public service announcement has been a painful reminder of the enduring stereotypes they face.

The nonprofit that originally commissioned the advertisement, Keep America Beautiful, had long been considering how to retire the ad and announced this week that it's doing so by transferring ownership of the rights to the National Congress of American Indians.

"Keep America Beautiful wanted to be careful and deliberate about how we transitioned this iconic advertisement/public service announcement to appropriate owners," Noah Ullman, a spokesperson for the nonprofit, said via e-mail. "We spoke to several Indigenous peoples' organizations and were pleased to identify the Na-

tional Congress of American Indians as a potential caretaker."

NCAI plans to end the use of the ad and watch for any unauthorized use.

"NCAI is proud to assume the role of monitoring the use of this advertisement and ensure it is only used for historical context; this advertisement was inappropriate then and remains inappropriate today," said NCAI Executive Director Larry Wright, Jr. "NCAI looks forward to putting this advertisement to bed for good."

When it premiered in the 1970s, the ad was a sensation. It led to Iron Eyes Cody filming three follow-up PSAs. He spent more than 25 years making public appearances and visits to schools on behalf of the anti-litter campaign, according to

an Associated Press obituary.

From there, Cody, who was Italian American but claimed to have Cherokee heritage through his father, was typecast as a stock Native American character, appearing in over 80 films. Most of the time, his character was simply "Indian," "Indian Chief" or "Indian Joe."

His movie credits from the 1950s-1980s included "Sitting Bull," "The Great Sioux Massacre," Nevada Smith, "A Man Called Horse" and "Ernest Goes to Camp." On television, he appeared in "Bonanza," "Gunsmoke" and "Rawhide" among others. He also was a technical adviser on Native American matters on film sets.

Dr. Jennifer J. Folsom, a journalism and media communication professor at Colorado State University and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, remembers watching the public service announcement as a child.

"At that point, every single person who showed up with braids and buckskins, on TV or anywhere in the movies, I glommed on to that because it was such a rare thing to see," said Folsom, whose areas of study include Native American pop culture. "I did see how people littered, and I did see how the creeks and the rivers were getting polluted."

But as she grew up, Folsom noticed how media about stereotypes and cultural appropriation. Tik-Tok has plenty of examples of Native people parodying or doing a takedown of the advertisement, Folsom said.

"There's no agency for that sad so-called Indian guy sitting in a canoe, crying," Folsom said. "I think it's doing damage to public perception and support for actual Native people doing things to protect the land and protect the environment."

She applauded Keep



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iron Eyes Cody, the "Crying Indian" whose tearful face in 1970s TV commercials became a powerful symbol of the anti-littering campaign, is pictured in this 1986 photo.

Keep America Beautiful, the nonprofit that originally commissioned the advertisement, announced Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, that ownership of the ad's rights will be transferred to the National Congress of American Indians.

member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Arizona.

And, it reminded him of time spent with his father, said Cody, who lives at Santa Ana Pueblo in New Mexico.

"I remember a lot, even when he went on a movie set to finish his movies and stuff," Cody said. "I remember going out to Universal (Studios), Disney, places like that."

His wife, Rachel Keecody, can't help but feel somewhat sad that an ad that means so much to their family will be shelved. But she is resigned to the decision.

"You know, times are changing as well. You keep going no matter how much it changes," she said. "Disappointment... It'll pass."

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WEATHER

Trapped Californians rescued from snow

By Amy Taxin
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES » Search crews have rescued Californians stranded for days in multiple feet of snow after back-to-back storms plastered the state's mountain communities and trapped many in their homes.

In Inyo County on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada, volunteer rescuers tried for days to locate a man who was last heard from Feb. 24 before he drove out from the community of Big Pine. The California Highway Patrol identified a cell phone ping linked to the man Thursday and sent a helicopter crew that spotted a partly snow-covered vehicle with the man waving inside, sheriff's authorities said in a statement.

In the San Bernardino Mountains, sheriff's authorities on Friday rescued a pair of 17-year-olds who



WATCHARA PHOMICINDA — THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER VIA AP
A man shovels snow off the roof of a store in Crestline on Friday as buildings remain buried in several feet of snow from recent winter storms.

were dropped off five days earlier to hike a section of the Pacific Crest Trail and hadn't communicated with

their parents for three days. A sheriff's helicopter flew over the trail and landed in heavy snow to rescue

the teens, who were hiking in four to five feet of snow drifts and limited visibility that made it tough to stay

on the trail, the county sheriff's department said in a statement.

The dramatic rescues come as California is struggling to dig out residents in mountain communities from as much as 10 feet of snow after back-to-back storms battered the state. Gov. Gavin Newsom has declared states of emergency in 13 counties including San Bernardino County, where the massive snowfall has closed roads, caused power outages, collapsed roofs and trapped residents in their homes for more than a week.

Some residents could be shut in for another week due to the challenges in clearing out so much snow. The Red Cross has set up a shelter at a local high school and food distribution centers have been set up in several communities.

Katy Curtis, who lives in the San Bernardino mountain community of

Crestline, said she hiked with snow shoes for five miles to get a can of gasoline to a family trapped in their house to fuel a generator.

"I'm healthy so I just thought well, I can walk and I did but it was probably the longest day of my life," said Curtis, adding the family had someone with a medical necessity. She said cars are completely buried in snow, and it is piled up to the roof of her home.

"We're just all so exhausted in every way," she said.

In Northern California, another strong storm is expected to dump yet more snow in mountain communities this weekend, according to National Weather Service in Sacramento. There is a slight chance of snow showers in the San Bernardino County mountains on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service in San Diego.

NATION

In Chicago, adapting electric buses to winter's challenges

By Tom Krisher
The Associated Press

CHICAGO » The No. 66 bus is packed on a recent weekday afternoon as it starts and stops its way from Chicago's near west side to Navy Pier along the Lake Michigan shore.

The seats and windows squeak and rattle just like a regular diesel bus, but no one seems to notice the high-pitched whine of the electric motor that makes it go.

That's just what Chicago Transit Authority wants. Buses that don't pollute the air yet can run the route with the same reliability as

those that do, even when cold weather cuts into the battery range.

Yet to make electric buses work, the CTA has had to go to great lengths and expense. It built fast-charging sites on both ends of the No. 66 route that plug into the bus rooftops.

Drivers constantly monitor the batteries to make sure they don't get depleted, risking the bus getting stranded. If they get below 50% charge, they're supposed to top them off at a charger.

"We're working through the day-to-day challenges of inclement weather in Chicago," said Don Hargrove,

senior maintenance manager at the garage that's home to most of the authority's 23 electric buses.

The CTA started experimenting with electric buses in 2014, and has developed a system that Hargrove says will work as the transit authority moves to an all-electric fleet by 2040.

Other transit systems are going through the same process to help cut pollution and fight climate change.

Cold weather is the CTA's biggest problem. As the temperature drops, lithium-ion batteries that run the buses aren't as efficient and lose range. Most of the energy drained from the

batteries goes to keep the bus interior heated to 70 F.

"Every time the bus stops to pick up passengers, let people off, the doors are opened," said Richard Lin, assistant chief bus equipment engineer. "You've got to heat that new batch of cold air."

The electric buses do have a small diesel engine that heats the interior in extreme temperatures to extend the battery range, Lin said. But most of the time the buses use electric coil heaters, similar to a giant toaster, which can zap batteries. When the CTA bought its buses, more efficient heat pumps weren't available as an option, he said.

On each 10-mile one-way trip on the No. 66 route, the electric buses lose about 8% of their battery energy. In the winter, they start with roughly 100 miles of range when fully charged. So after about six one-way trips, policy says drivers have to charge as they get below 50%.

Normally the schedule has 10 to 15 minutes built in for charging, and the buses get around 1% of a full charge for every minute they're plugged in.

With enough chargers, the electric buses can run all routes, Lin said. "It's just a matter of our strategy with placing the chargers at the correct locations, having enough chargers available as we scale up our fleet."

At present, the CTA has about 1,900 buses and most run on diesel fuel. The transit system is starting to swap them out for electric ones, but the investment is huge. Each electric bus costs about \$1.1 million, about \$500,000 more than a diesel model.

But after the initial capi-



ERIN HOOLEY — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tal outlay for the buses and charging stations, the electric buses are much less expensive to operate. The CTA calculates it costs \$2.01 per mile to run the 40-foot-long electric buses. For a diesel bus it's \$3.08, and \$2.63 per mile for a diesel-electric hybrid.

It would take decades for the authority to get its investment back in the electric buses, but CTA officials say the cost of electric buses will come down as more are sold.

In the capital of Alaska, Juneau, which has a more temperate climate but winter temperatures can still drop below zero, officials also have plans for an all-electric bus fleet, though one they got in 2020 has been plagued by mechanical problems.

Capital City Transit has ordered seven electric buses to replace diesel models from 2010, said Rich Ross, operations superintendent. The new buses are expected to run regular routes due to increased battery capacity, "which wasn't available

when we ordered our first bus," he said.

Cold winter conditions could still knock 100 miles off the expected 282-mile range of the new buses, so on the coldest days, they could be put on commuter routes that run only during the peak transit hours, Ross said.

Like Chicago, Capital City Transit is also planning to construct an "on route" charging station for buses to plug in if they run low.

Back on the No. 66 in Chicago, Dawn Carter, 54, says she's glad electric buses are running the route because they're good for the environment.

About the only difference is the electric buses are quieter than those with clattering diesel engines and noisy heaters, but few people notice, she says. "When I'm coming to work, everybody's just rushing to get on and off," she says. "It's just quieter. It's easier to talk to people. When the heat goes on and off you barely notice it."

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